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ATTENTION

KIN. THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., WAS, ELBERT EDWARDS, ET AL, FEA.
USA LOUISVILLE DECLINES PROSECUTION PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS OF AS.
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Assistant Attorney General Tom C. Clark

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

THOMAS H. ROBINSON, Jr., with aliases, et al.
ALICE SPENCER STONE, Victim

There are transmitted herewith herewith copies of the following communications received and written by Thomas H. Robinson, Jr. which were furnished to Sir [redacted] by [redacted]

Letter dated March 5, 1944, to Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., from his mother.

Letter dated March 5, 1944, from Thomas H. Robinson, Jr. to his mother. In this connection it is to be noted that Robinson alleges that the mail being received by his mother, Mrs. Thomas H. Robinson, Sr., and also with information, no attempt has been made to even look mail covers of these persons.

Letter from Thomas H. Robinson, Jr. to his mother dated February 20, 1944.

Letter from Thomas H. Robinson, Jr. to his aunt, Mrs. [redacted], dated March 3, 1944. This letter deals with a proposed circular which is to be sent to the public throughout the country in order to obtain a commission of the death sentence.

Letter from Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., dated March 5, 1944, to his mother. In this letter Robinson also deals with the above-mentioned circular letter.

There is also transmitted herewith a copy of a letter dated February 15, 1944, from [redacted]

[redacted] and concerns [redacted] Robinson in the effort to obtain a gun.

For your information the contents of the above mentioned letters have been brought to the attention of United States Attorney [redacted] at Louisville, Kentucky.

Enclosure

TO: BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

22 APR 1944 P.M.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

633 Federal Building
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Director, FBI

Re: THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, Jr., with aliases;
EDBERT EDWARDS; et al;
FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT.

Dear Sir:

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I am enclosing herewith copies of letters turned over to Special Agent [redacted] (A) of the Louisville Division by [redacted] United States Marshal, Louisville, Kentucky.

One of these letters is dated February 23, 1944, and addressed by [redacted] to [redacted] and concerns remarks made by ROBINSON concerning his attempted escape and concerning the alleged payment of \$300 in an effort to obtain a gun.

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The other letter is one directed by Mr. J. V. BENNETT, Director of the Bureau of Prisons, to [redacted] and states that if the District Attorney or the FBI so desires he, [redacted] would be glad to have [redacted] endeavor to obtain further information from ROBINSON.

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Please be advised that the foregoing letters were received by Agent [redacted] who did not make any request of [redacted] for further efforts on the part of [redacted] to elicit information from ROBINSON.

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As the Bureau was advised by teletype on March 14, 1944, the investigation in the captioned case has been discontinued and a closing report is being submitted.

Very truly yours,



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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Prisons

Washington 25

March 7, 1944

[redacted]
United States Marshal
Louisville, Kentucky

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My dear [redacted]

[redacted] Attached is a note from [redacted] about a conversation he had with THOMAS H. ROBINSON, Jr., which may give you some leads.

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If he spent \$300 trying to get a gun into the Louisville jail then there is probably some one connected with guarding him who is subject to prosecution. If the FBI and the District Attorney think there is any possibility of getting any leads out of ROBINSON that would help them trace the receipt of this money I would be very glad to cooperate with them by seeing if [redacted] can get any more specific information.

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ROBINSON is turning out to be more of a problem than I anticipated. He was bad enough, of course, before he got the new sentence but apparently he is getting to be more dangerous and hazardous.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

J. V. BENNETT
Director.

ENCLOSURE

[REDACTED]
February 29, 1944

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Mr. Shuttleworth,
Warden,

Dear Sir;

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[REDACTED] ROBINSON #10249, was telling me about his attempted escape at Louisville, Kentucky, and remarked that if he had had another saw blade he would have made his escape. He also said that he had spent about \$300.00 in trying to get a gun in the institution. However, he was unsuccessful in this because of being under such close supervision.

Respectfully,

(signed [REDACTED])

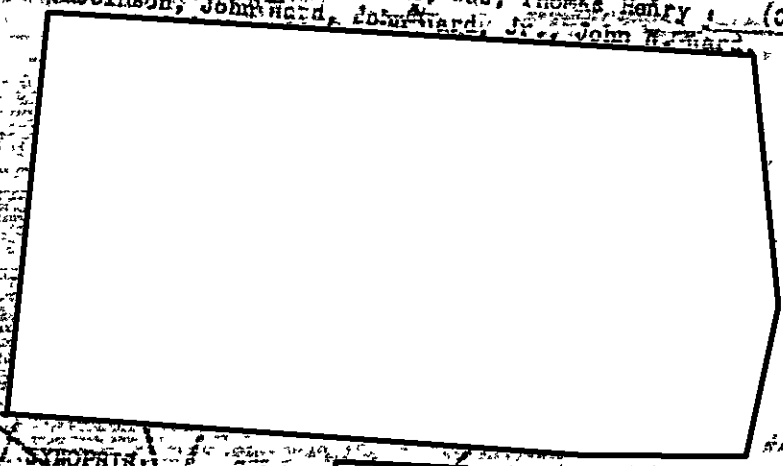
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
CASE ORIGINATED: Louisville
MADE AT: DATE MADE: FILE NO. 76-521
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY: 3-26-44 2/24, 25, 26, 28, 29; 3/1-4, 6-9/44
TITLE: CHANGED

CHARACTER: FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT (CONSPIRACY)
THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., was, Thomas Henry Robinson, John Edward, John Edward, Jr., John Edward



SYNOPSIS:

Subject [redacted] in signed statement states that all prisoners in cell block 1-B on evening of attempted escape and [redacted] had knowledge of intended escape and that ROBINSON [redacted] and himself participated in actual attempt to break jail. States that blade was received in jail on February 4, 1944, and believed by him to have been brought in by [redacted] denies any participation in escape plot but alleges subject [redacted]

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told [redacted] a few days before the break of his intention to smuggle [redacted] and to have car waiting outside the jail to take [redacted] out of [redacted] in general confirms [redacted] statement. Subject [redacted] interviewed and denies any knowledge of attempt to break. Subject [redacted] admits participation in attempting to break jail but denies any active participation in sawing bars. Names same subjects as [redacted] as participants in break. Subject [redacted] in signed statement admits knowledge of intended break but denies active participation in it. States he saw [redacted] sawing on the bars, and saw ROBINSON [redacted] assist others to knock out second cell bar. States ROBINSON and [redacted] intended to meet together after break. Subject [redacted] in signed statement admits knowledge of intended break but denies participation in it. Subject [redacted] in signed statement admits knowledge of intended escape but denies participation. States ROBINSON invited him to go but that he refused. Investigation made as to source of saw blades, with negative results. USA, LA, declines prosecution pursuant to Department instructions.

Reference: Report SA [redacted] (A); LS, 3-1-44

Details: The title of this case is changed to add the name of [redacted] was, as a subject of this investigation.

This is a joint report of Special Agent [redacted]

[redacted] and reporting Agent.

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[redacted]
Special Agent, FBI
Louisville, Kentucky:

This witness can testify as to admissions made by various subjects in re-interviews, as set out below.

[redacted] was re-interviewed at the Jefferson County Jail, Louisville, on February 25 and 26, 1944, by Special Agent [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted]. He furnished a signed statement which is here quoted in full.

Jefferson County Jail, Louisville, Kentucky
February 26, 1944

[redacted] voluntarily made this statement to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of whom I know to be explained to me that I don't have to make this statement and that it can be used against me in court. No promises or threats have been made to me and I make this statement of my own free will.

I am [redacted] years old. I was born [redacted]

[redacted] and finished the [redacted] grade but actually couldn't read or write very well.

[redacted] I was transferred into Cell Block 1 E and placed when I was placed in cell block 1 B, a number of other prisoners were in the cell block. To my best knowledge TOM ROBINSON was in 14, [redacted] was in 12, [redacted] was in 15, and I was in 16. The cell block assignments of the prisoners were changed when prisoners were brought in or transferred out.

The first day I came in on the walk of cell block 1B after I had been there about twenty minutes [redacted] asked me if I wanted to make a break. I told him that if everything worked out alright and if it looked as though there would be no trouble, I would go with them. At different times I talked to all the men on cell block 1B about making an escape. I remember speaking to TOM ROBINSON, [redacted]

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[redacted] came back and told me in my cell that they had planned to stage a fake fight on the cell walk in order to get the guards to rush in and stop the fight. The plan then was to overpower the guards, take their keys, lock them in the cells and then call the front office and tell them there was a fight on the walk. When the man in the front office would come back to stop the fight they then would take his keys, lock him in a cell and then use his keys to get out. They asked me if I wanted to go along. I told them I didn't like the plan but that if everybody on the walk would agree to it, I would go along. A couple of days later [redacted] got up a fake fight on the walk. The guards just looked at them and let them fight, so this plan failed. b7C b7D

The next day [redacted] came back to my cell and asked me if I would invest \$14.25, this being the amount of a pay check that I had at the front office, in some guns. They said that ROBINSON and [redacted] were going to sell their radios and use the money in getting guns. I knew that they wanted to use the guns in making a break so I told them that I wouldn't go for it. I was afraid they would shoot some of the guards. They said that without my money they couldn't raise enough money to buy the guns, and since I wouldn't use the money for this purpose this plan also failed. b7C b7D

A couple of days after this [redacted] and I were in [redacted] cell listening to the radio while he was in the bathroom taking a bath. One of the boys in the cell, I not remembering which one it was, asked me if I would get [redacted] to bring in some sawblades. I told them that [redacted] wouldn't do it. [redacted] said that he would try and get some in and [redacted] would get some in and [redacted] would get some in. b7C b7D

Nothing more was said about getting sawblades in until February 6, 1944, a Friday, which was a visiting day. On this day [redacted] had a visitor on the first visiting period. When he came back into cell block 12 from visiting with his visitor I heard him say to ROBINSON as he passed ROBINSON's cell, "The blades are coming in." The third visiting period both [redacted] and I were called out, this being the second time that visitor's day that he had been called out. My visitor was [redacted] and I [redacted] b7C b7D

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[redacted] I didn't hear [redacted] and his sister talk about any sawblades but I did hear him ask her to leave some money at the front office and she said she couldn't as she hadn't received her paycheck.

[redacted] and I went back to the cell block together at the end of the visiting period, and [redacted] said to ROBINSON: "They are there." I understood that by this [redacted] meant that the sawblades were out there. [redacted] walked to the back of the cell block and talked to a trusty. Before doing this [redacted] and I were in a cell together. [redacted] said that the sawblade was out there. [redacted] walked back to my cell and lay down. About a half hour later [redacted] came into my cell and showed me a hacksaw blade. I know that the trusty that [redacted]

[redacted] talked to was a negro who was about 6' tall and weighed about 180 pounds. After showing the blade to almost everyone on the walk except ROBINSON, I saw [redacted] hide the blade in the hold above the door to cell #15. [redacted] one other prisoner whose identity I do not recall, and I went into [redacted] cell shortly after the blade was gotten in. They decided to saw from 4 to 6 in the afternoon as they figured there would not be so many guards and trusties around at this time. [redacted] sawed from about 4 to 6 that same day. [redacted] was sitting on a bench at the end of the runway with [redacted] who was doing the sawing. [redacted] was standing up there so he could snap his fingers as a signal in case anybody starts back to where the sawing was going on. [redacted] and [redacted] were going back and forth on the walk. Shortly after [redacted] started sawing I went into my cell and went to sleep. When I woke up at 8 o'clock the second night I yelled to [redacted] to find out how the sawing was coming. He bellowed to [redacted] who said that the top of the first bar had been completely sawed. [redacted] came in the cell block on Feb. 5th and several of the boys talked to him that day before they started sawing and asked him if he wanted to join the break. [redacted] told me that he didn't want to go. He said

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He couldn't go if he wanted to on account of his crippled leg and furthermore didn't want to as he thought he could beat his case.

Before any sawing was done on Feb. 11th, one of the prisoners hung a bedsheet on the side bars of the cell block runway right in front of the corner. This cut off the light at the place where the boys were sawing. The sheet had been washed and it was hung up just as though it was up there to dry. Whenever any sawing was being done the water in the bath was turned on to drown the noise of sawing. The noise that was made by sawing sounded like someone scrubbing clothes on a washboard. There actually was a washboard used for washing clothes in the bathroom.

I never actually saw anyone other than [redacted] sawing. He sawed every afternoon from Friday, Feb. 4th to Saturday, Feb. 12, 1944. The blade broke on the bottom of the first bar. About the sixth or seventh ROBINSON told me that [redacted] had broken the blade the first time it broke and also the second time, that he was trying to break the blade so that they would not get out and that as a result of this they were not going to let him saw anymore. At first the sawblade was held in the hand but after it broke in several pieces it was held in a pair of pincers or pliers which had been in cell of [redacted] at the time I came on the runway. I understand that the guards got the pincers after they shook the walk down after the unsuccessful break. On the second bar the bottom was sawed out but it only partly sawed on top. Some of the boys broke up a bench and used the top of it to pry and knock out this second bar. After the second bar was knocked out they tried to put it back in place and it wouldn't fit [redacted] were ones I saw getting the second bar out.

[redacted] had had a long piece of broomhandle in his cell. I saw [redacted] go into [redacted] cell when [redacted] was not there and take it back to the bathroom. I saw [redacted] take the bar off the bench when he went back in the bathroom. [redacted] went in the bathroom with [redacted]. They came back out in a few minutes. They had the broomhandle sawed off and tried to fit it in place. It was a little too long to fit so [redacted] whittled it off a little and then put it in the hole in the bars, putting soap around the ends of it. I was sitting on a bench in front of cell #3 and could see this. The hole was completed about 6:15 p.m. on Feb. 12th. After the second bar was out [redacted] went up to ROBINSON'S cell and told

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him that the bar was out while the sawing had been going on. ROBINSON would look at the bars every day when he went for a bath and would see how much more they had to do. He would talk to all of the boys on the block about the bars except [redacted]. The boys wanted to give up as the blade was so worn out and broken up but ROBINSON would talk to the boys and give them encouragement. I recall that on one day before [redacted] were taken out of the jail ROBINSON was in the bath taking a bath and shaving, and [redacted] and I stopped in the bathroom and talked with ROBINSON. We did not go into the bathroom to talk to ROBINSON at the same time. [redacted] was in the bathroom with ROBINSON on that day. [redacted] were also there.

[redacted] said that the blade was broke up and worn out and couldn't be used any more. ROBINSON said that [redacted] had mentioned that they should try to break the bars out. ROBINSON said not to try it as they might send it out, not be able to straighten it and the guard would see it. This was on Feb. 10th. ROBINSON told [redacted] to try to saw some more that evening. [redacted] tried to saw it again but gave it up. On Saturday, February 12th, after ROBINSON was locked in his cell [redacted] went back and broke the bar out. I didn't see them break the bar out but that evening [redacted] brought the bar up to my cell and showed it to me. He said that he and [redacted] had broken it out. He said it, the bar, up to [redacted] cell and show the bar to [redacted]. Then [redacted] walked back to the end of the walk and took a look at the place where the bars had been sawed out. [redacted] picked up the broomstick in [redacted] cell, stuck it down his pants and walked [redacted] to the back of the walk.

[redacted] had started back to their cell by the time [redacted] got back there. During this time I was sitting out on the walk on a bench in front of #3 cell so that I could see what was going on.

After the broomstick was in place [redacted] walked up to ROBINSON'S cell and told him about it. He asked ROBINSON when he thought that they should leave. ROBINSON said that we would go tomorrow. I was standing by cell #2 and overheard this.

Later that night [redacted] came along and told me that ROBINSON said that we should be ready to go the next evening at ten minutes to six. He also told the others the same thing.

On Sunday February thirtieth ROBINSON took a bath about noon and then shaved in his cell after that. When ROBINSON went back into his cell after his bath ROBINSON didn't close his cell door far enough to lock it. I observed that the door was not closed far enough to lock it as I was standing near his cell.

About three o'clock that afternoon [redacted] and another prisoner were standing by #6 cell [redacted] called a negro trusty over to the cell block and talked to him, I not being able to hear the conversation [redacted] then walked up to ROBINSON'S cell and I heard him say that the trusty was going to get him a hat. About twenty minutes later the trusty came back with a hat. He handed it to [redacted] took it up to ROBINSON, passing it through the cell bars.

Right after [redacted] came on duty on Feb. 13th, 1944, I heard ROBINSON talking to [redacted]. He told [redacted] that he wasn't feeling good and that he was going to lie down and get some sleep. About fifteen minutes after this [redacted] came up to ROBINSON'S cell with a blanket over his shoulders as though he was cold [redacted] stretched the blanket out like he was stretching out before putting it over his shoulders and while he was doing this he was right in front of ROBINSON'S cell. ROBINSON came out of his cell behind the blanket and went straight down to #9 cell, the blanket all the time hiding ROBINSON from MOOREHEAD'S view. I was out on the walk at the time and saw ROBINSON come out of his cell, and go down and enter #9 cell. This was around four or four thirty o'clock, probably closer to four thirty.

After ROBINSON had been in cell #9 about fifteen or twenty minutes [redacted] came up to me and told me that ROBINSON wanted me. I walked back to #9 cell and ROBINSON asked me for his pocketknife which I had previously borrowed. [redacted] talked up at this time and said not to "gang-up" so I talked out. About twenty minutes to six [redacted] came up to my cell and told me to go back to the bathroom. I went back there and found ROBINSON [redacted] there [redacted] and [redacted] came in right after I did. We were in the bathroom about ten minutes. During this time, ROBINSON said he would go out first and for the rest of us to follow him. He said he was going over to 1A cell block and up the bars to the top. [redacted] told ROBINSON that we would have to go through two gates.

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ROBINSON left the bathroom and crawled through the hole. He was followed by the second one to crawl through the bars, and he was followed by the third one. They then proceeded over to the fifth floor. The third one went out through the hole, then I crawled through and then [redacted] who was the last one out. [redacted] told [redacted] to put the bars back in place. [redacted] asked him where they were and he asked [redacted] where they were. [redacted] said he didn't know. [redacted] said to leave them out and to let's go on up. When we got over to [redacted] asked [redacted] coming down to see what was the matter with us. [redacted] asked [redacted] was the matter and [redacted] said we couldn't find the bars. [redacted] said he would put them in so [redacted] went on back toward 1B and we went up the bars to the top of the cell block on the fifth floor. In about five or ten minutes [redacted] came back to the top of the cell block and said that he had put the bars back in place.

As soon as [redacted] came back up [redacted] walked up to the front of the top of cell block 5A, and got off on the walk. He came back in about 5 minutes to the rear of 5A where the rest of us were waiting on top of the cell block. He told ROBINSON that the prisoner on 5A did not have the keys. The prisoner on 5A said that he figured on taking them off of [redacted]. ROBINSON said "We'll get the keys off [redacted] ourselves and leave the prisoner in 5A and not take him with us because he sent a false report down that he had the keys."

We all got down on the walk behind 5B after seeing [redacted] come up the steps. We went up the walk between B and C while he was punching his clock and waited for [redacted] to come around. It only took a minute or two for him to go around the floor. He came walking up the corridor along 5A to the "Over The Hill Door." He opened the door, entered the Administration Building and punched his clock just inside the door. While his back was turned to the door ROBINSON walked up to [redacted] and grabbed [redacted] right hand with his right hand. ROBINSON had his left hand against [redacted] back and at the same time he had an iron bar in his left hand. ROBINSON told [redacted] to be quiet and they wouldn't hurt him. As ROBINSON were walking [redacted] back to the next gate [redacted] grabbed [redacted] keys from him. [redacted] tried to open the gate leading to the stairs in the Administration Building but the key to this door wasn't on [redacted] ring. [redacted] went back on 5A and talked to the same prisoner on 5A that he had talked to before. I don't remember this prisoner's name at this time. A minute or two later [redacted] came back but said nothing. ROBINSON asked [redacted] what are

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"What are we going to do?" [redacted] said. "We'll have to go back and try to get the keys from [redacted] and try them in the gate him self, with no success." While [redacted] was trying the keys, all of us, ROBINSON, and [redacted] and myself were in a front dormitory room overlooking Liberty Street. After [redacted] came back [redacted] took the keys back and for several minutes teased [redacted] with them. All of us were getting a breath of fresh air and talking about how we would like to be out on the street in the snow. Adams started out of the dormitory [redacted] jerked the keys out of [redacted] hand. He went on out to in front of cell block 5C [redacted] and ROBINSON was right ahead of us and when we were all out of the Administration Building [redacted] locked the gate. ROBINSON still held [redacted] by the arm. ROBINSON said, "Let's all go back." The rest of us started down and ROBINSON still held [redacted] and I was the last one to start down the cell bars at the rear of 5C. As we started I noticed ROBINSON release [redacted] and ROBINSON started walking towards the rear of 5C. I heard [redacted] call, "You all come back, where are you going?"

I went on down the bars of 5C, back through the corridor to 1B, and found [redacted] just going through the hole in the back back into cell block 1B. ROBINSON then came up and followed [redacted] through the hole. I followed ROBINSON and [redacted] came in behind me. ROBINSON put his pocket knife into the garbage can in the cell to get the guards wouldn't find it. He was there only a second or two. ROBINSON then walked through the gate half way up the cell block alley and laid his hat on the table in my cell. This is the same gray hat that I previously turned over to Agents [redacted] and [redacted]. ROBINSON then walked up to and spoke to [redacted] and [redacted] about ten minutes to seven to the best of my knowledge. He said "Hello [redacted]" and said: "How did you get out of your cell?" ROBINSON said that he "just came out to get some exercise." [redacted] asked him how he got his cell door open and ROBINSON told [redacted] that he could get his cell door open any time that the chain was not on. [redacted] was sitting at the desk at the time ROBINSON was talking to [redacted]. He then told all of us to get in our "holes" and he looked all of us in the then coming down the cell alley and counting us. I didn't see [redacted] until after we were all locked in our cells.

When all of us were up in the dormitory facing Liberty Street, [redacted] and I were standing at a window and noticed a car

parked on Liberty St. near the jail office. I saw the parking light on the car flicker on and off. [redacted] named two men the names of whom I can't remember, and said they hadn't let us down. As near as I could tell this car was black 1940 or 1941 Ford sedan. I couldn't tell whether it was two or four door.

The same evening after we were locked in our cells I heard [redacted] say how he figured on getting out the front gate. [redacted] said that there were two fellows out front who were supposed to open the front gate.

I knew that [redacted] who was guarding ROBINSON was a U. S. Marshal. I had heard that ROBINSON had been sentenced to death for kidnaping and was going to get another trial. I didn't know whether he had been tried in state or federal court. My information concerning this was picked up from what other prisoners said.

Agents [redacted] have showed me two small pieces of hacksaw blade. I can state that these are pieces of the sawblade used in sawing the bars in cell block 1B. Every time the blade would break [redacted] would show us the pieces.

On the first day that [redacted] came in I was out on the walk and heard [redacted] ask [redacted] they being in a cell, what was in for. [redacted] told him what he was in for and [redacted] asked him if he wanted to make a break. [redacted] said that he would. They then got up and walked to the rear of the cell block alley where I saw [redacted] look at the bars that were being sawed out. A couple of times after this [redacted] asked me how the sawing was going.

After we were all locked in our cells after the attempted break [redacted] immediately started to act as though he had been just woke up by the cell door being closed. He said: "It ain't lock-up time yet is it?" [redacted] went back and got the real bar and the imitation bar made of broomstick and came up to ROBINSON and asked him where they got the wooden bar. All the prisoners laughed at this and [redacted] said: "What have you all been trying to do when I've been asleep, trying to break out?"

This statement has been read to me by Special Agent [redacted]

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[redacted] and it is true and correct. It consists of eleven pages including this one. I have initialed each other page and signed this page.

/s/

[redacted]

Witnesses:

[redacted] Special Agent, FBI

[redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I.

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[redacted] stated that at the time of the attempted break the prisoners had some wire with them which they intended to use in binding [redacted] and they been successful in making good their escape. They stated this wire was electric light cord taken from the cells; that there was lots of this wire in the cells as the prisoners were permitted to have radios and appliances requiring extension cords [redacted] stated that he gathered from what the other prisoners had said that they intended to go down the steps in the Administration Building to the front gate of the jail and that [redacted] friends who were waiting outside were going to force the guard to open the front gate.

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In connection with [redacted] statement that two men were supposed to be waiting for them in front of the jail it is noted that he told Agents that he had learned from [redacted] that [redacted] saw a car out in front at the time of the attempted break and that the car at that time was flashing its lights on and off.

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[redacted] stated he did not know how [redacted] got word out to his accomplices on the outside and that he had no information as to any letters being smuggled out of the jail. However, he recalled hearing one of the prisoners whose identity he could not recall asking a colored trusty to get a letter out for him.

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[redacted] stated that on Saturday, February 12, 1944, some of the prisoners on 1-B sent a letter out; that he does not know what was in the letter but that they were all talking about getting a letter out. He did not hear them state the purpose of the letter but he imagines it was to get the outsider to make the guard open the front gate when the break was made.

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In connection with this letter he stated that he heard

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the others say something about a window on sixth street and he believes a letter may have been put out through a window. He stated that he believed [redacted] wrote the letter and he felt sure both of them had something to say in it.

[redacted] further stated that the two men who were waiting outside the jail had written letters to [redacted] while he was in jail and also had written to [redacted] and had seen the letters but couldn't recall the names of the senders and he believes they are the same names he heard [redacted] mention while they were on the fifth floor during the attempted break. He stated he believed he would recall these names if he heard them mentioned again.

[redacted] stated he did not hear [redacted] say the two men waiting outside the jail had guns, however, that an unknown trusty later told him, after he was put in cell block 54B (this was after the attempted break) that he had heard [redacted] talking about it and that [redacted] had said the men were to have guns and force the guards to open the front gate.

[redacted] stated he was sure there was only one saw blade used in sawing the bars; that this blade had broken up into six pieces before the sawing was completed and that [redacted] had the largest remaining piece with him while they were up on the fifth floor during the attempted break. [redacted] stated that the story previously told of finding a saw blade over one of the cell doors was agreed upon by subjects after the attempted break.

[redacted] stated that the blade which was used in sawing the bar was about ten inches in length; was of bluish color and that he noticed the letters "CO." on it which led him to believe that the name of the manufacturing company was stamped on the blade although he could not recall the name of such company. Many specimens of saw blades were purchased by Agents at stores on Fourth Street only a few blocks from the county jail. These were exhibited to [redacted] and he identified a saw blade purchased from S. S. KRESGE 5 & 10 as most nearly resembling the blade used in sawing the bars.

[redacted] also examined two pieces of saw blade, which were found in a cell of cell block 1-B after the attempted break.

and stated positively that these are fragments of the blade used in sawing the bars.

[redacted] stated that one day when ROBINSON was taking a bath in cell block 1-B [redacted] were back there by the cell and ROBINSON told them how easy it would be for one man to come in the front entrance of the jail and take it over. b7C b7D

[redacted] stated that on the day of the attempted break while ROBINSON was back in #9 cell one of the boys, he doesn't remember which one, stood up in front and talked to [redacted] ROBINSON'S special guard. This was to keep [redacted] occupied and keep him from discovering ROBINSON was out of his cell. b7C b7D

[redacted] stated that [redacted] had never helped them in any way and he always attempted to avoid seeing them sawing on the bars. He said [redacted] seemed to be worried about the situation and talked to him about what the guards would do to him after the others had escaped.

He said that either [redacted] told [redacted] about the escape plan about three days after [redacted] came on the walk (cell block 1-B); that [redacted] called [redacted] back into the bathroom one day and talked to him about it and [redacted] then came back up front and he said he had [redacted] fixed so he would not tell anything. b7C b7D

[redacted] stated that after the attempted escape ROBINSON passed word back to the other prisoners that he understood they were going to be prosecuted for kidnaping [redacted] and that they had better "dummy-up" and that they should say that further the blade was found over the cell door. b7C b7D

[redacted] advised that when one of the bars had been sawed [redacted] each tried to get through the hole but couldn't make it. He further stated that before [redacted] left the jail they and ROBINSON were talking about sticking together when they got out. b7C b7D

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On February 29, 1944, subject [redacted] was re-interviewed at [redacted]

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in Jefferson County Jail. He furnished a signed statement which is here quoted in full:

"Louisville, Ky.
Feb. 29, 1944

I, [redacted], make this statement voluntarily to [redacted] who I know are Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I understand that I do not have to make this statement and I also understand that it can be used against me in court. No promises or threats have been made to me.

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[redacted] was transferred to cell block 1B. At the time I was placed in 1B the other prisoners in this block were TOM ROBINSON.

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[redacted] on Feb. 10th were taken out of jail to go to Eddyville and on Feb. 11 [redacted] was placed in cell block 1B.

I now remember that I previously had been placed in 1B for approximately 2 days in December, 1943. This was between the time I was in 4A and the time I was in 3B. On [redacted]

[redacted] asked me "if I had a chance to go would I go?" He said "there was a bar out back there" when I asked him what he meant. The next day or so when I went back to the bath in cell block 1B I observed that one bar was sawed out and was covered with soap where it was out. Later on the same day I noticed [redacted] at the rear of the walk on 1B. They were trying to get through the hole made in the cell block by the removal of the one bar. They had soap on their bodies in order to try and get out.

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On Sunday Feb. 13th about 2:30 p.m., when I returned to cell block 1B after having been in the barbershop, ROBINSON told me that the other bar was out, and they would probably be ready to go that night. I asked ROBINSON how he was going to get out of his cell and he said that he would get out when the time came, or words to that effect. It was general knowledge among the

prisoners on 1B that an escape was intended by some of the prisoners and at one time or another each of the prisoners on 1B spoke to me about the intended break. Several of them asked me if I intended to go but I never told any of them that I intended to go.

On Sunday evening Feb. 13, 1944, after [redacted] ROBINSON'S guard had been on duty about an hour he and I engaged in conversation. At that time he handed me a cigar through the bars. He stood by the bars smoking a cigar and talking to me about religious matters. I believe we must have talked for from 35 to 45 minutes and I then went back in my cell and went to sleep. The next thing I knew I was awakened by the noise of the locks on the doors being wound up. This was always done every night at eight o'clock. I arose then, stood at my cell door and looked out. I said: "It ain't lock up time yet is it?" to [redacted] He didn't answer. Then I noticed [redacted] pick up the phone and say: "Everything is alright" to someone on the phone. [redacted] then came in and started shaking the walk down.

After the cell doors were locked but before Mr. CONNORS came in, I heard [redacted] say to ROBINSON: "How in the hell did you get out of your cell door?" ROBINSON said: "Why [redacted] I can get out of this any time I want to." ROBINSON and all of the other prisoners were back in their cells at that time.

After the attempted escape [redacted] was hollering to some of the other prisoners on the walk and said: "They can't try us for kidnaping as we didn't knock the man down or take him with us."

I wish to state that on the evening of Feb. 13, 1944, I did not leave cell block 1B and did not participate in the attempted escape from the Jefferson County jail.

I have read this statement which consists of two pages and it is true.

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[redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] before he met [redacted]

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[redacted] further advised that he had known [redacted] since [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he had not heard any other prisoners talk about getting letters carried outside the jail nor had he heard them say anything about getting saw blades brought in. However, he had heard [redacted] say that they found some saw blades over the door of the bathroom; that he overheard [redacted] state this to some other prisoner [redacted] stated he knew that one of the prisoners on 1-B bought a hat on Saturday or Sunday (February 12 or 13) but does not know which prisoner bought it. [redacted] has stated that [redacted] caught the hat and handed it to ROBINSON).

[redacted] when questioned about other prisoners in the jail with whom he was acquainted he stated he knows [redacted] about [redacted] years of [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he was confined in cell block 1-B four or five days in December, 1943, near the end of ROBINSON'S trial and that he was therefore aware of the fact that ROBINSON was a Federal prisoner.

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On March 1 and 2, 1944, subject [redacted] was re-interviewed at the Jefferson County jail. He furnished a signed statement which is here quoted in full:

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[redacted] voluntarily make this statement

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[redacted] who I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I understand that I do not have to make this statement. No threats or promises have been made me. I understand that this statement can be used against me in court.

I have been a prisoner confined in cell block 1B of the Jefferson County Jail, Louisville, Ky. [redacted] Near the end of January, 1944, some of the boys found a hacksaw blade above the door of one of the cells near the bathroom. I was told by [redacted] that [redacted] found the blade. At that time there were confined in cell block 1B, THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR., [redacted]

[redacted] and myself. I went back to take a shower one day and discovered [redacted] sawing the bar. I asked him where he got the blade but he wouldn't tell me. [redacted] had a piece of mirror stuck up so that he could watch behind him while he was sawing. After that at different times I saw [redacted] and [redacted] sawing on the bars. [redacted] didn't come on the walk until about the first week of February. He started sawing on the second bar shortly thereafter, the first bar having been already cut. ROBINSON didn't do any sawing to my knowledge, but when he would go back to the bath he would stop and look at the bar and laugh. The first bar was cut through about the first of February. It was put back in place and scopped up so the cuts wouldn't show. They continued to saw every day up to seven thirty p.m.

On Sunday morning Feb. 13th they got the second bar out. The top of it had been completely sawed out and about half sawed at the bottom. The blade was about worn out at this time so they hit the bar with a bench and broke the bar out. I was up at the front of the walk, heard the noise of the bench hitting the bar and turned around. I saw THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR. [redacted] and [redacted] at the rear of the cell walk. All of them had a hold of the bench. ROBINSON was supposed to be having a shower and taking exercise.

After the bar was knocked out, ROBINSON [redacted] and I were sitting in [redacted] cell. ROBINSON and [redacted] were planning on what they were going to do when they got out. They said the first thing they were going to do was come back into the front office

after they had gone out through the kitchen, and overpower the guard in the front office. ROBINSON had gotten very friendly with [redacted] while they were in 1A together, and at this same time in [redacted] cell, I heard ROBINSON ask [redacted] if he was going to split up or stick together when they got out. [redacted] said: "I'll stick with you TOM." ROBINSON said: "Well, [redacted] no sooner we get through the kitchen we will come around to the front office and overpower the guard and take what firearms we can find." [redacted] previously told ROBINSON before he [redacted] left that there was a gun in the drawer in the guard's chair at the front gate. After they left the front office they were going up to the red light at Sixth Street and overpower someone in a car as it stopped for the traffic light. They were then going to drive out Bardstown Road to the first farm that they came to. They were going to take the farm over and use it as a hide-out until the heat was off. This conversation was about noon the 13th.

