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SPECIAL PROGRESS REPORT

Committed Name

Reg. No.

Date

MEDICAL AND PSYCHIATRIC:

Admitting diagnosis: "Schizophrenic Reaction, Paranoid type." Patient is being seen in individual therapy by Dr. Kinzel. Has also been attending group therapy for past month. On 10-North since March, 1967 and has done relatively well. Dr. Kinzel may be able to give more accurate evaluation regarding release suitability.

Joel J. Weitzer 6/7/67

RESIDENCE:

Independence, Missouri.

USPO:

Kansas City, Missouri

RECEIVED BY:

J. H. Hirsch 7/18/67/ab

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Classification Committee refers this report to military authorities with the recommendation that because of his continued ability to display attitudes and behavior indicative of developing emotional maturity, personal acceptance of responsibility, and sound reality testing in relation to society's expectations, these growth factors be encouraged through the granting of a modicum of clemency to be determined specifically by military authority.

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SPECIAL PROGRESS REPORT

Committed Name EDMONDSON, Clifford W.

Reg. No. 2213-H

Date 8-11-65

ANNUAL MILITARY CLEMENCY REVIEW

Clifford Edmondson is a 26 year old Negro man who is serving a 35 year sentence for murder under GCMO #3 & #125. His life sentence was reduced on 8-17-64. His release date with good time is now 6-11-69. His full term expires 12-11-92. He has no dependents in home.

He began serving his sentence at Leavenworth on December 31, 1957. On June 23, 1957, while Edmondson was stationed at Goose Air Base, Labrador, he murdered a fellow airman with a .45 calibre pistol. Shortly after he committed the crime he was seen by a psychiatrist in Labrador, who was of the opinion that he was psychotic and incompetent. His diagnosis was schizophrenic reaction, paranoid type. Later, after transfer, another psychiatrist diagnosed him as suffering from severe behavior or character disorders and close to mild psychosis, and as competent. During the trial the first psychiatrist continued to consider Edmondson psychotic, but changed his thinking that he was then competent to stand trial.

Edmondson was transferred to Terre Haute on August 25, 1957. He was unable to adjust to the life there and was considered a disciplinary problem since May 1960. In August 1960 he was placed in administrative segregation, where he remained until September 10 when he was transferred to Leavenworth. At Leavenworth he was diagnosed as suffering from a schizophrenic reaction, paranoid type, acutely disturbed, potentially dangerous, assaultive.

He was transferred to the Medical Center on November 23, 1960, as a certified psychotic patient. He was placed on the maximum treatment ward, and then one month later to the maximum control ward. From then until February 1962 he remained on either of these two wards most of the time. He was then transferred to an open ward and remained for four months. He was given a behavior report at this time because he was on a ward other than his own.

Nine months later he was transferred to an open ward. Dr. Wilfisky, a psychiatrist, wrote this in a report after Edmondson had to be removed from the ward. "Patient continues as schizophrenic reaction, schizoaffective type, much improved. Presently is mildly depressed following loss of his open ward status after a fight into which he was apparently provoked. Unfortunately his control was poor and he injured the other patient rather badly. His last fight was about three years ago. Nevertheless response to treatment has been very good. Patient has demonstrated a greater capacity for trust, some evidence of conscience, and some capacity to acknowledge depression."

Nine months later he was again transferred to an open ward (12-26-63). He was assigned to industrials on 4-9-64, and was able to maintain

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that job for 8½ months. His progress had been such that he was recommended for reduction of sentence which was granted (to 35 years).

On June 18, 1964, he was removed from certified psychotic status. In May 1964, he received his high school diploma as a result of much concerted effort.

On 8-31-64 he was transferred to the maximum treatment ward because he was becoming emotionally upset and needed closer structure. He had received no behavior report at this time, but it was felt to be to his benefit to place him in a less threatening area. At first this was difficult for Edmondson to understand but during the ensuing months he has seen the advisability of the move.

Edmondson was placed in individual therapy with the writer, a psychiatric social worker, in February 1965. At first the hours were bi-weekly, but in the last four months weekly interviews have been maintained.

