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| STATE OF TENNESSEE, ex rel JAMES EARL RAY, Petitioner | ) | NO. _____ |
| VS. | ) | IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF |
| | ) | SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, |
| LEWIS TOLLETT, Warden of the State Penitentiary at Petros, Tennessee, | ) | SECOND DIVISION |
| Defendant | ) | |

AFFIDAVIT OF JERRY RAY

I, Jerry Ray, make oath in due form of law that in November, 1968, I talked to Mr. Percy Foreman. That in that conversation, I told Mr. Foreman that I had talked to the writer, Mr. Huie, and that he had said to me that if my brother, James Earl Ray, took the witness stand it would ruin his book. Mr. Foreman told me then that if my brother went to trial with Mr. Arthur Haynes as his lawyer, he would be electricuted as Mr. Haynes and Mr. Huie were old friends and that all these men were after was the money.

Later, Mr. Foreman came to St. Louis, Missouri, and tried to get me, and other members of the family, to get James Earl Ray to plead guilty. He told us that he knew that James Earl Ray did not kill Martin Luther King, Jr., but that due to the publicity and the fact that James Earl Ray had been previously convicted, he would be convicted. At that time, he said that my brother, James Earl Ray, was insisting on a trial and did not wish to plead guilty. He told us that if James Earl Ray would plead guilty, he (James Earl Ray) would receive about $200,000.00 from the book Huie was writing, and that he (Foreman) would get my brother pardoned in about two years if he kept his mouth shut at the prison, as he knew who the next governor would be.

At the time I talked to the writer Mr. Huie, he told me that if James Earl Ray took the witness stand, it would destroy the book he was writing and that he could neither get the book published or if he did he could not get the same reviewed by the papers and other publications.

Mr. Foreman told me and other members of the family that the prosecution and/or the F.B.I was bribing witnesses, specifically a man by the name of Stevens who the prosecution was bribing by offering him a large sum of money as a reward.

I, of course, refused to do this.

Jerry Ray
JERRY RAY

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
COUNTY OF

Personally appeared before me, Jerry Ray, and who makes oath in due form of law that the facts set out in the foregoing affidavit are true to the best of his knowledge and belief and in substance and in fact.

Richard J. Ryan
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: January 19, 1972

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