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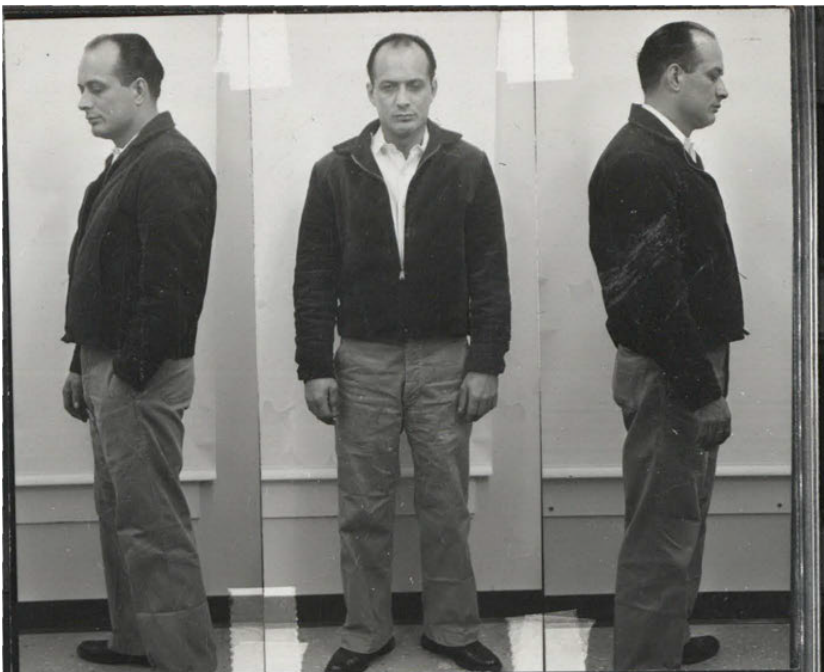
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of James Earl Ray,
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JERRY WILLIAM RAY

W/M/A

dob: 7/16/35, Quincy, Ill

5'10"

170 lbs.

brown hair, receding hairline

brown eyes

official papers in name JERRY RYAN

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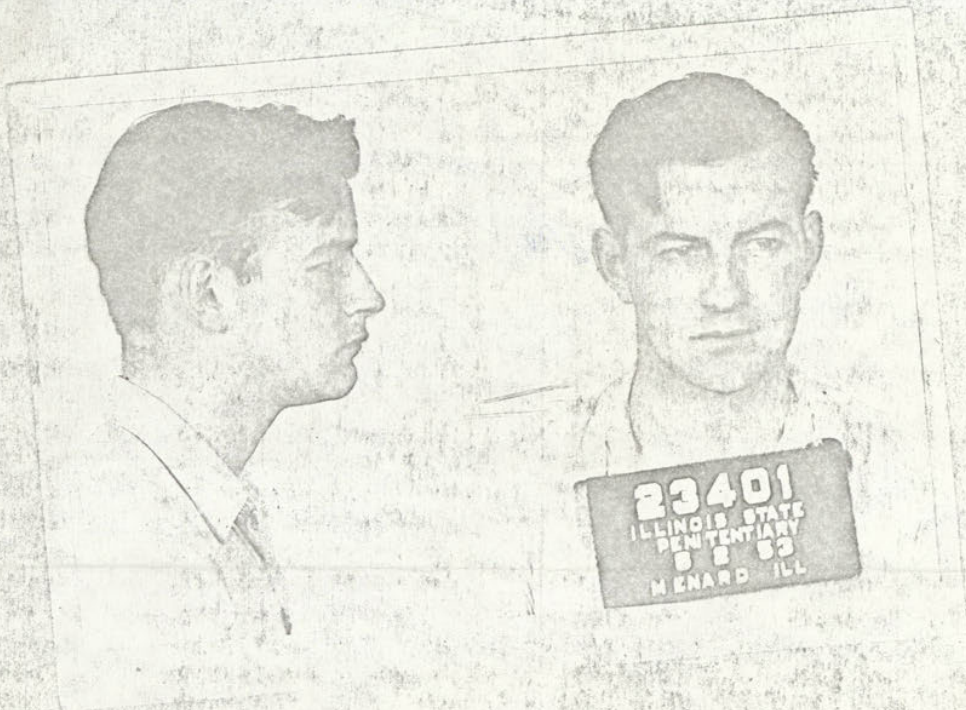
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Bro. of subj James
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The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning our number.

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Date 7-15-53

Contributor of fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
SPol Ligonier, Ind.	Jack Larry Rayns #-2-16412	12-30-49	2nd degree Burg.	
St. Ref., Pendleton, Ind.	John L. Rayns. #35297	1-24-50	2nd Degree Burg.	2 to 5 yrs
PD Holtville, Cal.	Johnny Larry Ray #-1341	12-3-52 Sleeper		Rel
PD Quincy, Ill.	Johnny Ray #----	4-7-53	Larc of Auto	Cont to Cir Crt \$1000.00 Bond. 6-1-53-1-yr to 20-yrs min 5-yrs to 10-yrs, Ill Pen menard Branch
SP Menard, Ill	John Ryan #-23401	6-2-53	Larc M.V.	5 to 10-yrs

STATE OF ILLINOIS
 PAROLE AND PARDON BOARD
 PREDICTION REPORT OF THE SOCIOLOGIST-ACTUARY
 ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY
 MENARD BRANCH

Number 23401 Name JOHN RYAN

Docket MARCH, 1957
 (February 5, 1957)

Factor	Item	Score
1. Type of Offense	<u>Larceny of Motor Vehicle</u>	<u>0</u>
2. Sentence	<u>One to twenty years (CFS 5 - 10 yrs.)</u>	<u>0</u>
3. Type of Offender	<u>Occasional</u>	<u>0</u>
4. Home Status	<u>Broken</u>	<u>0</u>
5. Family Interest	<u>Sustained</u>	<u>0</u>
6. Social Type	<u>Ne'er-do-well</u>	<u>0</u>
7. Work Record	<u>Casual</u>	<u>0</u>
8. Community	<u>Urban</u>	<u>0</u>
9. Parole Job	<u>None</u>	<u>0</u>
10. Number of Associates	<u>One</u>	<u>0</u>
11. Personality Rating	<u>Inadequate</u>	<u>0</u>
12. Psychiatric Prognosis	<u>Doubtful</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Score		<u>0</u>

This inmate is in a class in which 29 percent may be expected to violate the parole agreement. 16 percent of the persons in this class may be expected to commit serious or repeated infractions of the parole rules. and 13 percent may be expected to commit new offenses on parole.