On March 12, 1965, Edmondson had again become depressed and it was necessary to place him on the maximum treatment ward. Great precautions are always taken when he begins showing suicidal tendencies, since he has almost successfully taken his life on two different occasions. On one occasion he jumped from the second story pier onto his head. Another time he slit his throat with a razor. He has been in a more open ward in the security unit since May 4, 1965. He was assigned to the industrial brush factory on that ward on July 23, 1965.

The ward personnel, including the doctor, recognize the progress this man has made and believe that this has come about through a change of attitude toward himself and others. His chart indicates that he is getting along well with both patients and staff. He has a sense of humor and a sense of fair play.

Through awareness of himself as a person and insight therapy this man has discontinued homosexual activities during the past 6 months. It is the writer's contention that this man's identity was tied up with a neurotically based conflict. The homosexual acting out was the symptom. The transference relationship with the writer, a woman, has also aided in this reworking of identification. It remains to be seen whether the separation from the writer, who is leaving soon, will affect this.

Edmondson's aggressive behavior of the past has been a defense against depression. This was also tied in with his feeling of loneliness and that he was hiding the fact that he was a sensitive person. Through recognition with the therapist that it is alright to be his true self he has been able, at least for the present, to drop

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this defense. One of the best signs of progress is Edmondson's ability to express his guilt and sorrow over his offense. He had thoughts in the past that if he took his life it would somehow even the score. He now is able to recognize that being his true creative self is the best solution. This is an intelligent man who does such introspective thinking and weighing of ethical values. Another sign of progress is his ability to have a deep meaningful relationship with the writer.

Although there have been some emotional setbacks in the past 2½ years we see a gradual upward trend in this man. Continued therapy is recommended.

RESIDENCE: Independence, Missouri.
USPO: Kansas City, Missouri.
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MEDICAL AND PSYCHIATRIC

Patient is at present on certified status. He is at present serving a sentence for first degree murder while in the service. His admission

diagnosis at the Medical Center was schizophrenic reaction, paranoid type (11-28-61). For the past six months he has been quite cooperative with the medical staff and has presented no problem in the unit. It is felt that he could certainly be moved to maximum security unit.

A. M. Hildreth, M.D.
Staff Psychiatrist

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 2-11-65: The Committee recommends reduction of sentence to 25 years instead of the present 35 years.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)
RE: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

Re KC airtel to Bureau, 7/12/68; Buairtel to KC, 7/15/68; and SL tel to KC, 7/17/68.

RE: CLIFFORD W. EDMONDSON, Air Force
Service Number 17 460 248

Enclosed for Bureau and receiving offices are one copy each of Special Progress Reports, dated 3/6/61 (consisting 9 pages); 8/11/65; 7/18/67; and Form NR 95-1 (current data for Restoration, Clemency and Parole Review), dated 8/21/67.

On 7/16/68, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Confinement File #31463, on file at the Military Personnel Records Center (MPRC), St. Louis, Mo., for CLIFFORD W. EDMONDSON, revealed he enlisted in U. S. Air Force (USAF) on 6/25/56 and dishonorably discharged on 7/26/58 as an Airman Third Class pursuant to sentence of a General Court-Martial. However, additional records were located and a review on 7/17/68 of the USAF service record for CLIFFORD WARDELL EDMONDSON, AF 17 460 248, indicated that he was honorably discharged and permanently retired on 7/26/58 as an Airman First Class at the U. S. Disciplinary Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas,

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He was tried and convicted by a General Court-Martial on 12/12/57, for on or about 6/23/57, did at Goose Air Force Base, Labrador, with premeditation, murder another Airman by means of shooting him with a .45 caliber pistol. He was sentenced dishonorably discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and confinement at hard labor for the term of his natural life. However, by General Court-Martial Order Number 38, dated 10/10/67, pursuant to the direction of the Secretary of the Air Force, the findings of guilty and the sentence in the general court-martial case of EDMONDSON, were set aside. Also, all rights, privileges, and property of which EDMONDSON had been deprived by virtue of the findings of guilty and sentence were restored. He was released from confinement at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri.

