

Markings On Empty Shell Casings		
CE 543	Dented lip--if it was dented prior to ejection, could not have held a bullet	7HSCA, p. 371
	markings indicate it was loaded & fired from a weapon at least 3 times ¹	26WH, p. 449
	marks are present from the magazine follower on LHO rifle, (CE 139) marks which usually appear on the last round.	
CE 544	has marks produced by the chamber of LHO rifle (CE 139).	26WH, pp. 449-450
	markings indicate that the cartridge was loaded into a weapon at least twice	26 WH, pp. 449-450
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	3 sets of marks on the base are not found on the other 2 or on any of the test cartridges. May be the result of dry firing.	26WH, p. 449 3WH, p. 510

¹Commission Exhibit 2968 is a letter dated June 2, 1964 from FBI Director Hoover to J. Lee Rankin. The letter details the FBI's findings that all three shell casings had been previously chambered and extracted, however, the House Select Committee on Assassinations, in its official, published report, directly contradicted this finding. "There was no evidence in the form of multiple extractor or ejector marks on the cartridge case to indicate that it was chambered in the rifle more than once. This also applies to cartridge cases CE 544 and CE 545." 7HSCA, p. 371.