OFFENSE:

After pleading guilty to a charge of Larceny of a Motor Vehicle, John Ryan was received at Menard on June 2, 1953, from Adams County, under sentence of one to twenty years with the court fixing the term at five to ten years.

STATE'S ATTORNEY'S REPORT: At about 5:15 p.m., on April 5, 1953, the defendant, in company with an unknown associate, stole a 1942 Hudson sedan in front of a home in Quincy, Illinois. On the morning of April 7, 1953, the defendant and the car were discovered in Riverside Park in Quincy. At the time, the front seat of the car was on fire and subject was asleep. The police awakened Ryan and helped to extinguish the flames. While in the Adams County Jail, the defendant attempted to escape; however, the plot was thwarted.

CRIMINAL RECORD:

Information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation shows that subject has the following criminal record:

On January 24, 1950, he was received at the Indiana State Reformatory at Pendleton, under sentence of two to five years for Burglary (2nd degree). He was paroled on March 31, 1952, but he absconded from parole.

On December 3, 1952, he was arrested at Holtville, California, as a sleeper, and released the next day.

INSTITUTIONAL RECORD:

Subject has received 3 punishment reports (1 major and 2 minor), for violation of the institutional rules. He has been assigned to the Inmate's Kitchen for the past 3 years and nine months.

FAMILY BACKGROUND:

This 26 year old white man tells that he was the third of four children, and was born at St. Louis, Missouri on February 14, 1931, to native parents. He is either unwilling to give the true history of his parental background, or else is unaware of the facts of them. We note that some of the parental history given by his brother, Jerry, who served at Menard (#23737), is quite contrary to that which the inmate gives. The inmate reports that his father, Gerald Ryan, and the mother, Lucille, age 48, apparently separated during his early youth. He is unable to give any information as to the cause of their separation, and states that he knows nothing about the details. In any event, he lived with his mother and the siblings, and his mother has worked considerably as a waitress. He tells that his mother soon married Jerry Rayns, an auto mechanic, and their adjustment was rather poor together. He states that his stepfather was a poor worker, and the family received considerable relief assistance during the depression years. The inmate tells that there were 2 or 3 periods of separation, the last coming about 1952. We note in the report from his brother, Jerry, that the parents separated in 1952, allegedly because the father ran away with a woman, who was the mother of a St. Charles

Training School inmate. The inmate does not know whether his mother and stepfather are divorced. He states that he always adjusted well with the members of his family, and tells that he lived with them until 14 or 15 years of age when he left to seek employment. He states that he has been at home very little since that time. He reports that his mother is now residing at 536 York Street, Quincy, Illinois, and is dependant upon ADC assistance. He does not seem to know whether his father ever remarried, and indicates that he has assumed his father to be deceased. He tells that he has 2 brothers, Jerry and James. The brother Jerry was paroled from Menard in December, 1955, violated his parole, and is now serving a term at the Missouri State Prison. The brother, James, is residing in Chicago. He states that he has 2 half brothers, and 3 half sisters. One or two of the half sisters, he thinks, are residing with his mother in Quincy, Illinois. He has heard that his half brothers and possibly one or two of the half sisters have been placed in either a foster home or orphanage at Alton, Illinois. Aside from the commitment of the brother, Jerry to Menard, for Larceny, Jerry also served in St. Charles Training School for Robbery, and was later sentenced to Sheridan Reformatory for participating in a riot at St. Charles. He is now serving at the Missouri State Prison on a five-year sentence for Robbery. His brother, James, also served at Joliet and Pontiac. He has been receiving correspondence once or twice each month from his mother and a half sister, but none of the family have visited him to date.

REGIONAL:

This inmate was born in St. Louis, Missouri, but the family seems to have been rather mobile during his early youth. He indicates that he lived awhile in Palmyra, Missouri, and was in Galesburg, Illinois for 2 or 3 years. He then moved to Adams, Illinois where they lived a year or two before going to Quincy, Illinois. He apparently left home while the family was residing in Quincy. He continued to live around Quincy most of the time until his commitment to the Indiana Reformatory in January, 1950. Following his parole from there in March, 1952, he went to live with an uncle at Alton, Illinois. He remained there a short time, and then went to Chicago where he has resided most of the time since. He made a trip to California on one occasion, covering a short period of time. About January, 1953, he went back to Quincy, Illinois where he continued to reside until the present offense. He spent part of the time there with his grandmother, but seems to have been living in hotels with his brother at the time of the present trouble.

EDUCATION:

He claims to have completed grade school at Adams, Illinois before quitting at 14 or 15 years of age. He tells that he also attended school while at the Indiana Reformatory, and

estimates that he has about 2 years high school credits. Psychometric tests indicate average intelligence.

WORK
HISTORY:

This subject has maintained a rather casual work history. After quitting school at Adams, Illinois about 1945 or 1946, he began following odd jobs, having had employment as a farm hand, paper boy, and worked briefly at the Golf Course. He later went to Quincy, Illinois where he worked 4 months for the Weems Laundry, and 2 or 3 months at a Nursing Home. He tells that he also had various other odd jobs in that community. In January, 1950, he was committed to the Indiana Reformatory where he remained until paroled in March, 1952. He was sent to Alton, Illinois to live with an uncle, and tells that he worked there for about 3 weeks in a service station. He worked one day at the LaCledde Steel Company. He then went to Chicago, and tells of working about 3 months at the Green Acre Riding Stable in Oaklawn. He worked about a month for the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, and about 2 weeks at the Piper Bakery Company. He had a few other odd jobs in Chicago. He made a trip to California, and finally returned to Chicago, where he continued to work at odd jobs. In January, 1953, he went to Quincy, Illinois, and claims to have worked about 3 months at the Midwest Chemical Company. At the time of the present difficulty, he had been unemployed a short time.