[redacted] said, "I'll just leave everything up to you ROBINSON, anything you say is alright with me." He added some remark to the effect that the sooner he got out the better he would like it. [redacted] stated that he intended to go to Cincinnati when he got out. [redacted] told all of us later that he was going to Nashville, Tenn. He didn't say why he was going there.

ROBINSON asked me if I wanted to make the break with him. He said he would be glad for me to go but that he would advise against it and that he thought I would be foolish to go as I had only a few months to serve.

During this time [redacted] were in cell [redacted] next to the bathroom, and [redacted] was shaving. After [redacted] got done shaving he stuck his head in [redacted] cell and said he was going to Nashville. At this same time [redacted] said he was going to take [redacted] jacket away from ELMORE and use it on the break.

I heard ROBINSON [redacted] plan to leave the cell block about 5:15 p.m. ROBINSON said "we'll leave the cell block about 6:15 and we'll go around on the 1A side, climb the bars and wait until the guard comes up". TOM said: "I'll take the keys from [redacted] and open the doors and we'll go in the kitchen and down on the elevator to the bakery. Then we'll go out through the hole and up through a manhole into the street."

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At the time ROBINSON wanted me to go with him I told him "No, TOM, I think I'll stay here and do the rest of the time I got. If I went out now I would miss it up so I would never be free to go home on any place else that I wanted to go." I told him that I was getting extra food from my father, that I had a radio and that I was satisfied to finish my time. I did not leave my cell block on the evening of the attempted break and did not participate in the attempted break.

After leaving [redacted] cell where ROBINSON [redacted] and [redacted] had been talking, I went back to my cell and went to sleep and didn't wake up until I heard ROBINSON out on the walk talking to [redacted] I didn't know that the break had been attempted until [redacted] came in with [redacted] started pointing out the men who had been upstairs on the walk.

About the 20th of January, ROBINSON was in the bathroom shaving and [redacted] and I were sitting on the bench right outside the bathroom. ROBINSON suggested that they should stage a fight on the walk and when the guards came in on the walk to stop it, their keys were to be taken from them and they slammed into cells. [redacted] staged a fight day or two afterwards and before the sawblades was found. The plan to then overpower the front office guard after he was called back by the desk boy, failed inasmuch as the guards didn't rush in to stop the fight.

I never heard any of the prisoners on LS talk about getting saw blades except that I heard [redacted] tell ROBINSON that he had arranged with [redacted] [redacted] was released to get some saw blades and that he had given [redacted] \$4.00, most of it to be used to pay off [redacted] court costs and the balance to get some saw blades. [redacted] never got in touch with [redacted] according to what [redacted] later told me. [redacted] was to place the blades on a window ledge outside the cell house and [redacted] intended to try and bribe a trusty to bring the blades to him.

I have read this statement which consists of four pages and it is true.

/s/ [redacted]

Witnesses:

[redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I.
[redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I.

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[redacted] stated that after the second bar was barred out it was replaced by a piece of broom handle. He advised it was his belief that [redacted] helped to get ROBINSON out of his cell without the guards knowing it although he stated he had no definite information in this regard. b7C b7D

He stated that on the evening of the attempted break ROBINSON told him that they would be ready to go when [redacted] went out for his supper; that ROBINSON asked him "Are you going or are you going to stay here?"; that he told ROBINSON he was going to stay [redacted] further stated that it was his belief that [redacted] intended to go with the others on the break but he had nothing definite to support his belief. He stated that on the morning of February 13, when the second bar was finally removed he was standing up in front of the walk talking to [redacted] ROBINSON'S special guard. He stated that [redacted] probably tried to keep the noise by knocking out the second bar due to the fact that [redacted] is partially deaf. b7C b7D

[redacted] stated that [redacted] had remarked that [redacted] took letters out of the jail for him [redacted] stated that [redacted] mother signed him \$50.00 at Christmas time. He stated that [redacted] at the time he was released from jail had agreed to bring in some \$1200 to \$1400 for [redacted] that [redacted] was to get in to see [redacted] and was to throw the money in on the walk to [redacted] while [redacted] was making the clock [redacted] did not know where this money was supposed to be obtained but that apparently [redacted] must have had it cached away some place. b7C b7D

[redacted] stated that [redacted] used to take letters out for the prisoners; that he had taken letters out for [redacted] and [redacted] but would not take any out for ROBINSON. Also stated that [redacted] used to take letters out for [redacted] a trusty who worked on the receiving desk [redacted] stated that [redacted] told ROBINSON that he had sent a letter to his [redacted] mother and that he could expect some action soon. This was about Christmas, 1945, after [redacted] had received \$50.00 from his mother. b7C b7D

[redacted] stated that [redacted] and [redacted] were friendly with [redacted] and ROBINSON. b7C b7D

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] (subject [redacted] came into the jail with [redacted] but that they were not good friends because [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that a few days before the attempted break ROBINSON in referring to BERRY STOLN stated, "I got that [redacted] that ROBINSON considered STOLN responsible for [redacted] appearing as a witness against him in his trial. He also stated that just before ROBINSON'S trial started ROBINSON'S former wife sent him a dozen roses which were delivered to ROBINSON at the jail; that ROBINSON prized these roses very highly; kept them as long as possible and pressed one of them in a book."

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[redacted] stated he had never heard anything about a car being parked outside in front of the jail at the time of the attempted break.

[redacted] further advised that [redacted] stole his [redacted] through the hole in the bars and that upon his return from the attempted break he took a pair of his [redacted] pants.

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[redacted] On March 2 and 3, 1944, [redacted] at the Jefferson County Jail. He furnished a signed statement which is here quoted in full:

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"Louisville, Ky.
March 7, 1944

[redacted] make this statement to [redacted] to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice. This statement is made freely and voluntarily. No promises or threats of any kind have been made to get me to make this statement, and I understand I do not have to make the statement and that it may be used against me in court.

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[redacted] was confined in the Jefferson County Jail, Louisville. At first [redacted] was placed in Cell Block 4, [redacted]

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Block 1-B.

I was placed in Cell [redacted]

When I was placed in Cell Block 1-B, I was placed in [redacted] TOM ROBINSON was in Cell #1. The next day I learned that Special Federal Guards were on duty at the jail to guard ROBINSON, who was a Federal prisoner.

Soon after I entered 1-B I began talking to ROBINSON and he told me they had a hole in the back of the Cell Block and were waiting for the time to go out. He asked me if I wanted to go with them. At first I told ROBINSON I would not go, but then I got to thinking that if I got out I could get married and then give myself up again. On the day I was arrested I had intended to get married, and I still intended to get married. So I told ROBINSON that I would go with them, but that I would not stick with any of them after I got out of jail. I told ROBINSON when you get ready to go you can let me know and I will be ready to go. ROBINSON told me where the bars were sawed out and that evening, Friday, Feb. 11, 1944, I went to the rear of 1-B walk and observed two bars that had soap around their base and assumed that these were the bars ROBINSON referred to. The first conversation I had with ROBINSON, as I have just told it, was had with him while he was in his cell and I was out on the walk in front of my cell.

I didn't have any conversation with anyone but ROBINSON about the plan to escape, and I didn't say anything to any other prisoner as I didn't know who was in on it. I didn't see anyone working on or sawing on the bars after I was placed in 1-B, and I thought both of the bars were sawed out when I first was placed in the block.

On Sunday evening, Feb. 13, 1944, I was reading in my cell, when at about six o'clock someone tapped me on the shoulder and motioned for me to go to the back of the walk. I was lying there reading with my head to the walk, so I couldn't see who it was that tapped me on the shoulder. I then got up and walked to the back end of the walk. When I arrived at the back I found ROBINSON [redacted] there. One of the boys, I think it was ROBINSON, then pulled the two bars out, and we started going out through the hole. ROBINSON was the first one to go out through the hole, then [redacted] followed him and I followed.

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[redacted] ROBINSON [redacted] and I went over to Cell Block 1-A and climbed the bars to the top of Cell Block 5-A. ROBINSON and I walked over to the "B" tier and looked down to see if [redacted] ROBINSON'S guard was still there. I noticed that he was still there and then ROBINSON turned around and walked away. I then waited about five minutes watching [redacted] before I walked over to the "A" side and joined the other prisoners. We waited there about ten minutes before we saw [redacted] coming up the stairs. We all then got down behind Cell Block 5-B when he came up the stairs. While [redacted] was punching the clock in front and walking around to the rear of the building, we walked in front of 5-A cell block so he wouldn't see us. At that time all six of us were there, [redacted] had followed us up the cell bars and joined us on the fifth floor.

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The six of us stood there at the front of 5-A waiting for [redacted] to come up to where we were waiting. In about ten minutes [redacted] came up near us and opened the "Over-the-Hill" door. This is a door leading into the corridor of the Administration Buildings. He was punching the clock just inside the doorway when ROBINSON ran over to him and grabbed him by the arm and told him to give him the keys. I heard [redacted] say the key wasn't there and that we couldn't get out. I was behind the others and when I heard [redacted] say this I walked back over the top of the Cell Block to the rear, climbed down the bars and re-entered the cell block 1-B through the hole and went right to my cell [redacted] [redacted] was in his bunk asleep. I noticed [redacted] was in his cell in his bunk as I came by.

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In about four or five minutes ROBINSON walked past my cell door and I heard him speak to [redacted] his guard. TOM said "Hello, [redacted] He told [redacted] that he had been out for a little walk. In just a few minutes then the guards came and locked all the cells on 1-B.

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I want to say that when I went up to the fifth floor that Sunday evening, I intended to escape, but I intended to return and give myself up after I got married.

When we climbed the bars up to the fifth floor, I noticed that ROBINSON had an iron bar in his hip pocket. When he approached [redacted] I noticed he had this bar in his hand and held it up in

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o striking position.

I have read this statement, consisting of five pages, before signing it, and state that it is the truth.

Witness:

[redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I.

[redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I."

With reference to [redacted] statement about [redacted] he further explained that [redacted]

[redacted] stated that on his first day in cell block 1-B ROBINSON told him that he intended to go out through the kitchen but would not tell him how the arrangements had been made. He further stated he had never heard any of the prisoners say how the saw blades had come into the jail.

Subj [redacted] was reinterviewed at the Jefferson County jail on February 29, and March 8, at which time he made the following signed statement which is here quoted in full:

"Louisville, Ky.

March 8, 1944

I [redacted] voluntarily give this statement to [redacted] who I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They have explained to me that I don't have to make this statement and that it can be used against me in a court of law. No threats or promises of any kind have been made to me.

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[redacted] At first, I was placed in cell block [redacted] and about 9:30 p.m. the same day was placed in cell block 13 in [redacted]. We talked all night. During this talk he said, without mentioning any names, that some of the boys were figuring on making a break soon. I didn't ask him any of the details as I wasn't interested.

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About four days later I heard [redacted] talking to one of the boys about when they would be "brought". I assumed that he was talking about the sawing of the bars as I had learned since arriving in the jail that some of the bars in the rear of the cell block were being sawed. At one time or another I had seen all of the boys in the cell block except ROBINSON, sitting on the bench at the end of the cell block, though I never actually saw any of the boys sawing. One of the boys, I don't remember which one, told me that they got the first bar sawed out. This was about Feb. 9th or 10th.

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On Sunday morning Feb. 13th I noticed several of the boys in back near the bath. They were all there except ROBINSON, [redacted] and myself. I saw them break up one of the benches and saw them use one of the boards to pry on the bar that they were trying to saw out.

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On Saturday evening before the break, ROBINSON called me over to his cell so that he could speak to me. At that time he asked me if I wanted to go out with them on the break. I told them that I wanted no part of it. I did not know of any of the details of the planned escape except that I gathered that they were going up the fifth floor and dig a hole in the wall. When I told ROBINSON that I didn't care to go he said: "Well, that is up to you" and didn't urge me either way.

On Sunday, Feb. 13th, I went to sleep at about one p.m. and did not wake up until six thirty or seven. I just happened to wake up at this time as there was no noise to awaken me. When I awakened I noticed TOM going by my cell, I then being in cell 15. At that time I figured the boys had made an attempt to escape as TOM wasn't supposed to be out of his cell at this time.

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I recall that on one day before [redacted] was transferred

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From the jail he asked us to stand out in the middle of the walk so as to cut off the view to the rear. At that time a number of the boys were at the rear of the walk.

I do not know anything about the or when the boys got the hacksaw blade into the jail, however, I believe that they must have had the blade in before I came into the jail as about the second day I was in jail I satisfied myself that they were sawing the bars. None of the boys other than ROBINSON ever mentioned anything about the intended break, however, at different times in the cell block I heard conversations about the jail break but I do not remember who engaged in the conversations. Most of this conversation had to do with when they expected to finish sawing the bars.

I have read this statement which consists of two pages and it is true.

/s/ [redacted]

Witnesses:

[redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I.

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[redacted] stated that none of the prisoners ever threatened him to keep him from telling about the escape plot. He never heard any of the prisoners say how many of the blades they had. He stated that, however, one morning right after breakfast he was sitting in his cell reading and heard somebody mention that some blades were to come in a couple of days; he did not know who was talking at that time; this was a few days after [redacted] came into the jail.

[redacted] stated he was in the cell with [redacted] up until [redacted] on which day [redacted] moved [redacted] cell; that on one occasion something was said about how long before they started and [redacted] said it would be a couple of days more that they were almost through. [redacted] stated he kept pretty much to himself and did not talk much to the other prisoners and that they did not say a whole lot to him. He said that [redacted] talked a great deal and seemed to be buddies.

[redacted] stated he did not really know who was going on the

break and that he did not see ROBINSON come out of his cell on the evening of the break and knows nothing about how he got out. He stated that he had never had any conversation with [redacted] about the break but thinks that [redacted] must have known what was going on as [redacted] went with the others on the break. [redacted] stated he knew nothing about how the prisoners obtained the saw blade but that he thinks all of them did the sawing; that they took turns about and that he has seen each of them sawing at one time or another; that he did not actually see them sawing but saw them back where the sawing was done and assumed they were sawing.

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On February 28, 1944, subject [redacted] was re-interviewed at the Jefferson County Jail. He refused to make a signed statement but admitted he had participated in the attempted jail break.

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[redacted] denied he assisted in sawing the bars although he stated he watched while the other boys did the sawing and signaled a warning if the guards came. He stated that after the bars were sawed he went upstairs with the others and tried to get out through the kitchen door but it was locked. He stated he never had [redacted] keys in his hands and that none of the prisoners threatened [redacted] in any way while they were on the fifth floor; that they were up on the fifth floor about twenty minutes; that he came back down on the bars of the "A" tier and went through the hole back into cell block 1-B returning to his cell on the first floor; that when he returned to his cell ROBINSON was up in front speaking to the marshal [redacted].

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[redacted] stated he knew nothing about how the saw blade was obtained and that he had not found a saw blade in the jail.

At first when [redacted] was questioned he denied he took part in the break but stated if he was brought into the court for it he would plead guilty. He stated after further questioning he would tell his part in the break but would not involve anyone else.

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Special Agent, FBI
Louisville, Kentucky:

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Can testify to the same facts as set forth above under
the name of Special Agent [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed at the Louisville Field Office on March 4, 1944. She stated she took no part in taking saw blades into the Jefferson County jail to assist her brother in escaping; that as a matter of fact neither she nor her mother desired her brother, [redacted] to escape and she had advised him not to try to escape.

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She stated that a man whose name she does not know and who used to be the barber at the Jefferson County jail had told her, and [redacted] that he was going to take a pistol into the jail to [redacted] that he intended to take the pistol into the jail on the Friday before the attempted jail break; that this conversation with this man occurred on the Wednesday before the attempted break in RIDER'S BEER PARLOR, 22nd and Dumtan, Louisville; that this man lives on [redacted] about the 2000 block and was released from the county jail about a week before the attempted jail break. She stated this man approached her and asked if she was [redacted] had told him to tell her something; [redacted] wanted her to come up to the jail on Friday; [redacted] wanted him to help him break out; that [redacted] wanted her to help him bring a gun into [redacted] She stated that this man owned an automobile; that she had never ridden in it but that he had pointed it out to her; that it is a black Chevrolet Sedan. She described this man as 24 years of age, 5'8" black hair, brown eyes, and built about like her brother [redacted]

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[redacted] further stated this man told her he was going with his car on Sunday (February 15) about 7:30 p.m. and was going to [redacted] KZRA and two other prisoners after they escaped and take them out of town. She stated that this man at the time of the [redacted]

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conversation had been drinking some but was not drunk, at least not drunk enough that he didn't know what he was saying.

[redacted] stated that this man showed her the gun which he intended to smuggle into the county jail; that the gun had white handles; a nickel plated barrel and was a pretty good sized gun; that the man also showed her some cartridges that he was going to give to [redacted] told her [redacted] was going to line up all the guards and tell them to let him out, "or else." Upon being shown a .38 Special Full Load cartridge she identified it as being the same size as the four cartridges shown her by the man but stated that the cartridges the man had were a "dark color."

[redacted] stated that on January 28, 1944, when she visited [redacted] at the Jefferson County jail she had observed this man standing in the door of the barber shop located in one of the cells in the jail; that he had spoken to her and that [redacted] had introduced her to the barber about two weeks previous to that time on another visit to the jail.

On March 6, 1944, Agents exhibited to [redacted] photograph of subject [redacted] which photograph had been obtained from the Louisville Police Department. The photograph was picked by [redacted] out of many other photographs as being that of the man who had talked to her about assisting [redacted] to break jail.

On March 6, 1944, [redacted] saw subject [redacted] at RIDER'S BEER SALON at which time he told her that on the night of the attempted jail break his car was parked out in front of the jail; that ROBINSON had given him \$25.00 to bring blades into the jail; that ROBINSON had given him the money after [redacted] had left the jail; that he had the blades in a pocket in the sleeve of his coat, that the guards at the jail searched him but did not find them; that he visited [redacted] at the attorney room of the jail and gave the blades to him.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] did not state how many blades he had taken into [redacted] that he stated that he was going to get [redacted] out of jail or die; that he said [redacted] had too much time to make, that he was going to get him out. She stated that prior to this time that [redacted] had told her that on the next Friday,

(March 10, 1944) he was going to take some more blades into [redacted] but he didn't say anything about a gun.

[redacted] years of age, was interviewed at her home on March 5, 1944.

She stated that a man whose name she did not know had talked to her and [redacted] at RIDER'S BEER PARLOR on one night during the week preceding the attempted jail break. She stated that she was dancing at RIDER'S when this man approached her and apparently believed that she was [redacted] subject [redacted] She told him she was no relation of [redacted] and that [redacted] He then began talking to the two of them and asked them if they would help him get out of jail by breaking jail. He told them he had a .45 gun. [redacted] stated she told him she was not helping anybody get out of jail and was not getting herself into any trouble; that [redacted] was no relation of hers. [redacted] stated this man told them he had a hole bored in the wall of the jail where he could slip a run through to [redacted] and that he wanted them to go to the jail on Friday (February 11) and call [redacted] out for a visit which would assist him in getting the gun into [redacted] She stated that both she and [redacted] refused to have anything to do with his proposition.

[redacted] stated this man further told them that he had a car which he had stolen and that he was going to take this car up to the jail and when [redacted] got out he would take him away in this car. [redacted] stated that she did not see the car.

[redacted] stated that this man further told them that he [redacted] and saw [redacted] every day that he was there; that [redacted] knew about the gun and about his coming with the car; that [redacted] had told him to talk [redacted] to do this for him. At this part of the conversation [redacted] was crying and she told the man that she wanted to have nothing to do with the break as her brother had enough time to serve. [redacted] stated

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that this man was drinking at the time he made the foregoing statement although he was not so drunk that he did not know what he was saying and that she really thinks that he meant what he told them.

On March 6, 1944, [redacted] selected from a number of photographs that of subject [redacted] as the man who had talked to her and [redacted] with reference to helping [redacted] break jail.

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On March 6, 1944, [redacted] was again interviewed. She at this time being at the Second District Police Station, Louisville. She advised that on that evening she and [redacted] had gone to RIDER'S BEER PARLOR and on entering found subject [redacted] there with another man; that as soon as they entered the place he asked them to go out with him and the other man. She stated that during the conversation with him about going out he stated that he took those blades up to [redacted] and that he was the one that helped him break jail; that he further stated "I am going to help him get out if it kills me." She stated that later, after the police had taken [redacted] and the man who accompanied him [redacted] to the police station [redacted] told her that he was just kidding about helping [redacted] break jail.

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[redacted] stated further that before the police picked up [redacted] he had told her and [redacted] that he had a pocket in the sleeve of his coat and that he had hidden saw blades in this pocket when he visited [redacted] and that he had left them in the jail for [redacted] that he told them that he was going to take some more blades to [redacted] to help him break out. [redacted] stated that on that evening, March [redacted] and [redacted] had been drinking and seemed to be pretty tight and that he told her and [redacted] before the police officers came that he had a car and that he sure as H--- was going to get [redacted] out of jail. He stated he was going to take a gun in and also blades on the following Friday.

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(The circumstances concerning the arrest of subject [redacted] on the evening of March 6, 1944, are discussed under Section 2 of this report).

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not she had

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everybody subject [redacted] driving an automobile and she stated that about two or three weeks before the attempted break she had observed [redacted] driving a car at 33rd and Rudd. This was at night time and she could not describe the car.

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[redacted] was interviewed at the Second District Police Station on the night of March 6, 1944.

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[redacted] He stated on that evening, March 6, he had dropped into PRIESTLY CAFE, 19th and Rowan, and got a beer; that [redacted] who was a stranger to him, came back and asked him [redacted] to buy him a beer. [redacted] stated he bought [redacted] a beer which [redacted] drank and [redacted] then stated he knew where they could pick up a couple of girls; that he told [redacted] he was not in the habit of doing that since he was a married man but that nevertheless he would go with him. [redacted] stated that they then proceeded to RIDER'S CAFE on Duncan Street, where they ran into two girls. He stated that [redacted] introduced him to the two girls and asked them to go out and they told the men to wait until they called their mothers; that one of them went across the street to 'phone and shortly afterwards the police came and picked them all up. He stated that during the time he was standing on the street outside of RIDER'S CAFE with [redacted] and the girls he heard them talking something about a jail break and about saw blades. He stated, however, he could not tell exactly what was said inasmuch as he knew nothing about any jail break or saw blades.

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[redacted]
[redacted] was re-interviewed at

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the Jefferson County Jail on February 29, 1944, and furnished the following signed statement which is quoted here in full:

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February 28, 1944

[redacted] voluntarily made this statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who I know are Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made me, but rather I made this statement of my own free will and accord. I understand that this statement can be used in a Court of Law.

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[redacted] when a prisoner, TOM ROBINSON, grabbed me by the arm. I looked around and saw other prisoners with ROBINSON. I asked ROBINSON: "What is the matter with you all, are you crazy?" ROBINSON said: "This is a break [redacted] you know I'm going to the electric chair." We want that gate open so we can get to the elevator." At that time ROBINSON had an iron bar about 18" in length in his hand. He held this above my head as though he might hit me with it. I told ROBINSON that the key to the gate was not on my key ring but he grabbed the key ring out of my hand. ROBINSON handed the keys to [redacted] another prisoner, and they backed me up to the gate and [redacted] tried to open it with the key.

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After three or four minutes [redacted] stated that he couldn't open the lock. They then pushed me into a dormitory room off the hallway, facing Liberty Street. ROBINSON said: "This must be a 'bum steer.' [redacted] I'll tell you what I'll do. If you won't say anything about this we will go back and get in our cells. Don't let 'em know I was up here."

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[redacted] handed the keys back to me and then they scrambled out of the room. I stopped and locked the door between the Administration Building and the cell block building, and then went down the stairway in the cell block building to the first floor. Then I went right on around to the front office and reported the break. b7C b7D

[redacted] went with me to cell block 1B and [redacted] checked the cells and found that all the prisoners were in their cells.

In about 20 or 30 minutes [redacted] came in and I went with him to the cell block and pointed out to him the prisoners who jumped me on the fifth floor and taken my keys from me. At that time I pointed out ROBINSON [redacted] b7C b7D

These were all the prisoners that I could remember having seen on the fifth floor.

ROBINSON is the only prisoner that I saw that night on the fifth floor that had an iron bar or other weapon.

After finding the prisoners locked in the cells I walked to the rear end of 1B and found the hole in the bars, and also found one metal bar and one wooden bar. I took the two bars and left them on the desk at the front end of cell block 1B. I later saw [redacted] pick the bars up and take them with him.

I have read this statement which consists of 2 pages and it is true. b7C b7D

Witnesses:

[redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I.

[redacted] Special Agent, F.B.I.

A metal bar which had been delivered to Agents by [redacted] was exhibited to [redacted] and he identified it as being the same one that he had picked up in a room on the fifth floor of the jail where he had been with the prisoners during the attempted jail break. This bar is approximately 17" x 1 1/2"; has black and white tape at one end. He could not state definitely that this is the bar that ROBINSON held in his hand at the time he was attacked, but stated it was very similar, if not the same bar. b7C b7D

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The two bars which had been sawed from cell block 1-B were exhibited to [redacted] and he identified the black bar as one he found at the rear of cell block 1-B immediately after the attempted break. When first shown these bars he failed to identify either and did not appear to be very positive in his identification.

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[redacted] was questioned as to whether or not he ever knew subject HILL and denied he had ever known him prior to instant incarceration in the county jail. It is noted that [redacted] stated he had known [redacted] for several years.

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[redacted] was questioned concerning a suspicious automobile which he was reported to have observed in front of the county jail on the night of the attempted jail break.

He advised that just a few minutes before he heard of the attempted jail break he had heard somebody in the jail office say there was a car out in front. He stated that he had just come in from getting his supper and had himself observed the car as he came into the jail; that upon hearing someone's remark about the car and upon approaching the car he observed that a man was lying down on the front seat. He did not take the license number and came back into the jail office and told [redacted] about it.

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He stated that as he returned to the office he observed that the car suddenly backed up about 20 feet and out across Liberty Street and through a parking lot and out on Sixth Street and finally proceeded north toward Jefferson Street. He stated that he believed the car was a 1940, black Chevrolet, Tudor Sedan, and that there was just one man in it so far as he could see. He advised that the time he observed this car was approximately 6:30 to 6:40 p.m. He stated he probably could not identify the man who appeared to be of a small build and who appeared to be wearing a soft black hat.

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Jail was questioned concerning any information regarding a suspicious automobile parked in front of the county jail on the night of the attempted jail break. He stated he had observed the car parked out in front of the jail and had called it to [redacted] attention and the [redacted] had gone out to check on the car. He stated that he didn't know the license number of the automobile nor the make of the automobile. He advised the time he had observed the car as 6:00 p.m. or a little later.

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[redacted] advised he entered the county jail on the evening of the attempted jail break for the purpose of arranging a bond for one of the prisoners; that as he entered the jail he noticed a car parked in front of the jail and it drew his attention because he had been in the jail earlier in the evening and believed he had observed the same car there at that time. However, he was not sure whether it was the same car. He stated that what drew his attention to the car especially was that as he started up the steps of the jail the man in the car raised up and looked at him. It appeared as though the man in the car was peeping over the dashboard at him. [redacted] stated he went on into the jail office and remarked to someone about the car being out in front and that it was not long until he heard about the trouble in the jail.

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[redacted] stated that the car in front of the jail was parked in such a position that its occupant could see what was going on in the jail office. He stated that after the car left he went out to the spot where it had been parked and found a number of cigarette butts which indicated to him the car might have been parked in front of the jail for some time.

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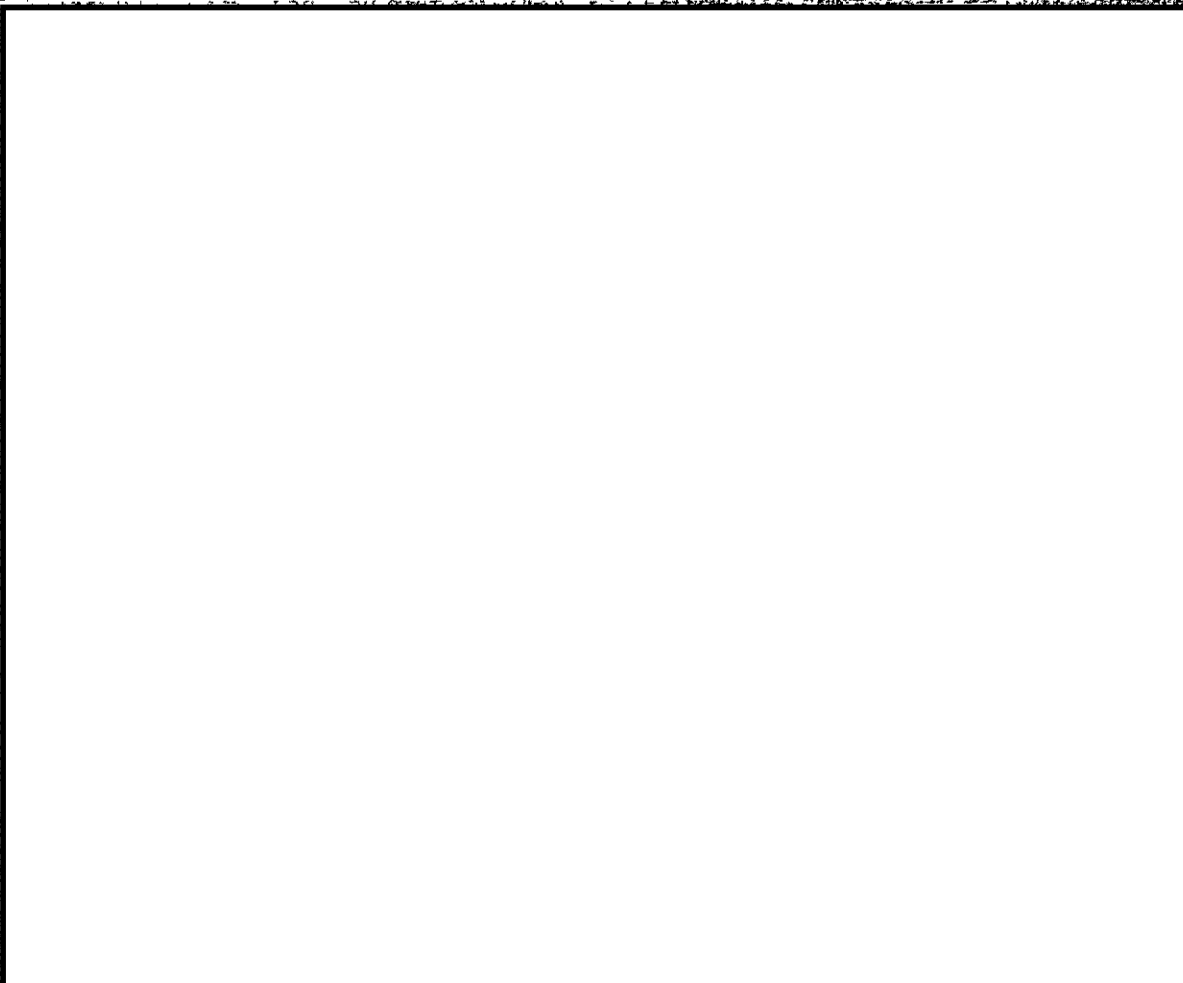
On March 3, 1944, the facts of instant investigation as developed up to that time were discussed with Honorable J. H. BROWN, III, Louisville, Kentucky. At that time he stated that he expected to be in Washington, D. C., the following week and that the matter of prosecution would be discussed with the Department. Previously, Mr. [redacted] had stated that consideration would be given to prosecution after the complete investigation had been made.

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On March 9, 1944, Assistant United States Attorney J. D. INMAN advised that Mr. Inman had telephonically advised from Washington, that Mr. HUGH FISHER of the Department thought it inadvisable to start prosecution for the jail break in the ROBINSON case and that accordingly no prosecution would be authorized. The case should be closed.

The following are the criminal records of subjects as furnished by the Identification Division of the Bureau:

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USM, Louisville, Ky.

THOMAS H. ROBINSON not given kidnaping life; sent..
Jr., #498 5-13-36

USP, Atlanta, Ga.

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR.
48138 5-14-36 kidnaping life

USP, Leavenworth, Kans.

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR.
49074 5-27-36 Kidnaping life; 3-13-37, trans. to USP, Alcatraz Island from USP, Atlanta, Ga.

USP, Alcatraz, Calif.

THOMAS H. ROBINSON JP., 379-AZ 3-16-37 kidnaping life in trans. from USP, Leavenworth, Kans.

USM, San Francisco, Calif.

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON 94989-Civil not given Habeas Corpus 9-27-43, del. F.P. proceedings to USM at (enroute to Ky.) Louisville, Ky.

Bu. Field Div. Louisville, Ky.

THOMAS H. ROBINSON, not given kidnaping life; sent. begin (F.P. 5-13-35) 5-14-36

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On February 29, 1944, [redacted] was re-interviewed at the Jefferson County jail. He stated he had already told Agents all he knew about the attempted jail break. He refused to answer any further questions and stated he desired to return to his cell and go to sleep.

On February 24, 1944, [redacted] who resides at 814 South 40th Street, Louisville, was interviewed at the Louisville Field Division Office.

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[redacted] advised that he has worked for the United States Marshal, Louisville, since 1937, as extra bailiff and started to work

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as a special guard to guard THOMAS ROBINSON at the county jail on Sunday morning, December 12, 1943; that his hours of duty are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day although he sometimes went to work a few minutes early and left a few minutes early.