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His relatives were listed as JOHN ADAMS, father; Mrs. JOHN ADAMS, aka Imogene E. Adams, mother; RICHARD EUGENE EDMONDSON, brother; and sister, [REDACTED], all of 1315 North Lynn St., Independence, Mo. Sister, BESSIE MAE ADAMS, Route #1, Box 680, East Prairie, Missouri. EDMONDSON was described as Negro male, born 6/19/39, Kansas City, Mo., 170-175 pounds, and 72" tall. Scars and marks were shown as 2" scar over left temporal.

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United States Department of Justice

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
549 UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE
KANSAS CITY, MO. 64106

July 22, 1968

Mr. Woody Sheley
United States Commissioner
Jefferson City, Missouri

Re: JAMES EARL RAY
Unlawful Flight to
Avoid Prosecution

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Dear Mr. Sheley:

It appearing that the above-named defendant has been returned to state custody to stand trial in Memphis, Tennessee, please dismiss the outstanding federal complaint charging him with unlawful flight to avoid confinement.

Very truly yours,

CALVIN K. HAMILTON
United States Attorney

By

WILLIAM A. KITCHEN
Assistant U. S. Attorney

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CC: Mr. Karl W. Dissly ✓
Mr. F. M. Wilson

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PRE-PAROLE PROGRESS REPORT

Re: James Willett
No: W-01737

November 8, 1961
Clyde Carriott:ed

INSTITUTIONAL RECORD

Conduct: One conduct violation reported for creating a disturbance, refusing orders, and writing obscenities on a test paper. For this he had his Yard and Show privileges denied for one month. He was reprimanded and released for Tattooing.

Work: 12-29-60, Assigned to School. Work and training reports rate subject variously as good, poor, and fair. One report shows him to be considerate. The third report shows him as shirking his work, not doing what he was expected to do. His last report rates him good and states that he did average work. Subject states that he was not interested in school and therefore did not complete requirements for grade school. 6-4-61, Assigned to state at his request.

Health: Normal.

Military: None.

Marital: Subject states that he was married in July, 1958, and has been separated from his wife but no divorce has been obtained. His wife is now eighteen, and was only fourteen years of age at the time of their marriage. One boy was born to this union. The baby is now with the wife's mother. The wife is working and the mother is caring for the child. The wife is also staying with the mother.

FAMILY AND PERSONAL RELATIONS

Subject states that he corresponds every week with his mother, Bertha Willett, and occasionally with his sister, Lois Boyd. He writes infrequently to his wife, Elizabeth, and claims to have received no visits. Subject was reared in poor financial circumstances in Mississippi and Missouri. His father died in 1939 and had worked as a farmer.

Subject was one of six children. He states that he lived alternately with his family in Mississippi and his half-brother, Frank, in Kennett, Missouri. His brother Paul is a farmer in Mississippi. His brother Charles, who had been a farmer in Kennett, Missouri, died in 1957. His half-brother, Frank Smithy, is a farmer in Kennett, Missouri, and his half-brother, David, is said to be Chief-of-police of a town in Ohio. None of the subject's family is said to have been in difficulty with the authorities. Subject claims he got along well with all members of his family, however, he apparently lived a rather unsupervised life, living at times with various members of his family.

POST-RELEASE PLANS

Subject has no desire to return to Kennett, Missouri, because of his trouble with the authorities. He is interested in obtaining work through the Dismas Clark Foundation. He would live with his wife if she would return to him, but he does not expect her to leave her mother in Kennett.

Re: Willett, W-01787

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SUMMARY

James Willett, a twenty-six year old inmate, will have served one year of a four-year sentence for uttering. Subject admits having served a sentence in Mississippi State Prison. However, no verified information has been received concerning this, and FBI record does not show any previous record.

Subject states that he was released from Mississippi State Prison in May, 1950. He married a fourteen year old girl and lived in Kennett, Missouri. He states that he had considerable difficulty with his in-laws and that custody of his son had been given to his wife's mother. He states that he had been arrested for disturbing the peace because his mother-in-law did not let him see his son and he had forced his way into the home. Because of his difficulty he forged a check in order to have money to leave town.

