

Dear Mr. Foley:

The following is an outline of my proposal to Mr. Gerry Lippson of the Chicago Daily News as per his request. In addition, I have outlined certain terms and conditions which must be met upon their acceptance of this proposal.

When Mr. Lippson and the staff of the Chicago Daily News accept the terms and conditions of this proposal, I shall perform the following assignment exclusively for the Chicago Daily News in the manner described below.

First, on a date to be specified later, I will, for all intents and purposes effect a separation from my wife and provide from this vicinity by automobile to the Baton Rouge - New Orleans area where I will take up residency and secure employment with a certain company without revealing my association or employment by the Chicago Daily News. From this position, I shall with the assistance and cooperation of a certain party, (an employee of the Chicago Daily News with suitable experience and qualifications, but who must meet with my personal approval) obtain and produce the following information and induce exclusively for the Chicago Daily News regarding the conspiracy to murder, and the subsequent

of assassination of Martin Luther King.

1. The identity and whereabouts of
four non-Americans of Cuban
origin who were instrumental
and influential in the conspiracy
to assassinate Martin Luther King.
2. The true identity and whereabouts
of James Earl Ray's associate
and contact during his travels
to Montreal, Birmingham, Alabama
and New Orleans.
3. The identity of and whereabouts of
several prominent and influential
white American citizens who
conspired and contributed financially
toward the assassination of Martin
Luther King.
4. The identity of several militant
black Americans who conspired
directly and indirectly, and in
part contributed financially toward
the assassination of Martin Luther
King.
5. Conclusive evidence that James
Earl Ray did not assassinate
Martin Luther King - that James
Earl Ray although being in concert
with the conspiracy was not the

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more than a diversion and
planned as to enable the "hit
man" to carry out the assassination
without failure or being apprehended.

6. That more than one diversion
existed in and around the
Memphis, Tennessee area prior to
and after the assassination -
that the success of these diversions
not only enabled the escape of
the "hit man" and his accomplices,
but also the escape of James
Earl Ray.

7. That certain authorities within
the Memphis, Tennessee law
enforcement agencies knowingly
conspired and acted in concert
with the conspiracy to set up
certain diversions for the
successful escape of the persons
responsible for the death of
Martin Luther King.

8. The identity of these authorities,
their position and address.

9. That certain information is in
the possession of certain law
enforcement agencies which

which would prove James Earl Ray innocent of murder, but that James Earl Ray, because of his record and at one time being a fugitive from justice is deliberately being held solely responsible for the assassination rather than reveal to the American public the full and true facts involving this conspiracy as well as its magnitude.

10. That the sole purpose for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King was intended primarily to create a national crisis during a time of political and civil unrest between black and white Americans.

11. Conclusive evidence that said assassination was in fact a conspiracy of great magnitude involving certain prominent and influential white American citizens, certain black American militant leaders and certain revolutionary leaders of the Cuban government - that a certain black American militant leader visited Cuba prior to the assassination specifically for the purpose of forming such a revolutionary conspiracy under the

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guidance and leadership of certain Cubans and other Communist leaders.

12. That I know and personally known by certain persons in several southern states who were involved directly and indirectly in the conspiracy to assassinate Martin Luther King - that this conspiracy started many months prior to the assassination.

13. That I personally was approached by certain persons directly and indirectly connected with this conspiracy ~~and~~ - that certain members of this conspiracy are members of an all white southern supremacy group, that I was on two occasions propositioned with an offer to act as a possible "hit man" for the assassination of Martin Luther King as well as the assassination of certain other persons for a considerable sum of money.

14. That a certain fire-arm was conveniently left in my possession for the obvious purpose of

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offer.

15 That I was aware of this
conspiracy many months prior
to the assassination of Martin
Luther King, but did not reveal
such knowledge to the authorities
because of my position and
association with certain members
of this conspiracy.

16 That I was aware of Martin
Luther King's impending death
and certain diversions a few
days before the assassination
took place, ~~but again failed~~
~~to reveal this information to~~
~~the proper authorities for~~
~~obvious reasons.~~

17 That I have since been threatened
with death by persons unknown
to me, if I were to reveal
this information as well as
my knowledge of ~~this~~ the
conspiracy to the authorities -
that on one occasion I was
shot at by persons unknown
to me - in what I believe to
have been an obvious attempt
to frighten me into silence -
That I have been, on several

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persons under surveillance by persons directly or indirectly connected with this conspiracy and that I have received a threatening note, which has since been turned over to the FBI.

18. That I was approached recently by a certain person whose name is unknown to me to accept a certain sum of money for my testimony in behalf of James Earl Ray to support the fact that a conspiracy existed - that another meeting to arrange for instructions never materialized - that this information was made known to the FBI by me.

19. That instead of keeping meeting with me as planned, a note requesting a meeting and how much money I would require and instructions requesting a meeting at an Oklahoma City airport was deposited in the door of my previous home some few months ago. This note was turned over to the FBI. -

- Robert H. Stroder.