[redacted] stated that he had trouble guarding ROBINSON in that he experienced considerable difficulty in keeping other prisoners away from ROBINSON'S cell; that the prisoners cussed him for doing this. He stated that at one time for a period of two or three weeks the prisoners in cell block 1-B were all locked in their cells at 8:00 p.m. This was because they had been cussing the guards; that ordinarily they were not locked in their cells until 8:00 p.m. He stated he believed this was sometime during the month of January and that this practice was discontinued about one week after [redacted] a prisoner was taken to Eddyville, on January 18, 1944. [redacted] stated that he had not observed anything of a suspicious nature prior to the attempted jail break. He said that on the morning of January 13, 1944, he went to work at 8:00 o'clock relieving [redacted] the night guard; that he observed at that time that ROBINSON was asleep in his cell; that at about quarter till 9:00 the church workers, Volunteers of America, came to the jail. Shortly thereafter ROBINSON called him over and said he wanted to take a bath and shave. He told TOM that the church services were starting and TOM said he would wait until the services were over and he would then shave. [redacted] stated that after the church services were over, which was about 9:30 or 9:45, he told the guards to let ROBINSON out so he could go back and wash. It was pretty cool that morning and ROBINSON said he would bring some water up and shave in his cell.

[redacted] said he walked back to the bathroom with ROBINSON as he had done all the time; that ROBINSON got some water and he gave ROBINSON his razor and he [redacted] sat outside while ROBINSON shaved in his cell. He stated that ROBINSON then handed the razor back to him. He stated ROBINSON appeared to be in good humor and talked about the fact he was going away Tuesday (probably referring to his transfer to Milan, Michigan).

[redacted] said that after ROBINSON had shaved, he told ROBINSON he had better take his exercises but ROBINSON said he would wait until later, to which [redacted] agreed, and ROBINSON then

15. [redacted] went back to his cell.

[redacted] stated he went to dinner that day about quarter of 12:00 and when he came back he let ROBINSON out for about an hour to exercise; that TCM walked back and forth on the cell block walk, sometime going all the way to the rear of the walk. When church services started about 3:00 p.m. ROBINSON went into his cell and after that at about 3:40 p.m. [redacted] the night guard, came on duty and [redacted] turned the job over to him.

[redacted] stated that while ROBINSON was exercising the other prisoners were out on the walk at the same time and he observed ROBINSON speak to them but did not stop to talk to them. Sometimes, however, ROBINSON would stop to talk to other prisoners but when [redacted] approached them would walk on. [redacted] stated that ROBINSON spoke to all the prisoners and that all the prisoners liked him and sometimes would buy him soft drinks. He stated this was true mostly of the prisoners in cell block 1-B, where ROBINSON was confined, but was true of prisoners in the other cell blocks also.

[redacted] stated that on Sunday morning, February 13, 1944, ROBINSON was in the bathroom some fifteen or twenty minutes but doesn't think he took a bath as he had taken a bath on Saturday morning; that he never allowed anyone in the bathroom when ROBINSON was in there. He stated that sometimes he walked around past the 1-A cell block while ROBINSON was locked in his cell; that he did this in order to take some exercise although ROBINSON was out of his view while he was taking this walk.

He stated that the Volunteers of America held a meeting on the morning of February 13, 1944, and some negro church workers held a service that afternoon about 3:00 o'clock. [redacted] stated that whenever ROBINSON was furnished any soft drinks or other things from the candy store [redacted] examined it and handed it to ROBINSON. He stated that ROBINSON's attorney, Mr. HOGAN, used to bring ROBINSON various things to eat; that such articles were examined in the front office of the jail and that he, [redacted] also examined them before they were handed to ROBINSON. He stated that food brought in for ROBINSON by Attorney Hogan was kept on ice in a water cooler near the desk in the cell block.

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[redacted] stated that about two weeks before ROBINSON was removed from the jail he received a box of cakes and candy from a [redacted] b7C
[redacted] a good friend of ROBINSON. He said this was a small box perhaps a one-pound box and that this was examined by him, [redacted] before he gave it to ROBINSON. He stated, however, that he gave the entire box and its contents to ROBINSON and did not remove the contents before handing it to him.

[redacted] stated that since the time that ROBINSON was sentenced in Federal Court his mother had visited him two or three times a week; that she returned to Nashville just before Christmas and then returned to Louisville just a week before ROBINSON was supposed to leave and during that time she had visited him twice, one of these visits being on Monday or Tuesday and the other on Friday. [redacted] Deputy United States Marshal, and Mr. [redacted] b7C
in with her on Monday or Tuesday and ROBINSON was kept in his cell. However, ROBINSON'S mother reached through the cell block door and had hold of his hand. She visited him for about forty-five minutes. On Friday Mr. HOGAN brought ROBINSON'S mother back for a visit and at that time the guards took Mrs. ROBINSON'S shoes from her and let her out on the walk that day by orders of [redacted] b7C
United States Marshal. Mrs. ROBINSON sat on a chair and talked to TOM through the bars. She had her hands in his all the time. At that time she was wearing a black coat which she kept on during the visit with TOM. [redacted] stated he sat two or three feet away from them during their visit.

[redacted] stated that on the afternoon of February 14, 1944, he asked ROBINSON, referring to the jail break, "Why did you want to do anything like that?" and ROBINSON said, "When I had this staring [redacted] b7C
in the face I might as well take a chance to get out. I am going to burn anyway."

[redacted] after examining his records advised that on January 5, 1944, [redacted] was referred to the [redacted] b7C
for employment as counter man. [redacted] card reflected he is badly crippled being paralyzed and not physically able to do heavy work. b7D
He has Social Security number [redacted] At that time his address [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] had been employed by him from January 5, to January 31, 1944, on the latter date subject having walked off the job. During his employment by [redacted] was employed at four different [redacted] His records reflected that he was residing at [redacted] further stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] had contacted him [redacted] several days prior to Agents' interview with him, concerning the whereabouts of [redacted] advising he was wanted by [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] that he he held a warrant for [redacted] as well as had conducted investigation at [redacted] looking toward [redacted] ap- other investigation in [redacted] prehension, with negative results.

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[redacted] who prior to his incarceration in the Jefferson County Jail under sentence [redacted]

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[redacted] advised he had no self-knowledge of the attempted break, having received no information either in fact or rumors. The first time he knew anything concerning it was when an unknown boy came into the candy store on the evening of Sunday, February 13, and said that he had seen ROBINSON walking around in back of cell block 1-B.

[redacted] stated that on the day of the attempted break after Federal Guard [redacted] came on duty he came around to the candy store which is out of view of the guard desk and also out of view of ROBINSON'S cell and bought either a 7-Up or a cigar. Two or three trustees, whose identity he doesn't know, after the attempted break said that [redacted] was in the candy store at the time ROBINSON got [redacted]

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out of the cell. Two or three other trustees whom he doesn't know told him that ROBINSON got out of the cell while [redacted] was reading a paper [redacted] was in the candy store for a period of three or four minutes at the most.

[redacted] himself made his rounds of the cells selling candy and soft drinks from about 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the day of the attempted break. He explained that on his rounds he covered the fifth floor first so did not see the subjects while they were on the fifth floor. He stated he probably would have been in the vicinity of cell block 5A at about 6:15 p.m.

He stated that he had heard that [redacted] had found a saw blade on the walk of cell block 1-A about one week prior to Agent's interview with [redacted] which interview was on February 29.

[redacted] according to [redacted] turned this saw blade over to one of the guards inasmuch as he, [redacted] did not want to be found with it in his possession.

[redacted] advised he did not know of any trustees or guards who took messages out of the jail for inmates. ROBINSON was particularly friendly with a trustee known as [redacted]. Other men who were employed as trustees at the time ROBINSON was in 1-B were [redacted]

[redacted] was extremely friendly with [redacted] and formerly had been extremely friendly with [redacted] because mad at him after he learned that [redacted] was becoming extremely friendly with [redacted] during the course of [redacted] rounds.

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[REDACTED] One of the best friends of [REDACTED] was [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised he had received no information in advance of the attempted break and that none of the subjects had made any admissions to him since.

While sweeping the walk in front of cell block 1-A on Friday, February 25, between 10:30 and 11:30 in the morning he found a part of a hacksaw blade which apparently had been dropped off one of the walks of 1-A. [REDACTED] mentioned finding the blade, stated he had felt something drop on the walk. [REDACTED] immediately turned the saw blade over to [REDACTED]. The blade was found between the fourth and fifth cell.

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[REDACTED] advised that on visitors days he helps put up and take down the fine mesh screens which are placed along cell block 1-A between the inmates receiving the visitors and the visitors.

[REDACTED] both helped in putting up and taking down the screens. [REDACTED] denied ever seeing any other saw blade than the one mentioned above in the jail and denied ever having seen anything which would indicate that any visitor had ever left a saw blade for an inmate.

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[REDACTED] works on the gate on visitors' day.

[REDACTED]

[redacted] On the afternoon of the attempted break [redacted] was sitting at the desk talking to [redacted] when ROBINSON came up from the rear of the alley of cell block 1-B. At this time [redacted] did not have the slightest idea that ROBINSON and the other subjects had attempted or contemplated making a break and did not know how ROBINSON had got out of his cell. Shortly thereafter [redacted] observed [redacted] coming down from the fifth floor and proceed immediately to the front office. The telephone from the front office rang and apparently somebody was calling to ask how ROBINSON got out of the cell [redacted] asked ROBINSON how he got out of the cell and ROBINSON said he just got out for some exercise [redacted] repeated this to someone on the telephone, probably [redacted] denied having any information concerning the break and denied that he ever talked with ROBINSON inasmuch as this was forbidden.

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On March 8, 1944 [redacted] years of age, was interviewed in the Jefferson County Jail [redacted]

He admitted that he knew [redacted] and TOM ROBINSON. He stated that he knew nothing concerning the attempted jail break and that during the time that ROBINSON was confined in the jail the trustees were not permitted to approach cell block 1-B where ROBINSON was confined; that if they did approach it [redacted] ran them away. He stated that the boys on 1-B had never asked him to get anything for them and he had orders not to get them anything while ROBINSON was there. He stated that [redacted] at the time ROBINSON was in the jail, he claimed he knew nothing about how the saw blades could have got into the jail or how letters could have got out of the jail.

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This prisoner appeared sullen throughout the interview.

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[redacted] was interviewed at the Jefferson County Jail. He advised he is [redacted]

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[redacted] He denied any information concerning the attempted jail break but volunteered that all trustees in the jail were crooked. He would give no definite information to substantiate this statement.

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He admitted knowing ROBINSON [redacted] in cell block 1-B but denied that he ever carried anything to these prisoners or that he had ever seen anyone else handing anything in to them.

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[redacted] was interviewed concerning any knowledge he might have about a saw blade having been found on the floor of the jail outside the 1-A cell block [redacted]

[redacted] He denied that he had ever found a saw blade on the floor outside 1-A cell block or that he had seen anyone else picking up a saw blade or other contraband. He mentioned that [redacted] used to talk a great deal to [redacted] ROBINSON, and [redacted] He stated that [redacted] works the 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. shift and [redacted]

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On March 2, 1944 [redacted] years of age [redacted] was interviewed at the Louisville Field Office. She was questioned concerning her visit to the Jefferson County jail to see [redacted] at the same time that another girl was visiting a friend of [redacted] and stated she did not at any time while visiting [redacted] overhear any conversations that were suspicious or hear of anything going on at the jail among the prisoners or visitors that was suspicious. She stated that she recalled having visited her [redacted] at the jail on February 4, and 11. On one occasion probably February 4, she talked to a girl whom she met in the jail office whom she described as having long black hair and blue slacks and who said some people are being picked up for being drunk but not all. The girl was accompanied by her mother and sister. In this connection it should be noted that [redacted] has long black hair and wears slacks and has admitted to Agents to using liquor and that [redacted]

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she and her mother visited [redacted] on the Fourth of February.

[redacted] was interviewed at her home at [redacted] On February 24, 1944. She was questioned as to the identity of her daughter who had allegedly heard remarks made by [redacted] in regard to assisting her brother escape from the county jail. She stated that this remark was overheard by her daughter [redacted].

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[redacted] was questioned and stated she was in [redacted] home one day when [redacted] was fussing with her mother; that they were just sort of having an argument and that [redacted] said [redacted] will get out if I have to help him get out. [redacted] was questioned as to whether [redacted] said she would help him get out or break out and she could not state definitely which word had been used. She stated she heard [redacted] make the remark some two or three weeks before the interview.

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In view of the fact that [redacted] had stated that the saw blades used in connection with the instant jail break were received in the jail on February 4, 1944, when [redacted] visited him, specimen blades were purchased by Agents on Fourth Street, a few blocks from the jail. These blades were exhibited to [redacted] in an attempt to have him identify one of them as being the same kind used in sawing the bars in the jail. He was unable to identify them as being identical but picked one blade purchased at KRESGE 5 & 10¢ store as most closely resembling the one used by the prisoners.

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Accordingly, inquiries were made of the following persons at KRESGE 5 & 10¢ store, Fourth and Liberty Streets, Louisville, concerning purchasers of blades, with negative results:

[redacted] Manager	[redacted] Sales-
[redacted] Saleslady	[redacted] Sales-

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[redacted] also picked out a specimen blade purchased at F. T. GRANT store as somewhat resembling the blade used by the prisoners and accordingly the following investigation was conducted:

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] on 2-26-44 and 2-29-44.

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During the investigation of the attempted jail break of THOMAS W. RABINOW, JR. it was learned from questioning of the participants of this attempted escape that a sample hacksaw blade shown was believed to have resembled the blade used in the cutting of the bars in the attempted break. This sample blade was purchased from the H. T. GRANT STORE located at 424 S. Fourth Street which is but a short distance from the Jefferson County Jail.

[REDACTED] was contacted and he made available a list of all of the employees who had worked in the hardware department since January 1, 1944, and who possibly might have made the sale of the hacksaw blades.

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[REDACTED] advised that she could not recall having sold any hacksaw blades to any individual inasmuch as she seldom made any sales due to her being supervisor of the floor and watching the entire floor rather than selling merchandise.

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[REDACTED] in the hardware department at a location other than where the hacksaw blades were sold and she could not remember having ever sold any hacksaw blades.

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[REDACTED] in the hardware department advised that hardly a day passed that she did not sell some hacksaw blades and was exceedingly difficult for her to remember any such person having bought some blades. She was questioned regarding women buying hacksaw blades and she stated for the most part that they were sold to men. She could not recall any young girls or girls in their early twenties coming to her attention for making such purchases.

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She stated she did recall some elderly woman some two or three weeks prior to instant interview who was short in stature and wearing a tweed coat purchasing three or four different sizes of hacksaw blades and indicating at the time of purchase that she was purchasing the different sizes inasmuch as she did not know the size of [REDACTED] hacksaw, this being the only person [REDACTED] could recall as having

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stood out in her mind for making such a buy.

[redacted] also furnished the name of [redacted] residing at [redacted] who had worked in the [redacted] apartment until [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that she had made numerous sales of hacksaw blades being mostly to male customers. It was impossible for [redacted] to distinguish any individual or male bought hacksaw blades or describe any person with whom she had contacted regarding such sales.

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Inquiries were also made at ANDERSON'S HARDWARE STORE, 294 Portland Avenue, inasmuch as [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed with negative [redacted]

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[redacted] stated on interview on March 4, 1944, that when she visited [redacted] on February 4, 1944, she observed one [redacted] also there to visit [redacted]. She stated that [redacted] had served time in jail [redacted]

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[redacted] mentioned the following additional friends who might have visited him at the jail and who might have rendered him assistance in some way or another:

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[redacted] admitted that prior to [redacted] escape from the county jail in the Summer of 1943, she had made the statement to her mother that she was going to help [redacted] break jail but she made this statement because she was mad at her mother and not because she had any intention of assisting [redacted] break jail. She stated that as a matter of fact neither she nor her mother wished [redacted] to break jail and that on her visit to him on February 11, [redacted] had promised her he would not try to escape.

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On the night of March 6, 1944, [redacted] telephoned the Louisville Field Office and advised Special Agent [redacted] that subject [redacted] was at RIDER'S BEER PARLOR accompanied by another man and that they had asked [redacted] and her to go out with them. She was advised by Agent [redacted] after consultation with Special Agent [redacted] that the Federal Bureau of Investigation did not desire to question [redacted] at that time. She had previously been instructed to that effect by Agents. After being so informed by Agent [redacted] it was later ascertained, telephoned the police and advised them [redacted] had a hot car in his possession and was wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with a jail break. At approximately 9:00 p.m. the Louisville Police Department advised that [redacted] were in custody. They were advised that [redacted] was not wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation but that an Agent would interview him at the Second District Station where he was being held.

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The reporting Agent and Special Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted] at the Second District Police Station on the night of March 6, 1944.

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[redacted] He stated he had been drinking and did not remember what he might have said about jail break and saw blades. He stated he had read about

who attempted jail break in the newspapers and that it was possible he might have said something about it.

He stated he had been drinking beer with [redacted] and had also been drinking previous to that time until his money ran out. He denied he had assisted anyone in breaking jail and in so far as having a car at the jail was concerned, he stated he could not even drive a car, he had never owned one, and did not have a driver's license. He was searched by the police but had no papers on him indicating he owned an automobile and had no license.

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At the time of his arrest [redacted] had a Selective Service classification card in his possession but no Selective Service registration card. Communication with his Local Board [redacted]

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[redacted] was re-interviewed at [redacted]

He again denied that he was in anyway connected with the attempted jail break, stating that on the day of the attempted jail break he was at home all day, not leaving the house at all that day. He stated he did not remember anything he might have told the girls.

[redacted] on the night of his arrest. He denied that he had ever talked to these girls at all prior to the night he was arrested although he admitted he had seen them at RIDER'S CAFE on previous occasions but just to speak to them. He stated that prior to his arrest [redacted] he had been with the other man

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[redacted] three or four hours and that they had been buying each other beers until his [redacted] money ran out. After further questioning [redacted] admitted that on the night of his arrest he had said something about saw blades but that actually he did not know anything about them; that he had told the girls he had something to do with the jail break but that actually he didn't. He stated that he had not returned to the county jail for any purpose after his release in January. He denied he had ever said anything about a gun, never had a gun, owned one or carried one; that he has never borrowed a gun and doesn't know anyone that owns a gun.

[redacted] stated that he was arrested [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was again re-interviewed at the Jefferson County Jail on March 8, 1944. At this time he was read a list of subject [REDACTED] friends there and former confederates in an attempt to have him identify any of them as being the names of the persons mentioned at the time [REDACTED] looked out from the fifth floor window at the bar bars and mentioned that two boys, naming whom, had not let him down. [REDACTED] advised the only name that sounded familiar to him was [REDACTED]. The name [REDACTED] he advised all sounded unfamiliar to him.

Likewise the name [REDACTED] sounded unfamiliar to him. He advised that on the fourth of February he did not actually see [REDACTED] visit [REDACTED] twice but that he knew that [REDACTED] had two visitors on that day, knew that [REDACTED] had visited him during one visit hour that day, and that [REDACTED] had assumed that she was the other visitor on the same day.

When questioned concerning possible incoming and outgoing correspondence to [REDACTED] concerning the attempted break he stated that he thought that [REDACTED] had received a letter from one of the two boys whose name was mentioned on the fifth floor and that this letter contained a message to [REDACTED] from which it appeared that the writer thereof was a mutual friend of both [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] was unable to learn the contents of this letter, the foregoing constituting his entire recollection concerning it. He stated he did not know how the letter was addressed nor whether it had been received by [REDACTED] through regular mail or by having it brought into the jail as contraband.

[REDACTED] stated that he had heard numerous prisoners on

cell block 1-B laugh and joke about [redacted] having "fooled away \$50.00." He stated that he had not known the exact circumstances to which the other prisoners were referring but that it was his impression from what had been said that [redacted] had spent the money somewhere and had received nothing for it. After the alleged spending of the money [redacted] heard [redacted] say that in the future he would always "have a thing on the walk before he would pay for it."

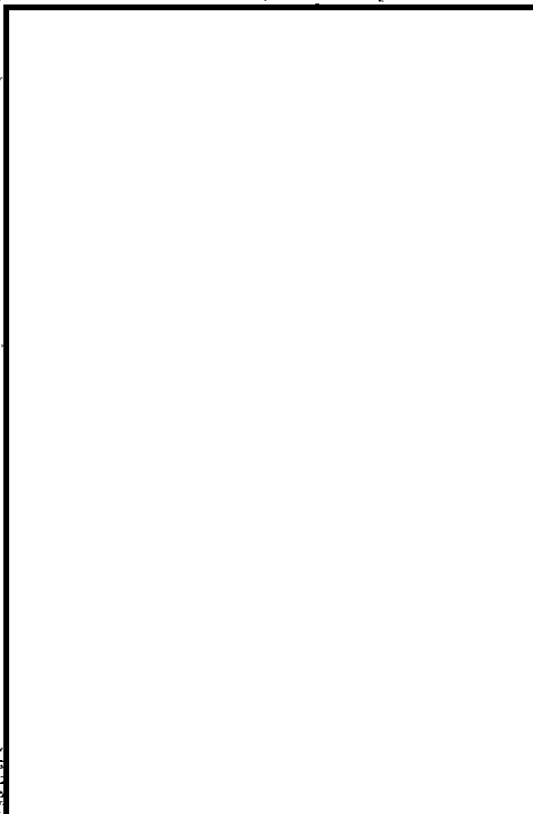
The \$50.00 mentioned here is undoubtedly the same as that mentioned by [redacted] as set forth on page 15 of reference report. It was also mentioned by subject [redacted] as set forth on page 23 of reference report.

The following description of subject [redacted] was obtained from observation and questioning:

Name
Age
Born
Height
Weight
Build
Hair
Eyes
Complexion
Race
Nationality
Scars

Marital status

Relatives



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Occupation
Present employer

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Past Employers

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Residence

Fingerprint classification

Photograph

Criminal record

In view of the fact that the United States Attorney at Louisville has stated there will be no prosecution in this case, outstanding leads have been canceled and the FBI Laboratory has been requested to return the evidence previously forwarded for examination.

A copy of this report is being forwarded to the Indianapolis Field Division for the information of the office inasmuch as subject case in which

Indianapolis is origin.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO Mr. Evans

DATE. 7/21/62

FROM SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, Jr. - Fugitive
Escaped Federal Prisoner

Tolson _____
 Belmont _____
 Mohr _____
 Callahan _____
 Conrad _____
 DeLoach _____
 Evans _____
 Malone _____
 Rosen _____
 Sullivan _____
 Tavel _____
 Trotter _____
 Tele Room _____
 Holmes _____
 Gandy _____

At 11:20 pm, July 21, 1962, SAC D.K. Brown, Jacksonville Office, telephoned the Bureau. SAC Brown advised that information just received that Subject Robinson, inmate at the Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida, had escaped by "walking away" from the Institution.

SAC Brown advised Robinson was serving life sentence on an infamous kidnaping the 1930's. He was last seen at the 5:00 pm, EST, count when he was servicing a truck. He was missing at the 7:00 pm, EST, roll call.

SAC Brown advised that he was personally leaving immediately for Tallahassee and would personally supervise the initial investigation.

SAC Brown advised that the teletype summary would be submitted at once.

Bufiles disclose that on October 10, 1934, Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll was kidnaped at Louisville, Kentucky, by Subject Robinson and transported to Indianapolis, Indiana, and held for \$50,000 ransom. Robinson was apprehended by Bureau Agents at Glendale, California, on May 11, 1936. He was sentenced in Federal Court at Louisville to life imprisonment on May 13, 1936. He was later retried, convicted and sentenced to death, which sentence was commuted to life imprisonment on June 6, 1945. (7-1128)

1 - Mr. DeLoach

ACTION:

[REDACTED] Fugitive Section, and [REDACTED] Crime Records Division, advised.

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SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

BACKGROUND

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Robinson kidnaped Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll at Louisville, Ky., on 10-10-34 and transported her to Indianapolis, Indiana where he held her for \$50,000 ransom. Robinson was apprehended by Bureau Agents at Glendale, California on 5-11-36. He was sentenced in Federal Court, Louisville, Ky. to life in prison on 5-13-36. Robinson was later retried, convicted, and sentenced to death which sentence was commuted to life in prison on 6-6-45.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
JUL 22 1962
TELETYPE

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Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Callahan ✓
Mr. Conrad ✓
Mr. DeLoach ✓
Mr. Evans ✓
Mr. Malone ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Sullivan ✓
Mr. Tavel ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Miss Holmes ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

URGENT 7-22-62 12-33 AM EST MWM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /76-NEW/ - 3P

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON JR., AKA LESTER K. BURGESS DASH
Office of Origin JACKSONVILLE
FUGITIVE. ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER. OO JK.

SUBJECT SERVING LIFE SENTENCE ^{FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION} ~~ECI~~ TALLAHASSEE, FLA., ¹⁰⁻¹⁰⁻³⁴

FOR KIDNAPING ON TEN DASH TEN DASH THIRTYFOUR OF MRS.

ALICE STOLL AT LOUIEVILLE, KY. ESCAPED FROM ^{FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION} ~~ECI~~ ABOUT

FIVE P.M. THIS DATE. FBI NOTIFIED SIX P.M. SUBJECT

WAS SEEN LAST BY GUARD ON INSTITUTION GROUNDS APPROXIMATELY
FOUR P. M.

INSTITUTIONAL ESCAPE PLAN PUT INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY
COVERING ALL POINTS LEADING FROM INSTITUTION AND
TALLAHASSEE: Sheriff's Office, Police Department, FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL
LOCAL SO, PD, EMP, TV STATIONS AND COMMERCIAL
TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES NOTIFIED. ROAD PATROL BY
INSTITUTION AND HIGHWAY PATROL PUT INTO EFFECT.

SUBJECT WAS SENTENCED IN W. DIST., KY. NINETEEN
THIRTYSEVEN TO DEATH AND SENTENCE COMMUTED SIX DASH SIX,
DASH FORTYFIVE BY PRESIDENTIAL ORDER AND GIVEN LIFE
SENTENCE. SUBJECT TRANSFERRED TO ^{FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION} ~~ECI~~ TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

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to advise us
gap in case

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ELEVEN DASH TWENTYTHREE DASH SIXTY FROM FEDERAL PRISON
ATLANTA, GA.

SUBJECT HAS BEEN MODEL PRISONER UNTIL NOW. FCI
WARDEN STATES REASON FOR CURRENT BEHAVIOR IS DENIAL OF PRESIDENTIAL
7-3-62
CLEMENCY ON SEVEN DASH THREE DASH SIXTYTWO.

ONLY CORRESPONDENCE AND RELATIVES LISTED IN FCI FILE WERE
MRS. BERTHA WARNER, ONE SIX ONE NINE SEVENTEENTH AVE.
SOUTH, NASHVILLE, TENN., AN AUNT SEVENTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE
WHERE SUBJECT WAS GOING TO RESIDE ACCORDING TO PAROLE
PLANS, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], MRS. JESSIE P.
ROBINSON, MOTHER EIGHTYSIX YEARS OF AGE, PRESENTLY RESIDING
IN NURSING HOME ONE TWO TWO SEVEN SIXTEENTH
AVE. SOUTH, NASHVILLE, TENN., FRED RUSSELL A FRIEND
ONE ONE ZERO ZERO BROADWAY, NASHVILLE TENN.

SUBJECT DESCRIBED AS ^{WHITE, 176 LBS} ~~WM~~, SIX FEET, ONE SIXTYFIVE
LBS., DARK BROWN GRAYING HAIR, BLUE EYES, MEDIUM BUILD,
MEDIUM COMPLEXION. FBI NO. EIGHT FOUR TWO SEVEN SEVEN
NINE. AT TIME OF ESCAPE WAS PRESUMED TO BE WEARING
BROWN KHAKI SHIRT OR T DASH SHIRT, BROWN KHAKI
TROUSERS, BROWN WORK SHOES, AND FATIGUE GREEN CAP.

SUBJECT ESCAPED BY WALKING OFF RESERVATION AFTER
PERFORMING HIS ASSIGNED DUTIES.

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MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE HANDLE LEADS AT RESIDENCE
OF RELATIVES AND FRIEND TO LOCATE AND APPREHEND SUBJECT.
ALERT LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OF SUBJECTS ESCAPE.

END AND ACKPLS

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SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

BACKGROUND

Robinson was serving life sentence at the Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Stroll at Louisville, Kentucky on 10-10-34. Robinson escaped from the Institution 7/22/62 by walking off the reservation after performing his assigned duties. Current information indicates subject may be in the Chicago area. Intensive investigation being conducted.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7/25/62

FROM : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (76-620)

SUBJECT:

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., aka
Bobby Robinson, Leslie K. Burgess,
John Phillips - FUGITIVE
EFP

It is requested that an ☒ Identification Order ☐ Check Circular be issued for

I. Submit following data:

(1) Reasons why it is believed this ☒ Identification Order ☐ Check Circular is desirable: In view of the crime for which subject originally convicted and since all logical leads in the immediate area of the Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida, have been covered without effecting subject's apprehension.

(2) Date fugitive process was last checked and found to be outstanding:
7/25/62

(3) Date when the United States Attorney was contacted to insure that he would remove and prosecute the fugitive upon apprehension (also state process and if the State Attorney will extradite and prosecute upon apprehension in UFAP cases):

(4) Any other data necessary to clarify any discrepancies disclosed during the assembling of this information should be explained at this point:

None

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(5) An interesting narrative is attached pursuant to Part I, Paragraph 39, of the FBI Handbook.

See attachment

② - Bureau (Attachment)

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See apprehension log
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Once issued

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II. NAMES AND ALIASES:

Subject's true name, if known, is to appear first and all aliases, including those found in the transcript of subject's identification record and those obtained through investigative inquiry, are to follow alphabetically with the exception of nicknames, which are to follow in alphabetical order after the other aliases. It is imperative that all names be correctly spelled. Names should not be listed as aliases unless there is a good basis to show that subject has used or has been known by such aliases.

**THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., aka
Bobby Robinson, Leslie K. Burgess,
John Phillips**

III. FBI NUMBER: **842779**

IV. OFFENSE: **EFP**

Include as the offense the character of the case or cases in which there is process outstanding for subject's arrest.

V. DESCRIPTION:

Birth date and place may be ascertained from interviews with immediate relatives, school records, or other reliable sources, and should not be taken merely from the memorandum furnished the field in fugitive cases. It must, if possible, be verified at the appropriate Bureau of Vital Statistics. In the event any discrepancies appear in data being assembled for the following items of description, an explanation should be given as to why preferences are afforded the particular items that were used.

Age - **55**

Date and place of birth (The manner in which verification was made should be indicated)
May 5, 1907, Nashville, Tennessee (verified through prison records)

Height - **5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "**

Weight - **150 to 165**

Build - **Medium**

Hair - **Dark brown, graying**

Eyes - **Blue**

Complexion - **Medium to reddish**

Race - **White**

Nationality - **American**

Education - **Three years law school**

Occupation(s) - **Attorney's clerk, gas station attendant, time keeper, janitor, and caretaker for apartment**

Scars and marks - **None known. Teeth - has complete set of false teeth which do not fit well.**

Characteristics - Cleft chin, flat feet, loud and egotistical, excellent vocabulary, makes reasonable good appearance. Was inveterate poker player. ROBINSON suffered impairment of vision when kicked by horse when youth in 1923.

Remarks (Include here any information of value in identifying the subject which does not properly come within the above categories.)

ROBINSON has been in insane asylum or mental institution in Tennessee. Described as constitutional psychotic personality that would commit crime, but was described as knowing right from wrong.

VI. PHOTOGRAPH.

Photograph(s) taken (~~is~~, are) attached. When more than one photograph is available a copy of each should be included with a notation on the back thereof as to the date each was taken. A statement should be included as to the photographs which, according to witnesses are the best likeness of subject. Original photographs or negatives from which the original was made should be furnished if the same are obtainable, as in the process of reproduction a photograph loses some of its detail.

photograph taken 11/23/60

VII. Statement should be made at this point as to subject being armed and/or dangerous.

IN VIEW OF CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT WAS SENTENCED, SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS. HAS MADE STATEMENTS WON'T BE TAKEN

VIII. STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERAL PROCESS OUTSTANDING:

ALIVE.

All outstanding process must be accurately described.
(NOTE: Draw line through words not applicable and fill in blanks.)

(A, ~~an~~ (complaint, ~~notice of arrest~~) was (filed, ~~made~~) (before, ~~by~~)

United States Commissioner MYRA B. SIMS

at **Tallahassee, Florida** on **7/25/62** charging **751**
THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR.

(name in which process is issued) with a violation of Section

Title **18**; United States Code in that (he, ~~she~~) **did on 7/22/62 escape**
from the Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee,
Florida, where serving life sentence for kidnapping.

IX. In the event a Check Circular is being requested, attach a page containing:

- (1) Description of method of operation used in cashing check and
- (2) Synopsis of activities which will include date operation began, extent of operation geographically, and place of most recent activities.

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., born May 5, 1907, Nashville, Tennessee. Son of THOMAS H. ROBINSON, SR., and JESSIE P. ROBINSON. Spent his early life at Nashville, Tennessee, studied law at Vanderbilt University from September, 1926 through Spring, 1928.

At 4:30 p.m., October 10, 1934, he kidnapped Mrs. ALICE SPEEDE STOLL a socially prominent individual from a prominent Louisville family. ROBINSON kidnapped her at her home in Louisville. Subsequently, after \$50,000.00 ransom was paid on October 15, 1934, Mrs. STOLL was released on October 16, 1934. ROBINSON was sought for about two years. On May 11, 1936, he was arrested at Glendale, California, where living under assumed name, JOHN PHILLIPS, and \$4,200.00 cash was found in his possession.

He was returned to Louisville, Kentucky, where on May 13, he entered a plea of guilty to charge of kidnapping and was sentenced to life imprisonment by United States District Judge, Louisville. Removed to Atlanta Penitentiary May 14, 1936, to begin sentence.

In 1943 Federal District Judge MICHAEL J. ROACH voided life sentence and ordered new trial. ROBINSON was returned to Louisville, Kentucky, and given new trial at which time was sentenced to death. On June 6, 1945, two days prior to date of execution, his death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by the then President, HARRY TRUMAN. He made subsequent efforts for release, filing various legal actions, all of which have not resulted in release, and on January 5, 1961, Federal Parole Board denied application for parole.

IN VIEW OF CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT WAS SENTENCED, SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS. HAS MADE STATEMENTS WON'T BE TAKEN ALIVE.

On July 22, 1962, the subject escaped from the Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida.

ENCLOSURE

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To: SAC, Jacksonville

From: Director, FBI

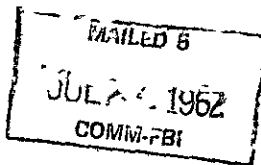
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THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR., aka
FUGITIVE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Re Jacksonville teletype 7/24/62.