Subject apparently has lived a rather unstable and unsettled life and has been rather careless and irresponsible. It is not evident that he has had any change of attitude in this regard. He sees little value in education and has little ambition. Institutionally his record has been marginal, however, it would not prohibit further parole consideration.

[Signature]
Prison Classification Director

[Signature]
Warden

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for person*

Department of Corrections
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Subject: WILLETT - 01787

Date September 10, 1962

To: Director of Classification
Missouri State Penitentiary

In response to your IOC of September 6, 1962 the above named inmate was called to the psychiatric service on September 10, 1962 for interview and evaluation. The subject has just completed a three months tour on E-3 for becoming insolent and abusive to Lt. Williams. The subject has a history on the psychiatric service of being hospitalized from June 26, 1962 to July 5, 1962 on account of self-inflicted wounds and being in an emotionally disturbed state. He was again admitted on August 13, 1962 until August 15, 1962 for self-inflicted wounds and a highly nervous state. At that time he was demanding help but the nature of the help he expected was never made clear.

The subject is an emotionally unstable individual. He is of average intellectual endowment, it seems, but he is ignorant, untutored, and uneducated. He is the sort of restless kind of individual who cannot bring himself to concentrate long enough to study in school. He was assigned to school when he first came here, but he got out of that because he was unable to concentrate on his work. Since that time he says he's never had a job. At the present time he states that he would take any job, but that he would like especially to work in the chair shop because he has had some experience on the outside working for his carpenter father-in-law as a carpenter's helper on inside cabinet work.

When interviewed this date the subject was in about as good a condition as we expect to ever see him in. It is recommended that he be assigned to work commensurate with his abilities and according to what is available.

LeRoy H. Rook
LeRoy H. Rook, M.S.
Clinical Psychologist

cc: Dr. Maxey
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MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel to Director, 7/11/68.

On 7/22/68, U. S. Commissioner W. C. SHELEY, Jefferson City, Missouri, advised SA ROWEN B. AYERS he had dismissed the complaint on JAMES EARL RAY on that date.

The following investigation was conducted by IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD:

At Jefferson City, Missouri:

On 7/18/68, Mr. HARRY LAUF, Records Officer, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), furnished the following information on inmates with the last name of WILLETT received at the MSP subsequent to 1960:

DONALD ROY WILLETT was received at the MSP 6/11/63, from St. Louis City to serve a 3 1/2 year sentence on charge of Burglary 2nd Degree and one prior. He was assigned MSP # 06915. This inmate was released to a detainer in favor of Sheriff, St. Charles County, Mo. on 3/1/65. Relatives listed are:

Brother	Mr. ALVIN WILLETT, 4212 Iowa St. Louis, Missouri;
Sister	CATHERINE MILTON, 2345 W. 23rd, Chicago, Illinois;
Sister	VIRGINIA O'NEAL, 1708 Doris, Cahokia, Illinois;
Sister	BETTY KALK, 2111 Huntington, St. Louis, Missouri;
Sister	EILEEN OHLENDORF, 3859A Wyoming, St. Louis, Missouri;
Sister	MARY ELLEN WILLETT, 4621 Oregon, St. Louis, Missouri;

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Father

H. WILLETT, 4621 Oregon, St.
Louis, Missouri;

Mother

LORRAINE WILLETT, same address.

He is described as a WM, born [redacted] at St. Louis, Missouri, height 5'8", weight 142, hair brown, eyes gray, build slender, complexion medium, Social Security No. [redacted] FBI #852 311 C, tattoo of a needle inner right forearm.

JAMES WILLETT (TN JAMES ROBERT WILLETT), aka BILL WILLETT, was held at the MSP 11/14/63, to serve a two year sentence on charge of escape, in Cole County, Mo. He had previously been received at the MSP, 12/1/60, from Dunklin County to serve a four year sentence on charge of Forgery. He was assigned MSP #01787. Records reflect WILLETT escaped from the Church Farm, MSP 1/13/62. He was apprehended and returned to the MSP, 1/15/62, to complete the original sentence.

