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330	7	19	214	AD5 8070	RICHARDSON TEX	120		*-0049	
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406	14	1B	312	AN3 1975	CHICAGO ILL	285		*-1417	
407	3	2B	KANS	CY MO TO	RICHARDSON TEX	65			
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409	25	19	214	LA8 7000	DALLAS TEX	390		*-0229	
410	28	19	214	LA8 7000	DALLAS TEX	435		*-0200	
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411		1K	214	EM1 1880	DALLAS TEX	120		*-1641	
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413	19	19	214	AD5 8070	RICHARDSON TEX	300		*-0034	
414	13	1B	214	AD5 8070	RICHARDSON TEX	265		*-1808	
414	12	1B	214	AD5 8070	RICHARDSON TEX	245		*-1825	
416	1	1K	309	829 6921	BLOOMINGTN ILL	100		*-0817	
418	16	1S	214	AD5 8070	RICHARDSON TEX	410		*-1835	
418	6	1K	214	ME1 1880	DALLAS TEX	210		*-1351	
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426	17	1K	214	ME1 1880	DALLAS TEX	540		*-1536	051068
426	4	1K	214	ME1 1880	DALLAS TEX	150		*-1303	
502	1	1B	918	LU2 9101	TULSA OKLA	60		*-2133	
503	8	4R		TULSA OKL TO KANSASCITY	KANS	135			
503	21	2L		KANS CY MO TO TULSA	OKLA	480			
504	13	1C	918	LU2 9101	TULSA OKLA	250			
504	14	1B	918	LU2 9101	TULSA OKLA	225		*-2343	
504	7	1B	918	LU2 9101	TULSA OKLA	120		*-2358	
504	8	1B	918	LU2 9101	TULSA OKLA	135		*-0905	
511	29	2C	MPLS	MIN TO	SPRINGDALE MO	790			
518	33	1B	612	332 2389	MINNEAPOLS MINN	665		*-1734	
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505	4	19	918	LU2 9101	TULSA OKLA	75		*-0103	
505	4	4C		TULSA OKL TO KANSASCITY	KANS	115			
506		1K	214	ME1 1880	DALLAS TEX	120		*-1457	
506	7	1K	214	ME1 1880	DALLAS TEX	240		*-1603	
509	33	19	214	TAZ 0881	DALLAS TEX	510		*-0056	
512	35	19	612	332 2389	MINNEAPOLS MINN	540		*-0013	
512	28	1B	612	332 2389	MINNEAPOLS MINN	565		*-2235	

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514	2	4B	AKRON	1110	KANSASCITY KANS	70			
515	0	1C	419	472 6223	TOLEDO OHIO	235			
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515	1	1B	405	VI6 0741	OKLA CITY OKLA	60		*-2316	
515		1S	419	472 6223	TOLEDO OHIO	85		*-1936	
516	46	19	612	332 2389	MINNEAPOLIS MINN	705		*-0142	
516	2	1B	612	332 2389	MINNEAPOLIS MINN	65		*-2150	
516	1	1S	612	332 2389	MINNEAPOLIS MINN	95		*-1740	
516	3	2K	KANS	CY MO TO	MINNEAPOLIS MINN	115			
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516	3	2K	KANS	CY MO TO	MINNEAPOLIS MINN	115			
517	57	19	612	332 2389	MINNEAPOLIS MINN	870		*-0021	
517	39	1S	612	332 2389	MINNEAPOLIS MINN	985		*-1734	
517	1	1B	612	332 2389	MINNEAPOLIS MINN	65		*-2049	
517	1	1B	612	332 2389	MINNEAPOLIS MINN	65		*-2149	
517	13	1B	612	332 2389	MINNEAPOLIS MINN	265		*-1930	
517	3	1C	405	VI2 9223	BRITTON OKLA	120			

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518	5	19	612	332 2389	MINNEAPOLS MINN	90		*-0126	PAGE 3
511	16	4C	MPLS	MIN TO	KANSASCITY KANS	465			051968
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File No. 44-760 - 1A 70

Date Received 6-4-68

From HARRY LAUF, Records Officer,
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Missouri State Penitentiary
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Jefferson City, Missouri
(CITY AND STATE)

By IC WILLIAM C. MCDONALD
(NAME ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~)

To Be Returned Yes
 No

Receipt given Yes
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Description:
Background sheet and photograph
of PAUL OSFORN BRIDGEMAN, MSP
10134.