You should continue to afford this matter close attention. All leads should be given expeditious attention and the Bureau should be promptly advised of all developments. The supposition of the prison officials in retel to the effect that subject may be dead should not in any way minimize your efforts to apprehend him.



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SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Background

7-24-62

Robinson was serving life sentence at the Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Stoll at Louisville, Ky. on 10-10-34. Robinson escaped from the institution about 5:00 PM 7-22-62 by walking off of the reservation after performing his assigned duties. Intensive investigation being conducted.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Malone	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

URGENT 7-24-62 12-22 AM EST

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE 176-620/
also known as

THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR. / AKA LESLIE K. BURGESS, FUGITIVE,
Office of Origin

ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER, OO - JACKSONVILLE.

RE JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE TO ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS SEVEN TWENTYTWO LAST.

INTENSIFIED EFFORTS TO LOCATE SUBJECT VICINITY ^{FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION} FCI,

TALLAHASSEE, AND JACKSONVILLE CONTINUED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH ENTIRE WOODED AREA AROUND ^{FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION} FCI FAILED TO LOCATE

SUBJECT. TWO NEGRO YOUTHS, AGES TEN AND TWELVE, WHO SAW

PHOTO OF SUBJECT ON TV CLAIMED THEY SAW SUBJECT IN WOODS SIX
MILES NORTH OF ^{FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION} FCI THIS MORNING.

SATURATION OF THIS AREA WITH SPECIAL AGENTS, COUNTY,
STATE AND PRISON PERSONNEL UNDER PERSONAL SUPERVISION OF SAC,
JACKSONVILLE, AND SEARCH BY AIRCRAFT PROVED UNPRODUCTIVE.

EXCEEDINGLY HEAVY RAINFALL AND ELECTRICAL STORM AT TIME
OF DISAPPEARANCE AND INTERMITTENTLY EVER SINCE HAS REDUCED
THE EFFICIENCY OF BLOODHOUNDS.

PRISON OFFICIALS FEEL SUBJECT DEAD IN WOODS FROM ACCIDENT.
DUE TO ELECTRICAL STORM SINCE HE HAD LITTLE MOTIVE TO ATTEMPT

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*Answers like the search
Prison Bureau's wishful
thinking. H*

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ESCAPE NOW AS HE BELIEVED HIS PAROLE WOULD BE GRANTED IN
SEPTEMBER AND SINCE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS MISSING.

EXTENSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION NEGATIVE IN AREA
AND NO CAR THEFTS OR BURGLARIES REPORTED. WIDE SPREAD
PUBLICITY ON TV, RADIO, AND LOCAL PAPERS IN NORTHERN FLORIDA
RESULTED IN NUMEROUS LEADS IN TALLAHASSEE AND JACKSONVILLE
BUT RESOLVED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

PRISON RECORDS REFLECT FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ALL RESIDING NASHVILLE,
TENNESSEE, EXTREMELY FRIENDLY TO SUBJECT AND HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN HIS
BEHALF RE PAROLE EFFORTS...

ADDRESS UNKNOWN, NASHVILLE.

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MEMPHIS AT NASHVILLE CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INTERVIEWS FOR INFO
RE SUBJECT-S WHEREABOUTS.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

AM COPY LOUISVILLE FOR INFORMATION.

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Mr. Evans_____
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Mr. Rosen_____
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URGENT 7-23-62 10-53PM EST JDW

TO DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SACS JACKSONVILLE AND MEMPHIS

FROM SAC, ATLANTA /76-2254/

CHANGED THOMAS H. ROBINSON, AKA ROBBY ROBINSON, DASH FUG - EFP

OO-JK. THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON

RE JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE TO ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS SEVEN
TWENTYTWO SIXTYTWO.

TITLE CHANGED TO ADD NAME ROBBY ROBINSON BY WHICH NAME
SUBJECT COMMONLY KNOWN IN FCI TALLAHASSEE. [REDACTED] HAS NOT
BEEN CONTACTED BY SUBJECT SINCE SUBJECT ESCAPE NOR HAS HE ANY
INFORMATION AS TO SUBJECT WHEREABOUTS. SUBJECT FRIENDS AT FCI
TALLAHASSEE ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] WERE [REDACTED] FNU [REDACTED]
AND YOUNG MAN NAME NOT KNOWN WHO [REDACTED]

SUBJECT STATED IF PAROLED WOULD LIVE AT NASHVILLE, TENN.,
[REDACTED] AND WOULD SEEK EMPLOYMENT AT FORD PLANT OR
INSURANCE CO.

[REDACTED] STATED PROBABLY [REDACTED] YOUNG MAN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE SUBJECT WOULD LIVE BY GUN, MEANING
WOULD BE OUTLAW.

[REDACTED] WARDEN VIRGIL BRELAND USP ATLANTA, ADVISED SUBJECT
FRIENDLY WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COVERAGE PLACED ON WEATHERS EMPLOYMENT
AND RESIDENCE, ATLANTA.

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JACKSONVILLE ASCERTAIN FROM WARDEN FCI TALLAHASSEE
WHEREABOUTS OF [REDACTED] AND SET FORTH LEADS
TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

IN VIEW OF CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT WAS SENTENCED SUBJECT
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Mr. Conrad_____
Mr. DeLoach_____
Mr. Evans_____
Mr. Malone_____
Mr. Rosen_____
Mr. Sullivan_____
Mr. Tavel_____
Mr. Trotter_____
Tele. Room_____
Miss Holmes_____
Miss Gandy_____

URGENT 7-27-62 9-29AM EST ESC

TO DIRECTOR, FBI SACS, CHICAGO, JACKSONVILLE, MEMPHIS /76-1495

FROM SAC, ATLANTA /76-2264/ 1P

THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR., AKA DASH FUGITIVE, EFP.

RE ME TEL TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, CHICAGO AND JACKSONVILLE,
JULY TWENTYSIX, LAST.

MRS. ERNEST WOOD, APPROXIMATELY SEVENTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE,
ONE THREE ZERO PEACHTREE HILLS AVE., NE, ATLANTA, INTERVIEWED
JULY TWENTYSIX LAST. SHE STATED SUBJECT CALLED HER LATE JULY
TWENTYTWO, LAST, THEN CAME BY HOUSE SAME DATE. HE BORROWED
TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS AND MENTIONED GOING TO CHICAGO TO GET JOB,
AND ALSO SAID ON WAY TO NASHVILLE. STAYED ABOUT ONE HOUR.
SHE SAW NO CAR, OR LUGGAGE. SHE DOES NOT RECALL HOW HE WAS
DRESSED. SHE THOUGHT CALLER WAS JAMES ROBINSON, SON OF
SUBJECT. MRS. WOODS APPEARS SENILE AND IS DIFFICULT TO
INTERVIEW. SHE WILL BE REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE. PHONE
COMPANY MAKING CHECK. ATLANTA WILL SUTEL RESULTS OF REINTERVIEW.

JACKSONVILLE, FURNISH CURRENT PHOTOTOGRAPH AMSD.

IN VIEW OF CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT WAS SENTENCED, SUBJECT
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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To: SACS, Atlanta
Jacksonville

From: Director, FBI

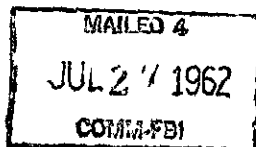
THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR., aka
FUGITIVE
EFP

Re Atlanta tel 7/27/62.

Since subject apparently contacted Mrs. Ernest Wood do not overlook the possibility that he may return to the Atlanta area. Your investigation should include appropriate coverage of Mrs. Wood's residence in case the subject recontacts her.

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Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Evans _____
Mr. Malone _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sullivan _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Tele Room _____
Miss Holmes _____
Miss Gandy _____

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URGENT 7-26-62 8-20 AM SRF

TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC JACKSONVILLE /76-620/ 1P

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR, AKA DASH FUGITIVE. EFP. RE JACKSONVILLE
FD SIXTYONE, JULY TWENTYFIVE LAST. ESCAPE DATE SHOULD BE JULY
TWENTYONE LAST INSTEAD OF JULY TWENTY TWO LAST AS SHOWN IN
SECTION EIGHT AND ATTACHMENT.

IN VIEW OF CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT WAS SENTENCED, SUBJECT
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS. HAS MADE STATEMENTS WONT BE
TAKEN ALIVE.

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cc: Sup. Sup.

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BACKGROUND

Robinson was serving life sentence at the Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Stoll at Louisville, Kentucky, on 10-10-34. Robinson escaped from the institution 7-22-62 by walking off the reservation after performing his assigned duties. Authorized complaint filed 7/25/62 charging subject with escape in violation of Section 751, Title 18. Since date of escape intensive investigation conducted by Jacksonville Office. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised he received two collect calls from subject 7/25/62 from Chicago. Investigation being pressed vigorously.

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Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. DeLoach ✓
Mr. Casper ✓
Mr. Callahan ✓
Mr. Conrad ✓
Mr. Felt ✓
Mr. Gale ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Sullivan ✓
Mr. Tavel ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Miss Holmes ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

URGENT 7/25/62 6-37 PM WPS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC-S, CHICAGO AND JACKSONVILLE

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /76-1495/

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also known as

CHANGED, THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR., AKA LESLIE K. ~~ROBINSON~~

Fugitive

ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

BURGESS, RICHARD JAKES, DASH FUG., EFF, OO JK Office of Origin JACKSONVILLE

TITLE CHANGED TO ADD ALIAS RICHARD JAKES.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
TENN., ADVISED TODAY THAT AT APPROXIMATELY NINE FORTYFIVE A. M.,
AND AGAIN AT ABOUT TWELVE NOON, CST, TODAY, HE RECEIVED COLLECT
CALLS AT ALPINE FIVE DASH FIVE FOUR ZERO ONE IN NASHVILLE FROM
SUBJECT, ATTEMPTING UNSUCCESSFULLY TO PERSUADE HIM TO SURRENDER
TO FBI. SUBJECT REQUESTED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FLATLY REFUSED. SUBJECT USED NAME
RICHARD JAKES, REPUTABLE NASHVILLE BUSINESSMAN WHO GREW UP
WITH SUBJECT. SUBJECT INDICATED HAD BEEN THROUGH NASHVILLE BUT
DID NOT CONTACT MOTHER OR OTHER RELATIVES BECAUSE OF NEWS
STORIES INDICATING THESE PLACES UNDER SURVEILLANCE. SAID RODE
BUS TO CHICAGO. HAD A NINE DOLLAR PER WEEK ROOM IN THE LOOP

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AND HAD RENT PAID FOR FIVE DAYS. SAID WANTED TO GET A JOB NOT UNDER SOCIAL SECURITY, BUT WAS AT A DISADVANTAGE BECAUSE OF HIS CLOTHES, AND THAT HE LOOKED LIKE A TRAMP. SAID WAS NOT ARMED. SAID WANTED TO TRY TO PROVE HE COULD BE A NORMAL, USEFUL CITIZEN AND ESCAPED BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN DENIED PAROLE. THROUGH SECURITY OFFICE, SOUTHERN BELL TEL CO., NASHVILLE, CHECK WAS MADE WITH SECURITY OFFICE, TEL CO., CHICAGO, DEVELOPING THAT CHICAGO COULD NOT DETERMINE CALLING NUMBER OR LOCATION OF NUMBER BECAUSE OF MECHANICAL HANDLING OF TOLL TICKETS. ESTIMATED TWENTY DAYS BEFORE CALLING NUMBER WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT NASHVILLE.

[REDACTED] ON TWENTYFORTH LAST RECEIVED TWO ANONYMOUS CALLS FROM MAN SPEAKING IN THIRD PERSON CONCERNING SUBJECT WHICH [REDACTED] NOW BELIEVES WERE FROM SUBJECT. UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER LOCAL OR ^{LONG DISTANCE} ~~LD.~~ CALLER INDICATED SUBJECT HAD A LADY FRIEND IN ATLANTA, GA., SEVENTYFIVE YEARS OLD, WHO HAD BEFRIENDED THE FAMILY.

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ALSO INDICATED CONTACT SHOULD BE MADE WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HE VISITED SUBJECT AT USP, ATLANTA [REDACTED] INDICATED HE HAD

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NOT BEEN CONTACTED BY SUBJECT AND DID NOT KNOW WHEREABOUTS.

[REDACTED] ANXIOUS TO COOPERATE IN EFFECTING SUBJECT-S
APPREHENSION BUT REQUESTED INFORMATION FURNISHED BY HIM NOT BE
DISCLOSED OUTSIDE FBI. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

FOR INFO CHICAGO, SUBJECT, WHO HAS SERVED APPROXIMATELY
TWENTYSEVEN YEARS OF LIFE SENTENCE FOR KIDNAPING MRS. ALICE
STOLL OF LOUISVILLE, KY., ESCAPED FROM FCI, TALLAHASSEE, FLA.,
FIVE P. M., JULY TWENTYTWO LAST. SUBJCET DESCRIBED WM, SIX FT.,
ONE SIXTYFIVE LBS., DARK BROWN GREYING HAIR, BLUE EYES, MEDIUM
BUILD, MEDIUM COMPLESION, FBI NUMBER EIGHT FOUR TWO SEVEN SEVEN
NINE. AT TIME OF ESCAPE WAS PRESUMED TO BE WEARING BROWN
KHAKI SHIRT OR TEE SHIRT, BROWN KHAKE TROUSERS, BROWN WORK SHOES,
FATIGUE GREEN CAP.

JACKSONVILLE FORWARD PHOTO CHICAGO AND MEMPHIS.

JACKSONVILLE REQUESTED NOT TO RELEASE THIS INFOR TO PRESS
AS SOURCE WOULD BE OBVIOUS.

CHICAGO CHECK GENERAL DELIVERY, CHICAGO, FOR POSSIBLE
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CONTACT BY SUBJECT. ALERT CHICAGO PD PARTICULARLY IN LOOP,
NOTING INDICATION SUBJECT RESIDING IN CHEAP ROOM.

NO INFO DEVELOPED AT NASHVILLE THAT SUBJECT HAS
CONTACTED MOTHER OR AUNT.

WILL IMMEDIATELY ADVISE OF ANY SUBSEQUENT
CONTACTS.

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✓ IN VIEW OF CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT SENTENCED, HE
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS. P.

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URGENT 7-25-62 10-45 PM EST JEJ

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS CHICAGO AND MEMPHIS /76-1495/
FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /76-620/ 1 P
also known as
CHANGED. THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR., AKA. LESLIE K. BURGESS,
RICHARD JAKES, - FUGITIVE, ^{ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER} ^{Office of Origin} EPP, OO - JACKSONVILLE.

TITLE CHANGED TO ADD ALIAS RICHARD JAKES.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TODAY.

United States Commissioner b7C
AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT FILED TODAY BEFORE USC MYRA B. SIMS,
TALLAHASSEE, BY SA [REDACTED] CHARGING SUBJECT WITH ESCAPE
IN VIOLATION SECTION SEVEN FIVE ONE TITLE EIGHTEEN, USC.

BOND RECOMMENDED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, RETURNABLE
TALLAHASSEE.

AM COPY ATLANTA.

IN VIEW OF CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT SENTENCED, HE SHOULD
BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS.

~~CORR LINE 6 WRD 8 "SUBJECT"~~

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Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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URGENT 7-27-62 8-36 PM TN

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, JACKSONVILLE 76-629 AND MEMPHIS

76-1495

FROM SAC CHICAGO 76-NEW

THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR., AKA DASH FUGITIVE, EFP, OO...
JACKSONVILLE.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPES TO DIRECTOR JULY TWENTY FIVE AND
TWENTYSIX LAST AND JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR JULY
TWENTYFIVE LAST. *El 9*

HOTEL DETAIL, CHICAGO PD, ALERTED TO POSSIBILITY SUBJECT
MAY BE IN CHEAP LOOP HOTEL. INVESTIGATION AT CHICAGO HOTELS
MOST LIKELY TO BE USED BY SUBJECT NEGATIVE. COVERAGE OF
GENERAL DELIVERY, P. O., EFFECTED THROUGH POSTAL INSPECTORS.
MEMPHIS INSURE ALL INFORMATION IS OBTAINED FROM *[Redacted Box]*

IN ORDER THAT BUREAU INTEREST IS SECURE. JACKSONVILLE ADVISE
IF WARRANT HAS BEEN ISSUED BY USC, TALLAHASSEE, AND FORWARD
CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT AMSD TO FACILITATE INVESTIGATION
AT CHICAGO, AS WELL AS SET OF FINGERPRINTS SO THAT EFFECTIVE
STOP CAN BE PLACED AT CHICAGO PD.

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Miss Gandy	_____

URGENT 7-27-62 6-54PM EST JDW

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

SACS, CHICAGO, MEMPHIS /76-1495/, JACKSONVILLE
FROM SAC, ATLANTA /76-2264/
THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR., AKA DASH FUGITIVE, EFP.

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REMYTEL TODAY CONCERNING INTERVIEW MRS. ERNEST WOOD LAST NIGHT. MRS. WOOD REINTERVIEWED MORNING JULY TWENTYSEVEN, SIXTYTWO. AS INDICATED PREVIOUSLY, SOME DIFFICULTY EXPERIENCED IN INTERVIEWING MRS. WOOD AS SHE IS ELDERLY AND GIVES SOME INDICATION OF BEING SENILE. MRS. WOOD STATES FIRST BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH MOTHER AND AUNT OF FUGITIVE APPROXIMATELY FIVE YEARS AGO. STATED WHILE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, SHE STOPPED IN NASHVILLE TO VISIT FRIEND WHO WAS IN BAPTIST HOME, NASHVILLE. WHEN EXPRESSED DESIRE TO STAY OVERNIGHT DURING COURSE OF VISIT, SOMEONE AT BAPTIST HOME RECOMMENDED SHE ROOM FOR NIGHT WITH MRS. BERTHA WARNER WHOSE RESIDENCE WAS NEAR BAPTIST HOME. THIS IS THE ONLY VISIT SHE HAS MADE TO THEIR RESIDENCE. DURING VISIT MET MOTHER OF ROBINSON WHO WAS STAYING WITH MRS. BERTHA WARNER. SUBSEQUENTLY CARRIED ON IRREGULAR CORRESPONDENCE BY POSTCARD AND LETTER WITH MRS. BERTHA WARNER. IN DECEMBER, FIFTYSEVEN OR FIFTYEIGHT, MRS. THOMAS ROBINSON, SR. WROTE HER AND TOLD HER SHE PLANNED ON A VISIT TO ATLANTA, AND ASKED IF SHE COULD

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STAY AT THE HOME OF MRS. WOOD, WHICH REQUEST WAS GRANTED. IT WAS DURING THIS CONTACT AND SUBSEQUENT VISIT THAT MRS. ROBINSON TOLD MRS. WOOD FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT HER SON WAS AN INMATE AT USP, ATLANTA, AND THE PURPOSE OF HER TRIP TO ATLANTA WAS TO VISIT HIM THERE. OTHER VISITS OF SIMILAR NATURE FOLLOWED DURING PAST FIVE YEARS. ON ONE OCCASION, MRS. ROBINSON ASKED MRS. WOOD TO ACCOMPANY HER TO USP, ATLANTA, TO VISIT SUBJECT, BUT PENITENTIARY OFFICIALS WOULD NOT ADMIT MRS. WOOD DURING VISIT. MRS. WOOD HAS, HOWEVER, PURSUANT TO SUGGESTION OF MRS. THOMAS ROBINSON, JR., SENT SUBJECT BIRTHDAY AND CHRISTMAS CARDS, SPECIFICALLY SENDING BIRTHDAY CARD A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO MAY FIVE, LAST, BEARING HER RETURN ADDRESS, AND ON ONE OR TWO OCCASIONS ONE DOLLAR FOR SPENDING MONEY. MRS. WOOD HAD NEVER SEEN SUBJECT OR PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT. ONLY CONNECTION WITH ROBINSON AND ROBINSON FAMILY AS ABOVE DESCRIBED. ON LATE AFTERNOON, JULY TWENTYTWO, LAST, RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS QUOTE JIM ROBINSON UNQUOTE. CALL INVOLVED INQUIRY AS TO HER HEALTH AND SOME COMMENTS CONCERNING THE ROBINSON FAMILY WITH INDICATION TO MRS. WOOD THAT HE WAS PASSING THROUGH ATLANTA EN ROUTE FROM FLA., WITH HIS FAMILY AND WOULD

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LIKE TO SEE HER. FROM PRIOR INFORMATION FURNISHED BY MRS.
BERTHA WARNER AND MRS. THOMAS ROBINSON, SR., MRS. WOOD KNEW
QUOTE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
WHEN CALLING, INQUIRED AS TO HOW TO REACH MRS. WOOD-S RESIDENCE
AND WAS ADVISED THAT OTHER THAN TAXICAB, COULD TAKE OGLETHORPE
BUS. CALLER DID NOT ADVISE WHERE HE WAS CALLING FROM EXCEPT
INDICATED HE WAS IN DOWNTOWN ATLANTA. WITHIN APPROXIMATELY AN
HOUR, WHILE MRS. WOOD SITTING ON FRONT PORCH, OBSERVED INDIVIDUAL
WALKING UP STREET. THIS INDIVIDUAL AGAIN INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO
MRS. WOOD AS JIM ROBINSON. SHE SAID SHE WAS SURPRISED TO SEE
HIM ALONE INASMUCH AS HE HAD INDICATED OTHERS WERE WITH HIM,
BUT HE BRUSHED OFF HER QUESTION IN THIS REGARD. HE THEN SAT ON
THE PORCH FOR APPROXIMATELY AN HOUR DISCUSSING THE FAMILY, AT
ALL TIMES INDICATING HE WAS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DURING CONVERSATION, ADVISED HE HAD TO GO
BACK TO NASHVILLE INASMUCH AS FAMILY WAS IN BAD SHAPE AND THEN
PLANNED ON GOING TO CHICAGO^O. HE SAID HE QUOTE MIGHT GET JOB
TAKING CARE OF AN APARTMENT IN CHICAGO UNQUOTE. ALSO MENTIONED
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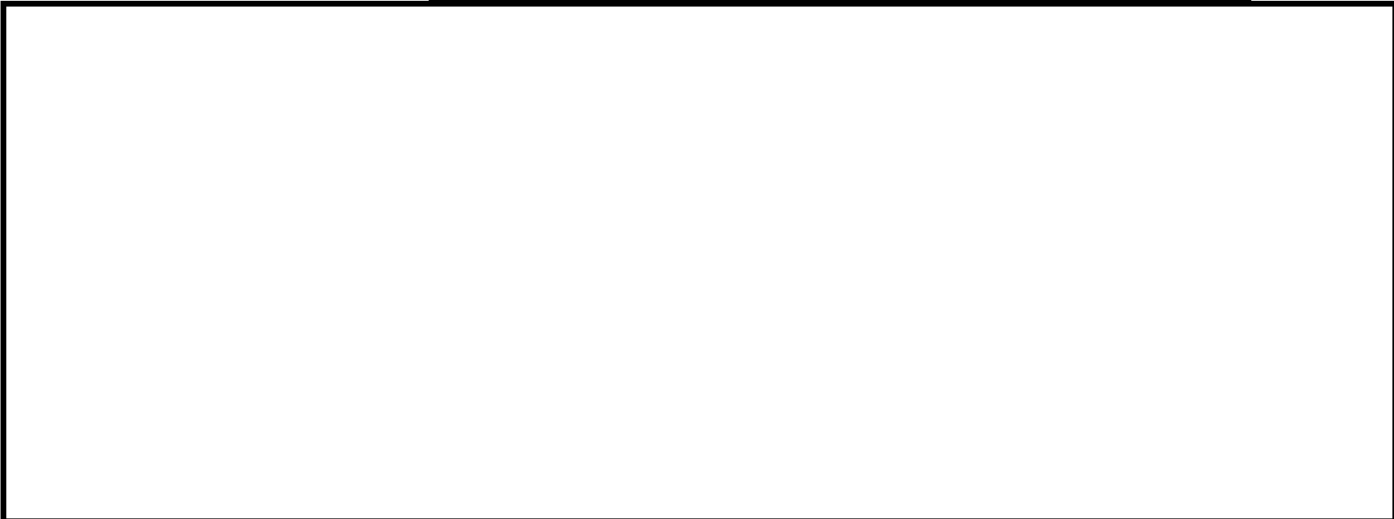
COULD SOMETIMES CONTACT EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, GIVE THEM EXTRA FIVE DOLLARS, AND THEY WOULD GET JOB FOR YOU QUICKER. HE TOLD HER HE WAS EMBARRASSED^D TO ASK HER, BUT THAT HE WAS BROKE AND WANTED TO KNOW IF SHE WOULD LOAN HIM TWENTY OR TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS. MRS. WOOD ADVISED THAT SHE THEREAFTER GAVE HIM TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS CASH. HE SAID HE WOULD RETURN THIS MONEY TO HER. HE INDICATED TO HER HE WAS TAKING A BUS FROM ATLANTA TO NASHVILLE WHEN HE LEFT HER AFTER ABOUT AN HOURS VISIT. MRS. WOOD OBSERVED THAT DURING DISCUSSION WITH QUOTE JIM UNQUOTE, HE REMARKED THAT HIS AUNT, MRS. BERTHA WARNER, HAD HAD ONE LEG REMOVED AND THAT HIS MOTHER HAD BROKEN HIP FOLLOWING A FALL DOWN SOME STAIRS. MRS. WOOD NOTED THAT SUBJECT HAD ON DARK PAREN POSSIBLY CHARCOAL COLORED ENPAREN NARROW BRIM HAT, BLACK OR SOLID DARK BLUE SHIRT WITH THE QUOTE TAIL OUT UNQUOTE, NO COAT, AND DARK GLASSES. UNABLE TO DESCRIBE STYLE GLASSES OR FURNISH ANY OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING DESCRIPTION NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. HAD NO LUGGAGE. APPEARED NEAT AND CLEAN SHAVEN. MRS. WOOD APPEARS COOPERATIVE. EMPHASIZED SHE SENT CARDS AS QUOTE CHRISTIAN DUTY UNQUOTE IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC REQUESTS OF SUBJECT-S MOTHER AND NOT BECAUSE OF ANY PERSONAL ATTACHMENT AND INTEREST IN SUBJECT. PROMISED TO

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WOOD, HE PLANNED ON TAKING BUS TO NASHVILLE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE /76-620/

THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR., AKA DASH FUGITIVE, EFP.

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INSTRUCTING SUBMISSION OF DAILY SUMMARY. NEW CHECK
OF SUBJECT-S FILE AND ASSOCIATES FCI TALLAHASSEE UNPRODUCTIVE.
ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND AND PHOTOS FORWARDED CHICAGO THIS DATE.

IN VIEW OF CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT WAS SENTENCED HE
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'34 Kidnaper Escapes, Is Seized After Holdup

CHICAGO, July 30 (AP) — An escaped convict, who was ranked the Nation's Public Enemy No 1 after he kidnapped a wealthy Kentucky socialite for \$50,000 ransom in 1934, was held by police today for a \$14 drug-store robbery.

Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., 55, was picked up by police Saturday minutes after the robbery and one week after his escape from the Federal Correctional Institute in Tallahassee, Fla.

Robinson was serving a life sentence, commuted from death, for the kidnapping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, a Louisville society matron, in one of the Nation's most notorious abductions.

Robinson, who admitted his identity to police after first giving an alias, James L. Cox, told police he fled the Florida prison "for a tenuous freedom, rather than rely again on parole hearings." He said his case was to be reviewed by a Federal parole board in September.

Served 26 Years

Robinson, who was a trusty at the prison, was quoted by police as saying:

"I've been in prison 26 years and I haven't a bad mark on my record. Yet, I've been denied parole several times in the past. I had good reason to feel the September hearing might be the same."

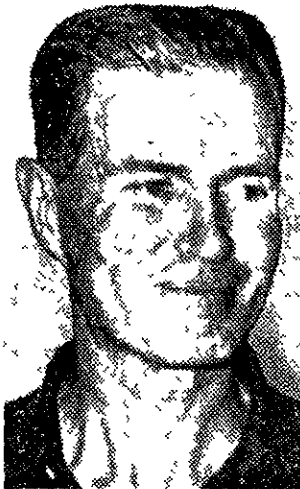
"I also wanted to see my mother, who is in an old folks home at Nashville. I thought I could get to Nashville before the bulletins about my escape, but when I arrived, the newspapers said the home my mother was in was already staked out (by police). Then I decided to come to Chicago."

Robinson said he had \$100 when he escaped from the prison. He told police he traveled to Atlanta by bus, purchased a pistol for \$18 and resumed his trip to Nashville and Chicago, where he lived in the early 1930s.

Held for Robbery

Robinson, who was captured after the drug store stickup when a porter followed him from the store and alerted two policemen, was held on a robbery charge.

Robinson was a law student at Vanderbilt University in



THOMAS H. ROBINSON
—AP Wirephoto

Nashville in 1934 when he disguised himself as a telephone repairman and went to the Louisville estate of C. C. Stoll, founder and president of an oil company. Mr. Stoll was the intended victim.

Only Mr. Stoll's daughter-in-law and a maid were in the house when Robinson arrived. He tied the maid and abducted Mrs. Stoll, who was then 26.

He took Mrs. Stoll, who still makes her home in Louisville, to an apartment in Indianapolis and remained there four days until \$50,000 ransom was paid. Only \$4,657 of the money was recovered.

Got Life Term

Robinson was captured in Glendale, Calif., in 1936 after police received a tip from a girl friend. He threw himself on the court's mercy and was sentenced to life in prison at Alcatraz.

He won a new trial but was convicted under the Lindbergh Law and sentenced to death in the electric chair at Eddyville, Ky. President Truman commuted the death penalty 33 hours before the scheduled execution, June 6, 1945.

Robinson then served time at Alcatraz, Leavenworth Prison in Kansas, the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., and finally was transferred to the minimum security prison at Tallahassee.

A petition for presidential pardon was denied in July, 1961.

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Thomas Henry Robinson, Jr.

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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.

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RE CHICAGO TEL JULY TWENTY-NINE, LAST.

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The Attorney General

July 31, 1962

Director, FBI

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR.
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Evans

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This is to advise you of the apprehension of Thomas Henry Robinson, Jr., who was an escapee from the Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida. Robinson was serving a life sentence for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll at Louisville, Kentucky, on October 10, 1934. Mrs. Stoll the wife of a prominent industrialist, was abducted after a struggle and transported to Indianapolis, Indiana, where she was held until \$50,000 ransom was paid.

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Robinson escaped from the Federal Correctional Institution on July 22, 1962, by walking off the reservation after completing the duties assigned to him. An intensive investigation was immediately instituted by this Bureau including a thorough search of the 800-acre area which comprises the Federal Correctional Institution. This search was unproductive although prison officials stated they felt Robinson was dead from an accident due to the electrical storm which occurred approximately at the same time he was reported as missing.

Shortly after this escape FBI Agents developed information indicating Robinson had contacted a friend of his family in Atlanta, Georgia, and had, in addition, written several postal cards to a well-known newspaperman in Nashville, Tennessee. Based on these developments, it appeared Robinson was in the Chicago, Illinois, area and our investigation was concentrated along those lines.

On July 28, 1962, Robinson was arrested by the Chicago Police Department five minutes after perpetrating an armed robbery of a pharmacy in Chicago. He refused to admit his identity and requested an interview with Special Agents of the FBI. He advised the Special Agents of his true identity and furnished details concerning his escape. Our Chicago Office has learned that the Assistant State's Attorney is agreeable to dismissing the armed robbery charges in favor of turning him over to Federal custody.

The Deputy Attorney General

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (76-2264) (P)

RE: THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., aka - FUGITIVE
EFP - FFA
(OO: Jacksonville)Re Chicago teletype to Bureau, Atlanta, Jacksonville,
and Memphis, 7/29/62.

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SA [redacted] at Atlanta, Ga., on 7/30/62:

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[redacted] furnished the following:

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Records [redacted] contain sales slip reflecting
that on 7/23/62, a used .38 caliber DA Colt [redacted] was sold
"as is" for cash in amount of \$15.40 to Mr. JAMES COX, 76
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[redacted] recalls sale of this revolver and positively
identifies photo of subject as being identical with JAMES COX.
The revolver was in very poor condition and [redacted] doubts it
would function safely. Subject talked very little, but indicated
he wanted the revolver for his wife to keep around the house.CHICAGODetermine if instant revolver in possession of subject
when arrested and, if so, present facts to USA for his opinion
as to prosecution under Federal Firearms Act.

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TO SACS JACKSONVILLE
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR., AKA DASH FUGITIVE, ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO Mr. Belmont *AB*

DATE: July 25, 1962

FROM C. A. Evans *CAV*

SUBJECT THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR. ✓
 also known as
 Leslie K. Burgess
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This memorandum being submitted to furnish current developments in the extensive search presently under way to locate the subject who escaped from the Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida, on July 22, 1962.

BACKGROUND:

The subject, Robinson, was serving a life sentence for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll at Louisville, Kentucky, on October 10, 1934. Mrs. Stoll, the wife of a prominent industrialist, was abducted after a struggle and transported to Indianapolis, Indiana, where she was held on \$50,000 ransom. Ransom negotiations continued until October 15, 1934, at which time the ransom was paid. Mrs. Stoll was released shortly thereafter by the subject and an intensive investigation to locate Robinson was conducted. On May 11, 1936, Special Agents arrested Robinson at Glendale, California. He was sentenced in Federal Court, Louisville, Kentucky, to life in prison on May 13, 1936. He was later retried, convicted and sentenced to death which sentence was commuted to life sentence on June 6, 1945.

CURRENT INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE SUBJECT:

Since date of escape Special Agents of the Jacksonville Office under the personal supervision of the Special Agent in Charge have worked around-the-clock in the search for the subject. Federal Correctional Institution comprises of 800 acres and a complete search of this area has proved unproductive. All leads are receiving expeditious attention. SAC D. K. Brown advised today prison officials are still of the opinion that subject was killed during the electrical storm last Saturday evening. This, of course, does not stand up in the face of the thorough search conducted without finding the body in the area of the prison.