This file reflects BILL WILLETT served a two year sentence in the Mississippi State Penitentiary in 1958.

The following information was obtained from an inter-office communication dated 9/10/62, to Director of Classification, MSP, from LEROY H. ROOK, M.S. Clinical Psychologist:

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

7/24/68

SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-

MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel to Director, 7/11/68.

On 7/22/68, U. S. Commissioner W. C. SHELEY, Jefferson City, Missouri, advised SA ROWEN B. AYERS he had dismissed the complaint on JAMES EARL RAY on that date.

The following investigation was conducted by IC WILLIAM C. MC DONALD:

At Jefferson City, Missouri:

On 7/18/68, Mr. HARRY LAUF, Records Officer, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), furnished the following information on inmates with the last name of WILLETT received at the MSP subsequent to 1960:

DONALD ROY WILLETT was received at the MSP 6/11/63, from St. Louis City to serve a 3 1/2 year sentence on charge of Burglary 2nd Degree and one prior. He was assigned MSP # 06915. This inmate was released to a detainer in favor of Sheriff, St. Charles County, Mo. on 3/1/65. Relatives listed are:

Brother	Mr. ALVIN WILLETT, 4212 Iowa St. Louis, Missouri;
Sister	CATHERINE MILTON, 2345 W. 23rd, Chicago, Illinois;
Sister	VIRGINIA O'NEAL, 1708 Doris, Cahokia, Illinois;
Sister	BETTY KALK, 2111 Huntington, St. Louis, Missouri;
Sister	EILEEN OHLENDORF, 3859A Wyoming, St. Louis, Missouri;
Sister	MARY ELLEN WILLETT, 4621 Oregon, St. Louis, Missouri;

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Father

H. WILLETT, 4621 Oregon, St.
Louis, Missouri;

Mother

LORRAINE WILLETT, same address.

He is described as a WM, born [redacted], at St. Louis, Missouri, height 5'8", weight 142, hair brown, eyes gray. build slender, complexion medium, Social Security No. [redacted] FBI #852 311 C, tattoo of a needle inner right forearm.

JAMES WILLETT (TN JAMES ROBERT WILLETT), aka BILL WILLETT, was held at the MSP 11/14/63, to serve a two years sentence on charge of escape, in Cole County, Mo. He had previously been received at the MSP, 12/1/60, from Dunklin County to serve a four year sentence on charge of Forgery. He was assigned MSP #01787. Records reflect WILLETT escaped from the Church Farm, MSP 1/13/62. He was apprehended and returned to the MSP, 1/15/62, to complete the original sentence.

This file reflects BILL WILLETT served a two year sentence in the Mississippi State Penitentiary in 1956.

The following information was obtained from an inter-office communication dated 9/10/62, to Director of Classification, MSP, from LEROY H. ROOK, M.S. Clinical Psychologist:

"In response to your IOC of September 6, 1962, the above named inmate was called to the psychiatric service on September 10, 1962 for interview and evaluation. The subject has just completed a three months tour on E-3 for becoming insolent and abusive to Lt. Williams. The subject has a history on the psychiatric service of being hospitalized from June 26, 1962 to July 5, 1962 on account of self-inflicted wounds and being in an emotionally disturbed state. He was again admitted on August 13, 1962 until August 15, 1962 for self-inflicted wounds and a highly nervous state. At that time he was demanding help but the nature of the help he expected was never made clear.

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"The subject is an emotionally unstable individual. He is of average intellectual endowment, it seems, but he is ignorant, untutored, and uneducated. He is the sort of restless kind of individual who cannot bring himself to concentrate long enough to study in school. He was assigned to school when he first came here, but he got out of that because he was unable to concentrate on his work. Since that time he says he's never had a job. At the present time he states that he would take any job, but that he would like especially to work in the chair shop because he has had some experience on the outside working for his carpenter father-in-law as a carpenter's helper on inside cabinet work.