DIVISION OF CLASSIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
RECEPTION-DIAGNOSTIC CENTER REPORT

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TRANSCRIPT OF SERIAL RECORD

REGISTER NO. 10134 NAME Paul Osborn Bridgeman RACE White
ALIAS TRUE NAME
BIRTH DATE [] BIRTH PLACE Winchester, Ind. AGE 25
HEIGHT 6 FT. 1 IN. WEIGHT 190 LENGTH OF FOOT 10 1/2 IN.
BUILD Sld. HAIR Blond EYES Blue COMPLEXION Medium
MARKS, SCARS, OR TATTOOS PAUL outer left wrist.

SOC. SEC. NO. [] SELECT. SERVICE NO. 11 160 40 241 CLASS
MILITARY: BRANCH None FROM TO TYPE OF DISCHARGE
EMERGENCY ADDRESS GUARDIAN OF SON: Wayne Rothberg TELE. NO. Jackson 36561
8228 Helmer K. C., Mo.
MARTIAL STATUS Separated OCCUPATION OR TRADE Labor
EDUCATION 9th grade RELIGION Baptist
FORMER IMPRISONMENT: MO:1 OTHER 1 NONE
PAROLES OR PROBATION: MO:1 OTHER NONE

PRESENT CONVICTION

OFFENSE TO: Robbery First Degree;
COUNTY Jackson RECEIVED 4-23-1965 TERM OF COURT Mar 1965
SENTENCE 5 Years 4-9-1965 JAIL TIME 14 days
EXPIRATION DATE: FULL TIME 4-8-1970 % TIME 1-8-1969
F.B.I. NO. 352 520 C LAST RESIDENCE K. C., Mo.

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DATE INSTITUTION TYPE

DIVISION OF CLASSIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT
MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Diagnostic Center Report

Date: 5-12-1965

Name: Paul Osborn Bridgeman Number: W-10134

Sentence: 5 years

Present Offense: TC: Robbery First Degree;

County: Jackson

Date Received: 4-23-1965

Age: 25

FELONY INCARCERATIONS: Two. 10-16-56, MIR, larceny motor vehicle, 2 yrs, paroled 4-26-57; revoked 7-11-57; revocation rescinded 8-2-57. Discharged 12-30-58. The second felony is 12-18-57, SP Pontiac, Ill. Robb. 1 to 2 yrs. Disch. 8-25-59.

CRIMINAL HISTORY: Prior to his MIR sentence, the subject was arrested for careless and reckless driving in Arkansas and fined \$50 and later was arrested for several bad checks charges which were dismissed. Since leaving Pontiac, the subject has been arrested several times including drunkenness and destruction of city property and resisting arrest for which he received a \$155 fine at Bloomington, Illinois. On an illegal possession of liquor charge he was fined \$103 in Bloomington. He then was charged in 62 with reckless driving, no drivers license and driving under the influence, and was fined about \$75. On a worthless check charge he was fined in 63 in Florida. He received a 45-day sentence at Bloomington, Illinois in 63 for check charges.

PRESENT OFFENSE: In November of 1964, the subject used a cap pistol as a weapon to rob the Clark Service Station on Blue Parkway in Kansas City. The subject stated that he had been drinking most of the day prior to the offense but claims no premeditation. He stated that he was not in need of funds, but simply robbed the station on the spur of the moment.

Accomplices: None

Detainers: None, presently.

SOCIAL: This 25-year old man is a native of Winchester, Indiana born on [redacted] younger in the family of two. When he was 6-months old his family moved to Warrensburg, Illinois where he remained for about 7-years after which his family moved to Salem, Arkansas where he remained 5-years. His parents were divorced when the subject was about 15, but were later re-united. At age 17 the subject left the family circle the first time when he was confined at MIR. In 1962, his parents were involved in a murder-suicide. This evidently was the culmination of serious domestic problems which preceded this event. His father was known to have worked on the farm for the most part.

MARITAL: In 1961, when the subject was 21 he married 18-year old Carolyn Brooker. Two children were added to the union after which his wife took one child and deserted the subject and the son. He stated that his son is presently residing with friends in Kansas City and he has had no contact with his wife since the separation in November of 63.