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* SAC stated that the material necessary for the issuance of an IO is being submitted promptly. This matter will receive top priority. IDENTIFICATION ORDER

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Evans *Lab*

DATE: July 30, 1962

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At 2:50 a.m., 7/29/62,  night supervisor, Chicago Office, telephonically advised that the subject was arrested by Chicago Police Department 7/28/62.

The subject on the morning of 7/28/62 entered a pharmacy at 36 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and approached the clerk with a .38 revolver and obtained \$14. A description of the robber was immediately broadcast by the Police Department and patrolmen apprehended the subject about 9:30 a.m., 7/28/62, near the scene of the robbery. He had been using the name James J. Cox and had been living at a cheap hotel, LaSalle Plaza, 875 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago. He admitted his identity the night of 7/28/62. Subject is being held by the Police Department for felony court action Monday, 7/30/62.

Subject reportedly escaped from prison at 2:20 p.m., 7/21/62. He left Tallahassee, Florida, at 4:15 p.m. by Greyhound Bus and arrived Atlanta, Georgia, 1:30 a.m., 7/22/62. He checked in at the Georgia Hotel under the name James Cox, which is the name he has used since the escape. He purchased clothing and a .38 caliber revolver at Roach-Everett Store, Buckhead, Georgia. He left Atlanta by Greyhound Bus at 5:45 p.m., 7/23/62 for Nashville, Tennessee, and arrived 2:00 a.m., 7/24/62, and stayed at the Sam Davis Hotel. At 3:30 p.m., 7/24/62, he left for Chicago by Greyhound Bus, after noting in the newspaper he was being sought. He arrived in Chicago at 3:30 a.m., 7/25/62 and checked in at the LaSalle Plaza Hotel.

Chicago notifying Jacksonville, office of origin and other offices to discontinue. Chicago will not make a press release UACB since the arrest was made by local authorities.

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Stoll Kidnapper Escapes Prison

The kidnapper of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, Louisville society matron, has escaped from a federal prison and is believed to be around Nashville.

Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., now 55, was serving the 26th year of a life sentence in Tallahassee, Fla., for kidnapping Mrs. Stoll from her home in 1934.

After collecting \$50,000 ransom, Robinson fled the Indianapolis apartment where he had held her for six days. He was captured by the FBI two years later in Glendale, Cal., after he spent most of the money.

Stolls Now in Europe

Mrs. Stoll, whose husband, Berry V. Stoll, is president of Beaver Dam Coal Company, still lives at 3905 Lime Kiln Lane, where she was abducted 28 years ago.

A maid said the couple are on a three-week European vacation and presumably have not heard about Robinson's escape.

Warden Walter Jacquot of the Federal Correctional Institution said Robinson, a trusty, failed to return from a prison-farm work detail Saturday.

Denied a parole last year, Robinson was to come before the parole board again in September. He was described as a "model prisoner."

Was Not Under Guard

His trusty status allowed him to walk to the prison farm and back without a guard, the warden said. He was reported missing about 4 p.m. during a check.

Robinson ended up in the Florida prison in 1959 after a series of legal battles in which he came within two days of the electric chair.

Originally sentenced to life imprisonment, the former Vanderbilt University law student handled his own appeals and

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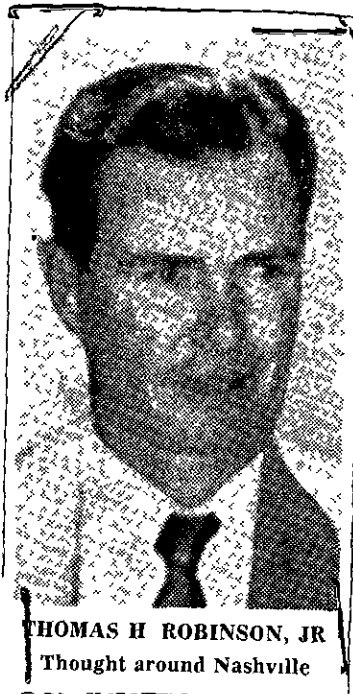
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THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR.
Thought around Nashville

Kidnapper Robinson Escapes U. S. Prison

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won a new trial because of a procedural error

The second jury sentenced him to die but this was commuted to life imprisonment by President Harry S. Truman in 1945, only two days before the execution

Has Relatives in Tennessee

Declaring himself a pauper, Robinson carried his appeals into the federal courts at the Government's expense and won successive transfers from Alcatraz to Leavenworth, Kan., then to Atlanta, and finally to Tallahassee

President John F. Kennedy has refused to grant Robinson a pardon

Police believe Robinson may have headed for the Nashville area, where he once lived and still has relatives

His former wife, who was

indicted for transporting the ransom money and caught as she was taking Mrs. Stoll to the home of an Indianapolis relative, has remarried and lives in Nashville

Victim Charged Injuries

Mrs. Stoll was released after her family sent the \$50,000 ransom to Robinson's father in Nashville

She said Robinson injured her permanently when he hit her on the head twice with a pipe while taking her from her home



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LOUISVILLE TIMES

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THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR.
 When here for 1955 hearing

Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., the farm and return on foot serving a life term for the 1934 kidnapping here of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, escaped Saturday from a federal prison in Florida, the warden there said today.

Robinson, now 55, was convicted of kidnapping Mrs. Stoll and collecting a \$50,000 ransom for her release.

Warden Walter Jacquot, who called Robinson a "model prisoner," said the inmate has been missing since about 3 or 4 p.m. Saturday. Robinson did not report back from a prison farm detail.

The prison is the Federal Correctional Institute in Tallahassee.

Jacquot said guards made a "fine-tooth comb" search of the area around the farm — about a quarter mile from the prison — up to 8 a.m. yesterday. Robinson was a trusty and was permitted to walk to

the farm and return on foot without a guard.

The warden said Robinson was due for a parole hearing in September and said the inmate only last week indicated he had hopes of receiving a parole. He had previously been denied parole.

Robinson's crime was widely publicized, especially since the victim, Mrs. Berry V. Stoll, came from among Kentucky's oldest and wealthiest families. He carried Mrs. Stoll, young society matron, away from her Lime Kiln Lane home and held her six days in an Indianapolis apartment before releasing her for the \$50,000 ransom.

Pardon Pleas Rejected

Robinson, who had studied law at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, pleaded guilty of kidnapping in 1936 and was sentenced to life imprisonment. He was sent to Alcatraz prison. In 1943, after Robinson peti-

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tioned to reopen the case, a San Francisco judge set aside the conviction and Robinson was returned to Louisville for trial. Robinson was found guilty and was sentenced to death.

Two days before the scheduled execution date, which was June 8, 1945, President Harry S. Truman commuted the sentence to life imprisonment. Last year, President Kennedy rejected Robinson's plea for a pardon.

Robinson had been in the Tallahassee prison for nearly three years, Jacquot said.

"He didn't cause us a bit

of trouble," the warden remarked.

Jacquot said there was some fear that Robinson may have been struck by lightning because there was a severe electrical storm Saturday afternoon.

The warden said Robinson operated a farm well-pump, which was housed in a small building.

He said the trusty checked out with other trusties, who made up the skeleton farm crew Saturday, at the front entrance of the prison. The crew walked to the farm.

Robinson was not in the

group which checked in with the guard at the prison entrance on the return trip. That was when the search began, Jacquot said.

The warden said he understands Robinson recently wrote his son in Nashville, expressing hope of receiving a favorable decision at September's parole hearing.

The prisoner has not been noticeably morose, the warden said, and none of his personal belongings stored in Robinson's prison quarters were missing.

In Nashville, Robinson's son, James Preston Robinson, said he thinks his father will surrender.

"This is something that happened on the spur of the moment," the son said. "I expect he'll just walk back in and give himself up."

The elder Robinson's former wife has remarried and lives near Nashville.

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U R G E N T 7/26/62 6-10 PM WPS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC-S ATLANTA, CHICAGO AND JACKSONVILLE

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS 176-14957 4P

also known as
THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR., AKA DASH FUGITIVE, EFF.

ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

RECEIVED POST CARD TODAY POSTMARKED JULY

TWENTYFIVE LAST AT LOUISVILLE, KY., CONTAINING FOLLOWING

MESSAGE, QUOTE [REDACTED] PARTY HAS NO CONFIDENCE IN DEPT.

EVERYTHING TRIED ALREADY TO NO AVAIL. PLEASE URGE J. TO

REFER AID THROUGH GOOD ATLANTA MATRIACH. END QUOTE. CARD

SIGNED QUOTE INTERESTED PARTY. END QUOTE [REDACTED] ADVISES

THAT IN VIEW OF PHONE CALLS RECEIVED FROM SUBJECT JULY TWENTYFIVE

LAST FROM CHICAGO THAT CARD OBVIOUSLY MAILED BY SUBJECT AT

LOUISVILLE WHILE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO THAT DATE. ADVISES QUOTE

J END QUOTE UNDOUBTEDLY REFERS TO JAMES P. ROBINSON, SON OF

SUBJECT AND QUOTE GOOD ATLANTA MATRIACH END QUOTE MOST PROBABLY

REFERS TO MRS. ERNEST WOOD, ONE THREE ZERO PEACHTREE HILLS

AVENUE, N. E., ATLANTA, AN ELDERLY WOMAN ABOUT SEVENTYFIVE YEARS

OF AGE WHO HAS BEEN A FRIEND OF SUBJECT-S MOTHER AND AUNT FOR

SEVERAL YEARS. THIS CONFIRMED IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEW WITH

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MRS. BERTHA WARNER, SUBJECT-S AUNT, NASHVILLE, WHO FURNISHED NAME OF MRS. WOOD AS FAMILY FRIEND BUT DECLINED TO FURNISH HER ADDRESS. STATES MRS. WOOD KNOWS SUBJECT BUT HAS NOT VISITED HIM IN PRISON OR CORRESPONDED WITH HIM.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ADVISES HE BELIEVES SUBJECT DESPERATE FOR FUNDS AND IF ANY ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN MADE TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM ANY SOURCE IT WOULD PROBABLY BE IN CARE OF GENERAL DELIVERY AT MAIN POST OFFICE, CHICAGO UNDER NAMES JAMES PRESTON WARNER, JOHN WARD OR THOMAS KENNEDY, ALL NAMES WHICH SUBJECT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE USED IN PAST YEARS AND FURTHER BELIEVES SUBJECT WOULD FAVOR USE OF THE NAME JAMES PRESTON WARNER, COMBINATION OF FAMILY NAMES.

[REDACTED] REINTERVIEWED TODAY.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DOES NOT KNOW IF MRS. WOOD GAVE SUBJECT MONEY OR OTHER ASSISTANCE. DESCRIBED MRS. WOOD AS ELDERLY FRIEND OF SUBJECT-S MOTHER AND AUNT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

TALK TO SUBJECT IN

EFFORT TO PERSUADE LATTER TO SURRENDER. FROM INFORMATION

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[REDACTED]

HAS DEFINITELY

BEEN CONTACTED BY SUBJECT [REDACTED] AWARE THAT SUBJECT HAD

CONTACTED [REDACTED] AND FURTHER THAT HE IS NOT IN

NASHVILLE AT THIS TIME [REDACTED] HAS AGREED TO ENDEAVOR TO

PERSONALLY CONTACT SUBJECT THROUGH [REDACTED] AND TO ADVISE

FBI PRIOR TO MAKING THE CONTACT AND HAS PROMISED WILL ADVISE

FBI OF LOCATION OF SUBJECT AFTER PERSONAL CONTACT, IF ANY MADE.

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PAGE FOUR

ATLANTA REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW MRS. WOOD AND SECURE HER COOPERATION. ALSO ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE TO BE ADVISED OF ANY LONG DISTANCE COLLECT CALLS MADE TO MRS. WOOD.

CHICAGO REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY ESTABLISH COVERAGE OF GENERAL DELIVERY AT MAIN POST OFFICE CHICAGO, MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED OF PRESENCE OF ANY PERSON CALLING FOR MAIL THERE UNDER TRUE NAME OF SUBJECT, KNOWN ALIASES, OR NAMES JAMES PRESTON WARNER, JOHN WARD, THOMAS KENNEDY, RICHARD JAKES OR JIMMY ROBINSON.

ALL OFFICES CAUTIONED TO USE UTMOST CARE NOT TO REVEAL TO ANYONE OUTSIDE FBI, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
COOPERATING WITH FBI IN FURNISHING INFORMATION NOR SHOULD IT BE REVEALED THAT THIS INFORMATION EMINATES FROM NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

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IN VIEW OF CRIME FOR WHICH SUBJECT WAS SENTENCED, SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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CG OK FBI CG TN

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO Mr. Belmont *also*

DATE: July 27, 1962

FROM C. A. Evans

SUBJECT THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR.
also known as
FUGITIVE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

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This is the case wherein the subject who was serving a life sentence for kidnaping escaped from a Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida, on July 22, 1962. The subject kidnaped Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll at Louisville, Kentucky, on October 10, 1934, and transported her to Indianapolis, Indiana, where she was held for \$50,000 ransom. Mrs. Stoll was released after the ransom was paid. On May 11, 1936, SAs arrested subject at Glendale, California.

Since his escape the subject has been in contact with

There is some indication also that shortly after escape subject personally contacted Mrs. Ernest Wood in Atlanta, Georgia. She is friend of subject's family, however, is elderly and possibly senile and, therefore, information furnished by her has been sketchy. In view of the subject's background and the crime for which he was incarcerated, the Jacksonville Division has been instructed to promptly furnish material necessary for the issuance of an IO. This material has now been received.

RECOMMENDATION:

Identification Order

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While there have been some significant developments which are being vigorously pressed, it is believed that we should implement this all out investigation by the issuance of an IO. If you approve, this will be done immediately.

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(6)ADDENDUM

Subsequent to the dictation of the above, our Atlanta Office advised of the detailed interview of Mrs. Wood. Mrs. Wood became acquainted with the mother and aunt of the fugitive approximately 5 years ago. She had never seen the subject until 7-22-62 when subject posing as [redacted] He borrowed \$25 from Mrs. Wood, indicated he would repay her. He also told [redacted]

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↓ had he was dead! N

Addendum continued:

|| Mrs. Robinson he was going to Nashville. Arrangements made to cover any recontact of Mrs. Wood by subject.

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E ✓ Haggard

SPECIAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

August 1, 1962

Background

Robinson escaped 7-22-62 from the Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida, while serving life sentence for kidnaping Mrs. Alice Stoll at Louisville, Kentucky, on October 10, 1934. Robinson was apprehended in Chicago on July 28, 1962, by local authorities. Investigation indicated subject may have received assistance from friends while he was in escape status. Field was instructed to check this out and to consider possible harboring violation if subject was assisted.

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URGENT 7-31-62 7-28 PM RAM
TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MEMPHIS /76-1495
FROM SAC, CHICAGO /76-2372/ 1 PAGE

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR. ESCAPE FEDERAL PRISONER. ~~FEDERAL~~ ~~FIREARMS ACT~~ ~~EFA.~~

RE CHICAGO TEL JULY TWENTY NINE (LAST AND BUREAU TEL JULY THIRTY LAST)

FACTS CONCERNING SUBJECTS PURCHASE OF THIRTY EIGHT CALIBER COLT

REVOLVER AT BUCKHEAD, GEORGIA, AND TRANSPORTATION TO CHICAGO PRESENTED
Assistant United States Attorney
AUSA, CHICAGO, JULY THIRTY LAST. HE DECLINED PROSECUTION IN VIEW OF THE
LIFE SENTENCE THAT SUBJECT IS SERVING AND IN VIEW OF OTHER PENDING
PROSECUTIVE ACTION. FURTHER PROSECUTION WOULD NOT SERVE ANY USEFUL
Assistant United States Attorney
PURPOSE ACCORDING TO AUSA.

DURING ORIGINAL INTERVIEW WITH SUBJECT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COOPERATING WITH THE MEMPHIS OFFICE IN THIS CASE

AND POSSIBLY OTHERS WHO WERE COOPERATIVE WITH BUREAU. SUBJECT STATED THAT
THESE FRIENDS IN FACT URGED HIM TO SURRENDER TO THE FBI AND IN NO WAY
GAVE HIM ASSISTANCE. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY INDICATION OF HARBORING VIO-
LATION MATTER WAS NOT PURSUED. HOWEVER IN VIEW OF BUREAU TELETYPE
SUBJECT WILL BE REINTERVIEWED ALONG THIS POINT WHEN MADE AVAILABLE BY
COOK COUNTY AUTHORITIES ~~UACB.~~ ~~UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY BUREAU.~~

18 AUG 2 1962

CORRECTION ~~LINE TEN XXXX~~ TEN LAST WRD SHLD BE "CASE".

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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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7-31-62

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC- S, CHICAGO AND JACKSONVILLE

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /76-1495/ 1 P

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., AKA, FUGITIVE. EFP.

REBUTEL JULY THIRTY, LAST.

FROM INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT NASHVILLE IT WOULD APPEAR
THAT THE UNDISCLOSED FRIEND AT NASHVILLE REFERRED TO BY ROBINSON
WHO ADVISED HIM THAT FBI WAS SEEKING HIS APPREHENSION IS PROBABLY

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] COOPERATED FULLY WITH THE FBI
IN ITS INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE SUBJECT BY ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE
ROBINSON TO SURRENDER TO THE FBI AND BY PERSONALLY APPEARING AT
THE NASHVILLE RA GIVING A COMPLETE REPORT OF HIS TELEPHONIC
CONTACTS WITH HIM AND HIS EFFORTS TO ASCERTAIN THE WHEREABOUTS
OF THE SUBJECT IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT BE APPREHENDED.

MEMPHIS OFFICE IN POSSESSION OF NO OTHER INFORMATION TO
INDICATE THAT SUBJECT WAS IN CONTACT WITH ANY OTHER PERSON AT
NASHVILLE [REDACTED] COOPERATION THIS
MATTER NOT BEING PRESENTED TO USA IN ABSENCE OF INFORMATION TO
THE CONTRARY DEVELOPED BY THE CHICAGO OFFICE OFFICE IN ITS INTERVIEW
WITH THE SUBJECT.

CHICAGO TO BE ADVISED
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SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

July 31, 1962

Background:

Robinson is the escapee from the Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida, who was serving a life sentence for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll at Louisville, Kentucky, on October 10, 1934. Robinson escaped on July 22, 1962, and was arrested on July 28, 1962, by local authorities in Chicago five minutes after perpetrating an armed robbery. He refused to admit identity and requested interview with FBI Agents, who determined his true identity.

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

URGENT 7-30-62 7-40 PM RAM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, JACKSONVILLE 176-6267

FROM SAC, CHICAGO 176-2372/ 1 PAGE

THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR., ^{also known as} AKA DASH FUGITIVE. ^{Office of Origin} EFF 00.... JACKSONVILLE.

REMYTEL JULY TWENTY NINE LAST.

ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SUBJECT APPEARED BEFORE JUDGE DANIEL RYAN, BRANCH FOUR FOUR, COOK COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT, TODAY AND CASE WAS CONTINUED UNTIL AUGUST TEN NEXT. DEFENSE ATTORNEY NORMAN NELSON, JR. AND ASSISTANT STATES ATTORNEY EDWARD ROMAN, AGREEABLE WITH SAID CASE ON ARMED ROBBERY WILL BE DISMISSED IN FAVOR OF SUBJECT BEING TURNED OVER TO FEDERAL CUSTODY. ^{U. S. Marshal} CHICAGO ADVISED WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT.

JACKSONVILLE EXPEDITE FORWARDING CERTIFIED COPY OF COMPLAINT AND WARRANT TO CHICAGO.

AM COPIES BEING SENT TO ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS.

END AND ACK PLS.

WA 8-42 PM OK FBI WA WS

JK OK FBI JK SRF

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SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

July 31, 1962

Background:

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URGENT 7-30-62 7-40 PM RAM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, JACKSONVILLE /76-620/6
FROM SAC, CHICAGO /76-2372/ 1 PAGE

THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR., AKA DASH FUGITIVE. EFF 00....JACKSONVILLE.

REMYTEL JULY TWENTY NINE LAST.

SUBJECT APPEARED BEFORE JUDGE DANIEL RYAN, BRANCH FOUR FOUR, COOK COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT, TODAY AND CASE WAS CONTINUED UNTIL AUGUST TEN NEXT. DEFENSE ATTORNEY NORMAN NELSON, JR. AND ASSISTANT STATES ATTORNEY EDWARD ROMAN, AGREEABLE WITH SAID CASE ON ARMED ROBBERY WILL BE DISMISSED IN FAVOR OF SUBJECT BEING TURNED OVER TO FEDERAL CUSTODY. USM CHICAGO ADVISED WHEREABOUTS OF SUBJECT.

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END AND ACK PLS.

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SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

July 30, 1962

BACKGROUND

Robinson was serving life sentence at the Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida, for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Stroll at Louisville, Ky., on 10/10/34. Robinson escaped from the institution 7/22/62 by walking off the reservation after performing his assigned duties.

by Police

Robinson was arrested 7/28/62, five minutes after perpetrating \$14 armed robbery, Chicago. After admitting identity to Chicago Police Department, requested interview by Bureau. He is to appear before Felony Court, Chicago on armed robbery charges 7/30. Jacksonville requested to forward certified complaint and warrant. Investigation, all other

D offices, discontinued.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Malone	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

URGENT 7-29-62

3-56 AM RWD

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS ATLANTA, /76-2264/a JACKSONVILLE, /76-629/
AND MEMPHIS, /76-1495/

FROM SAC CHICAGO /76-2372/ 3 PAGES

CHANGED. THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., AKA LESLIE K. BURGESS, ^{also known as}
JAMES COX, RICHARD JAKES- FUG., EFP, OO.. JACKSONVILLE. RE CHICAGO
TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU, INSTANT DATE.

SUBJECT ARRESTED ABOUT NINE THIRTY AM, JULY TWENTY EIGHT LAST,
FIVE MINUTES AFTER PERPETRATING FOURTEEN DOLLAR ARMED ROBBERY OF
PHARMACY AT MICHIGAN AND MADISON STREET, CHICAGO. SUBJECT MAINTAINED
HIS NAME WAS JAMES COX UNTIL LATE PM, JULY TWENTY EIGHT, WHEN HE AD-
MITTED HIS IDENTITY TO CHICAGO PD AND REQUESTED INTERVIEW BY FBI.

SUBJECT INTERVIEWED, STATES HE ESCAPED FCI, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA,
TWO TWENTY PM, JULY TWENTY ONE LAST. SUBJECT TRAVELED BY GREYHOUND
BUS AT FOUR FIFTEEN PM, SAME DATE, AND ARRIVED AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA,
ONE THIRTY AM, JULY TWENTY TWO LAST. SUBJECT STAYED AT GEORGIA HOTEL
USING NAME OF JAMES COX. SUBJECT PURCHASED CLOTHES AND A THIRTY EIGHT
CALIBER COLT REVOLVER FROM ROACH DASH EVERETT / PHN/ , AT
BUCKHEAD, GEORGIA, A SUBURB OF ATLANTA. SUBJECT DEPARTED ATLANTA FIVE
FORTYFIVE PM, JULY TWENTY THREE LAST, AND ARRIVED NASHVILLE TENNESSEE
TWO AM, JULY TWENTY FOUR LAST. SUBJECT STATES HE STAYED AT SAMPSON
HOTEL NEAR BUS TERMINAL BUT DEPARTED NASHVILLE AT THREE THIRTY PM,
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JULY TWENTY FOUR LAST AFTER LEARNING FROM NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY AND UNDISCLOSED FRIENDS THAT FBI WAS WAITING FOR HIM TO CONTACT RELATIVES AND ASSOCIATES AT NASHVILLE.

SUBJECT ARRIVED CHICAGO, ILLINOIS BY GREYHOUND BUS, THREE THIRTY AM, JULY TWENTY FIVE LAST, AND CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR WORK WHILE LIVING AT LA SALLE PLAZA HOTEL, EIGHT SEVEN FIVE NORTH LA SALLE STREET, ONE MILE NORTH OF LOOP.

DETAILS OF ARMED ROBBERY AS FOLLOWS .. SUBJECT ENTERED PHARMACY AT THIRTY SIX SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO, MADE PRETENSE OF MAKING A TELEPHONE CALL, THEN APPROACHED THE STORE CLERK, WITH PAPER BAG, AND DISPLAYING A LOADED THIRTY EIGHT COLT REVOLVER, ASKED THE CLERK TO FILL UP THE BAG. THE CLERK PUT FOURTEEN DOLLARS IN BAG, AND SUBJECT LEFT. HIS DESCRIPTION WAS BROADCAST AND HE WAS HELD IN REAR OF ELEVEN EAST WASHINGTON, CHICAGO. HE WAS RETURNED TO

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[Signature]

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THE STORE AND IDENTIFIED BY

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SUBJECT TO APPEAR BRANCH FORTY FOUR, FELONY COURT, ON ARMED ROBBERY CHARGES, AM, JULY THIRTY, NEXT.

JACKSONVILLE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY USM AND INSURE THAT CERTIFIED COMPLAINT AND WARRANT ARE FORWARDED CHICAGO. RECEIVING OFFICES DISCONTINUE.

END AND ACK PLS

WA 5-01 AM OK FBI WA JR

AT OK FBI AT JLB

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Malone	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

URGENT 7-28-62 8-45 PM TN

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, JACKSONVILLE 76-629 MEMPHIS

AND ATLANTA 76-2264

FROM SAC CHICAGO 76-2372 1

THOMAS H. ROBINSON, JR., AKA DASH FUGITIVE, EFP, OO....
JACKSONVILLE.

REMYTEL JULY TWENTY SEVEN LAST AND MYTELEPHONE CALL TO JACKSONVILLE
TODAY.

CONTINUING HOTEL CHECKS MADE TODAY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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ADVISES SHE MET ALL BUSES COMING TO CHICAGO THIS PAST WEEK
BUT NO ARRIVALS MEETING THE SUBJECT-S DESCRIPTION SOUGHT
ASSISTANCE FROM THE SOCIETY.

JACKSONVILLE FORWARD PHOTOS OF SUBJECT AMSD TO AID
INVESTIGATION. MEMPHIS INSURE THAT SUBJECT-S CONTACTS ADVISE
TIMELY IF THEY SEND MONEY TO SUBJECT AT GENERAL DELIVERY,
CHICAGO AND UNDER WHAT NAME IT IS SENT SO THAT CHICAGO CAN
AFFORD EFFECTIVE COVERAGE. ATLANTA ASCERTAIN MOST LIKELY
BUS TRANSPORTATION UTILIZED BY SUBJECT IN ORDER THAT HIS
MOVEMENTS MAY BE MORE ADEQUATELY COVERED. ATLANTA NOTE

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RECEIVED POST CARD DATED JULY TWENTY FIVE AT
LOUISVILLE, KY., PRESUMABLY FROM THE SUBJECT. WHILE ENROUTE TO CHICAGO.

END AND PLS

WA 9-49 PM FBI WA JDS

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ME OK FBI ME KGF

AT OK FBI AT LG

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AUG 3 1962

'34 Kidnapers Escapes, Is Seized After Holdup

CHICAGO, July 30 (AP) — An escaped convict, who was ranked the Nation's Public Enemy No 1 after he kidnapped a wealthy Kentucky socialite for \$50,000 ransom in 1934, was held by police today for a \$14 drug store robbery.

Thomas H. Robinson, jr., 55, was picked up by police Saturday minutes after the robbery and one week after his escape from the Federal Correctional Institute in Tallahassee, Fla.

Robinson was serving a life sentence, commuted from death, for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, a Louisville society matron, in one of the Nation's most notorious abductions.

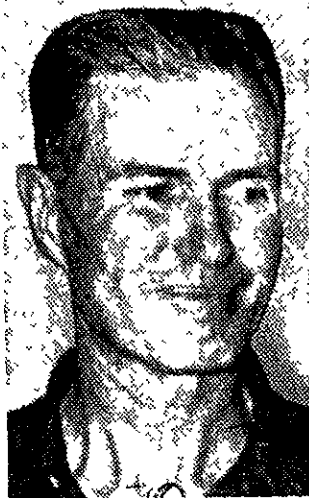
Robinson, who admitted his identity to police after first giving an alias, James L. Cox, told police he fled the Florida prison "for a tenuous freedom, rather than rely again on parole hearings." He said his case was to be reviewed by a Federal parole board in September.

Served 26 Years

Robinson, who was a trusty at the prison, was quoted by police as saying:

"I've been in prison 26 years and I haven't a bad mark on my record. Yet, I've been denied parole several times in the past. I had good reason to feel the September hearing might be the same."

"I also wanted to see my mother, who is in an old folks



THOMAS H. ROBINSON

—AP Wirephoto

home at Nashville. I thought I could get to Nashville before the bulletins about my escape, but when I arrived, the newspapers said the home my mother was in was already staked out (by police). Then I decided to come to Chicago."

Robinson said he had \$100 when he escaped from the prison. He told police he traveled to Atlanta by bus, purchased a pistol for \$18 and resumed his trip to Nashville and Chicago, where he lived in the early 1930s.

Held for Robbery

Robinson, who was captured after the drug store stickup when a porter followed him from the store and alerted two policemen, was held on a robbery charge.

Robinson was a law student at Vanderbilt University in Nashville in 1934 when he disguised himself as a telephone repairman and went to the Louisville estate of C. C. Stoll, founder and president of an oil company. Mr. Stoll was the intended victim.

Only Mr. Stoll's daughter-in-law and a maid were in the house when Robinson arrived. He tied the maid and abducted Mrs. Stoll, who was then 26.

He took Mrs. Stoll, who still makes her home in Louisville, to an apartment in Indianapolis and remained there four days until \$50,000 ransom was paid. Only \$4,657 of the money was recovered.

Got Life Term

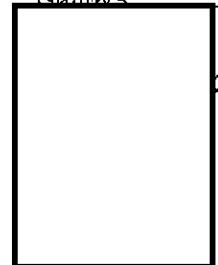
Robinson was captured in Glendale, Calif., in 1936 after police received a tip from a girl friend. He threw himself on the court's mercy and was sentenced to life in prison at Alcatraz.

He won a new trial but was convicted under the Lindbergh Law and sentenced to death in the electric chair at Eddyville, Ky. President Truman commuted the death penalty 33 hours before the scheduled execution, June 6, 1945.

Robinson then served time at Alcatraz, Leavenworth Prison in Kansas, the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., and finally was transferred to the minimum security prison at Tallahassee.

A petition for presidential pardon was denied in July 1961.

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The Washington Daily News _____
The Evening Star A2 _____
New York Herald Tribune _____
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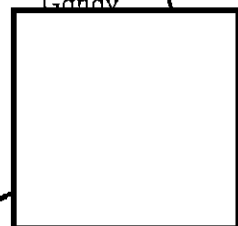
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\$14 Robbery Trips Him Up

CHICAGO, July 30 (UPI)--
 A onetime public enemy No
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The gunman admitted yes
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MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

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FBI # 842779	Serial #	Other Identifying #	Subject Located

Prosecution dismissed

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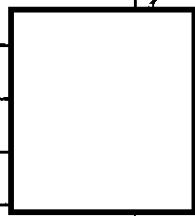
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Escaped Stoll Kidnaper Jailed In Chicago After \$14 Holdup

CHICAGO, July 24 (AP) — A prison escapee, who kidnaped a wealthy socialite for \$50,000 ransom in 1934 in one of the Nation's most dramatic abductions, has been seized by Chicago police after a \$14 drug store stickup.

The fugitive, Thomas H. Robinson Jr., 55, escaped from the Federal correctional institute in Tallahassee, Fla., July 21. He was serving a life sentence — commuted from death — for the kidnaping of a wealthy Louisville socialite, Alice Speed Stoll, then 26 years old.

Robinson said he was the escaped kidnaper today while being questioned by Det. Russell Miller about the holdup yesterday morning of the Berliant pharmacy in downtown Chicago.

The kidnaping attracted international attention. Mrs. Stoll was held in an Indianapolis apartment until the \$50,000 ransom was delivered to Robinson. Only \$4657 of the payment was recovered.

Robinson, a former employee in a gasoline station owned by the kidnaping victim's husband, Berry Stoll, wealthy oilman, was a law student at Vanderbilt University when he abducted Mrs. Stoll.

He shot up in the FBI's wanted ranking to public enemy No. 1, but he remained free until 1936, when a girl friend tipped police and he was captured in Glendale, Calif.

~~He was convicted of kidnaping and sentenced to life.~~ He obtained a new trial and drew the death penalty, but it was commuted by President Truman.

Robinson, described as a model prisoner, was working on a water well, as a trusty, outside the Federal prison grounds when he disappeared eight days ago. His escape came as he was awaiting a hearing in September before the Federal Parole Board. President Kennedy rejected Robinson's plea for a pardon in July 1961.

Robinson was seized in Chicago a few minutes after taking \$14 at gunpoint from the cash register of the Chicago pharmacy.

Robinson set up the kidnaping by going to the Stoll estate in Louisville posing as a telephone repairman. It was brought out that his intended victim was C. C. Stoll, founder and president of the Stoll Oil Co. and father-in-law of the kidnap victim.

However, he found only Mrs. Stoll and the maid. He trussed the maid, beat Mrs. Stoll and took her to Indianapolis in a car stolen in Chicago. She was held four days until the ransom was paid by her husband.

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REPORTING OFFICE CHICAGO	OFFICE OF ORIGIN JACKSONVILLE	DATE 8-9-62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/25 - 8/1/62
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, Jr., aka Bobby Robinson, Leslie Burgess, James L. Cox, Richard Jakes, John Phillips - FUGITIVE		REPORT MADE BY 	TYPED BY kzh
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER; FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT	

The title in this case is changed to add the additional alias of **JAMES L. COX** used by the subject at the time he was arrested on July 28, 1962, by the Chicago Police Department.

REFERENCES: Memphis teletype to Director dated 7/25/62.
Chicago teletypes to the Director dated 7/27, 28, and 29/62.

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ATLANTA, LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS - INFORMATION

An information copy of this report is being furnished to the Atlanta, Louisville, and Memphis Offices in view of the fact that considerable investigation has been conducted within those Divisions and because of possible press coverage and inquiries received by those Offices. An extra copy of this report is designated for Memphis so the Nashville Resident Agency can also be aware of developments.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will report return of subject
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Report of
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Office: Chicago

Field Office File #: 76-2372

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Title. THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR.

