

Rifle (Carcano) - clip (CE 574)

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When the rifle was found in the Texas School Book Depository Building it contained a clip (f. 23) ...

CE 574, "clip from C14 rifle loaded with six cartridges".

23: 4 H 205 (John Will Fritz);  
4 H 258 (J.C. Day)

No mention of clip.

This rifle "has to have a clip in order not to malfunction." Without a clip "the follower in the weapon will throw the cartridges right back out of the gun."

III 441, Frazier testimony.

III 398 seems to contradict this. →

"Mr. Eisenberg: Is there any reason that you can think of why someone might call that [not identified by number - CE 574?] a five-shot clip?

"Mr. Frazier: No, sir, unless they were unfamiliar with it. There is an area of confusion in that a different type of rifle shooting larger ammunition, such as a .30-06 or a German Mauser rifle, uses five-shot clips, and the five-shot clip is the common style size of clip, whereas this one actually holds six."

III, 398, Frazier testimony

Check: Who called this a five-shot clip?

"No latent prints of value were developed on ... the clip in the rifle ..."  
CE2003, p. 264, FBI report, Nov. 23 1963.

Pox list of evidence gives detailed description of Enfield belonging to Buell Wesley Frazier, and "Italian make 6.5, Ser. # C2766" belonging to Oswald. The description of Enfield includes clip, but does not for C2766.

CE 2003, p. 330 and 332

"Mr. McCloy. Can you use that rifle  
without the clip?

"Mr. Frazier. Yes; you can."

.III, 398