MILITARY: None

EDUCATIONAL: The subject stated that he completed the 9th at Salem, Arkansas, having to leave school when he was confined at MIR. He allegedly completed the 11th through correspondence work at Pontiac. He stated that his work was through the American School of Correspondence at Chicago. According to tests administered in the Diagnostic Center it is suggested that the subject has an estimated below average learning ability. An SAT battery median of 9.1 is indicative of a fair educational attainment.

VOCATIONAL - EMPLOYMENT: The subject allegedly drove trucks and tractors on his father's

continued

W-10134 Paul Osborn Bridgeman

farm as a youth and states that he held service station employment in Florida and after moving to Illinois following his parents death, the subject was employed in farm management. For the past two years he has been employed for International Harvester in Tractor Repair in California for three months and states that prior to the instant offense for about 5-months he was employed as a hotel clerk at the Princeton Hotel in Kansas City. He qualified in ten occupational patterns on the GATB, which suggests aptitude in the following areas; nurses' aid and orderly, order clerk, mechanical repairing and general public contact work. His high interests are in clerical and mechanical, which shows some agreement with his aptitude.

RELIGION: The subject states that he has been a member of the First Baptist Church of Bloomington, Illinois, and indicates that presently religion has not been allowed to play a significant role in his adjustment.

HEALTH AND HABITS: The subject makes no physical complaints but indicates that in 1961 he was involved in an auto accident with no serious results. He denies using Narcotics, having venereal disease. He states that for the past year he has been drinking to excess particularly since the trauma of losing his parents and wife. He claims to enjoy playing basket ball and reading.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Commitment report, FBI report, transcript of serial record, Pontiac report, medical report, test battery interview.

EVALUATION OF INMATE: This 25-year old man comes from Kansas City and is serving his third felony incarceration. Erratic behavior has been noted particularly in the past 8 years which has led the subject to the attention of authorities of the law on frequent occasions. He has adjusted satisfactorily on prior incarcerations and had some experience during confinement in the barber shop and the metal shop. His primary interest is presently in mechanical areas and it is felt that he will benefit from further training in mechanical repairing.

ASSIGNMENT: J

RECOMMENDATIONS: Routine supervision with vocational training preferably in the area of mechanics.

GHP: edg



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PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN

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File No. 44-760-1A7 (6)

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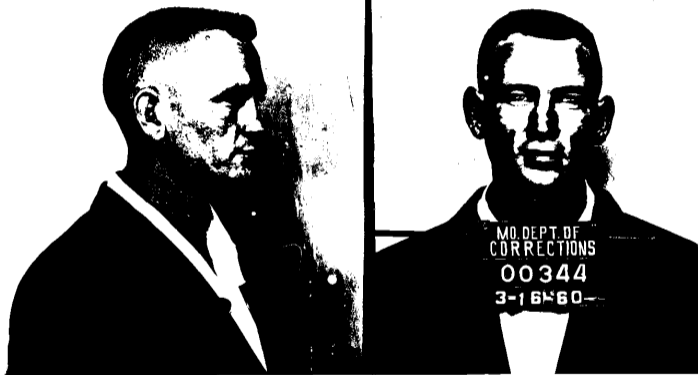
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To Be Returned Yes
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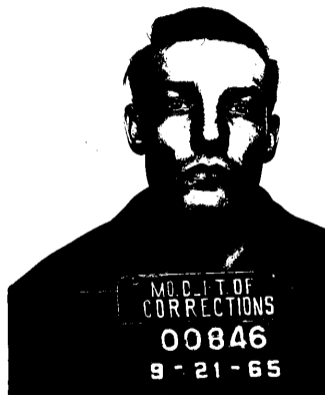
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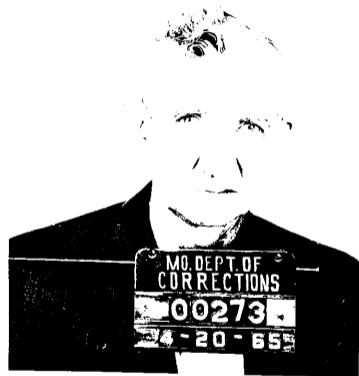
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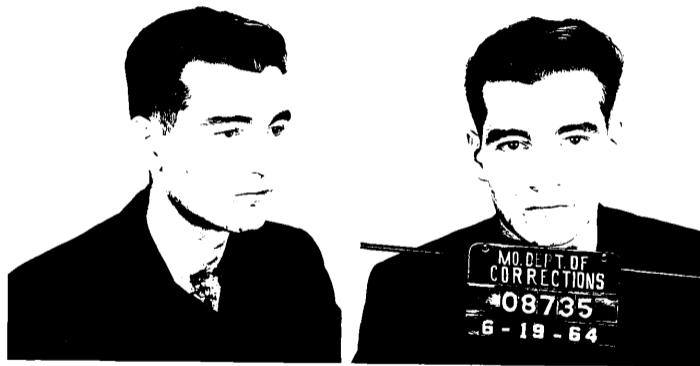
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CHARLES EDWARD LAWSON