MARITAL
HISTORY:

This inmate has not been married.

PERSONAL
FACTORS:

The subject seems to be in good health at the present time, and has no definite physical complaints. He has a rather decided speech defect. There is no known venereal history. He denies ever having been a user of narcotics, but admits that he has been an occasional intemperate user of intoxicants (beer), since his release from the Indiana Reformatory in 1952. He enjoyed movies, sports, dating, car riding, dancing, pool, loafing, and frequenting taverns. Concerning this offense, he readily admits guilt, telling that he had been drinking at the time and stole the car in question to use as a means of transportation after being "mixed up in a burglary." He claims that he had no associates in this offense although we suspect that he did have at least one associate. He was previously incarcerated in the Indiana Reformatory for Burglary of a service station, but claims that he did not participate in that and was asleep at the time of the alleged burglary. He apparently came from a broken home situation, and had very limited opportunities during youth. He has had a limited amount of schooling, and has never had steady employment for any length of time. He is a rather inadequate, somewhat dull appearing person who seems to be somewhat evasive in the interview situation. He has made a fair institutional

adjustment, having had three punishment reports, one of which was for a fight with another inmate. We consider him to be an occasional type offender, and feel that he should be considered a questionably improvable type.

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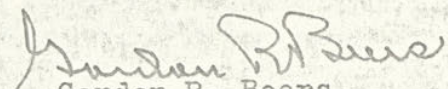
This inmate is apparently wanted by the Indiana Reformatory authorities as a parole violator. He states that he still owes them about 2 years and 10 months, and expects to be returned there to finish up the time after his release here. Due to this situation, he has made no definite plans for the future.

DEPENDANCY:

This inmate is single, and his nearest dependant would be his mother who is apparently receiving ADC assistance for the support of herself and the inmate's half siblings. He has had rather limited contacts with her in late years, and we seriously doubt that he would be of much financial assistance after his release.

EVALUATION:

Marginal.


Gordon R. Beers
Supervising Sociologist

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST

MENARD GENERAL UNIT

PAROLE PROGRESS REPORT

Name RYAN, John No. 23401 Age 26 Date 2-27-57
Hearing MINIMUM CASE Docket MARCH 1957

We refer to the Classification Report of 10-1-53 for an account of inmate's offense, previous record, social background, and an earlier appraisal of his personality makeup. Inmate has been assigned to the kitchen during his entire time here, and current reports indicate that he is considered an excellent worker whose adjustment there has been good. He has had three disciplinary reports, two of which were minor while the other was for fighting. There are no health problems. Inmate says he corresponds with his mother and a sister at Quincy, but does not receive visits. One brother who was formerly an inmate at Pontiac is now serving a term in the Missouri prison, while another brother, also formerly at Pontiac, is in Chicago. Inmate is subject to a Indiana detainer as a parole violator there, and he has no developed extramural plans.

This young man comes from a family in which there has been considerable criminality. His personal major difficulties with the law began in 1949. Temperamentally he is a poorly motivated individual who has no apparent constructive goals. His attitudes impresses as being rather strongly inclined toward continuing criminality, and there has evidently been no constructive change in his thinking during his time here. He seems to have a somewhat resistive feeling toward authority and control, and assumes a rather nonchalant attitude toward his difficulties. While his outlook may change somewhat as he becomes older, his present attitudes impress us as a very poor basis for successful social adjustment. Extremely doubtful prognosis.

R. H. Groff

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Supervising Sociologist, D

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST
UNIT

STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST

CLASSIFICATION REPORT

Name: ⁶⁻²¹⁰¹	Age: 22	Admitted: 10-1-53
Crime: RYAN, John		Sentence:

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PERSONALITY:

Inmate is of average size and his health is good at this time. Kahn reaction under date of 6-9-52 is reported as negative. Psychometric tests indicate and average intelligence (AA 69). During the interview he was quite friendly but did not remember too many details about his past residence and education, since he moved so often. Inmate is an inadequate personality who seems to have little or no ambition, positive plans or desire to obtain steady employment. His sporadic work record and choice of recreation facilities give the impression that he has had little or no guidance in his more formative years. He apparently did not benefit from his previous incarceration and unless he obtains steady employment at a job where he can become more stationary, he will not be able to make the healthy, permanent associations that he needs to avoid improper guidance and control. At present he is working in the kitchen, but does not desire to remain there.

CLASSIFICATION:

Group III. Without psychosis or mental defect. Adult very questionably improvable offender.

Average intelligence (AA 69). Inadequate personality reactions. Doubtful prognosis.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Menard general division. In light of his attempted escape at the Adams County Jail, he should have maximum security for the present. Routine work assignment depending on his abilities as you see them.

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R. H. Groff (Member)
Classification Board

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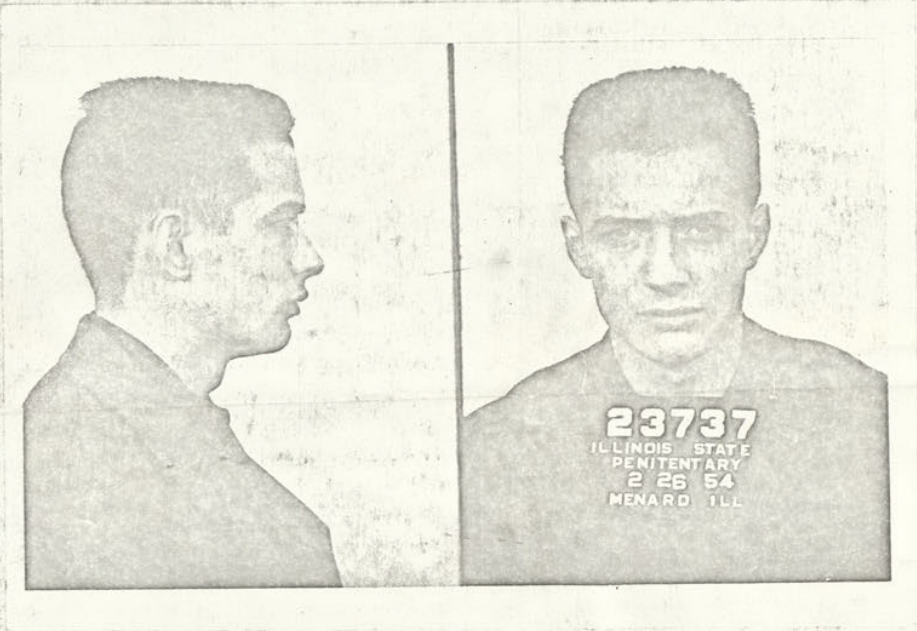
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MENARD S.P. report
for Jerry Ryan,
brother of subj JAMES
EARL RAY

