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The FBI maintained four test rounds of ammunition fired from the rifle alleged to have been used by James Earl Ray to assassinate Martin Luther King Jr. The rounds were obtained when the FBI conducted forensic tests of the rifle shortly after the assassination. The rounds have been stored in the FBI's archived ammunition file, the customary location where test ammunition is catalogued and stored in the FBI Laboratory.

In anticipation of a request for access to these rounds as part of the latest inquiry, the FBI retrieved the rounds from the archive file. They have not been requested previously.

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