

Excerpts from deposition of
SA Courtland Cummings -
Hamm, CA-75-226,
2/24/77. Then chief of
firearms ident. unit of Lab.

on the basis of an examination under the

next step?

understand the question.

Q Well, are there any other procedures that you
might employ to determine whether or not it is identifiable, or
can be excluded as having been fired from that particular
weapon?

A There is no way of looking at or examining a
bullet to positively determine whether it's identifiable. All
you can do is examine it for the presence of any microscopic
marks which could possibly be of value.

Q All right. Then what do you do?

A Then you examine the weapon.

Q How is that conducted?

A Well, you -- first, you would run a patch through
the barrel to determine whether or not the weapon had been
fired since the last cleaning.

Then you would generally check it over to see its
operating condition.

Q What do you mean by that?

A That is to determine whether or not the weapon is
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