Jerry Ryan

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PAROLE VIOLATOR

VS-10M-6-57

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF REFORMATORY AND CRIMINOLOGIST
UNIT

MENARD #23737

CLASSIFICATION REPORT

August 18, 1958

Name: RYAN, Jerry
Crime: Larceny

Age: 23

Admitted: 2-26-54-M
8-1-58-M-PV
Sentence: 2-5 yrs.

RECLASSIFICATION REPORT

BEHAVIOR ON PAROLE:

This 23 year old white male was paroled from Menard on 12-12-55 to a parole set-up in Quincy where he lived with his mother and sister while employed at the Lincoln-Douglas Hotel as a general handyman for \$25 per week. Approximately 70 days after his release on parole he was arrested by Quincy authorities per instructions of the Missouri Police Patrol, he having been accused of robbing a filling station at LaGrange, Missouri on 2-20-56 while armed. Circumstances strongly indicated his guilt, subject's car having been found in the vicinity of the offense and the victim making positive identification of subject. Inmate denied ownership of the aforementioned automobile but the parole agent pointed out that the car used in the hold up was the same that had been bought by subject without the parole officer's permission. Inmate further denied his involvement in the armed robbery, alleging he was in Quincy at the time "living down my parole" and that furthermore he the State lacked the necessary evidence for conviction. On 2-24-56 subject waived extradition, was returned to Missouri authorities, and on 2-28-56 a detainer was issued by the State of Illinois. In May 1956 he escaped from the jail at Kirksville by was apprehended shortly thereafter. On 7-21-56 he was committed to the Missouri State Prison under a five year term for armed robbery and a two year term for jail break, these to run concurrently. On 8-1-58 he was paroled to Illinois and returned to Menard as a violator.

REVIEW OF SOCIAL FACTORS:

Subject was born at Quincy, Illinois on July 16, 1935, the third of eight siblings in a home which was broken by the parents separation in 1952. It is reported that the father deserted his family with a woman who at that time was the mother of a boy then committed at St. Charles. The mother presently receives ADC payments for one child still at home, two children have been placed in a Catholic Home at Alton and another in Springfield, two sons are at Menard, and two older siblings are independent of home control. An older brother, John (M-23401) is completing a sentence for larceny of a motor vehicle. Subject has lived for short periods of time in Galesburg, Alton, and Adams, Illinois since the father found these locations more convenient due to the nature of his work as a switchman with the railroad. The economic condition of the family was usually marginal or below and only basic necessities were provided for. Inmate attended several parochial schools before completing the 8th grade at the Sheridan Reformatory. After discharge from the Sheridan Reformatory, he obtained a job with a steel company in Quincy which lasted five months before he was laid off. He then worked six weeks in an apple orchard and was employed as an attendant in a service station when the station closed and he was again laid off. He had been idle approximately 1 month before his first commitment to Menard in 1954. Subject is single but has engaged in sexual relationships which are in keeping with his age and background. Recreational interests have been extremely limited and the majority of his free time seems to have been spent in delinquent and semi delinquent activities. He admits drinking on a moderate scale and indicates that many of his associates frequented taverns. Correspondents include the mother, family, and girl friend.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
 DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST
 UNIT

MENARD #23737

CLASSIFICATION REPORT

August 18, 1958

RYAN, Jerry

Name: _____ Age: _____ Admitted: _____
 Crime: _____ Sentence: _____

RECLASSIFICATION REPORT

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PERSONALITY:

Physically inmate is an individual of average stature whose health is good at this time. He was hospitalized in 1953 for knife wounds, inmate telling that these were sustained in an attack by an unknown assailant. Prior psychometric tests indicated low average intelligence (AA 65). Inmate appeared to be somewhat uneasy in the reclassification interview and we feel that he tended to fabrication, particularly when discussing the nature of his parole violation. He is the product of an impoverished home background and received little, if any, parental supervision. His first difficulty occurred at the age of 13 and thereafter followed a record of considerable adolescent difficulty. Temperamentally he is an inadequate and insecure individual who has tended to associate with delinquent elements. He has no insight into the motivation underlying his behavior and can be described as an unreflective young man. Inmate frankly admitted that he lacks willpower when it comes to stealing and appears to have no conscience concerning his misbehavior. When queried as to his preference in institutional assignments he indicated that it "doesn't make too much difference." It is our opinion that there must be a complete reorganization of his social values before he can be expected to make a completely conforming adjustment in the free community.

CLASSIFICATION:

GROUP III. Without psychosis or mental defect. Adult questionably improvable offender. Low average intelligence. Inadequate and somewhat unstable personality reactions. Doubtful prognosis.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Menard General Division. Maximum security in view of a past record of escape. Routine work assignments.