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RAYMOND LOUIS ALLEN

File No. 44-760-1A7 ^(P)

Date Received 6-24-68

From Wanda Swanson
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

M S P
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

St. Louis, Mo
(CITY AND STATE)

By [Signature]
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned Yes No

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From the Office of:
Harold R. Swenson, Warden

May 17, 1968

RECEIPT

Received jointly from Dr. Skain and Warden Swenson this date, the following dental X-Rays of former inmate James Earl Ray, #00416:

Two film - sinus series - left lateral showing all teeth.


Rowen Ayers - FBI Agent *KC/110*

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File No. 44-760-1A7

Date Received 7/26/68

From Medical Center for
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Federal Prisoners
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Springfield, Mo.
(CITY AND STATE)

By James A. Mitchell
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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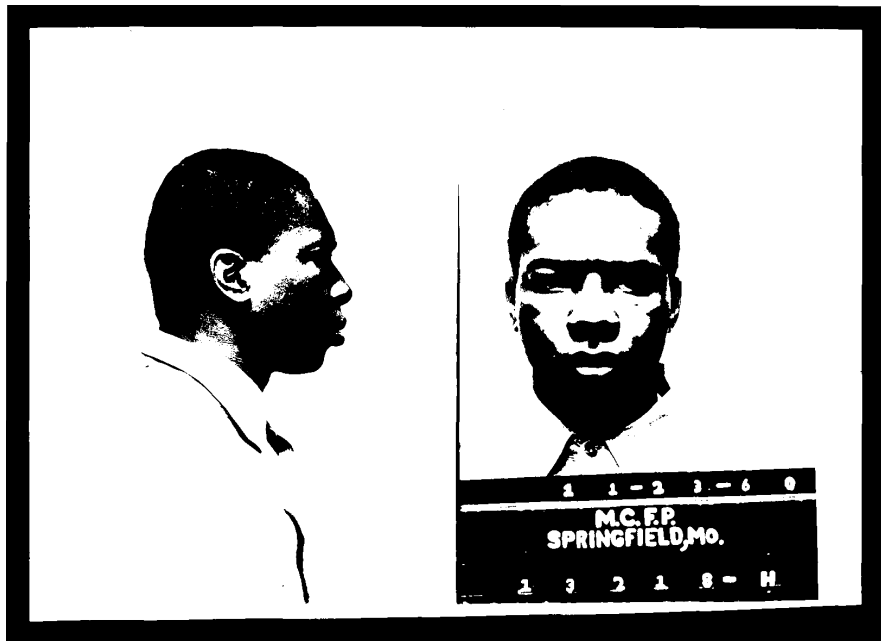
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Clifford W. Edmondson
FBI # 273154D

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File No. 44-760-1A7 ⁽⁹⁾

Date Received 9-19-68

From Bill Gordon Steinhoff
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Seedgwick Co Jail
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Leitchville, Ks.
(CITY AND STATE)

By James F. Mally
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

To Be Returned Yes No

Receipt given Yes No

Description:

Photo of Steinhoff

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File No. 44-760-1A7 (10)

Date Received 7-19-68

From Bill Gordon Steinhoff
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Bedgwick Co Jail
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Wichita, KS.
(CITY AND STATE)

By James F. Malle
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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INTERROGATION; ADVICE OF RIGHTS

YOUR RIGHTS

Place Wichita, Kansas
Date September 19, 1968
Time 11:35 AM

Before we ask you any questions, you must understand your rights.

You have the right to remain silent.