Character: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER;
FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT

Synopsis THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., also known as, escaped Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida, 7/21/62, and via Greyhound Bus arrived at Chicago, Illinois, 7/25/62, after making stops at Atlanta, Georgia, and Nashville, Tennessee. En route to Chicago, Illinois, subject contacted acquaintances in Nashville, Tennessee, who unsuccessfully attempted to persuade subject to surrender to the FBI. Subject reportedly staying in a \$9-a-week Chicago Loop hotel. Area search in Loop conducted with negative results. Stops placed at General Delivery, Chicago Post Office, through Postal Inspector. Chicago Police Hotel Detail alerted to subject's fugitive status. Subject as JAMES L. COX was arrested a.m. of 7/28/62, after holdup of drug store where he obtained \$14. In p.m. of 7/28/62, subject admitted his identity and fact that he had escaped Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida. Subject admits purchasing .38 caliber Colt revolver, Buckhead, Georgia, and transporting same to Chicago, Illinois, where he used it in drug store holdup. Authorized complaint filed before United States Commissioner, Tallahassee, charging subject with violation of Section 751, Title 18, United States Code, and warrant issued. Bond recommended \$25,000 returnable Tallahassee. Assistant United States Attorney, Chicago, declines prosecution in regard to Federal Firearms Act. Subject appeared before Cook County Criminal Court on armed robbery charges 7/30/62. Case continued to 8/10/62. Cook County State's Attorney's Office amenable to returning subject to Federal custody. United States Marshal, Chicago, notified of subject's apprehension.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

This case is predicated upon information received from the Memphis Division on July 25, 1962, at which time they advised that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that at approximately 9:45 a.m. and at 12 noon on July 25, 1962, he received collect calls at [REDACTED] from the subject. [REDACTED] advised at this time that he attempted unsuccessfully to persuade the subject to surrender to the FBI. The Memphis Office also advised on July 25, 1962, that the subject had requested [REDACTED] to send him money to General Delivery, Chicago, Illinois, [REDACTED] flatly refused. The Chicago Office was advised that at the time the subject made these calls he used the name of RICHARD JAKES, who is a reputable Nashville, Tennessee, businessman who grew up with the subject. The Chicago Office was also advised that the subject indicated that he had been through Nashville but did not contact his mother or other relatives because of news stories indicating that these places were under surveillances. According to the information received, the subject then rode a bus to Chicago, Illinois, and had obtained a \$9-a-week room in the Chicago Loop and had paid his rent for .5 days. The subject allegedly wanted to get a job under Social Security but was at a disadvantage because of his clothes in that he looked like a tramp. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that the subject said he was not armed and that he wanted to prove he could be a normal, useful citizen and escaped only because he had been denied parole.

The Memphis Division advised on July 25, 1962, that a check through the security section of Southern Bell Telephone Company, Nashville, Tennessee, was conducted by that office with the security office of the telephone company, Chicago, Illinois, and that it was determined that Chicago could not ascertain the calling number or location of the number because of mechanical handling of toll tickets. It was estimated that twenty days would elapse before the calling number would be available.

[redacted] contacted the Nashville Resident Agency advised that on July 24, 1962, he received two anonymous telephone calls from a man speaking in the third person concerning the subject, which phone calls RUSSELL now believes were from the subject. He advised that he was unable to determine whether these calls were local or long distance in nature. The caller indicated to [redacted] he had a lady friend in Atlanta, Georgia, 75 years old, who had befriended the family.

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[redacted] this individual suggested that he should make contact with [redacted]

[redacted] indicated that he had not been contacted by the subject and did not know his whereabouts. The Memphis Office advised [redacted] was anxious to cooperate in effecting the subject's apprehension but requested information furnished by him not be disclosed outside of the FBI [redacted]

The Jacksonville Office advised on July 25, 1962, that an authorized complaint was filed on that date before United States Commissioner MYRA B. SIMS, Tallahassee, Florida by SA [redacted] charging the subject with escape in violation of Section 751, Title 18, United States Code. The bond recommended was \$25,000 returnable at Tallahassee.

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On July 26, 1962, the Memphis Division advised that [redacted] received a post card postmarked July 25, 1962, at Louisville, Kentucky, containing the following message [redacted] Party has no confidence in Dept. Everything tried already to no avail. Please urge J. to refer aid through good Atlanta matriach." This card was signed, "Interested Party". The Chicago Office was advised [redacted] believed that in view of the phone calls, previously referred to, from Chicago, the card obviously was mailed by the subject at Louisville while enroute to Chicago.

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He advised that "J." undoubtedly referred to [redacted] and the "good Atlanta matriach" most probably refers to Mrs. ERNEST WOOD, 130 Peachtree Hills Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, an elderly woman about 75 years of age who has been a friend of the subject's mother and aunt for several years.

The Memphis Division advised that Mrs. BERTHA WARNER, the subject's aunt at Nashville, Tennessee, furnished the name of Mrs. WOOD as a family friend but declined to furnish her address. She stated that Mrs. WOOD knows the subject but has not visited him in prison or corresponded with him.

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and he believed the subject was desperate for funds and if any arrangements have been made to receive funds from any source it would probably be in care of General Delivery at the Main Post Office, Chicago, Illinois, under the names JAMES PRESTON WARNER, JOHN WARD, or THOMAS KENNEDY, or names which the subject was believed to have used in past years.

The Memphis Office advised that the [redacted]
[redacted] was reinterviewed on July 26, 1962, and he

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[redacted]
[redacted] had telephonically contacted Mrs. WOOD while passing through Atlanta from Tallahassee.

[redacted] contacted the Nashville Resident Agency on a very confidential basis and advised that he has been approached by [redacted]
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endeavor to personally contact the subject and to advise the FBI prior to making the contact. He has promised he will advise the FBI of the location of the subject after personal contact, if any, had been made.

The Atlanta Division advised on July 27, 1962, that Mrs. ERNEST WOOD, approximately 75 years of age, 130 Peachtree Hills Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, advised that the subject had called her late July 22, 1962, and later came by the house. The subject borrowed \$25 and mentioned that he was going to Chicago to get a job and also said that on his way he would go to Nashville.

On July 26, 1962, [redacted]

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[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he did not know of any weekly rentals of hotel rooms in the Loop area at \$9 a week. [redacted] was furnished background concerning the subject and he advised that he would immediately contact [redacted] policemen in the Loop area in order that they might be alerted to the fact that the subject possibly was staying in a Loop hotel.

On July 27, 1962, through the efforts of Postal Inspector [redacted] a stop was placed at General Delivery, Chicago, Illinois. Postal Inspector [redacted] advised that should any mail be received for the subject under his name or known aliases he would be immediately notified by the postal clerk on duty and thereupon he would notify SA NOONAN. It is noted that at the time that this stop was placed a check of the mail room at General Delivery, Chicago, Illinois, was made and it failed to disclose that any mail for the subject under his name or known aliases had been received at Chicago, Illinois, since July 24, 1962.

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The following hotels were contacted in an effort to locate the subject in the Loop area on the dates indicated. This check of hotels included a search of the hotel registers and the elimination of possible suspects where this type of investigation was indicated:

<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Person Contacted</u>	<u>Date</u>
New Stadium Hotel 12 West Van Buren Chicago, Illinois	[redacted]	July 27, 1962

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<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Person Contacted</u>	<u>Date</u>
Harvey Hotel 23 West Van Buren Chicago, Illinois	[REDACTED] b7C	July 27, 1962
Victoria Hotel Clark and Van Buren Chicago, Illinois	[REDACTED] b7C	July 27, 1962
Plymouth Hotel 22 West Van Buren Chicago, Illinois	[REDACTED] b7C	July 28, 1962
Arthur Hotel 309 South Clark Chicago, Illinois	[REDACTED] b7C	July 28, 1962
Elk Hotel 435 South Clark Chicago, Illinois	[REDACTED]	July 28, 1962
Rham Hotel 441 South Clark Chicago, Illinois	[REDACTED] b7C	July 28, 1962
Ewing Annex 426 South Clark Chicago, Illinois	[REDACTED] b7C	July 28, 1962
Capital Hotel 417 North Clark Chicago, Illinois	[REDACTED] b7C	July 28, 1962
Clark Hotel 357 North Clark Chicago, Illinois	[REDACTED] b7C	July 28, 1962
Reed Hotel 102 West Lake Chicago, Illinois	[REDACTED] b7C	July 28, 1962

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<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Person Contacted</u>	<u>Date</u>
Ewing Block Hotel 347 North Clark Chicago, Illinois	[REDACTED]	July 28, 1962

The afore-mentioned hotels that were checked consisted of those hotels within the Loop area fitting the description of the hotel that the subject allegedly was staying at. This hotel search also included those hotels of a like nature which were immediately adjacent to the Loop area. The hotel check was conducted by SAs [REDACTED]

On July 28, 1962, [REDACTED]

advised [REDACTED]

that she supervised work for the society during the week of July 22, 1962. Her duties during this week included the meeting of all the bus lines and rendering assistance to any of the travelers where such assistance was sought. Based upon the available description of the subject she advised that she rendered no assistance to anyone of this description.

On July 28, 1962, [REDACTED]

by telephone advised the Chicago Office that on that morning they had arrested one JAMES L. COX immediately after an armed robbery of a drug store. He stated that throughout the day COX had maintained that that was his true name but now maintains that his true name was THOMAS H. ROBINSON, Jr. and that he escaped from a Federal Correctional Institution in Florida. According to [REDACTED] ROBINSON wanted to talk to an FBI Agent.

On July 28, 1962, [REDACTED] mentioned above, advised SA [REDACTED] that at about 9:25 a.m. on that date, the subject entered the pharmacy store at 36 South Michigan Avenue and after making a pretense at using the telephone held up the store employees [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that the subject approached the victims with a paper bag and said, "Fill up this bag" and when only \$14 was placed in the bag he inquired of the victims, "Is that all you've got?" and "Don't call the cops. I've got friends."

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According to [redacted] after the subject left the pharmacy store the victim [redacted] called the police department and followed the subject [redacted] came upon [redacted] who held the subject pending the arrival of further police squads, Numbers 101 and 103. The subject gave his name as JAMES L. COX and was taken to [redacted] stated that at approximately 7 o'clock after the subject was told that his fingerprints would be sent to the FBI he advised that he in fact was not JAMES L. COX but THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, Jr. who had just escaped from the Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida. The subject then requested to be interviewed by an FBI Agent.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 2, 1962

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON Jr. was interviewed at Robbery Detail Area 1, Chicago Police Department Headquarters, at which time he was advised of his right to have a lawyer and that he did not have to make any statement but that if he did it could be used against him in a court of law. No threats or promises were made to ROBINSON.

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON Jr., born May 5, 1907, at Nashville, Tennessee, advised the following information in regard to the kidnapping of Mrs. ALICE STOLL for which he was sentenced to the custody of the Attorney General:

He said that his original plan was to kidnap Mr. STOLL but when he arrived at the home, Mr. STOLL was not there and when he made his intentions known to Mrs. ALICE STOLL she prevailed upon him to kidnap her rather than Mr. STOLL.

ROBINSON said that he waited at the STOLL residence for about two and one-half hours and when Mr. STOLL did not appear he decided to kidnap Mrs. ALICE STOLL and as they were driving down the highway, Mrs. STOLL slid down under the dash and commented that it was because her husband was passing in the opposite direction and she did not want to be seen by him.

ROBINSON said that Mrs. STOLL and he stayed in an apartment for six days and after he received the ransom money in this case they separated. He commented that Mrs. STOLL never did report the matter promptly to the Police Department.

ROBINSON said that he has made repeated attempts to gain parole but apparently the STOLL family is using much influence with the Parole Board so that his parole is consistently turned down. He noted that such people as [redacted]

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[redacted] have attempted to intercede on his behalf to the Parole Board without success. He blamed the failure of these attempts upon the fact that the Parole Board consists of six Republicans and one Democrat and further, that the terms of two Republicans expire this year which will

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necessitate them to return to the Republican National Committee for new jobs. He stated that since the STOLL family is a heavy contributor to the Republican National Committee and because their wishes include the further incarceration of him, the Republican members of the Board are afraid to vote in favor of his parole.

ROBINSON declined to furnish a signed statement with regard to the above.

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THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON Jr. advised that he was born on May 5, 1907, at Nashville, Tennessee. He said that on July 21, 1962, while confined at the Federal Correctional Institution at Tallahassee, Florida, he "walked away" from the institution at 2:20 p.m. ROBINSON said that he had saved up about \$100 and that at 4:15 p.m. he used part of this money to obtain a bus ride via Greyhound and proceeded to Atlanta, Georgia, arriving at the latter city at 1:30 a.m., July 22, 1962. Upon his arrival at Atlanta, Georgia, he checked into the Georgia Hotel using the name of JAMES COX. While in Atlanta, Georgia, he bought some clothes. He noted that at the time of his escape he was wearing a fatigue hat which he had painted white and dark trousers. He said that with his new purchases he looked more respectable and had a better possibility of obtaining a job.

ROBINSON said that at 5:45 p.m. on July 23, 1962, he left Atlanta, Georgia, by Greyhound bus and arrived at Nashville, Tennessee, at 2:00 a.m. on July 24, 1962. Upon his arrival at Nashville, he stayed at the Sam Davis Hotel located near the bus terminal. ROBINSON said that while at Nashville, Tennessee, he made several telephone calls to old acquaintances of his who he did not wish to disclose. He said that each of these acquaintances attempted to persuade him to surrender to the FBI and that perhaps they would let him visit his 87 year old dying mother who resides at Nashville, Tennessee, before they returned him to Florida. ROBINSON said that due to the fact that these acquaintances did not offer any assistance to him but on the contrary appeared to be cooperating with the FBI and because newspaper publicity carried accounts that the FBI had intensified their investigation at Nashville, he decided to leave Nashville and did so at 3:30 p.m., leaving the Nashville, Tennessee bus terminal by Greyhound bus and arriving at Chicago, Illinois, at 3:30 a.m., July 25, 1962.

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ROBINSON stated that his money was dwindling since he did not anticipate "prices had gone up so much since he had last been free". He said that he obtained a room at the LaSalle Plaza Hotel, 875 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, at \$9.00 a week and thereafter attempted, without success, to get employment.

ROBINSON declined to furnish a signed statement with regard to the above.

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THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON Jr. advised that he was born on May 5, 1907, at Nashville, Tennessee, and that he was an escaped convict from the Federal Correctional Institution at Tallahassee, Florida. He said that on about July 23, 1962, he bought a .38 caliber Colt revolver at the Roach-Everett Company, Buckhead, Georgia, and thereafter transported it by bus to Chicago, Illinois, where he arrived on July 25, 1962. He stated that he knew it was against the law to buy a gun under his circumstances as a convict and transport it interstate.

ROBINSON declined to furnish a signed statement with regard to the above.

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THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON Jr., born May 5, 1907, at Nashville, Tennessee, advised that he arrived in Chicago at 3:30 a.m. on July 25, 1962, after traveling from Tallahassee, Florida. He stated that he was running out of funds and needed money to maintain a "clean" appearance so that he could secure a job. In order to gain this money, he decided to hold up the pharmacy store at 36 South Michigan Avenue. He said that about 9:25 a.m. on July 28, 1962, he walked into the store and after pretending to make a telephone call, he took a paper sack over to one of the employees and said, "Fill up this bag". He said that when the employee put only a small amount of money in the bag he asked, "Is that all you got", and cautioned the employee, "Don't call the cops, I've got friends". He said that within minutes after he departed the store, he was arrested by the Chicago Police Department.

ROBINSON declined to furnish a signed statement with regard to the above.

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On July 30, 1962, Judge DANIEL RYAN, Branch 44, Cook County Criminal Court, continued armed robbery charges which had been placed against THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON Jr. for ten days until August 10, 1962. Defense attorney NORMAN NELSON Jr., and Assistant State's Attorney for Cook County, EDWARD ROMAN, advised SA [REDACTED] on July 30, 1962, that both were amenable to having the subject turned over to Federal custody and the continuance granted by Judge RYAN was a routine continuance in order that the gun used by ROBINSON in the robbery could be checked out. b7C

Chief Deputy Marshal EDWARD SULLIVAN was advised on July 30, 1962, of the whereabouts of the subject, THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON Jr., that the fact that a complaint had been filed before United States Commissioner MYRA B. SIMS, Tallahassee, Florida, by SA [REDACTED] charging ROBINSON with escape in violation of Section 751, Title 18, United States Code, and a warrant issued. The bond recommended was \$25,000 returnable at Tallahassee. b7C

On July 30, 1962, Assistant United States Attorney JOHN J. QUAN, Chicago, Illinois, was made acquainted with the fact that the subject had purchased a .38 caliber Colt revolver at Georgia and transported it to Chicago, Illinois, where it was used in a stick-up. Mr. QUAN declined prosecution of the subject for violation of the Federal Firearms Act in view of the life sentence that has been imposed upon ROBINSON, because additional escape charges had been filed before the United States Commissioner at Tallahassee, Florida, and armed robbery charges had been placed against him by the Cook County, Illinois, authorities. Mr. QUAN stated that further prosecution was not warranted since the ends of justice would already be served and further prosecution would serve no useful purposes.

It is noted that the fingerprints of the subject taken by the Chicago Police Department have been compared with the fingerprints made available to the Chicago Office by the Identification Division and they are identical.

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Re report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/9/62.

Subject appeared before Cook County Criminal Court today and case continued until 9/4/62.

First Assistant States Attorney EDWARD EGAN advised that the State will nolle prosequere armed robbery charges in favor of return of subject to Federal custody. USM, Chicago has lodged detainer against ROBINSON but has not contacted local authorities relative to return of subject to Federal control.

Through cooperation of NORMAN NELSON, defense counsel ROBINSON, reinterviewed in regard to possible assistance he received from his acquaintances at Nashville, Tennessee. He again categorically denied such assistance and maintains that his friends urged him to surrender to FBI.

The return of ROBINSON to Federal custody will be followed and reported.

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Report of SA [REDACTED]
Date August 15, 1962

Office: JACKSONVILLE

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Bureau File No.:

Title: THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR.

Character: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER; FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT

Synopsis:

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., escaped from FCI, Tallahassee, Fla., between 2:30 and 5:00 PM, 7/21/62. FBI, Tallahassee, notified 6:00 PM. Institutional escape plan put into effect. All local law enforcement notified and joined in search with FBI. Area also searched by airplane with negative results. SAC, Jacksonville, and other agents on scene in search. USA, Tallahassee, authorized filing of complaint against subject for escape and same filed 7/25/62 by SA [REDACTED] before USC MYRA B. SIMS, Tallahassee, charging violation Title 18, Section 751, recommended \$25,000, returnable Tallahassee, Fla. Subject arrested 7/28/62 by Chicago, Ill., PD after perpetrating \$14 Armed Robbery of pharmacy. Subject appeared in local Cook County Criminal Court, Chicago, 7/30/62 and case continued until 8/10/62.

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DETAILS; AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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This investigation is predicated upon information received on July 21, 1962, at 6:00 PM, from [redacted] Federal Correctional Institution (FCI), Tallahassee, Florida, that THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., had escaped from the institution. Captain CRANK advised that the last contact with the subject was approximately 2:30 PM by phone when he was called at the water pump house and checked in. [redacted] advised he was missing from the regular 5:00 PM count of prisoners. He was believed to have remained somewhere near the pump house.

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[redacted] advised further that the institutional escape plan was immediately put into effect. This includes coverage by correctional officers and other FCI personnel of all points leading from the institution and from Tallahassee, Florida. It also includes notification of the local police department, Florida Highway Patrol, sheriff's office, television stations, and all commercial transportation facilities.

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The subject's file at the Federal Correctional Institution was interviewed by SA [redacted] and the following pertinent information noted:

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Subject kidnapped Mrs. ALICE SPEED STOLL, October 10, 1934, from her home in Louisville, Kentucky. He was sentenced in Western District of Kentucky on May 13, 1936, to life imprisonment for kidnapping. He was removed to Atlanta Penitentiary May 14, 1936, to begin his sentence. In 1943 his sentence was voided and a new trial was ordered. ROBINSON was returned to Louisville, given a new trial and sentenced to death. His sentence was commuted to life by President HARRY TRUMAN on June 6, 1945. He was incarcerated at Alcatraz, Leavenworth, Atlanta Penitentiary, and on November 23, 1960, transferred to FCI, Tallahassee, Florida.

During the investigation to locate subject, numerous inmates at FCI, Tallahassee, were interviewed and could furnish no information pertinent to his escape except that he stated he would "live by the gun and would make a fast killing if he ever got out." The names of the inmates interviewed were as follows:

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Intensive investigation was undertaken from July 21, 1962, to July 25, 1962, to locate subject in Tallahassee area with all local law enforcement participating in the search which included an air search with the Civil Air Patrol with negative results.

On July 25, 1962, Mr. CLINTON N. ASHMORE, United States Attorney, Tallahassee, Florida, authorized prosecution of subject for escape and recommended \$25,000 bond. On July 25, 1962, a complaint was filed against the subject by SA [redacted] for violation of Title 18, Section 751, United States Code.

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On July 29, 1962, Chicago advised subject arrested about 9:30 AM, July 28, 1962, five minutes after perpetrating \$14 Armed Robbery of pharmacy at Michigan and Madison Streets, Chicago. Subject maintained his name was JAMES COX until late PM, July 28, 1962, when he admitted identity to Chicago Police Department and requested interview by the FBI.

Subject interviewed and stated he escaped from FCI, Tallahassee, Florida, 2:20 PM, July 21, 1962. Subject traveled by Greyhound Bus at 4:15 PM, same date and arrived at Atlanta, Georgia, 1:30 AM, July 22, 1962. Subject stayed Georgia hotel using name of JAMES COX. Subject purchased clothes and .38 caliber Colt revolver from Roach-Everett at Buckhead, Georgia, a suburb of Atlanta. Subject departed Atlanta, 5:45 PM, July 23, 1962, and arrived Nashville, Tennessee, 2:00 AM, July 24, 1962. Subject stated he stayed at Sam Davis Hotel, near bus terminal, but departed Nashville at 3:30 PM, July 24, 1962, after learning from newspaper publicity and undisclosed friends that FBI was waiting from him to contact relatives and associates at Nashville.

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Subject arrived at Chicago, Illinois, by Grayhound Bus 3:30 AM, on July 25, 1962, and claims to have been looking for work while living at La Salle Plaza Hotel, 875 North La Salle Street, one mile North of Loop.

Subject is to appear at branch 44, Felony Court, on Armed Robbery charges, AM, July 30, 1962.

On July 30, 1962, Chicago advised subject appeared before Judge DANIEL RYAN, Branch 44, Cook County Criminal Court, on July 30, 1962, and case was continued until August 10, 1962. Defense Attorney NORMAN NELSON, JR., and Assistant States Attorney, EDWARD ROMAN, agreeable with said case on Armed Robbery will be dismissed in favor of subject being turned over to Federal custody. United States Marshal, Chicago, was advised of the whereabouts of the subject.

On August 9, 1962, United States Attorney CLINTON N. ASHMORE, Tallahassee, Florida, advised SA HAYES that he is contemplating the dismissal of the process against the subject at Tallahassee, Florida, when the subject is turned over to the United States Marshal at Chicago, Illinois.

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Chicago Sun Times
 Chicago, Ill.

A former Public Enemy No. 1 who perpetrated a nationally notorious kidnaping was held by Chicago police Sunday after a \$14 drugstore holdup.

He is Thomas H. Robinson Jr., 55, who escaped July 21 from a federal penal farm at Tallahassee, Fla., where he was serving a life sentence.

Got \$50,000 Ransom

First posing as James L. Cox, he admitted his identity after police told him his fingerprints would be checked with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On Oct. 10, 1934, he kidnaped Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, then 26, a wealthy Louisville (Ky.) society matron. He freed

her after collecting a \$50,000 ransom.

Robinson was arrested Saturday after robbing the Berliant Prescription Pharmacy at 36 S. Michigan.

Unobserved by Robinson, Charles Childress, 56, of 6138 S. Vernon, was working in a back room when Robinson took the money from the clerk at pistol point.

Arrested In Alley

Childress followed him from the store and signaled Patrolmen James Sheehan and Herman DeBruce, who were standing on a corner. They arrested Robinson in an alley near 11 E. Washington

Robinson, a law student at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., at the time of Mrs. Stoll's abduction, was a former employe in a gasoline station owned by her husband, Berry Stoll.

He entered the Stoll suburban mansion by posing as a telephone repairman. His intended victim was C. C. Stoll, founder and president of Stoll Oil Co. and father-in-law of Mrs. Stoll. But he found only Mrs. Stoll and a maid at the estate.

He drove Mrs. Stoll to Indianapolis in an auto he had rented in Chicago. He held her

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captive in an apartment for six days

During most of that time she was watched by Robinson's wife, whom Mrs Stoll later credited with saving her life.

Ransom In Small Bills

The victim's husband complied with Robinson's instructions and sent the ransom in small bills to Robinson's father in Nashville.

Robinson's wife picked up the money and returned with it to her husband in Indianapolis. Robinson fled after receiving the ransom Mrs Stoll was met by federal agents near Scottsburg, Ind., in a car with Mrs. Robinson

Until he was apprehended in Glendale, Calif., 19 months later, Robinson led a life of wine, women and song. Only \$4,657 of the ransom was recovered.

He was returned to Louisville, where he pleaded guilty to the kidnaping and was sent to Alcatraz Prison, where he resumed his study of law and won a new trial

But he lost the gamble and was sentenced to death under the Lindbergh Law

Commuted By Truman

Thirty-three hours before his scheduled execution in May, 1945, President Truman commuted the sentence to life.

Robinson said he walked away from the Tallahassee prison farm, taking along \$100 he had saved in prison by selling cigarettes.

He told police he took a bus to Atlanta, where he bought



MRS. ALICE S. STOLL THOMAS H. ROBINSON JR.

As they looked in '43.

a gun, then went to Nashville intending to visit his mother. She is seriously ill in an old people's home.

But he learned that G-men were watching the Nashville institution, so he took a bus to Chicago without seeing his mother. Here he took a room in LaSalle Plaza Hotel, 873 N LaSalle.

Why He Robbed

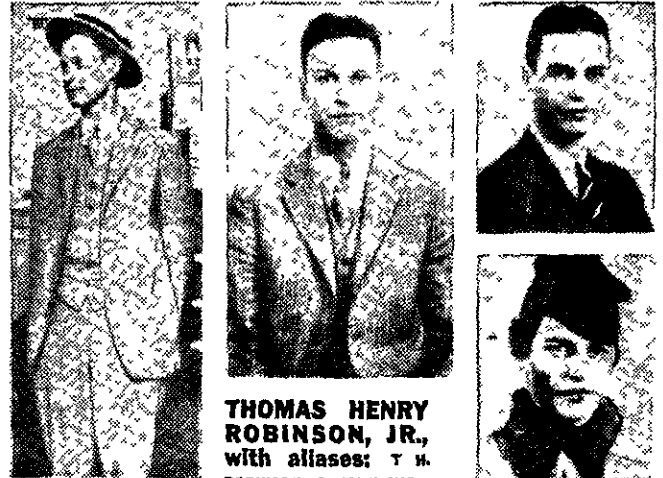
"I thought my \$100 would go a long way," he said, "but the prices on the outside today are ridiculous"

That was why he robbed the drugstore, he declared.

President Kennedy rejected Robinson's plea for a pardon in July, 1961, but he would have been eligible for parole this September.

"I've been in prison 26 years already," Robinson said. "I guess I'm doomed to end my days behind walls."

WANTED FOR KIDNAPING



THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., with aliases; T. H. ROBINSON, JR., JOHN WARD,

JOHN WARD, JR., JOHN E. WARD, JOHN W. WARD, THOMAS W. KENNEDY, JERRY DOBSEN, HENRY SAUNDERS, MR KNAPP.

DESCRIPTION

Age 28, (born May 6, 1907), Build slender; Height, 6', Weight, 140 lbs.; Hair, dark brown; Eyes, gray; Complexion, sallow; Occupation attorney; dark, broad, heavy and dark; Ears, no lobes; Chin, prominent; cleft in chin

The FBI's "wanted" poster issued for Thomas H Robinson Jr. in November, 1935, for the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice S. Stoll. Included in the pictures is one showing an artist's version of Robinson dressed in a woman's outfit.



Escaped prisoner Thomas H. Robinson Jr. talks with one of his captors, Policeman James Sheehan, after admitting his identity. (Sun-Times Photo)

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Robinson Escapes Charge

A municipal judge in Chicago yesterday dropped a robbery charge against Thomas Robinson, Jr., 1934 kidnapper of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll, 3905 Lime Kiln Lane

Judge Daniel J. Ryan acted at the request of the State's attorney's office before Robinson's transfer to Federal Court jurisdiction

Free Seven Days

Robinson had seven days of freedom after his escape July 21 from a federal prison farm at Tallahassee, Fla., where he was serving a life sentence for kidnapping Mrs. Stoll. Chicago police captured him after a \$14 drugstore holdup.

He was denied a parole last year but was to come before the parole board again in September.

Robinson held Mrs. Stoll six days in Indianapolis before collecting \$50,000 ransom. The FBI captured him two years later in Glendale, Cal.

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Re Chicago airtel to Director, dated 8/10/62.

Subject appeared before Cook County Criminal Court Judge DANIEL RYAN 8/24/62, at which time armed robbery charges against subject were dismissed upon recommendation of Cook County States Attorney.

Subject brought before U.S. Commissioner, Chicago, 8/25/62, and case continued until 8/27/62. Subject appeared before U.S. Commissioner, Chicago, 8/27/62, and waived hearing at which time he was brought before U.S. District Court, Chicago, and a petition ordering subject's removal to Tallahassee, Florida, was entered. Subject remanded to custody of U.S. Marshal pending his return to Northern District of Florida.

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On August 27, 1962, the subject appeared before United States Commissioner C. S. BENTLEY PIKE and waived hearing. Assistant United States Attorney ARCHIBALD T. LE CESNE advised the commissioner at this time that he had prepared a petition for a warrant of removal which he was to present before the United States District Court.

Assistant United States Attorney ARCHIBALD T. LE CESNE appeared before United States District Court Judge EDWIN A. ROBSON and presented a petition for a warrant of removal of the subject to the Northern District of Florida. Judge ROBSON signed the order and the subject was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal at Chicago in order that he would be returned to the Northern District of Florida.

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Assistant United States Attorney ARCHIBALD T. LE CESNE appeared before United States District Court Judge EDWIN A. ROBSON and presented a petition for a warrant of removal of the subject to the Northern District of Florida. Judge ROBSON signed the order and the subject was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal at Chicago in order that he would be returned to the Northern District of Florida.

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REPORTING OFFICE JACKSONVILLE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN JACKSONVILLE	DATE 9/21/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/28/62 - 9/14/62
TITLE OF CASE THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., aka		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY :sa
		CHARACTER OF CASE EFP; FFA	b7C
		9.28.62	

Reference: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/15/62
 at Jacksonville
 Report of SA [REDACTED] dated
 8/30/62 at Chicago.

Status:

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LOUISVILLE AND MEMPHIS - INFORMATION

Information copies of this report are being furnished to the Louisville and Memphis Offices in view of investigation and press inquiries that have been received by those offices.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Tallahassee

Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7C

Date: 9/21/62

Office: JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Field Office File No: 76-620

Bureau File No.: 76-26468

Title: THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR.,

Character: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER;
FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT

Synopsis: Federal process against ROBINSON for escape from FCI, Tallahassee, Florida, dismissed 9/11/62. Subject returned to Federal custody incarcerated USP, Atlanta, Ga.

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Details: AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

On August 28, 1962, CLINTON N. ASHMORE, United States Attorney, Tallahassee, Florida, advised he would dismiss process when subject was returned to Federal custody and the local charges at Chicago, Illinois, for armed robbery were dismissed.

On September 14, 1962, Mr. ASHMORE advised that Federal process against ROBINSON was dismissed in United States District Court, Northern District of Florida, on September 11, 1962, inasmuch as subject was returned to Federal custody and presently incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, and since subject is serving a life sentence there would be nothing gained by further prosecution.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Gale
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RA
The Attorney General

July 13, 1965

Director, FBI

①
THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR.
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is presently conducting investigation to locate Thomas Henry Robinson, Jr., who escaped on July 6, 1965, from the Federal Correctional Institution at Seagoville, Texas, when he was sent across the road from the institution on a work project. Robinson has been serving a life sentence for the kidnaping on October 10, 1934, of Alice Speed Stoll, at Louisville, Kentucky, and transporting her to Indianapolis, Indiana, where she was released on October 16, 1934, after payment of \$50,000 ransom. At the time of the abduction Robinson was armed with a pistol, threatened the victim and her maid, and hit the victim over the head with a piece of pipe.

Previously, in July, 1962, Robinson escaped from the Federal Correctional Institution at Tallahassee, Florida, and while a fugitive during this period he held up a drugstore in Chicago, Illinois, and was apprehended in August, 1962. In 1944 Robinson and three other inmates of the Jefferson County, Kentucky, Jail overpowered a guard and sawed away steel bars in an unsuccessful attempt to escape.

This matter is being brought to your attention, particularly in view of the vicious nature of this individual, so that consideration may be given to affording greater control to this individual in order to preclude further escapes by him.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

13-200 M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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Miss Gandy	_____

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TO BUREAU, DALLAS, MEMPHIS, AND LOUISVILLE
FROM LITTLE ROCK (76-1768)

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., AKA LESLIE K. BURGESS, T. H.

ROBINSON, JR., JAMES B. MANDEVILLE DASH FUGATIVE. EFP.

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RE DALLAS TEL TO BUREAU, JULY SEVEN LAST, MEMPHIS TEL TO
BUREAU, JULY EIGHT LAST, AND LITTLE ROCK TEL CALL TO DENVER,
JULY EIGHT LAST.

SUBJECT IDENTIFIED FROM PHOTO BY TICKET AGENT, GREYHOUND
BUS LINE, LITTLE ROCK, AS BEING PERSON WHO WAS IN STATION
BETWEEN SIX AND EIGHT PM, JULY SIX LAST. INQUIRED OF
AGENT SEVERAL TIMES IF HAD RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL STATING
HAD MONEY AT WESTERN UNION. FINALLY RECEIVED CALL STATING
MESSAGE WAS AT WESTERN UNION AND DEPARTED.