R. H. Groff
 R. H. GROFF (MEMBER)
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Report Prepared by:
 Gerald L. Rahn
 Sociologist

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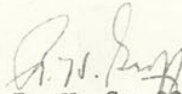
Menard General UNIT

PAROLE PROGRESS REPORT

Name RYAN, Jerry No. 23737 Age 20 Date 10-18-55
Hearing MINIMUM SENTENCE CASE Docket NOVEMBER 1955

We refer to the Classification Report of 3-26-54 for an account of inmate's offense, previous record, social background, and an earlier appraisal of his personality make-up. After he was received at Menard D. D. inmate was originally segregated at Pontiac, but he was returned to Menard general division by reclassification on 12-30-54, because of his dissatisfaction at Pontiac, his indifference toward training opportunities there, and his repeated requests for such transfer so that he could be close to his brother Menard 23401 John Ryan. Inmate has been assigned to the knit shop since March 1955, and current work reports indicate that he has made a very satisfactory adjustment there. His conduct record has been generally satisfactory. There are no health problems, although he now has a very severe cold. Inmate says he corresponds with his mother and sister in Quincy and with a girl-friend in Chicago. He has had no visits here, and says he had only one visit while he was at Pontiac. With regard to future plans, he says he will return to Quincy when he is released, and he exhibits a letter from an administrative consultant of the Quincy Area Project indicating that he will have assistance in arranging employment, and that the agency would also assist in counselling and supervision.

This young man has a considerable prior record of adolescent difficulties, and the offense for which he is now incarcerated represents a continuation of such essentially adolescent behavior. He comes from a very poor home background, seems inadequate and insecure, and we regard him as an immature and unreflective young man who has tended to drift along with a delinquent crowd. There are now some indications that his orientation may be changing to some extent and that he may possibly be developing better insight, but we are inclined to question whether this process has yet progressed to a point whether his prospects for adjustment can be regarded as significantly better. At present the prognosis is considered rather doubtful.


R. H. Groff
Supervising Sociologist

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Previous Numbers
Menard 23737

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CLASSIFICATION REPORT

December 9, 1954

Pontiac 20229

Name: RYAN, Jerry
Crime: Larceny

Age: 19

Admitted: 2-26-54

Sentence: 2 to 5 yrs.

RECLASSIFICATION

- 1. Transfer.
- 2. Classification
- 3. Recommendations

1. Menard General Division.

2. Group III. Without psychosis or mental defect. Questionably improvable offender. Inadequate and unstable personality reactions. Low average intelligence. Doubtful prognosis.

This inmate was received at Pontiac on 4-7-54, in transfer from the Menard Diagnostic Depot. Attention is called to the Classification Report of 3-26-54. It should be noted that he served a term in the Reformatory at Sheridan for participating in a riot at St. Charles, and it was thought that he might prove to be a troublemaker.

With the exception of three noisy punishment reports early in his incarceration, inmate has adjusted satisfactorily from a disciplinary standpoint, and has been assigned to the bakery continuously, where he is considered a fair worker.

We have, however, had numerous contacts with him because of his unstable behavior and dissatisfaction at Pontiac. He has expressed consistent difficulties with other inmates, particularly those from urban area, although this has not led to serious conduct trouble, and his dissatisfaction, in our opinion, is much greater than that of the average inmate at Pontiac. It should be pointed out that he has always been amenable to advice, and has made an effort to adjust, and has not been too demanding.

In our last contact with him, he seems to have been becoming more and more unstable, and he probably would have been reclassified before had it not been that we wished to keep him separate from his brother, John (Menard 23401). It is our opinion, however, that his instability has reached the point where he might finally become seriously maladjusted in his present situation, and we feel that a transfer to another institution would be for his own benefit in helping to alleviate these unstable feelings and dissatisfactions, and also in preventing him from becoming a possible problem at Pontiac.

Routine resegregation at the Menard General Division is accordingly recommended.

3. Routine work assignment. Not suitable for minimum security. Should be kept separate, if at all possible, from his brother, John (Menard 34401).

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UNIT
CLASSIFICATION REPORT

March 26, 1954

COURT

Name: **RYAN, Jerry**
Crime: **Larceny**

Age: 18

Admitted: **2-26-54**
Sentence: **2-5**

OFFENSES & RECORDS:

This 18 year old white boy came to us on 2-26-54 from Adams County under 2-5 year sentence for larceny. The official report indicates that inmate and an associate, one Hickey Walker #23736, had been riding with two other young men in a car which they parked in Quincy, Illinois. Inmate and Walker walked down the street until they came into contact with a middle aged couple. Inmate snatched the woman's purse and Walker bumped into the men. They then ran back to the car and drove off. Inmate admits his guilt and adds that he also attempted to burglarized a tavern that same night but were discovered and had to flee the scene. Previous record. Inmate was sent to St. Charles in 1950 for robbery and in 1951 for larceny. While there the second time, he became involved in a riot and was transferred to the Reformatory at Sheridan. Inmate was discharged in January 1953. He also admits about six other arrest for petty larceny, and he was placed on probation twice.

SOCIAL FACTORS:

Inmate was born on 7-16-35 in Quincy, Illinois, the third of eight siblings in a home which was broken by the separation of the parents in 1932. An older brother, John #23401 is presently at Menard for larceny of a motor vehicle. Inmate states that his father ran off with another woman and that his mother then had to work to support the family. A short time later, she underwent an operation and since that time the family has been supported by ADC. At the present time, three of the children are living with their mother and two are in some sort of detention home in Alton, Illinois. Inmate has lived for short periods of time in Galesburg, Alton and Adams, Illinois since the father found these location more convenient at various times due to the nature of his job as a switchman with the railroad. The economic condition of the family has usually been below marginal, and inmate has not enjoyed very many luxuries. Inmate attended several parochial schools before completing the 6th grade at the Sheridan Reformatory, and also part of the 9th. He admits that he failed the 1st grade a few times, but states that he has progressed normally since then. When inmate was discharged from Sheridan, he obtained a job with a steel company in Quincy, which lasted approximately five months before he was laid-off. He then worked approximately six weeks in an apple orchard. His last job was as a filling station attendant, but the station closed and he was again without employment. He has been idle approximately one month before his incarceration. Inmate is single but he has engaged in sex relations which are normal for his age and background. At the present time he corresponds with his mother and an aunt. He has had very little limited interests and has spent most of his time engaging in delinquent and semi delinquent activities. He admits being a moderate drinker, and relates that he and his associates often frequented taverns. Inmate has no definite plans for the future, except to remain away from Quincy, Illinois.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST

Menard D.S. UNIT
CLASSIFICATION REPORT

3/26/54

423737

Name: RYAN, Jerry

Age: 18

Admitted: 2-26-54

Crime: Larceny

Sentence: 3-5

II

PERSONALITY:

Inmate is a slender individual of average height whose health is good at this time. Kahn reaction under date of 3-2-54 is reported as negative. Psychometric test indicate a low average intelligence (Army Alpha 65.) Inmate appeared somewhat apprehensive during the interview, but eventually told his story in a straight forward manner. Inmate comes from a very poor socio-economic background, and has received little or not supervision from his parents. Bad examples were present for him to follow before he ever started associating with his delinquent friends. From his past experiences, he has developed habits and attitudes which are not conducive to a successful adjustment in the outside community. He apparently has no qualms of conscience about his misbehavior, and unless his attitudes are changed during this incarceration, he will probably find himself in further difficulty. Inmate is now assigned to #7 gang, and expresses no particular job preference.

CLASSIFICATION:

GROUP III. Without psychosis or mental defect. Young, questionably improvable offender. Low average intelligence (A. A. 65.) Inadequate personality reactions. Highly problematic prognosis.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Pontiac. Medium security could be sufficient for safe custody though he may prove to be a trouble maker. Routine Assignments.

R. H. Groff (Member)
Classification Board

ELQ:bb

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JAMES CHRISTENSEN
SUPERINTENDENT

August 25, 1958

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD., Quincy, Ill.	Jerry Wm. Ryan #----	3-22-51	Invest. Larc.	Pending
SRef, Sheridan, Ill.	Jerry William Ryan #164	9-20-51 1-19-53	riot DISCHARGED EXP OF SENT.	1 yr to 18 mos
SP., Menard, Ill.	Jerry Ryan #23737	2-26-54 12-12-55	Larceny PAROLED	2-10 yrs.
SP., Pontiac, Ill.	Jerry Ryan #20229	4-8-54 trans fr. Menard	Larceny	2-5 yrs.
SP., Menard, Ill.	Jerry Ryan #23737	12-30-54	Larceny	2-5 yrs.
St. Hwy. Pat Macon, Mo.	Jerry William Ryan #B-4829	2-24-56	Armed Robb (1st degree)	Sent to 5 yrs. in Mo. SP 7-19-56 Circuit Crt Monticell on chg of Armed robb.
SP., Jefferson City, Mo.	Jerry William Ryan #71354	7-21-56	Armed Robbery Breaking jail	5 yrs, 2 yrs. CC
SP., Menard,, Ill.	Jerry Ryan #23737	8-1-58	PV (larceny)	2-5 yrs.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	NAME AND CHARGE	ARRESTED RECEIVE	DISPOSITION
* * * *	As Jerry Ryan Quincy, Ill; 1949 theft probation 1950 runaway probation Feb 1950 robb ISTSB St Charles 3-28-51 B & E ISTSB St Charles				

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 PAROLE AND PARDON BOARD
 PREDICTION REPORT OF THE SOCIOLOGIST-ACTUARY
 ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY
 MENARD BRANCH

Number 23737 Name JERRY RYAN

Docket NOVEMBER, 1955
(October 17, 1955)

Factor	Item	Score
1. Type of Offense	Larceny	0
2. Sentence	One to ten years (CFS 2-5 years)	0
3. Type of Offender	Juvenile Recidivist	0
4. Home Status	Broken	0
5. Family Interest	Active	0
6. Social Type	Ne'er-do-well	0
7. Work Record	Casual	0
8. Community	Urban	0
9. Parole Job	Inadequate	X
10. Number of Associates	One	0
11. Personality Rating	Inadequate	0
12. Psychiatric Prognosis	Doubtful	0
Total Score		-1

This inmate is in a class in which 40 percent may be expected to violate the parole agreement. 25 percent of the persons in this class may be expected to commit serious or repeated infractions of the parole rules, and 15 percent may be expected to commit new offenses on parole.

OFFENSE:

After pleading guilty to a charge of larceny, Jerry Ryan was received at Menard on February 26, 1954, from Adams County under sentence of one to ten years with the court fixing the sentence at two to five years.

STATE'S ATTORNEY'S REPORT: The defendant, and Mickey Walker (Pontiac) had been riding with two other young men (Probation) in Quincy, Illinois. They parked the car and started to walk the streets. After a while, they came upon a middle-aged couple. The defendant snatched the woman's purse as Walker bumped into the man. They then ran back to the car and drove off. At a secluded spot, they divided the money and burned the purse.

CRIMINAL
RECORD:

According to available information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, subject has the following criminal history:

On March 22, 1951, subject was arrested in Quincy, Illinois, on Investigation of Larceny. (Held for parole violation from St. Charles).

On September 20, 1951, he was received at the State Reformatory, Sheridan, Illinois, under sentence of one year to eighteen months for the crime of Riot at St. Charles Training School. He was released on January 19, 1953, by expiration of sentence.

UNSUPPORTED NOTATIONS:

In 1949, he was arrested in Quincy, Illinois, for auto theft. He was given probation. (Admitted).

In 1950, he was arrested in Quincy, Illinois, for runaway. He was given probation (admitted).

On February 14, 1950, he was sent to the BTS St. Charles, Illinois, for robbery. He was paroled on March 2, 1951, but was returned as a parole violator, on March 28, 1951, for larceny. He attempted to escape on April 25, 1951, and was leader of a riot on July 31, 1951.

He admits a fine or two for disturbing the peace and once for buying liquor (minor).

INSTITUTIONAL
RECORD:

Subject has received four minor punishment reports for violation of the institutional rules. He was assigned to the School Gang for nine weeks. At Pontiac, he was assigned to the Bakery for seven and one-half months; after his retransfer to Menard, he has worked in the School Gang for three and one half months, and is presently assigned to the Knitting Mill where he has worked for the past eight months.