Anything you say can be used against you in court.

You have the right to talk to a lawyer for advice before we ask you any questions and to have him with you during questioning.

If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you before any questioning if you wish.

If you decide to answer questions now without a lawyer present, you will still have the right to stop answering at any time. You also have the right to stop answering at any time until you talk to a lawyer.

WAIVER OF RIGHTS

I have read this statement of my rights and I understand what my rights are. I am willing to make a statement and answer questions. I do not want a lawyer at this time. I understand and know what I am doing. No promises or threats have been made to me and no pressure or coercion of any kind has been used against me.

Signed Bill G. Steinhoff

Witness: James F. Miller

Witness: _____

Time: 11:54 AM

File No. 44-760-1A7 ⁽¹¹⁾

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From Bill Gordon Steinhoff
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Sedgewick Co Jail
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Wichita, KS.
(CITY AND STATE)

By James F. Miller
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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Description:

Interview Log

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NO. 100-104000-100

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Wichita, Kansas
September 19, 1968

Person Interviewed	Bill Gordon Steinhoff
By	SA James F. Miller
Time oral interview started	11 ¹⁸ / _A
Time subject read Rights & Waiver Form	11 ²⁵ / _A 11 ³¹ / _P
Time subject signed Rights & Waiver Form	11 ³⁷ / _A
Time subject typed voluntary Statement	11 ⁴⁰ / _A 1 ⁰¹ / _P
Time subject signed typed Statement	1 ⁰⁵ / _P
Time interview concluded	1 ¹⁹ / _P
Requests	None

James F. Miller

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From Bill Gordon Steinhoff
(NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Sedgwick Co. Inc.
(ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR)

Wichita, KS
(CITY AND STATE)

By James F. Miller
(NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT)

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Signed Statement

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Wichita, Kansas, September 19, 1968

I Bill Gordon Steinhoff hereby make the following free, and voluntary statement to James F. Miller, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me to induce me to make this statement. Agent Miller has furnished me a written document showing my rights which I have read and signed waving these rights.

I was born on in St. Louis, Missouri, and have a High School education.

While I was incarcerated in the Tennessee State Penitentiary in Nashville Tennessee ^{at some time in 1964-1965} I was given the job as Head Clerk in the Prison Hospital. While on this job I met another Inmate which I had done time with in the Missouri State Penitentiary by the Name of George Jones. We were both doing time in Nashville ~~XXXX~~ and had both escaped from Missouri. Jones from Moberly and myself from Jefferson City. Jones was sentenced to one year and myself to three years in Nashville. Jones was released some months before I was and was returned to the Penitentiary in Jefferson City.

Another Inmate in Nashville by the Name of Gene Jacobs was admitted to the Prison Hospital Convelesant Ward although there was nothing the matter with him. I learned later that he was a City Councilman and was put in the Hospital so he could watch T.V. and eat out of the Hospital Kitchen. Although he was a patient in the Hospital he was allowed to go to the yard or any where else he wanted.

B.G.S.

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One day while I was watching T.V. in the Convelasent Ward Jacobs started talking to me about my escaping from the Penitentiary and how I had done this. He asked me at this time if I knew Jimmy Ray who was confined in Missouri. I told him no that I did not know him personally. Jacobs asked me if I would help some one escape if I could and I told him yes. He said no more about this matter for about two weeks but during this time he bought me Cigarettes and other things from the Commissary. One day Gene asked me if I would be willing to take some money to Missouri with me and give it to George Jones who was already there. I asked him how much and what I would get for it. He told me that I would get Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars for my self if I would give Jones Five Hundred Dollars to help another inmate get away from the Penitentiary. I agreeded to do this. ~~XXXXX~~ *although I did not know who was to escape this* A few days later Gene received a visit from his wife and when he returned he gave me Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars in Cash. He gave me Five One Hundred Dollar Bills, a Fifty Five Twentys and Ten, Ten Dollar Bills. *1944 Jan 2nd 1945 1944* Upon my release I was picked up Lt. Turner the Warrant Officer from the Missouri State Penitentiary and another man acting as guard which I did not know. The morning I dressed out in Nashville I put on a pair of boxer shorts which I had cut in the front seam and inserted all but One Hundred and Fifty Dollars. This Hundred and Fifty Dollars ~~is~~ placed in my sock as I knew they made you take your shoes off and searched your socks before they handcuffed you. As Lt. Turner was searching me he felt the bottom of my socks and felt

