your suitcase, and this is a a Browning shotgun box. Uh in this box was the rifle which uh we contend was the rifle which killed Dr. King. Uh in this rifle there was one spent shell. Uh uh the the rifle was a Remington thirty ought six. Uh I'd like to go into that right at this time. This is a Browning uh uh shotgun box. This rifle was purchased at the Aeromarine uh uh Supply or Hardware Company in Birmingham, Alabamba. It was purchased, according to the people there, who negotiated the sale, and they had occassion to deal with him twice, it was purhcased by James Earl Ray. The people at this uh uh sporting goods company will indentify James Earl Ray as the person who purchased this rifle in this box.

QUERY:

(Unintelligible)

CANALE:

It was a pump, uh pump thirty ought six. Remington.

Uh it just had one shell in the chamber. Uh no other shell,

one spent shell in the chamber, no other shells in it. Now

the people at the Hardware Company in Birmingham say that the

forwarded to the FBI. The FBI would have testified, the laboratory would have testified, that the first rifle purchased would not bolt a shell because the cosmolene had become hardened in there and it it would take an awful amount of force to bolt a shell into that rifle. We feel that that Ray had trouble bolting the thing and wasn't satisfied with it and took it back. That's our theory.

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