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WESTERN UNION EMPLOYEE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED SUBJECT FROM
PHOTO AS PERSON WHO OBTAINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR MONEY ORDER
UNDER NAME OF JAMES B. MANDEVILLE AT TEN NINETEEN P. M.,

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F. J. [Signature]

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JULY SIX LAST. EMPLOYEE BELIEVED SUBJECT POSSIBLY ACCOMPANIED BY WOMAN BUT UNABLE TO STATE DEFINATELY AND UNABLE TO DESCRIBE WOMAN. MONEY ORDER SENT FROM NASHVILLE, TENN., TO JAMES B. MANDEVILLE, SENDER [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT HAD IN HIS POSSESSION AND USED FOR IDENTIFICATION AT TIME OF CASHING OF MONEY ORDER A CARD BEARING PHOTO WHICH WESTERN UNION EMPLOYEES STATED RESIMBLED HIM AND WHICH INDICATED HE WAS A DELTA AIRLINES PILOT, CAPT. JAMES B. MANDEVILLE. CARD ALSO HAD INTERCEPTOR AND THE DATE DECEMBER TWO, FIFTYSEVEN ON IT, ALSO EXHIBITED ANOTHER CARD STATING IT WAS A GENERAL PERMANENT REGISTRATION AND BEARING THE NUMBER D ONE ZERO SIX FOUR EIGHT SIX WITH "COLO" ALONG WITH NUMEROUS LETTERS BEARING THE NAME JAMES B. MANDEVILLE. DELTA AIRLINES HAS ADVISED THEY HAVE NO SUCH EMPLOYEE.

SERVICE STATION ATTENDANT, NINTH AND FREEWAY, LITTLE ROCK, IDENTIFIED SUBJECT FROM PHOTO AS PERSON WHO WALKED INTO STATION ABOUT TWELVE FIFTEEN A.M., JULY SEVEN LAST AND

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ASKED FOR WORK. STATED WAS HITCH-HIKING FROM CALIFORNIA TO LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, AND HAD COME THROUGH TEXAS. WAS WEARING ARMY TYPE SHORT SLEEVED SHIRT AND NEW BLUE DENIM TROUSERS AND NEW TAN LOAFER TYPE SHOES. ASKED IF ATTENDANT KNEW ANYONE DRIVING TO LOUISVILLE AND SUBSEQUENTLY WALKED AWAY TOWARD FREEWAY, APPARENTLY HITCH-HIKING. ATTENDANT COULD NOT RECALL IDENTITIES OF ANY OTHER PERSONS AT STATION DURING THIS TIME.

NUMEROUS IDENTIFICATIONS RECEIVED RESULTING FROM WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY IN LITTLE ROCK AREA, AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED IN DOWNTOWN AREA OF LITTLE ROCK, INCLUDING CONTACTS WITH RAIL TERMINALS, BUS TERMINALS, TAXI COMPANIES, HOTELS, AIRLINES, RESCUE MISSIONS, AND OTHER PLACES SUBJECT POSSIBLY COULD CONTACT.

DENVER TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED TO IDENTIFY ABOVE DESCRIBED CARD IN REFERENCED TELCAL.

FOR INFO LOUISVILLE, SUBJECT, INMATE NO. AND ONE ZERO THREE SIX EIGHT DASH T, FBI NUMBER EIGHT FOUR TWO SEVEN SEVEN NINE, ESCAPED APPROXIMATELY SEVEN FORTYFIVE A.M., FROM FCI, SEAGOVILLE, TEXAS, JULY SIX LAST, WHERE SERVING LIFE

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SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION FOR KIDNAPING OF LICE
SPEED STOLL OCTOBER THIRTYFOUR, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKEY.
ESCAPE NOT DISCOVERED UNTIL ELEVEN THIRTY A.M.

ROBINSON PREVIOUSLY ESCAPED FROM FCI, TALLAHASSEE,
FLORIDA, JULY, SIXTYTWO, AND LATER APPREHENDED CHICAGO,
ILLINOIS, AUGUST, SIXTYTWO, FOLLOWING HOLDUP OF DRUGSTORE.

ALL RELATIVES AND AQUAINTANCES RESIDE NASHVILLE,
TENN.

ROBINSON DESCRIBED W, M, FIFTYEIGHT YEARS OLD, BORN
MAY FIVE NINETEEN ZERO SEVEN, SIX FEET, ONE SIXTYFIVE
POUNDS, GRAY HAIR, BLUE EYES AND RUDDY COMPLEXION, LAST KNOWN
WEARING KHAKI SHIRT AND PANTS AND SUN HELMET.

MEMPHIS AND LOUISVILLE ALERT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
SUBJECT POSSIBLY EN ROUTE THOSE DIVISIONS. PHOTOS BEING
FORWARDED.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING LITTLE ROCK.

DENVER ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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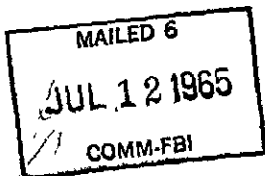
From: Director, FBI

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①
THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., aka
FUGITIVE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

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Immediately submit necessary data requesting the
issuance of an Identification Order.

NOTE: Subject escaped from FCI, Seagoville, Texas, on 7/6/65,
where he has been serving a life sentence following the conviction
of kidnaping Alice Speed Stoll in October, 1934. He had
previously escaped in 1962 and was apprehended while holding up
a drug store in Chicago also in 1962. Dallas has previously
been instructed to press investigation vigorously. *t*



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TO

Mr. Gale

DATE 7-12-65

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FROM

SUBJECT

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR.
FUGITIVE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

With reference to the investigation to locate Robinson, who escaped from the Federal Correctional Institution, Seagoville, Texas, on 7-6-65 when he was sent across the road from the institution to the home of the warden on a work project. The field has been instructed to immediately submit material for the issuance of an Identification Order. It will be recalled that this is the second time Robinson has escaped. Previously he escaped from the Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida, in July, 1962, and was later apprehended in Chicago, Illinois, in August, 1962, following the holdup of a drugstore.

By way of background, Robinson was serving a life sentence for the kidnaping of Alice Speed Stoll at Louisville, Kentucky, on 10-10-34 and transported her to Indianapolis, Indiana, where she was released on 10-16-34 upon the payment of \$50,000 ransom.

ACTION:

(1) An all-out investigation is being conducted to locate Robinson. This matter is being followed closely and you will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

(2) There is attached for approval a letter to the Attorney General pointing out Robinson's background and his record of escapes, with a suggestion that greater control should be considered for this individual.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Gale
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FBI MEMPHIS

1221PM CST URGENT 7-14-65 MEN

TO DIRECTOR (76-26468) AND DALLAS (76-3384)

FROM MEMPHIS (91-NEW AND 76-1495) 2P

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., AKA CHURCH STREET OFFICE,
THIRD NATIONAL BANK, NASHVILLE, TENN., JULY FOURTEEN,
NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE/ BR. ME OO.

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON JR., AKA -- FUGITIVE. EFP. DL OO.

AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM TODAY, SUBJECT, WHO
ESCAPED FROM FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE, SEAGOVILLE, TEXAS,
JULY SIX LAST, WALKED INTO CAPTIONED BRANCH BANK, LOCATED IN
HEART OF DOWNTOWN NASHVILLE, HELD WHISPERED CONVERSATION WITH
BRANCH MANAGER, WHO WAS OVERHEARD TO SAY, "NO TOM, YOU ARE NOT
GOING TO PULL THAT." A SCUFFLE ENSUED BETWEEN ROBINSON AND
THE BRANCH MANAGER. ROBINSON WAS OVERPOWERED BY MANAGER AND
WITH ASSISTANCE OF ANOTHER EMPLOYEE. ROBINSON CURRENTLY IN
CUSTODY OF NASHVILLE PD.

GUN IN POSSESSION OF ROBINSON WAS DISCHARGED DURING
SCUFFLE AND BRANCH MANAGER HAS BEEN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL. BRANCH
MANAGER WAS NOT SHOT; HOWEVER, SLIGHTLY INJURED IN SCUFFLE.

NO MONEY OBTAINED.

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AT TIME OF ESCAPE ROBINSON WAS SERVING LIFE SENTENCE
FOR KIDNAPING ALICE SPEED STOLL, LOUISVILLE, KY., NINETEEN
THIRTYFOUR. P. END.

DL ADVISED SEPARATELY

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CC MR ROSEN



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RA

The Attorney General

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Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Gale
July 15, 1965

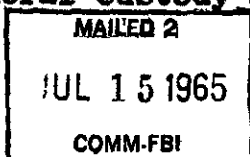
THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR.
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER
BANK ROBBERY

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This is in further reference to my memorandum of July 13, 1965, which set forth the vicious background of this individual and the need for greater control to prevent further escapes of Robinson from Federal confinement.

At approximately 11:15 a.m. on July 14, 1965, Robinson walked into the Church Street Office, Third National Bank, Nashville, Tennessee, and contacted the Branch Manager in an apparent bank robbery attempt. A scuffle ensued between Robinson and the Branch Manager, during which Robinson was overpowered with the assistance of another bank employee. A gun in possession of Robinson was discharged during the scuffle. No person was shot, but the Branch Manager was taken to the hospital because of the physical abuse suffered during the scuffle.

Nashville Police were alerted by the bank employees and they immediately took Robinson into custody in the bank. Our Memphis Office immediately took this matter up with the Assistant United States Attorney, Nashville, Tennessee, and pursuant to his authorization Robinson was charged with violation of the Bank Robbery Statute. Robinson is now in Federal custody awaiting trial.



1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gale *[Signature]*

FROM :

SUBJECT : THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR.
FUGITIVE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER
BANK ROBBERY

DATE July 14, 1965

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ASAC Clifton O. Halter, Memphis, telephonically advised that shortly before noon today an individual now identified as Robinson entered the Third National Bank, Church Street Office, Nashville, Tennessee, and was recognized by the receptionist and other employees. He apparently attempted to holdup one of the bank officers, who engaged him in a scuffle as result of which a gun carried by Robinson went off. Local police responding to the alarm took Robinson into custody.

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has been taken to the hospital and the extent of his injuries is not known at this time.

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Robinson was serving a life sentence for the kidnaping of Alice Speed Stoll at Louisville, Kentucky, on October 10, 1934. He transported the victim to Indianapolis, Indiana, where she was released on October 16, 1934, upon payment of \$50,000 ransom. Robinson effected his escape from the Federal Correctional Institution at Seagoville, Texas, on July 6, 1965, when he was sent across the road from the institution to the home of the warden on a work project. Previously Robinson escaped from the Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida, on July 2, 1962, and was subsequently apprehended in Chicago, Illinois, in August, 1962, following a holdup of a drugstore.

By letter dated July 13, 1965, the Attorney General was advised of the vicious background of this individual and the apparent lack of institutional control over his movements as evidenced by his two escapes.

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ACTION:

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The Memphis Office is pressing this matter for Federal prosecution of Robinson in connection with his apparent bank robbery attempt. This matter will be followed closely. Pertinent facts will be furnished the Attorney General.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Gale
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FBI MEMPHIS

1457 PM CST URGENT 7-14-65

TO: DIRECTOR AND DALLAS (76-3384)

FROM: MEMPHIS (76-1495) (91-2568) 4P

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Casper ✓
Mr. Callahan ✓
Mr. Conrad ✓
Mr. Felt ✓
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Miss Gandy ✓

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THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., ^{also known as} AKA; CHURCH STREET, OFFICE,
THIRD NATIONAL BANK, NASHVILLE, TENN., ^{ESCE} JULY FOURTEEN,
SIXTYFIVE; BR. ^{Bank Robbery} OO ME. ^{City of Origin}

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., ^{also known as} AKA-FUGITIVE; ^{ESCAPED} EFF. ^{Federal Prisoner} OO DALLAS

REMYTEL TODAY.

^{Assistant United States Attorney}
COMPLAINT, AUTHORIZED BY AUSA, NASHVILLE, FILED TODAY
^{United States Commissioner}
AGAINST SUBJECT BEFORE USC, NASHVILLE, CHARGING VIOLATION
SECTIONS TWO THREE ONE THREE (A) AND TWO THREE ONE THREE (D),
TITLE EIGHTEEN, USC. ^{code} TAKEN INTO FEDERAL CUSTODY AND BEFORE
USC, WHERE PRELIMINARY HEARING CONTINUED UNTIL TWO P.M.
TOMORROW AT REQUEST OF DEFENSE COUNSEL IN ORDER TO ALLOW
TIME FOR DEFENSE COUNSEL TO HAVE SUBJECT EXAMINED AS TO
MENTAL COMPETENCY TO ADVISE COUNSEL. REMANDED TO CUSTODY
^{U. S. Marshal}
OF ~~USM~~ IN LIEU OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND. HAS NOT
BEEN ARRAIGNED AS YET ON COMMISSIONER'S WARRANT FILED BEFORE
USC, DALLAS, CHARGING VIOLATION SECTION SEVEN FIVE ONE,
TITLE EIGHTEEN.

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[REDACTED] ADVISES
SUBJECT APPROACHED HIM AND SAT DOWN AT [REDACTED] DESK AS IF
TO DISCUSS BUSINESS. SUBJECT LEANED FORWARD AND WHISPERED
"WE HAVE YOUR WIFE IN CUSTODY. WE HAVE A MAN IN THE ALLEY.
IF YOU WANT HER TO LIVE AND IF YOU WANT TO LIVE...." AT
THIS POINT ROBINSON EXHIBITED A HAND GUN CONTAINED IN
PAPER BAG [REDACTED] THEN STOOD UP AND IN LOUD
VOICE, SO OTHER EMPLOYEES COULD HEAR, "WHAT ARE YOU
TRYING TO DO?" OR WORDS TO THAT EFFECT AND SUDDENLY
GRABBED ROBINSON. IN ENSUING SCUFFLE GUN WAS DROPPED TO
FLOOR WHICH WAS RETRIEVED BY [REDACTED] WHO HELD IT TO
SUBJECT'S STOMACH. SUBJECT GAVE UP AT THIS POINT.

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DURING THE SCUFFLE A SHOT WAS FIRED; HOWEVER, BULLET
ONLY STRUCK A CHAIR. GUN USED BY ROBINSON IS THIRTYTWO
CALIBER IVER-JOHNSON FIVE SHOT REVOLVER. ADMITTEDLY
PURCHASED IN WEST MEMPHIS, ARK^{MS}, FROM ARMY SURPLUS STORE
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ABOUT LAST THURSDAY [REDACTED] WAS

SLIGHTLY INJURED IN SCUFFLE AND BELIEVES SUBJECT MAY HAVE
STRUCK HIM IN HEAD WITH THE REVOLVER.

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ON ADVICE OF COUNSEL, SUBJECT DECLINES TO DISCUSS
BANK ROBBERY BUT ADMITTED IDENTITY AND ESCAPE FROM ^{Federal Correctional I} FCI, ^{Institution.}
SEAGOVILLE, TEXAS. SUBJECT HAD TWENTYNINE DOLLARS AND FIVE
CENTS IN HIS POSSESSION AND ALSO THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF
VARIOUS OTHER NASHVILLE BANKS. ALSO HAD NOTATION
INDICATING HE PLANNED TO LEAVE NASHVILLE VIA EASTERN
AIR LINES AT TWO FORTYFIVE P.M. TODAY FOR LOUISVILLE, ^{Kentucky} KY.,

ALTHOUGH SUBJECT DECLINES AT THIS TIME TO STATE WHERE
OBTAINED IDENTIFICATION USED IN CASHING MONEY ORDER AT

LITTLE ROCK, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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THIS OBVIOUSLY SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED OUTSIDE BUREAU
BECAUSE OF SOURCE.

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ROBINSON HAS BEEN REGISTERED AT ALLEN HOTEL, NASHVILLE,
UNDER NAME JACK DONOHUE SINCE JULY ELEVEN LAST. CLAIMS
MADE NO EFFORT TO CONTACT RELATIVES, AND HOTEL EMPLOYEES
KNOW OF NO CONTACTS OR PHONE CALLS. PRESS INQUIRES WILL BE
ANSWERED.

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[CC: MR. GALE

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Myrl E. Alexander
Director, Bureau of Prisons

July 13, 1965

Nichols
The Attorney General

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Thomas Henry Robinson

00:00
7-14-65
ME
For your information I am transmitting herewith a copy of the memorandum to me dated July 13, 1965, from the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning this escaped prisoner.

cc: Director, F.B.I. ✓

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MEMPHIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DALLAS	DATE 7/19/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/6-16/65
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., aka Leslie K. Burgess, James L. Cox, Jack Donohue, James B. Mandeville, John Phillips, Bobbie Robinson, Ray Seigenthaler - FUGITIVE		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY GMH
		CHARACTER OF CASE EFP b7C 7-29-65	

The title of this case is being marked CHANGED to add the names, JACK DONOHUE and RAY SEIGENTHALER, as additional aliases used by the subject as discovered through investigation.

REFERENCE:

Dallas teletype to Bureau, Chicago, Memphis, Jacksonville, and Louisville, 7/6/65.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

A separate report has been prepared by the Memphis Office in the Memphis Origin case involving the subject, entitled "THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., aka., Church Street

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ADMINISTRATIVE (continued):

Office, Third National Bank, Nashville, Tennessee, 7/14/65,
BANK ROBBERY, FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT," a copy of which has
been designated for the Dallas Office for its information.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - U. S. Attorney, Nashville, Tennessee
1 - U. S. Attorney, Dallas, Texas

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: July 19, 1965

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Office: MEMPHIS

Field Office File #: ME 76-1495

Bureau File #: 76-26468

Title: THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR.

Character: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Synopsis.

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., who was serving a life sentence in the Federal Correctional Institution, Seagoville, Texas, for kidnaping, escaped from custody that institution 7/6/65. Complaint authorized by AUSA, Dallas, Texas, filed before USC, Dallas, 7/9/65, charging ROBINSON with violation Section 751, Title 18, U. S. Code. Bond in amount of \$5,000 recommended. Warrant issued. On 7/14/65 ROBINSON attempted to hold up a Nashville, Tenn., bank at the point of a revolver but was overpowered and subdued by [REDACTED] and taken into custody by local police. Subject has been charged in a Federal complaint and warrant filed before U. S. Commissioner, Nashville, Tenn., with violation of Federal Bank Robbery Statute. Presently in custody of U. S. Marshal, Nashville, in lieu of \$100,000 bond. Federal warrant charging escape issued by USC, Dallas, served on ROBINSON by U. S. Marshal, Nashville, 7/15/65, which warrant is basis for detainer against subject with Nashville-Davidson County Metropolitan Jail. On motion of subject's defense attorney in Bank Robbery case, preliminary hearing on these charges continued by U. S. Commissioner, Nashville, and on 7/16/65 U. S. District Court, Nashville, granted defense motion that subject be committed to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C., for a period of observation to determine his mental competency.

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DETAILS:

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On July 6, 1965, the Dallas Office advised that at approximately 7:30 a.m., July 6, 1965, THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., had escaped from the Federal Correctional Institution at Seagoville, Texas, where he was incarcerated to serve a life sentence for kidnaping. It was indicated that ROBINSON had been originally convicted during 1934 for the kidnaping of Mrs. ALICE SPEED STOLL at Louisville, Kentucky. It was further indicated that ROBINSON had previously escaped during 1962 from the Federal Correctional Institution at Tallahassee, Florida, but was apprehended at Chicago, Illinois, following a holdup of a drug store there.

b7C The Dallas Office subsequently advised on July 13, 1965, that on July 9, 1965, the facts of the escape by ROBINSON were presented to Assistant U. S. Attorney CHARLES B. CABANIS, Northern District of Texas, Dallas, Texas, who authorized the filing of a complaint against ROBINSON. A Federal complaint was filed on July 7, 1965, by SA [redacted] before U. S. Commissioner W. MADDEN HILL, Dallas, Texas, charging ROBINSON with violation of Section 751, Title 18, U. S. Code, in that on July 7, 1965, ROBINSON did knowingly and willfully escape from the Federal Correctional Institution at Seagoville, Texas, while confined there under the direction of the United States Attorney General for the conviction of an offense. Bond in the amount of \$5,000 was recommended and the warrant issued on the complaint was in the possession of the U. S. Marshal at Dallas, Texas.

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b7D On July 6, 1965, [redacted] of the Sunny View Nursing Home, 16th Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee, advised SA [redacted] that Mrs. JESSIE P. ROBINSON, mother of THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., had been a patient at that home for a number of years. She said that the subject's mother lived in an upstairs room and never left the room even to come downstairs, taking all of her meals in the room. She said that the subject's mother was approximately 90 years of age and for the most part was senile and knew little of what went on about her. [redacted] said that she was acquainted with the subject from a previous visit to his mother at that home during 1962 and that she [redacted] would recognize the subject should he come there. She said that she would promptly notify the FBI should the subject appear at the Sunny View Nursing Home.

b7C On July 6, 1965, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he became interested in the THOMAS ROBINSON case [redacted] ROBINSON family several [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he would furnish any information he possessed or which he might come in possession of in an effort to locate and apprehend ROBINSON. [REDACTED] stated that he felt sure that should ROBINSON come to Nashville, ROBINSON would contact [REDACTED]

On July 7, 1965, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] knew of the whereabouts of the subject and believed that they were unaware that the subject had escaped. [REDACTED] should ROBINSON appear in that [REDACTED] she would immediately advise the FBI.

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[REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he had seen Mrs. WARNER professionally on that date and that he was quite sure that Mrs. WARNER was unaware of the escape of her nephew, THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR. [REDACTED] said that Mrs. WARNER was in very poor physical condition, being approximately eighty years of age and having had one of her legs amputated approximately a year ago. He said that Mrs. WARNER was no longer able to take care of herself and planned to sell her home at an early date and go to reside in a nursing home.

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On July 8, 1965, Mrs. BERTHA WARNER, 1619 17th Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee, advised SA [redacted] that she had just heard by the news media that her nephew, THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., had walked away from the Federal Correctional Institution at Seagoville, Texas. Mrs. WARNER expressed great disappointment that the subject had left that institution, stating that it would kill his chances of eventually obtaining a parole. Mrs. WARNER expressed the opinion that the subject had walked away from the institution because he was despondent over his failure to obtain a parole and because Mrs. WARNER had recently written to him that circumstances were forcing her to sell her home and move into a nursing home. Mrs. WARNER stated that she felt that the subject probably thought that should he be able to obtain a parole he would be able to return to Nashville and live with Mrs. WARNER but realized that this was no longer a possibility since Mrs. WARNER was having to sell her home. Mrs. WARNER stated that she did not believe that the subject would come to Nashville inasmuch as he was well known there by numerous persons and that he had received considerable publicity in 1962 when he escaped from the Federal Correctional Institution in Florida. She said she had no idea where he might go and that he was ill-equipped to make a living at anything since he had been incarcerated for approximately thirty years.

Mrs. WARNER said that should the subject appear at her home, she would urge him to surrender to the FBI.

On July 8, 1965, [redacted]

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advised SA [redacted]

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[redacted] said that she has had no contact or communication [redacted] in a great number of years and expected none. [redacted]

[redacted] doubted very seriously if he would ever consider contacting her in any fashion.

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[redacted] said that should the subject appear in the Nashville area and if she had knowledge of such fact, she would immediately notify the FBI.

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On July 12, 1965, [REDACTED]

advised SA [REDACTED]

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Surveillances were maintained in the vicinity of the residences of Mrs. BERTHA T. WARNER, 1610 17th Avenue South, Nashville; the Sunny View Nursing Home, 1227 16th Avenue South; [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] all Nashville, Tennessee, on July 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, 1965, in an effort to apprehend the subject.

The following information concerning the subject was developed during the course of another investigation at Nashville, Tennessee:

On July 14, 1965, THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., FBI No. 842 779, walked into the Church Street Office of the Third National Bank, Nashville, Tennessee, at approximately 11:15 a.m. He approached the desk of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and in a whispered voice said, "We have your wife in custody. We have a man in the alley. If you want her to live and if you want to live..." At this point ROBINSON produced a .32 caliber revolver, in a manila folder which he carried, and pointed the revolver at [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] thought that he recognized ROBINSON as THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, an escaped convict, whom he had known since childhood.

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b7D [redacted] stood up at his desk and immediately resisted the robbery attempt and wrestled the gun from ROBINSON. During the scuffle, one shot was fired from the revolver; however, no injury was sustained by anyone in the bank, the bullet entering the back of a chair. ROBINSON was subdued with the help of another bank employee and he was taken into custody immediately by officers of the Nashville-Davidson County Metropolitan Police. ROBINSON was identified by five bank employees as the person who entered the bank in an attempt to hold up the branch manager.

b7C On the authority of Assistant U. S. Attorney CARROL D. KILGORE, Nashville, Tennessee, a Federal complaint was filed against ROBINSON by SA [redacted] charging ROBINSON with a violation of the Federal Bank Robbery Statute (Sections 2113(a) and 2113(b), Title 18, U. S. Code). ROBINSON was taken into Federal custody on the Bank Robbery warrant by the U. S. Marshal at Nashville on July 14, 1965, and was immediately taken before the U. S. Commissioner at Nashville. On motion of defense attorneys for ROBINSON, the U. S. Commissioner continued the preliminary hearing in order to allow time for examination of ROBINSON by a psychiatrist to determine his mental competency to advise with counsel. He was remanded to the custody of the U. S. Marshal in lieu of \$100,000 bond recommended by Assistant U. S. Attorney KILGORE.

b7C On July 15, 1965, Deputy U. S. Marshal [redacted] Nashville, advised SA [redacted] that the Federal warrant issued by the U. S. Commissioner at Dallas, Texas, charging ROBINSON with a violation of Section 751, Title 18, U. S. Code, had been served on ROBINSON at the Nashville-Davidson County Metropolitan Jail by Deputy U. S. Marshal [redacted] and that the warrant had been lodged as a detainer against ROBINSON with the Superintendent of the Nashville-Davidson County Metropolitan Jail.

b7C On July 16, 1965, [redacted]
b7D [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that a detainer had been filed against THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., by the Office of the U. S. Marshal, Nashville, Tennessee, based on a Federal warrant outstanding against ROBINSON at Dallas, Texas, charging him with having escaped from a Federal penal institution.

On July 16, 1965, ROLLIE L. WOODALL, Assistant U. S. Attorney, Nashville, Tennessee, advised SA [redacted] that on that date ROBINSON was brought into U. S. District Court at Nashville, Tennessee, where on motion of JOHN J. HOOKER, JR., and BILL WILLIS, defense attorneys for ROBINSON, an order was entered by Federal District Judge WILLIAM E. MILLER that ROBINSON be taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C., pursuant to provisions contained in Title 18, Section 4244, U. S. Code, for a period of time to allow psychiatric examination of ROBINSON to determine his mental competency.

It is noted that an effort was made to interview ROBINSON on July 14, 1965, concerning his participation in the attempted robbery of the Third National Bank at Nashville, Tennessee; however, ROBINSON, on advice of counsel, declined to discuss this matter. He admitted his identity and acknowledged the fact that he had escaped from the Federal Correctional Institution at Seagoville, Texas, but declined to furnish any further details.

The following is a description of ROBINSON as obtained by interrogation and observation:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Year of Birth:	1907
Place of Birth:	Nashville, Tennessee
Weight:	165 pounds
Height:	6 feet
Build:	Tall and thin
Complexion:	Medium
Eyes:	Brown
Voice:	Soft, speaks normal
Accent:	None
Hair:	Gray
Teeth:	False
Facial Oddities:	None
Face Shape:	Normal
Personal Characteristics:	Left-handed
Facial Scars or Marks:	Cleft chin
Visible scars:	None
Tattoos:	None

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On July 14, 1965, Mrs. REBECCA CLARK, Desk [redacted] was shown a photograph of THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., FBI No. 842 779, by SA [redacted], at which time she said that [redacted] believed that ROBINSON was identical with an individual who was a guest in [redacted] for several days during the previous week. Records of that hotel revealed that at 3:19 p.m., July 7, 1965, the individual referred to by [redacted] registered as RAY SEIGENTHALER, Belmont Apartments, Nashville, Tennessee. He indicated that he was employed by the Nashville Bridge Company. This individual checked out of the hotel at 9:10 a.m., July 11, 1965.

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Investigation conducted by SA [redacted] at West Memphis, Arkansas, on July 14, 1965, disclosed that one JAMES B. MANDEVILLE, 2215 Bennett, Colorado Springs, Colorado, purchased a .32 caliber Iver Johnson Revolver on July 8, 1965, from Mike's Army Surplus Store, 703 East Broadway, West Memphis, Arkansas. In this connection it is noted that this weapon was in the possession of ROBINSON at the time he was taken into custody by the Nashville-Davidson County Metropolitan Police.

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SAC, Dallas (76-3384)

7/23/65

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Director, FBI
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THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., aka
Leslie K. Burgess,
James B. Mandeville,
T. H. Robinson, Jr. - FUGITIVE
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Reur airtel 7/13/65.

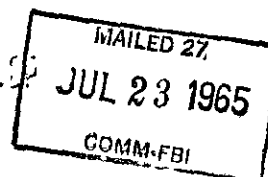
Inasmuch as subject has been apprehended no action
has been taken regarding your request to conduct file check in an
effort to identify James B. Mandeville.

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NOTE: Bur Fugitive desk advised sub apprehended Memphis, Tenn,
per Memphis tel of 7/14/65. [REDACTED] Div 9, advised Ident to
inform Dallas no action taken in view of apprehension.

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FBI

Date: 7/13/65

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ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (76-3384) (P)

SUBJECT: THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., aka
Leslie K. Burgess,
James B. Mandeville,
T. H. Robinson, Jr. - FUGITIVE
EFP

OO: DALLAS

Re Dallas teletype to Bureau, Little Rock, and
Memphis, 7/8/65; Bureau airtel to Dallas, 7/8/65.

As background information for Atlanta, above subject at approximately 7:30 AM, 7/6/65, escaped from FCI, Seagoville, Texas, while serving a life sentence and his whereabouts is unknown. Subject originally convicted during 1934 for the kidnaping of ALICE STOLL at Louisville, Kentucky, Subject, during 1962, escaped from the Federal Correctional Institution at Tallahassee, Florida, but was apprehended at Chicago, Illinois following his holdup of a drugstore there.

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Special Agent in Charge

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*Director of Prisons
Mr. Lickman*

4-51 PM CST URGENT 7-6-65 EEA

TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, JACKSONVILLE AND LOUISVILLE
FROM DALLAS (76-NEW) 3-P

FUGITIVE CARDS
PREPARED 7-7-65

Date By

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., AKA LESLIE K. BURGESS. T. H.

ROBINSON, JR.-FUGITIVE. ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER. OO - DALLAS.

D.O.B. - MAY-5-1907

P.O.B - NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

AT SEVEN THIRTY AM, JULY SIX INSTANT, SUBJECT WAS
SENT FROM FCI, SEAGOVILLE, WHERE HE IS AN INMATE, ACROSS
THE ROAD TO THE HOME OF THE WARDEN ON A WORK PROJECT. HE HAS
NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE THAT TIME AND MAY BE EN ROUTE TO NASHVILLE,
TENNESSEE.

SUBJECT WAS SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE FOLLOWING HIS CONVICTION
FOR KIDNAPING OF ALICE SPEED STOLL AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, OCT.
TEN, NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR, AND TRANSPORTING HER TO INDIANAPOLIS,
INDIANA, WHERE SHE WAS RELEASED OCTOBER SIXTEEN, NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR,
UPON PAYMENT OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS RANSOM. SUBJECT ESCAPED FROM
A FEDERAL DETENTION FACILITY AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA IN NINETEEN SIXTY

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AND WAS APPREHENDED FOLLOWING THE HOLDUP OF A DRUGSTORE IN CHICAGO, ILL., IN WHICH HE OBTAINED FOURTEEN DOLLARS.

SUBJECT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE HAD THIRTYFOUR DOLLARS IN HIS POSSESSION AT THE TIME HE LEFT. HE RECEIVED LETTERS JUNE TWELVE AND FIFTEEN LAST FROM AN AUNT, BERTHA T. WARNER, ONE SIX ONE NINE SEVENTEENTH AVE., SOUTH, NASHVILLE, IN WHICH SHE INDICATED HER LEG HAD BEEN AMPUTATED, THAT SHE WAS LOSING FEELING IN HER HANDS AND ARMS AND STATED THAT SHE WAS LOSING HER HOME AND WOULD BE COMMITTED TO A NURSING HOME. SUBJECT REPORTEDLY VERY CLOSE TO AUNT.

SUBJECT DESCRIBED AS A WM, BORN MAY FIVE NINETEEN ZERO SEVEN, SIX FEET, ONE SIXTY FIVE LBS., GRAY HAIR, BLUE EYES, RUDDY COMPLEXION.

ADDITIONAL LEADS SET FORTH FOR NASHVILLE ARE BASED ON NAMES OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS APPEARING IN PRISON FILE.

MEMPHIS AT MEMPHIS, TENN., ARRANGE COVERAGE ON BERTHA T. WARNER.
CONTACT
INTERVIEW AND ARRANGE COVERAGE ON SUBJECT'S MOTHER,

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MRS. JESSIE P. ROBINSON, SUNNYVIEW REST HOME. CONTACT FRIEND

[REDACTED] INTERVIEW

AT [REDACTED]

INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

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AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY. REVIEW FILES AND SET OUT ANY
SUGGESTED LEADS.

JACKSONVILLE AT TALLAHASSEE. REVIEW OFFICE FILES AND
FEDERAL DETENTION FILES, SETTING OUT INDICATED LEADS.

CHICAGO AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. REVIEW PD FILES RE THE
NINETEEN SIXTYTWO ARREST OF SUBJECT FOR HOLDING UP DRUGSTORE. PLACE
STOPS WITH CHICAGO PD.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

* BUREAU REQUESTED TO PLACE STOP ON IDENT FILE, FBI NUMBER
EIGHT FOUR TWO SEVEN SEVEN NINE.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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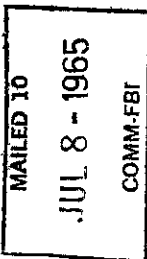
To: SAC, Dallas

From: Director, FBI

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, aka
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In view of the subject's previous record and his dangerous character, this case must receive vigorous investigative attention. Early consideration should be given to requesting the issuance of an Identification Order if the subject's apprehension does not appear imminent.