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this lump and asked me what it was and I said it was my money. He asked me where I got it and I told him I had been saving it. He turned to the Officer from the Nashville Penitentiary who was present all this time and asked him what he should do with it. They went into the Deputy Wardens Office and when he returned he said it would be placed in my property as the Deputy Warden said he couldn't take as I had it in my possession. Although this money is not allowed in the Penitentiary. When I returned to the State Penitentiary in Missouri I told them I had had trouble with some other inmates which I named and wanted to be placed in Maximum Security. I knew that ^{458 J. Stewart 458} Lt. Stewart was the Officer in charge there and liked me. Although the Inmates I named were no longer in the Penitentiary they placed me in Maximum Security. This money was taken into Maximum Security by my self and I was never searched as Lt. Stewart knew me. I removed this money from my shorts and placed it in a pair of new socks which I had three pairs of. I sealed the wrapper back up and they were never bothered. One day my cell mate was talking to me about wishing he had some Green Money to buy some powder with and I told him that he would have to get it when he went to population. This Inmate's name was Frank Downey. A few days later they were taking me some where up front and I told Downey that I had some money in my socks and if they did any thing to me to be sure and hold it for me. I was returned to my cell and found that Downey did not bother ~~my~~ socks so I forgot it. Downey was released to Population a few days later and I was alone in this cell. About a week later I asked the walk man if he would sell me a carton of cigarettes for a ten dollar bill ~~and~~ ^{458 12. 458} I had none and could not obtain any from the Inmate Canteen for another week. He said he would. The next day I asked this Inmate about the Cigarettes and he

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said that he would bring them around a little later. He did this and I gave him a ten dollar bill which I learned later he gave to the Sgt. in Maximum Security by the Name of Hendley. About four days later myself and three other inmates were allowed to go ~~xxx~~ to the Exercise yard. While I was out there Lt. Stewart came up and sit down by me and said that he had heard that I had some square money. I told him that I did not, that he must be talking about the money Lt. Turner found in my sock in Nashville. He did not question me any further about this matter. I had already asked Lt. Stewart about a job as his clerk in Maximum Security and he told me he would see about it. The following week I asked Lt. Stewart again about the job and he said that if I would give him the money he would get it for me. The next day I gave Lt. Stewart Five Ten Dollar Bills. The following week I was assigned as clerk in Maximum Security. One day while going after the mail with the Sgt. I saw George Jones in Control Center and he came up to the Treasurers Office where I waited while the Sgt. went and picked up the mail. It was at this time that I gave Jones the Five One Hundred Dollar Bills. *When I gave Jones the money he was inspecting it but did not say what it was.* I returned to Maximum Security and about three weeks later I quit my job in Maximum Security and went to Population. I was out about three months and Jones said that it would be better if people thought we were enemys. So I told the Warden that Jones, and some other Inmates were after me and I went back to work in Maximum Security. After a few months I returned to Population and went to work as Night Clerk in Control Center. On this job I had the run of the Penitentiary and could eat any time I wanted to do so. After a few days Jones who was the head baker in the bakery shop in the kitchen sent me word to come down and eat breakfast with him early. I started eating breakfast with Jones before the Morning Meal was fixed. We got to talking one

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morning about Dr. Martin Luther King getting killed and how they were hunting Jimmy Ray for questioning in this. I told him at this time I had my doubts wheather he did it or not. But Jones seemed to think he had. Jones told me how he had been questioned about helping Jimmy escape in the bread box. Jones never told me who he gave the Five Hundred Dollars to and I never mentioned it. For several days Jones would talk about Jimmy escaping and how it made the Warden look bad and he was sure glad he got away. I was released from Prison later and have had no contact with George Jones since then.

During my conversations with Jones he told me that Jimmy Ray had gone out in the bread box. Jones did not say he helped him but he seemed to know an awful lot about it and talked about it all the time.

I have typed this statement at my own suggestion and the information contained therein is from memory. I do not wish to testify to this matter as I fear some thing may happen to myself or my family. I would be willing to cooperate as long as there is no publicity.

Bill Gordon Steinhoff
Witnessed: James F. Miller, Special Agent, FBI.