

# EDITORIALS

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## No Carcano

After two recent back operations, Roger Craig is totally disabled for employment and his family has left him, but he continues to be an amazing source of information regarding the incidents surrounding the assassination of President John Kennedy by one who was there.

Deputy Sheriff Roger Craig was present with Deputy Eugene Boone on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository when Boone looked over a stack of boxed books and saw a rifle laying bolt up between the stacks of boxes. Boone said "Here it is."

Captain Will Fritz was called over and Fritz picked the rifle up by the strap and asked what kind of rifle it was. Craig was standing on the right of Fritz. Deputy Constable Seymour Weitzman, an Engineering graduate of the University of Notre Dame, and former sporting goods merchant, moved from the right of Craig to face Fritz. Weitzman pointed to the printing on the barrel of the gun and said; "It is a Mauser 7.65."

Fritz hurriedly left the building with the gun.

So according to eyewitness Deputy Sheriff Roger Craig, there is no evidence that an Italian rifle was found in the building. Craig has previously stated that the three empty Italian hulls found at the 6th floor window were apparently "placed" so as to be found.

Weitzman's identification was widely reported over the news media for a few hours, and then the identification was changed to the Carcano. Weitzman admitted to the Warren Commission attorney in Dallas that he had made a mistake. Weitzman is now a patient in a mental hospital.

Another thing Craig has remembered which now is becoming more significant, Craig says Sheriff Bill Decker destroyed a number of rifles and pistols within a month or two after the assassination.. Decker said the store room was becoming over-crowded.

Deputy Sheriff Buddy Walthers, later murdered, was in charge of that destruction.