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Subject is described as:

Name	THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR.
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	5/5/07
Height	6'
Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy

By referenced airtel, the Bureau has instructed that in view of the subject's previous record and his dangerous character, this case must receive vigorous investigative attention and that early consideration should be given to requesting the issuance of an identification order if the subject's apprehension does not appear imminent.

b7C PROCESS: On July 9, 1965, facts of the above escape were presented to AUSA Charles B. Cabaniss, NDT, Dallas, who authorized the filing of a complaint. Complaint filed 7/9/65 by SA [REDACTED] before USC W. MADDEN HILL, Dallas, Texas, charging subject with violation of Title 18, Section 751, USC in that on 7/6/65, ROBINSON did knowingly and willfully escape from FCI, Seagoville, Texas, while confined there under direction of the US Attorney General for the conviction of an offense. Bond was set at \$5,000 and warrant issued now in possession of USM, Dallas, Texas.

On 7/8/65, the Little Rock Division advised that [REDACTED] PROTECT IDENTITY AND DO NOT IDENTIFY OUTSIDE BUREAU) [REDACTED]

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Investigation at Little Rock reflects that above money order was picked up by an individual identifying himself as JAMES B. MANDEVILLE at 10:19 PM on 7/6/65, with MANDEVILLE representing himself as a pilot for the Delta Airlines



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Investigation to date to identify JAMES B. MANDEVILLE has been unsuccessful.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU (IDENTIFICATION DIVISION):

Bureau requested to conduct an indices check under the name of JAMES B. MANDEVILLE in an effort to locate and identify this individual who may have either lost his identification papers or had them stolen from him by the subject. In this regard, it is noted a Major JAMES B. MANDEVILLE, Air Force Serial Number 42774-A has been located and interviewed at the Perrin AFB, Sherman, Texas, but he states he has lost no identification papers, has been at the Perrin AFB for the past several weeks, and has no knowledge whatsoever of the subject.

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MEMPHIS

AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE . Will contact the following firms which are former employers in an effort to apprehend subject:

Nashville Bridge Company;
Briggs Body Works, Main Street; and
Andrew Jackson Business College.

It is noted these former employers were noted from subject's FCI, Seagoville, file and were for the period 1925 to 1934, with no specific addresses shown. It is noted that some of these companies may be now out of existence.

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ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. Will, at Federal Penitentiary, review subject's file, number 48438-A, for any additional leads.

DENVER

AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for any information re subject's whereabouts.

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KANSAS CITY

AT INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI. Will conduct neighborhood investigation at 219 North Delaware Street (old residence) for any information re subject's whereabouts.

All offices are requested to expedite investigation in view of above reference Bureau airtel.

IN VIEW OF SUBJECT'S PREVIOUS RECORD AND DANGEROUS CHARACTER HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE DALLAS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DALLAS	DATE 8/4/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/6 - 7/26/65
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		CHARACTER OF CASE EFB <i>8-12-65</i>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA 7/19/65 at Memphis. b7C

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LEADS:MEMPHIS - INFORMATION

One copy of this report designated for the Memphis Division which office is following prosecution of the subject for Bank Robbery under a separate case entitled "THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., aka; Third National Bank, Nashville, Tennessee, 7/14/65; BR; FFA".

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS. Will follow and report prosecution of the subject for the specific escape from FCI, Seagoville, Texas.

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Investigations constituted at Dallas, Greenville, and other areas in an attempt to locate subject during the period July 6 through July 14, 1965 are not being set out in the interests of brevity since subject has been apprehended at Nashville, Tennessee, July 14, 1965.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to 1 - USA, Fort Worth, Texas
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Report of [REDACTED] Office. DALLAS
Date 8/4/65 b7C

Field Office File #: 76-3384 Bureau File #: 76-26468

Title THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR.

Character: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Synopsis: THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., FBI #842-779, while confined at FCI, Seagoville, Texas serving a life sentence for kidnaping, escaped on 7/6/65. Complaint filed and warrant issued 7/9/65, Dallas, Texas for violation of Section 751, Title 18, USC. ROBINSON apprehended on 7/14/65 at Nashville, Tennessee while attempting to rob a bank. Identification Record set out.

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DETAILS:

b7C Investigation in this case is predicated on information furnished by [REDACTED] of the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI), Seagoville, Texas on July 6, 1965 to the effect that THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., inmate #10368-T, FBI #842779, while confined at the FCI, Seagoville, Texas under the direction of the U.S. Attorney General escaped at approximately 7:45 AM, however the escape was not discovered by officials of FCI, Seagoville, until 11:30 AM of July 6, 1965.

b7C [REDACTED] stated that ROBINSON was serving a life sentence following conviction for kidnaping of ALICE SPEED STOLL of Louisville, Kentucky, during October, 1934. [REDACTED] stated that ROBINSON previously had escaped from FCI, Tallahassee, Florida during July, 1962 and was apprehended at Chicago, Illinois during August, 1962 during an attempted armed robbery of a drug store there.

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Immediately after being notified of subject's escape, investigations were conducted in the Greater Dallas area as well as at Greenville, Texas in an attempt to locate and apprehend subject, and an All Points Bulletin was transmitted by the Department of Public Safety, Dallas, Texas on a State wide basis to be relayed to other states surrounding the Dallas area.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 7/16/65

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[redacted]
Federal Correctional Institution (FCI), Seagoville, Texas, advised that under his file number 10368-T, THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., FBI #842779, had been confined at FCI, Seagoville, serving a life sentence for kidnaping originally given the subject on August 29, 1962.

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[redacted] stated that ROBINSON during 1934 had kidnaped a society debutante named ALICE SPEED STOLL and at one time had been sentenced for execution in the electric chair which sentence had been commuted by President HARRY TRUMAN in 1948. [redacted] stated that his file also reflected that during 1962, ROBINSON escaped from the FCI, Tallahassee, Florida but was arrested the same year at Chicago, Illinois when he attempted an armed robbery in a drug store. [redacted] stated that ROBINSON is described as follows from the file:

Name	THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR.
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of birth	May 5, 1907
Place of birth	Nashville, Tennessee
Height	6'
Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Blue
Home address	1619 17th Avenue, South Nashville, Tennessee

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On 7/6/65 at Seagoville, Texas File # DL 176-3384

by SA [redacted] gcs Date dictated 7/12/65

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/13/65

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Federal Correctional Institution (FCI), Seagoville, Texas,
furnished the following information:

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He is well acquainted with THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., who until July 6, 1965, was an inmate at the FCI, Seagoville. On the morning of July 6, 1965, ROBINSON reported that he was on sick call on that morning. ROBINSON is under the supervision of [redacted] and about 9:30 A. M. [redacted] checked up to see where ROBINSON was and could not find him. He called the front gate and learned that ROBINSON had gone through the front gate at 7:45 A.M., July 6, 1965, stating he was going to the warden's residence [redacted] contacted inmate [redacted] who was working at the warden's residence, and learned that ROBINSON had showed up at the warden's home, had talked to [redacted] for a minute or two, and then stated he was going to work on another job (landscaping) and walked away [redacted] stated that he did not see ROBINSON again and estimated that this was shortly before 8:00 a.m.

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[redacted] checked throughout the premises of the FCI and was unable to locate ROBINSON and therefore reported him missing.

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He stated that ROBINSON was a very good landscape gardner and quite devoted to his work. He stated that ROBINSON would work from daylight to dark if they would permit him to do so, and seemed quite wrapped up in his work [redacted] stated that he was at a loss to account for ROBINSON'S departure from the institution and expressed the opinion that ROBINSON would probably have no trouble getting a job as a landscape gardner, since he is very good at it. He stated as far as he knows, ROBINSON has had no visitors since he has been at Seagoville. He recalled that ROBINSON had received a letter from an aunt in Nashville, Tennessee, who was having a number of problems, but he does not believe this actually brought about ROBINSON'S departure from the institution. He again stated that he has no idea as to what motivated ROBINSON'S departure. He stated that ROBINSON was unrestricted and thus could go in and out of the front gate whenever he desired and did not require a pass

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by SA [redacted] /cjh Date dictated 7/9/65

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for each trip. The home of the warden is located on the grounds, but outside the gate.

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From files of FCI, Seagoville, Texas, the following Identification Record for THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., FBI # 842-779 was noted:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
USM, Louisville, Ky.	Thomas H. Robinson, Jr. #498	not given	kidnaping	life; sent, 5-13-36
USP, Atlanta, Ga.	Thomas Henry Robinson, Jr. #48438	5-14-36	kidnaping	life
USP, Leavenworth Kans.	Thomas Henry Robinson, Jr. #49074	5-27-36 in trans. from USP, Atlanta, Ga.	kidnaping	life; 3-13-37 trans to USP Alcatraz
USP, Alcatraz, Calif.	Thomas H. Robinson, Jr. #379-AZ	3-16-37 in trans. from USP, Leavenworth, Kans.	kidnaping	life
USM, San Francisco, Calif.	Thomas Henry Robinson #94989-Civil	not given F.P.- 9-23-43	Habeas Corpus proceedings (enroute to Ky.)	9-27-43, del. to USM at Louisville, Ky.
Federal Correctional Inst. Milan, Mich.	Thomas H. Robinson, Jr. #10249	2-15-44	kidnaping to St. Pen	exec. elec. chair (3-10-44) 5-28-45, trans. Eddysville
U.S. Pen Leavenworth, Kans	Thomas Henry Robinson, Jr. #61985	6-8-45	kidnaping	life

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
U.S. Pen., Alcatraz, Calif	Thomas Henry Robinson, Jr. #709-AZ	7-6-45 in trans from USP Leavenworth, Kans.	kidnaping	life
USP Leavenworth Kans	Thomas Henry Robinson #61985-L	4-11-54 in trans from Alcatraz	not given	
USP Atlanta, Ga.	Thomas Henry Robinson, Jr. #48438-A	5-21-54 by trans from USP Leavenworth Kans	Kid	
Fed Corr Inst. Tallahassee Fla.	Thomas Henry Robinson, Jr. #16433-TF	8-13-59 in trans from USP Atlanta	kid	
USP Atlanta Ga.	Thomas Henry Robinson, Jr. #48438	10-19-60 by trans from FCI Tallahassee Fla.	transp kidnapped person interstate	
FCI Tallahassee Fla	Thomas Henry Robinson, Jr. #16433-TF	11-23-60 in transp from USP Atlanta, Ga.	transp kidnapped person I/S	
Cook Co. Jail Chgo, Ill.	Thomas Robinson #298880	7-30-62	rob	
Cook Co. Jail Chgo, Ill.	Thomas Robinson #299806	8-14-62	safe keeping USM	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
USP, Atlanta, Ga.	Thomas H. Robinson #48438	8-29-62	kidnapping	life

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MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

JUL 19 1965

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Bu file		Name of Subject	Date
FBI # <u>842779</u>		<u>Thomas Henry Robinson</u>	<u>7-16-65</u>
Serial #	Other Identifying #	Positive Index #	Subject Located
	<u>Ja</u>	<u>107812</u>	<u>✓</u>

Prosecution dismissed

City Memphis, Tenn. Reason and/or by whom ?Date 7-14-65

Action to be taken

Cancel fugitive stops for Index

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To: SAC, Memphis

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From: Director, FBI

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR.,
AKA
CHURCH STREET OFFICE,
THIRD NATIONAL BANK,
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE,
JULY 14, 1965
BR

Be certain that the bank robbery investigation involving Robinson is pressed vigorously and promptly furnished to the United States Attorney so that prosecution for this violation can be instituted without delay.

Keep Bureau advised of significant developments.

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NOTE: Robinson who was in a fugitive status as an escaped Federal prisoner attempted to rob the caption bank. He was immediately apprehended and a Federal complaint has been filed. Robinson was serving a life sentence for a kidnaping violation that occurred in 1934. He escaped on 7/6/65.

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'Model Prisoner'

Kidnaper Makes Second Escape

Thomas H. Robinson Jr., convicted Louisville kidnaper, has escaped for the second time

Robinson fled Tuesday morning from the Federal Correctional Institute at Seagoville, Tex., after being sent to do some landscape work on the grounds

Robinson, now 58, was at the minimum-security institution to be groomed for release after 31 years of prison life

He was serving a life term for the 1934 kidnaping in Louisville of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll. He collected a \$50,000 ransom for her release

Escaped In 1962

Robinson escaped July 21, 1962, from a federal prison at Tallahassee, Fla., but was captured a week later in Chicago after a \$14 armed robbery of a drugstore

H. J. Davis, warden at the Texas institution, said last night that Robinson had been there since Sept. 1, 1964, and had been "a model prisoner." "He was doing extremely well. His work was above average, and he had a good chance of being released from custody after all these years," Davis said.

There are no high walls or other barriers to keep prisoners on the correctional institute property.

Bernard C. Brown, agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation office in Louisville, said he has received notice to watch for the escaped prisoner.

Robinson, a Vanderbilt University graduate, had served at Alcatraz and at penitentiaries

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Courier-Journal

Louisville, Ky.

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Date 7-8-65

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Author

Editor Barry Bingham

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at Leavenworth, Kan., and Atlanta before being transferred to minimum security institutions

Robinson was arrested on the Louisville kidnaping charge in 1936 in Glendale, Calif., after a girl friend tipped off the FBI. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life imprisonment at Alcatraz. He later won a new trial in Louisville and this resulted in conviction and a death sentence.

President Truman commuted the death sentence 33 hours before the scheduled execution June 6, 1945. Robinson handled his own appeals through the years. He sought a pardon from President Kennedy but was refused.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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		CHARACTER OF CASE EFP b7C	

10-6-65

REFERENCE:

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Dallas report of SA 8/4/65.

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MEMPHIS - INFORMATION

One copy of this report designated for the Memphis Division in view of pending prosecution there against subject for bank robbery.

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AT DALLAS, TEXAS Will, after completion of prosecution at Nashville, Tenn., follow and report prosecution of subject for his escape from FCI, Seagoville, Texas.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Dallas Division is placing this case in a pending inactive status in view of the fact that subject is presently confined at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C., and also in view of pending prosecution at Nashville, Tennessee for bank robbery.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to. 1 - USA, Fort Worth, Texas
1 - USA, Nashville, Tennessee b7C

Report of [REDACTED] Office: Dallas
Date September 29, 1965

Field Office File #: 76-3384 Bureau File #: 76-26468

Title. THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR.

Character: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Synopsis: On 9/22/65, AUSA STANLEY McMURRY, Dallas, Texas, advised that the Federal Grand Jury on 9/21/65, had returned an indictment against subject for violation Title 18, USC, Section 751.

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DETAILS:

On September 22, 1965, Assistant U. S. Attorney STANLEY McMURRY advised that the Federal Grand Jury meeting at Dallas, Texas, had, on September 21, 1965, returned a true bill indictment against THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., charging him with violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 751.

11-2-65

AIRTEL

To: SACs, Memphis (76-1495)
Dallas (76-3384)
Washington Field

From: Director, FBI

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., aka
EFP; BANK ROBBERY

An article appearing in the "Washington Post" daily newspaper dated 11-2-65 indicates doctors at St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington have concluded that the subject is not suffering from a serious mental illness. It is noted that a Tennessee court had sent Robinson for an evaluation after the subject escaped from a Dallas prison in July.

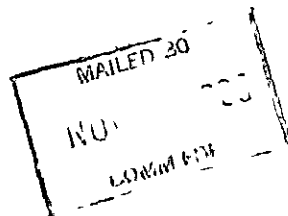
Dallas and Memphis are instructed to closely follow the prosecution pending against Robinson for both escape and bank robbery.

Washington Field is requested to check appropriate records at St. Elizabeths to verify the information contained in above news release.

Memphis and Dallas by return airtel furnish current status of prosecution pending against Robinson.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

Mr. Belmont *alb*

DATE November 3, 1965

FROM

J. H. Gale *JHG*

SUBJECT

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR.
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER
BANK ROBBERY

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The Director has instructed that prosecutive efforts in this case should be followed, it being noted that an article in the "Washington Post" on November 2, 1965, indicated that doctors at Saint Elizabeths Hospital had concluded that the subject is not suffering from a serious mental illness.

Robinson is the individual who was serving a life sentence for the kidnaping of Alice Speed Stoll on October 10, 1934, at Louisville, Kentucky. Robinson transported the victim to Indianapolis, Indiana, where she was released on October 16, 1934, after the payment of \$50,000 ransom by her family. In July, 1962, Robinson escaped from the Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida, and while in fugitive status he held up a drugstore in Chicago, Illinois. He was apprehended in August, 1962. On July 6, 1965, he escaped from the Federal Correctional Institution at Seagoville, Texas, when he was sent across the road from the Institution on a work project.

While in fugitive status on this occasion Robinson entered the Third National Bank in Nashville, Tennessee, on July 14, 1965, and contacted the [redacted] in an apparent bank robbery attempt. A scuffle ensued between Robinson and [redacted] during which Robinson was overpowered with the assistance of another bank employee. A gun in the possession of Robinson was discharged during the scuffle, but no person was shot. A letter was directed to the Attorney General on July 13, 1965, and again on July 15, 1965, pointing out the vicious background of Robinson and urging that maximum supervision be given to him to preclude further escapes.

ACTION:

The field has been instructed to closely follow the pending prosecution against Robinson, it being noted that charges have been filed in Texas involving the last escape and in Tennessee involving the attempted bank robbery.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - [redacted]

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Memo A. Rosen to Mr. Belmont
11-23-65

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City and State:

Kidnaper Held Sane

Doctors at St Elizabeths Hospital have concluded that Thomas H. Robinson Jr., a convicted kidnaper once ranked Public Enemy No 1 by the FBI, is not suffering from a serious mental illness.

A Tennessee court sent Robinson for an evaluation after the 58-year-old convict

walked away from a Dallas prison in July. Already under life sentence, he now faces charges stemming from the escape.

Robinson was a Louisville law clerk when, in 1934, he kidnapped socially prominent Alice Speed Stoll, and collected \$50,000 ransom for her return. Arrested in California 18 months after the crime, Robinson was tried, sentenced to life, he then won a retrial, but was sentenced to death. President Truman commuted his sentence to life imprisonment.

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Follow this up.
This fellow is
"crazy" as a fox!

Memo H. B. Belmont
11-3-65
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The Worker _____
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The Wall Street Journal _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (76-26468)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (76-3384) (P)

SUBJECT: THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., aka
EFP; BR

ReBuairtel to Dallas, Memphis and WFO, 11/2/65, and
report of SA [REDACTED] 11/3/65, Memphis.

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For information Bureau, attempt was made on 11/5/65, to furnish information in referenced report to AUSA B. H. TIMMINS, JR. in order to ascertain his plans as to prosecution of subject for the escape from FCI, Seagoville but Mr. TIMMINS is out of town until 11/8/65.

Dallas Division is following this case very closely and will submit a prosecution report as soon as information is received from AUSA, Dallas.

This airtel being directed to Bufile 76-26468 with an information copy to Bufile 91-22400.

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AT NASHVILLE, TEXAS. Will immediately ascertain through the USM's Office subject's present place of confinement and proposed Federal penitentiary so that AUSA TIMMINS can take appropriate action for prosecution of the subject at Dallas for the escape violation.

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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To: SAC, Dallas (76-3384)

From: Director, FBI (76-26468)

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., aka
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER
BANK ROBBERY

Re Dallas airtel 11/5/65.

Dallas will follow this case closely to insure that the decision of the Assistant United States Attorney, concerning prosecution for subject's escape, is obtained at the earliest possible opportunity. Thereafter prosecution should be closely followed.

Advise Bureau promptly.

1 - Memphis (76-1495)



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (76-26468)

DATE 11/19/65

FROM SAC, ATLANTA (76-2264) (P)

SUBJECT THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., aka
EFP; BR
(00:Dallas)

Re Dallas airtel to Director, 11/16/65.

AT ATLANTA, GA.

[redacted] Advisory Assistant, U. S. Penitentiary, advised on 11/19/65 that THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., USP #48438-A, was received at USP, Atlanta on 11/9/65 from Nashville, Tenn., on a fourteen year sentence for Bank Robbery, to run concurrently with the life sentence for kidnapping. There are no detainers on ROBINSON at USP, Atlanta at present, however, [redacted] pointed out that ROBINSON's penitentiary file has not yet been received by USP, Atlanta.

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To be noted only information received by Atlanta Office in this matter since communication advising of subject's arrest at Nashville, Tenn. on 7/14/65 after his escape from Seagoville, Texas, on 7/6/65, is reference communication.

Based upon limited information available to Atlanta, it would appear it is anticipated subject will plead guilty to EFP charges in USDC, Dallas, Texas. It would also appear that since subject is incarcerated in the USP, Atlanta, Ga., it would be logical to discuss with the appropriate USA in Texas, the feasibility of transferring the EFP case to the NDGA, Atlanta, Ga. under Rule 20.

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AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Will, if deemed appropriate, contact USA regarding transfer of EFP case on subject to Atlanta, Ga. under Rule 20.

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will maintain contact with USP to verify filing of detainer on the EFP case.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : *[Handwritten signature]*
FROM : *RA*
SUBJECT: DIRECTOR, FBI (76-26468) DATE: 11/23/65
SAC, DALLAS (76-3384) (P)
THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., aka.
EFP; BR

OO: DALLAS

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 11/16/65; Atlanta letter to Bureau, 11/19/65.

Enclosed for Atlanta is one copy each of the following:

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- (1) Report of SA 7/19/65, at Memphis;
(2) Report of SA 8/4/65, at Dallas.

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AT DALLAS, TEXAS.

On 11/23/65, AUSA B. H. TIMMINS, JR., Dallas, advised that in order to prosecute subject for the FCI Seagoville, Texas, escape under Rule 20 at Atlanta, Georgia, it would be necessary for the USA at Atlanta to prepare a writ and be agreeable to handling subject under Rule 20 for the escape there. Mr. TIMMINS stated that as far as he knows, the warrant for the escape has been forwarded to the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary by the USM, Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. TIMMINS felt, however, it would be better if subject were handled at Dallas for prosecution of the escape rather than under Rule 20 at Atlanta, but if the USA at Atlanta is agreeable, then the subject could be handled there under Rule 20. *P*

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On 11/23/65, USM's Office, Fort Worth, Texas, advised that she has already transmitted the warrant against subject for the escape case to the USM, Atlanta, Georgia, for transmittal to the USP at Atlanta.

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ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. Will, after reviewing enclosed reports, contact USA, Atlanta, and ascertain if he desires to prosecute subject for the FCI, Seagoville, escape under Rule 20 or if he would rather subject be transferred to Dallas for prosecution.

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Date 11-16-65

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Gale	_____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (76-26468)
 FROM: SAC, DALLAS (76-3384)(P) *NR*
 RE: THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., aka
 EFP; BR

OO: DALLAS

Re Bureau airtel to Dallas, 11-12-65; and Memphis
 airtel to Dallas, 11-12-65.

For information of the Bureau, AUSA CHARLES B.
 CABANIS (who originally authorized filing on subject for
 escape from FCI, Seagoville, Texas) has advised that there
 is no definite date for guilty pleadings in USDC at Dallas,
 Texas, but it will be in the near future. Dallas will
 follow prosecution of subject closely.

By referenced airtel, Memphis advised that subject
 was, on 11-9-65, delivered to the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta,
 Georgia.

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ATLANTAAT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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Will at U. S. Penitentiary verify ~~that detainer~~
 has been placed against subject for further prosecution at
 Dallas for violation of Section 751, Title 18, USC (escape
 from FCI, Seagoville, Texas, 7-6-65).

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (76-26468)
FROM: NSAC, DALLAS (76-3384) (P)
SUBJECT: THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., aka
EFP; BR

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Re Dallas letter to Atlanta 1/20/66 and Atlanta
letter to Dallas 1/20/66.

For information of Bureau, in an attempt to resolve
the prosecution of the subject for EFP, on 12/21/65, THOMAS
HENRY ROBINSON, JR., Inmate Register No. A-48438-A. U. S.
Penitentiary (USP-A) was interviewed by SA [REDACTED]
in an effort to determine if ROBINSON was agreeable to having
the EFP charge pending against him in the Dallas Division dis-
posed of at Atlanta, Georgia, under the provisions of Rule 20.
ROBINSON stated he would be agreeable to disposing of his
escape charge under the provisions of Rule 20, but requested
he be allowed to contact his attorney, [REDACTED]
Nashville, Tennessee, before making a final decision in this
matter.

On 1/18/66, ROBINSON was reinterviewed, at which
time he advised he had been in contact with his attorney and
was now agreeable to having the indictment outstanding at
Dallas, Texas, disposed of at Atlanta under the provisions
of Rule 20.

On 1/18/66, F. D. HAND, JR., AUSA, NDGA, Atlanta,
advised he would have no objections to having the EFP charge

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against the subject at Dallas transferred to Atlanta for disposal through the provisions of Rule 20.

On 1/25/66, AUSA B. H. TIMMINS, JR., Dallas, Texas, advised he is also agreeable to handling the EFP prosecution of subject at Atlanta provided that the subject is entirely agreeable to entering a guilty plea. He requested that the AUSA at Atlanta contact him regarding this matter.

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. Will recontact AUSA F. D. HAND, JR., and bring to his attention the above information and request that he contact AUSA B. H. TIMMINS, JR. at Dallas.

The Attorney General

November 24, 1965

Director, FBI

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**THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR.
CHURCH STREET OFFICE
THIRD NATIONAL BANK,
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
JULY 14, 1965
BANK ROBBERY; FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER**

Reference is made to my communications dated July 13, 1965, and July 15, 1965, concerning the captioned individual.

On November 2, 1965, Thomas Henry Robinson, Jr., was arraigned in the United States District Court at Nashville, Tennessee, on a two-count indictment charging him with two violations of the Federal Bank Robbery Statute.

The presiding judge, Honorable William E. Miller, announced that a report had been received from Saint Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C., which report revealed Robinson was considered mentally competent. Subsequently, Judge Miller sentenced Robinson to serve fourteen years on each count of the indictment, both sentences to run concurrently.

The United States Marshal, Nashville, Tennessee, has advised that Robinson was delivered to the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, on November 9, 1965.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General
1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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TITLE OF CASE THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR. aka		REPORT MADE BY 	TYPED BY jah
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REFERENCES: Dallas airtel to Bureau dated 1/26/66 and
Atlanta airtel to Dallas dated 2/3/66.

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. 1. Will have AUSA F. D. HAND, JR.,
NDGA, directly contact AUSA B. H. TIMMINS, JR., so that prosecution
of this subject for EFP can be pursued.

2. Will follow and report prosecution of subject for
EFP under Rule 20.

Pending over one year No
Pending prosecution over six months Yes

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The character BR is being deleted from this report inasmuch as subject, on 11/2/65, at Nashville, Tennessee, was convicted and sentenced to serve fourteen years for BR.

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Report of [REDACTED] Office. DALLAS
Date 2/15/66
Field Office File #: 76-3384 Bureau File #: 76-26468
Title. THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR.

Character: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Synopsis: AUSA B. H. TIMMINS, JR., Dallas, Texas, states he is agreeable to subject being prosecuted at Atlanta, Georgia, for violation of EFP under Rule 20, provided the subject is entirely agreeable to entering a guilty plea. THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., on 12/21/65, stated he would be agreeable to being prosecuted for the escape charge against him under Rule 20 at Atlanta.

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DETAILS:

DATE: DECEMBER 21, 1965
AT: ATLANTA, GEORGIA
NAME: SA [REDACTED]

THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., Inmate Register Number A-48438-A, United States Penitentiary (USP-A) was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] in an effort to determine if ROBINSON was agreeable to having the Escaped Federal Prisoner charge pending against him in the Dallas Division disposed of at Atlanta, Georgia under the provisions of Rule 20, but requested he be allowed to contact his attorney, [REDACTED] Nashville, Tennessee, before making a final decision in this matter.

DATE: JANUARY 18, 1966
AT: ATLANTA, GEORGIA
NAME: SA [REDACTED]

On January 18, 1966, ROBINSON was reinterviewed, at which time he advised he had been in contact with his attorney and was now agreeable to having the indictment outstanding at Dallas, Texas

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of
disposed/at Atlanta under the provisions of Rule 20.

Assistant U. S. Attorney F. D. HAND, JR., Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta, advised he would have no objections to having the Escaped Federal Prisoner charge against the subject at Dallas transferred to Atlanta for disposal through the provisions of Rule 20.

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DATE: JANUARY 25, 1966
AT: DALLAS, TEXAS
NAME: SA [REDACTED]

Assistant U. S. Attorney B. H. TIMMINS, JR., advised he is agreeable to handling the Escaped/^{Federal}Prisoner prosecution of ROBINSON at Atlanta, providing that the subject is entirely agreeable to entering a guilty plea. Mr. TIMMINS requested that the Assistant U. S. Attorney at Atlanta contact him directly concerning this matter.

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DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 1966
AT: ATLANTA, GEORGIA
NAME: SA [REDACTED]

Assistant U. S. Attorney F. D. HAND, JR., stated that he is still agreeable to handling ROBINSON under Rule 20; however, he had not received as yet the necessary papers to complete the transfer of this case from the United States Attorney's Office, Dallas, Texas.

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REPORTING OFFICE ATLANTA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DALLAS	DATE 4/5/66	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/5/66
TITLE OF CASE THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., aka.		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY caw
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REFERENCES: Report of SA Dallas, 2/15/66.
 Atlanta letter to Dallas, 3/16/66. (IO)
 Dallas letter to Atlanta, 3/31/66. (IO)

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ENCLOSURES:TO BUREAU

Enclosed for Bureau are three (3) copies of Parole Report and one (1) Disposition Sheet re subject ROBINSON.

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Case has been Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No, Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Report of. SA [REDACTED] Office: Atlanta, Georgia
Date: April 5, 1966

Field Office File #: 76-2264 Bureau File #: 76-26468

Title: THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR.

Character. ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Synopsis: On 4/5/66, subject appeared in USDC, NDGA, Atlanta, Georgia, waived arraignment and plead guilty under provisions of Rule 20, to one count indictments returned in Dallas County, Texas, charging violation of Title 18, Section 751, USC. Subject, on same date, was sentenced to five years CAG with said sentence to run concurrent with present sentence. Subject will be eligible for parole under provisions of Section 4208 (b).

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DETAILS:

On April 5, 1966, Assistant United States Attorney F. D. HAND, JR., Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia, advised Special Agent [REDACTED] that THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., has appeared before the Honorable LEWIS R. MORGAN, United States District Court Judge, Atlanta Division, Northern District of Georgia, on that date and that ROBINSON had waived arraignment and plead guilty, under the provisions of Rule 20, to a one count indictment returned in the Northern District of Texas, charging "on or about July 6, 1965, in Dallas County, Texas, within the Dallas Division of the Northern District of Texas, THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., defendant, did knowingly, wilfully and unlawfully escape from the Federal Correctional Institution, Seagoville, Texas, in which he was confined by direction of the Attorney General pursuant to a conviction of an offense; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 751." HAND further advised that the subject was sentenced, on the same date, to serve five years in the custody of the Attorney General with said sentence to run

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run concurrent with the sentence presently being served by the subject. ROBINSON will be eligible for parole under the provisions of Section 4208 (b).

PAROLE REPORT

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office ATLANTA	Office of Origin DALLAS	Date 4/5/66
Name of Convict with Aliases THOMAS HENRY ROBINSON, JR., aka Leslie K. Burgess, James L. Cox, Jack Donohue, James B. Mandeville, John Phillips, Bobbie Robinson, Ray Seigenthaler	Report Made By SA 	Typed By :caw
	Violation ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER b7C	

Outline of Offense On or about 7/6/65, convict escaped from Federal Correctional Institution, Seagoville, Texas, where he had been fined by direction of the Attorney General.

Date and place of indictment, March 9, 1966, Dallas, Texas.
or information filed

Code and section under which charged Title 18, Section 751, United States Code.

Section under which sentenced Section 751, United States Code, under provisions of Rule 20.

Date and nature of plea. Guilty, 4/5/66.

Date and place of conviction. 4/5/66, Atlanta, Georgia.

Date and duration of sentence. Five (5) years custody Attorney General with said sentence to run concurrent to existing sentence being served in custody Attorney General.

Fines:
None

Aggravating or Mitigating circumstances There are no known mitigating circumstances.

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1226	NORVELL	RANDOL	EUGENE	KIDNAPING	CANCELLED	5/17/1934
1227	BARROW	CLYDE	CHAMPION	NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT	CANCELLED	5/21/1934
1227	THORNTON	BONNIE		NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT	CANCELLED	5/21/1934
1228	OLEY	FRANCIS	LEONARD	KIDNAPING	CANCELLED	6/8/1934
1229	CONFORTI	MARIE	MARION	HARBORING FUGITIVE	CANCELLED	7/30/1934
1230	GILLIS	HELEN		HARBORING FUGITIVE	CANCELLED	7/30/1934
1231	HAMILTON	RAYMOND		THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY	CANCELLED	8/13/1934
1232	MORAN	JOSEPH	P. DR.	KIDNAPING	CANCELLED	9/14/1934
1233	ROBINSON	THOMAS	H. JR	KIDNAPING	CANCELLED	10/16/1933
1234	FLEGENHEIMER	ARTHUR		FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAW VIOLATION	CANCELLED	11/19/1934
1235	MAIS	ROBERT		THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY	CANCELLED	1/14/1935
1236	CAMPBELL	HARRY		KIDNAPING	CANCELLED	1/28/1935
1237	DAVIS	VOLNEY		KIDNAPING	CANCELLED	1/28/1935
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1243	GOODRICH	MERTON	WARD	UNAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION - MURDER	CANCELLED	3/23/1935
1244	FULTS	RALPH	SMITH	HARBORING FUGITIVE	CANCELLED	4/3/1935
1245	WHARTON	WILEY		NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT	CANCELLED	4/27/1935