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Dear Mr. Smith,

I have a problem that I think you might be able to solve for me. I have too many keys and I want to get rid of them. I hate the way that my key ring weighs me down and bulges out my pocket when I am sitting in a chair, or worse, when it pinches me as I sit down if it isn't positioned just right. I hate the way my keys dangle against my kneecap when I am driving and it bugs me when I fumble through the whole ring to find my house key and then drop it just before I stick the house key into the lock, only to have to begin the search all over again from square one. I have so many keys on my key ring. The last time I checked my key ring, I lost count at 137 keys.

So what I want to do, and money is no object here, is to eliminate ALL of my keys except for one. That one key will unlock my house, start my car, bleed the air out of my radiators, open my locker at the gym, tighten my roller skates, open my luggage and so on and so forth... I will call it my solo-key. I am not sure how this will work with my bank and the safety deposit box I have there, but I know the weekend manager very well and I think I might be able to get her to vouch for me to get my new system installed at the bank.

Below is a list of all the items I will need this key to open or start. In addition to this list, I will require at least 12 additional door knobs and lock mechanisms which use this particular key. I will also need at least 4 additional starter/ignition mechanisms to use this key. I intend to use these items as spares and for future expansion as my needs change. I figure that it would be cheaper for me to order these extras now as part of the original job, than to come back in six months or so and ask you to match up a new mechanism to my existing solo-key.

Here is my list. I reserve the right to make minor changes prior to the final paperwork.

- Two vehicles (doors, trunk, ignition) a 1997 Toyota and a 2004 Dodge
- Seven exterior doors (four at home - including two screen doors, two at work, one at mom's house -- I only need one of her doors re-keyed, because she won't let me do the rest)
- Twenty-eight interior doors (twelve at home, sixteen at work)
- Four pieces of luggage
- One fireproof lock box
- One floor safe
- One safety deposit box at the bank
- One bicycle cable lock

- Two "The Club" anti-theft devices
- One Garage door
- Ten hot water heat radiators
- One John Deere tractor
- One personal diary
- Four other family members' diaries
- 88 for my piano
- Two for my pair of roller skates
- One toolbox
- Two chain link fence gates
- Sixteen exterior windows in my home and office
- One gym locker (this is at the YMCA and is currently a combination style lock)
- Two Master padlocks
- One enlarged token "Key to the City"
- One Coca-Cola machine (the kind that dispenses 20oz bottles)
- One briefcase
- One computer desk with TWO compartments (so this would count as two complete locks)

As I said, I am not concerned with how much this will cost. The convenience of having all of my items unlocked and controlled by one key and being rid of that bulky awkward key ring is worth any price to me. However, I do wish to have an itemized quote showing how much it will cost (or at least a detailed estimate) before I agree to have you do this project for me. If you need to inspect the items before you can give me a quote, I can make those arrangements.

I have done some informal consumer survey testing and it is my firm belief that in another 5-15 years, all Americans will be looking to get their own solo-keys. If you are on record as the first locksmith shop to undertake this endeavor, you stand to make a nice little bundle if you properly market your trailblazing pioneer spirit.

I may even place a free ad for your shop into the show programs for the Broadway play I plan to write (with the help of a poet friend of mine). I plan to call it My Rusty Solo-Key. I already have a solo-key soliloquy partially written out.

Sincerely,

*Rusty Lucas*

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p.s. For all the business I will bring your way with my changeover to solo-key, can you also throw in a free baseball cap for me? I would like to have a Lock Smith Shop baseball cap with a key outline on the front of it. Please do not be alarmed, I will not require that the key on the hat match the exact shape and contours of my new solo-key. That would create too great of a security risk. Please make it match all of my solo-key tooth contours except for one. You can turn the third peak from the head into a deeper valley and leave the rest the same.