FAMILY
BACKGROUND:

This 20 year old white man was the third of nine children and was born at Quincy, Illinois, on July 16, 1935, to native parents. His father, Gerald Ryan, age 55, has

worked mainly as a garage mechanic, but also worked considerably as a railroad switchman. The economic status of the early home seems to have been rather marginal. The home seems to have been a rather inferior one where the training and supervision was rather poor. The inmate seems to have been truant from home considerably, and his delinquency began early. He was 14 years of age when committed to St. Charles Training School. He lived with his parents while on parole from there. After his sentence to Sheridan Reformatory in 1952, his parents separated. It seems that his father ran off with a woman who was the mother of a St. Charles inmate in December, 1952. Although the father later returned home, he did not remain long before leaving again. The inmate apparently has had no further contact with him since that time, and the father was living in St. Louis, Missouri, at the time of the subject's last contact. The mother, Lucille, age 45, has kept the family together, and the inmate lived with her during the last period of freedom prior to this offense. She has worked outside the home considerably and has also been receiving A.D.C. Assistance for the support of the children. She now resides with four of the children at 801 North Twelfth Street, Quincy, Illinois. The inmate has three sisters and four brothers, all of whom are supposedly still single. Two brothers and two sisters are residing with the mother. One brother is serving in the Army and the brother, John, is currently at Menard (23401). One of his sisters is apparently living with a family at Alton, Illinois. It seems that two of the sisters were placed in a detention home sometime ago. Aside from the brother, John, who is serving a five to ten year sentence here for larceny since June, 1953, an Uncle, Earl Ray, also served at Menard but has been discharged. The inmate has been receiving irregular correspondence from his mother and a sister, but none of the family have been able to visit him to date.

REGIONAL:

This inmate was born at Quincy, Illinois, but during his infancy, the family moved to Hammel, Illinois, where they lived for two or three years. They then lived at Alton, Illinois, for about three years before going to Galesburg, Illinois. Some two years later, they moved Adams, Illinois, and lived there a year or two before going to Quincy, Illinois, again. The inmate was committed to St. Charles Training School in February, 1950, and was paroled from there in March, 1951, returning to his parents in Quincy. In March, 1951, he was returned to St. Charles as a parole violator and was later transferred to Sheridan Reformatory. After his discharge from that institution in January, 1953, he returned to Quincy and has been living there most of the time since, although he did live for two or three months at Hannibal, Missouri. At the time of the present difficulty, he was residing with his mother and siblings at 536 York Street.

EDUCATION:

This inmate claims to have attained the eighth grade in school at Quincy, Illinois, before being committed to St. Charles Training School in 1950 at 14 years of age.

He states that he had been a fair student and denies any serious adjustment problems aside from his delinquency. He tells that he was graduated from grade school while at Sheridan Reformatory, and he also attended part of the ninth grade there before his discharge. Psychometric tests indicate low average intelligence.

WORK
HISTORY:

This subject has maintained a rather casual work history. His first employment came after his discharge from Sheridan Reformatory in January, 1953. He returned to Quincy, Illinois, and tells that he worked about a month at the Davis and Cleavers Poultry Company, two days for the Quincy Compression Company and four or five months for the Michleman Steel Company. He also worked about six weeks at the Chapman Apple Orchard and spent two or three months working at a service station at Hannibal, Missouri. He was unemployed at the time of the present offense and had not worked for a month or two.

MARITAL
HISTORY:

This inmate has not been married.

PERSONAL
FACTORS:

This subject seems to be in good physical condition at the present time and has no complaints. There is no known venereal history. He admits the moderate use of intoxicants, telling that he has only been intoxicated two or three times. He enjoyed sports, movies, car riding, dating, pool, loafing and frequenting taverns. Concerning the present offense, he admits guilt telling that he was unemployed, could not receive unemployment compensation or enter military service. He and three associates went out in a car and snatched the victim's purse. A charge of burglary was also made against them but that was not pressed. He tells that he had known one of his associates at the training school. He was originally at St. Charles Training School, following a robbery, and violated parole from there by a charge of larceny. In the commitment to the Sheridan Reformatory, he was alleged to be the leader of a riot. He has also been under probation for the theft of an auto and truancy from home. He came from an inferior home background and apparently had rather limited opportunities during youth. His delinquency began early, and he was 14 years of age when committed to St. Charles Training School. He has been involved in trouble intermittently since that time. He is a socially inadequate and somewhat unstable person. He is frank in the interview situation and presents a rather clean-cut appearance. He apparently had a poor institutional adjustment at Sheridan Reformatory and also at Pontiac. We consider him to be a questionably improvable type.

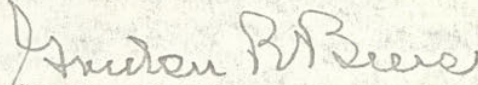
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INSTITUTIONAL
PLANS:

This inmate plans to return to Quincy, Illinois, when released. He states that he has been promised assistance from a commissioner attached to the Quincy Area Project which he assumes is part of the Illinois Youth Commission. They have promised to assist him in securing placement. He does not feel that he should try to live with his mother

and siblings, since he feels that his mother would lose part of her A.D.C. allotment if he went back home.

DEPENDANCY: This inmate is single and his nearest dependant would be his mother who is receiving A.D.C. Assistance at the present time. He states that he is willing to assist in the support of his mother and younger siblings as much as possible.

EVALUATION: We consider this inmate to be a marginal parole risk due to the definite recidivistic tendencies which he has demonstrated since about 14 years of age. He is a rather unstable, ne'er-do-well type who has been unable to stay out of conflict with the law for any length of time. He must have very strict supervision and careful placement when he is again released. His institutional adjustment has been fair since his commitment, having had four minor infractions of the institution rules. He is currently assigned to the Knit Shop after having an earlier assignment to the School Gang. At Pontiac he was in the Bakery for some time. He has had no additional training or schooling since this commitment.


Gordon R. Beers
Supervising Sociologist

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ITEM NO.1

(Bulletin No. 407, 5-1-68)

The subject shown below is sought in connection with a Murder wherein the victim was shot. Subject is armed . should be considered extremely dangerous.

