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Annual Review, Leavenworth dated 10/56

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X-110 Classification study, Leavenworth.

Dated 4/5/58

History, family etc.

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X-121 Release Progress Report, Leavenworth. (Ray refused to go to prison farm because dormitory integrated.)

Report dated 8/4/58

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Prison bank records (xeroxed copy)

3/20/60-

7/14/67

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4/11/60-4/23/67 Chronological Data Sheet

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Cell assignments
3/17/60 - 4/23/67

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Chronological Data Sheet for 4/11/60-10/2/65
with pre-parole progress report, and past re-
lease plans.

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VI-71 Represented, January 1963, by Baker in
1963 habeas corpus.

XI-73 Wrote letters to Baker promising payment.
5/19/63
6/11/63

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X-37 Caught taking prohibited items into hospital,
 June 1965.

6/65

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2/20/63 - 2/3/67 Record of money
orders rec'd by Ray from 2/20/63 -
2/3/67

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Psychiatric Report dated 10/24/66

- I. Pertment History
- II. Physical Status
- III. Mental Status
- IV. Course in Hospital
- V. Condition at Present
- VI. Diagnosis
- VII. Discussion
- VIII. Findings
- IX. Recommendation

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X-71 Mental examination September 8, 1966, to
October 21, 1966 while confined in
maximum security unit.

9/8/66

10/21/66

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Letter from psychiatrist to Mo Parole Board.
dated 12/20/66.

Reflects Ray has headaches, fixations, is
an obsessive compulsive personality.
Not ready for parole.

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X-120 Associated with JR. Keller at Leavenworth.
took Spanish course.

Financial account reflected.

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Transcript of Serial Record, Dept of
Corrections. Present Sentence.

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Received \$2.00/mo. pay in MSP.

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Warrant for arrest for unlawful flight
issued April 24, 1968.

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Sheriff Hensley knows of no proof
that Ray was in Miller County, Mo.,
during 4/5/68

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Handwriting samples furnishes to FBI
from prison records 4/9/68, 4/26/68 and
5/6/68.

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X-45 Resembles Leo Harold Parker. Parker heard that Ray was in St. Louis all summer of 1967, and had a car, was using dope, was living in a garage, and was responsible for several robberies.

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Known by informant from fall '65 until escape. Ray first known taking orders for coffee, cigarettes in J Hall. Made arrangement with informant to have his, informant's B'head paper each day. Told informant the "Businessmen's Association offering \$100,000 for killing of King." He said he didn't know who they were but would find out. Ray ran lottery on hall with Valenti and "Boston". Ray seemed to work with FNU Craig in "Cooley's organization," an enforcement and protection group. Ray brought informant his membership card, and once brought his informant's share in cigarettes after Cooley's organization settled a dispute.

identified by source.

Said Ray also close to an Indian
barber inmate on J Hall.

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Information of cellmate Lillibridge:

Ambition to steal \$20,000 - \$30,000
and retire to Mexico.

Lived with peasants in 3-room shack
near Campeche, Mexico. Had smuggled
appliances from Brownsville, Texas to
Campeche on boats via Campeche Bay near
Yucatan Peninsula. Had money invested
in TV's and washing machines smuggled
to Mexico.

Was accompanied to Mexico by
brother in St. Louis or by an accomplice.

in robberies.

Ray spoke of liking a red-light district in Torreon or Torrejon (ph).

Ray was frugal.

Ray did not like Negroes. Related to news accounts of H. Rap Brown and Carmichael as to some publicity received by King.

Ray once in a fight with a Negro on prison crew.

Ray was hypochondriac, taking 6 or 7 pills/day. Sold dope in prison.

Ray referred to being a bartender, possibly in Peoria, Illinois or some other southern Illinois

town.

Once went to Mexico in old Chevrolet during late 1950's. Had been in Arizona. Saw "fire dance" in Acapulco. Had Kenny Hurtt send out a money order to hide money.

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X-49 Said to have asked John Kenneth Hurtt to send a Money Order for him to a stationary company sometime in 1966. (Sent to someone named Pepper).

Not known well by Hurtt.

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Inmate Dowda relates what he knew of Ray: lone~~r~~, always had money; took and pushed drugs; involved poss. in 1966 prison riot; hated Negroes; talked of killing King if price were right; never mentioned dance. Scar on forearm.

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X-37 Known as loner by John L. Stout, who
denies smuggling dope to him in prison.

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X-37 Reported by inmate to be addicted to mild dope,
which was smuggled to him by a guard named
Stout.

Said to have been known by Jimmy Carpenter.

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Not known to James Harvey Bradley,
big fence with Italian connections.

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Subject of article by Orlan Rose.
Worked as painting contractor with
Walter Rife; lived in Pickwick Hotel.
Says was framed on robbery charge by
cops. Had changed between Leavenworth
and Mo Pen.

Not believed to be King's
assassin.

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X-28 Said by inmate to have been a loner, quiet, liked baseball, not gambler or homosexual, took mild drugs, did not like mother, tight with money.

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X-27 Known by Jerome Carpenter in prison, quiet.

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X-25

Took mild drugs, which were hard to administer because had small veins. No close friends. Always wanted to be in single cell.

Would not kill. Would work in laboring-type job.

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X-24

Said by inmate not to use drugs,
nor homosexual, or gamble. Liked TV.
Sold paperback books to make money
in prison. Liked baseball.

No animosity to Negroes.

Friendly with Carl Drake.

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X-23

Inmate says quiet, no friends, caused no trouble, didn't gamble, no drug or abnormal sex habits. Ray's main interest baseball, also interested in escape.

Said not to be type to kill King.

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X-47 Said to have been an associate of Ray Curtis
by George Edmondson, who obtained a Canadian
passport under name of Alexander Peter Bosmann.

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X-42 Not known by Carlos Lee Billings, inmate
 at the Med. Center for Federal Reserves.

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Known slightly by inmate Ashe.
Was quiet, not involved in prison
rackets. Not known to sell drugs,
gamble, express strong opinions.
Not known in prison as a kid or punk.
Ashe doubts he celled with Jimmy
Carpenter.

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Lived in K-hall at time of
escape and was know to inmate
Nunn. Spoke of New Orleans.
Described as a loner.

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Not known by Roman Sage, an
Indian barber who came to MSP
October 13, 1967.

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Known, but not well, by inmate Beman.

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X-62

Known by inmate Hill, who worked in hospital, but not well. Ray was in hospital a few times on side call but never occupied a bed.

Described as a loner.

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X-60

Said to be friendly with Bob Powell and
J. R. Russell, who helped him escape.
Expressed dislike for Negro guard and cook.
Once stabbed an inmate.
Stole locks and practiced picking them.

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Ray pushed food cart to prison hospital.
Never spoke with inmate White.

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Not known to inmate Thomas Crews,
but photo looked familiar.

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Know to Negro guard Turner as Jimmy Ray. Not type to kill Negroes, Not drug user or homosexual. Got along well with Negro prisoners but did not associate with them.

Associated with Neal Aeby, a Negro hater. Possibly Ray resented Turner's recommendation of harsh punishment for Aeby.

Operated a magazine-rental service in exchange for money and cigarettes.

Not known by Turner as Jimmy Bradley's associate.

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X-37 Vaguely recalled by Captain Steele, who cannot give further information on hospital incident.

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X-13 Knew "Whitey" Dowda, who worked in
 kitchen. Not given drugs by Schaeffer.

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Said to be friend of (FNU) Dowda, or inmate. Said to have peddled dope with Dowda in prison.

Was loner. No known feelings about Negroes.