JAMES EARL RAY, alias ERIC STARVO GALT, alias
JAMES MCBRIDE, alias JAMES WALTON, alias HARVEY
LOWMEYER, alias JOHN WILLARD, and many other aliases
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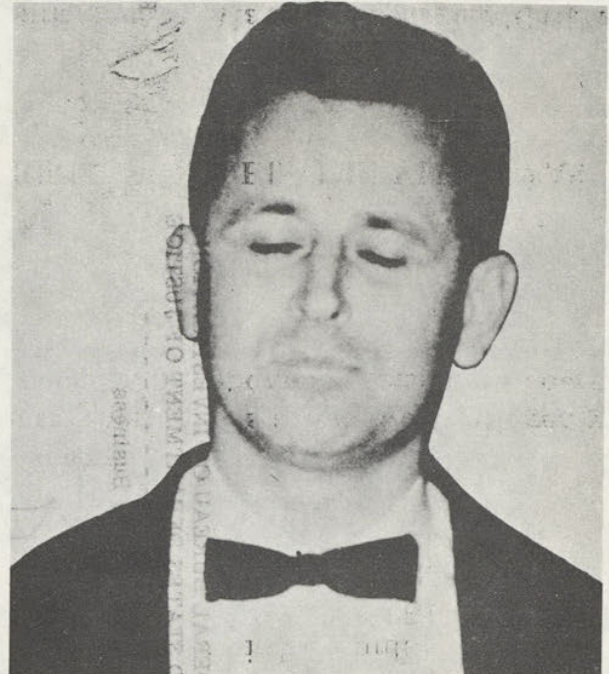
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Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)



Photograph taken 1968

Age--40, DOB--3-10-28, Height--5'10", Weight--160-170, Hair--Brown, possible cut short. Noticeably protruding left ear, reportedly is a lone wolf. allegedly attended dance instruction school. Has reportedly completed course in bartending.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968 at Birmingham, Alabama, charging this subject with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 241)

Any information concerning this person notify your nearest F.B.I. Office and this bureau.

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File No. 44-561-1A47

Date Received April 30, 1968

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Description:

photo of subject.



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Description:

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PAROLE VIOLATOR

STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF THE CRIMINOLOGIST
MENARD DIAGNOSTIC DEPOT UNIT

SI-44-561-1A49

CLASSIFICATION REPORT

Menard #25261

December 2, 1961

Admitted: 11-2-34 (Jol.)

Name: GAWRON, John

Age: 62

Re Admitted: 11-16-61

Crime: Burglary

Sentence: 1-Life

RECLASSIFICATION REPORT

BEHAVIOR ON PAROLE

This 62 year old white man was paroled from Menard on 3-21-59 to a Veteran's Administration Hospital at Wood, Wisconsin, but remained there only three days and then left without permission. He now says, "I got loaded up on liquor and goof balls, and when I came to I was in the Union Station at Chicago and found I had a ticket to St. Louis so I just went on to St. Louis and stayed there." He says he lived in St. Louis during the entire time he was at large as an absconder, and lived with a cousin at a rooming house at 1913 Hickory Street, St. Louis. He says he obtained employment, usually casual and part-time in nature, through an employment agency, and also received a V.A. compensation check amounting to \$61.00 monthly. During his last few months of liberty he also received public aid assistance. He states that on two occasions, from July to September, 1959 and again from October, 1960 to January, 1961, he was a patient at the Cochran V.A. Hospital in St. Louis because of a heart condition. Inmate says he was not arrested at any time while in St. Louis, but about 11-9-61 he and an acquaintance were picked up at Louisiana, Missouri, his identity as an Illinois violator was then discovered, and he waived extradition for return. He says this acquaintance left St. Louis to drive to Quincy, Illinois, asked inmate to go along, and he accepted. He says they stopped at Louisiana, Missouri and were questioned by police about the burglary of a supermarket in that area, but he knew nothing about that offense. Enclosed with reports from the Division of Supervision concerning this inmate is a detailed report of investigation by the Missouri Highway Patrol of the burglary, but we find nothing in this which would suggest that inmate and his companion were suspected of having any connection with the crime, and it seems evident that no charge was filed in Missouri. However, it will be noted that this episode seems to have at least some points of resemblance to the behavior which led to his return as a parole violator in July, 1956.

REVIEW OF SOCIAL FACTORS:

The Reclassification Report of 9-2-56 offers a summary of inmate's background and we would refer to that report. As indicated above, he assertedly lived with a cousin who operates a rooming house in St. Louis after he absconded from his most recent parole. Although he says he was under the influence of liquor and "goof balls" at the time he absconded from parole, he claims that thereafter he indulged only in moderate drinking. He says he worked at various part-time jobs as a janitor, etc., while in St. Louis until he was placed on public relief following his release from the Cochran V.A. Hospital in January, 1961 following a heart attack. He now corresponds with his cousin in St. Louis.

PERSONALITY:

Physically, inmate's appearance suggests his advancing age, and he gives a history of two fairly severe heart attacks in recent years. He has also been hard of hearing for a number of years, and receives V.A. disability compensation. We would refer to the current medical report for further information as to his condition. Recent psychometric test indicates superior intelligence, with a score approximating that previously obtained. Temperamentally, he is a rather beaten, prisonized individual who has in the past had a history of heavy drinking during the occasional interludes when he is not incarcerated, but who claims only moderate indulgence following the binge which led to his prompt absconding from his V.A. Hospital placement. We regard him as a rather dependent institutionalized

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person who has long been an outcast from conventional society and who tends to submerge himself into anonymity whenever he is confronted with the demands of a free community adjustment.

CLASSIFICATION:

Superior intelligence (AGCT 115).
Inadequate personality makeup.
High guarded prognosis.

Group III: Without evident mental disorder or mental defect. Adult unimprovable offender. Inadequate personality makeup. High guarded prognosis.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Menard general division. Medium or maximum security. Light routine work assignment.

RHG:drc


R. H. Groff (Member)
Classification Board