"When interviewed on this date the subject was in about as good a condition as we expect to ever see him in. It is recommended that he be assigned to work commensurate with his abilities and according to what is available."

The following was taken from Pre-Parole Progress Report dated November 8, 1961 by CLYDE CARRIOTT:

"Conduct:	One conduct violation reported for creating a disturbance, refusing orders, and writing obscenities on a test paper. For this he had his Yard and Show privileges denied for one month. He was reprimanded and released for Tatooing.
"Work:	12-29-60, Assigned to School. Work and training reports rate subject variously as good, poor, and fair. One report shows him to be considerate. The third report shows him as shirking his work, not doing what he was expected to do. His last report rates him good and states that he did average work. Subject states that he was not interested in school and therefore did not complete requirements for grade school. 8-4-61, Assigned to state at his request.
"Health:	Normal.
"Military:	None.

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"Marital:

Subject states that he was married in July, 1958, and has been separated from his wife but no divorce has been obtained. His wife is now eighteen, and was only fourteen years of age at the time of their marriage. One boy was born to this union. The baby is now with the wife's mother. The wife is working and the mother is caring for the child. The wife is also staying with the mother.

"FAMILY AND PERSONAL RELATIONS

"Subject states that he corresponds every week with his mother, Bertha Willet, and occasionally with his sister, Lois Boyd. He writes frequently to his wife, Elizabeth, and claims to have received no visits. Subject was reared in poor financial circumstances in Mississippi and Missouri. His father died in 1939 and had worked as a farmer.

"Subject was one of six children. He states that he lived alternately with his family in Mississippi and his half-brother, Frank, in Kennett, Missouri. His brother Paul is a farmer in Mississippi. His brother Charles, who had been a farmer in Kennett, Missouri, died in 1957. His half-brother, Frank Smithy, is a farmer in Kennett, Missouri, and his half-brother, David, is said to be Chief-of-police of a town in Ohio. None of the subject's family is said to have been in difficulty with the authorities. Subject claims he got along well with all members of his family, however, he apparently lived a rather unsupervised life, living at times with various members of his family.

"POST-RELEASE PLANS

Subject has no desire to return to Kennett, Missouri, because of his trouble with the authorities. He is interested in obtaining work through the Dismas Clark Foundation. He would live with his wife if she would return to him, but he does not expect her to leave her mother in Kennett.

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SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

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SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

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MEDICAL CENTER FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS
Springfield, Missouri
SPECIAL PROGRESS REPORT

Committed Name EDMONDSON, Clifford W. Reg. No. 13218-H Date July 18, 1967

MILITARY CLEMENCY REVIEW

Edmondson, a 27-year old single-Negro male, continues to serve a 35-year sentence imposed by military court martial for murder. His adjusted release date with lost and extra good time is 4-17-81. Sentence expires full term on 12-11-92. There are no detainers on file.

Edmondson continued in residence in the institution's Maximum Security Unit from 5-3-66 to 8-22-66, at which time he was transferred to a unit of relatively close structure, but one from which he could leave daily in order to participate in institutional employment and other programs. During his residence in Maximum Security, he was reviewed on two occasions by the Psychiatric Treatment Planning Council held on 3-15-67; recommendations-transfer to a unit of relatively less structure, work assignment as unit Orderly, continue residence on that unit until personnel determine his preparedness to transfer to a more open unit, and medication and referral to Maximum Security physician will be the primary responsibility of the physician on his unit of residence. Since his transfer to a moderately structured unit, the patient unit supervisor states that he is in fact, no problem to the unit. A positive behavioral difference was noted, and he has created no trouble among inmates or officers. His attitude toward those with whom he comes in contact has been one of cooperation. Edmondson functioned as ward Orderly until 6-27-67. His work supervisor stated that he held duties of general sanitation and performed these duties well. He accepts responsibility well although the opinion was presented that his compliance with authority was motivated only by necessity, not by willingness. An interest in self-improvement was indicated by his frequent studying in the unit. The education department states that he is presently enrolled in bookkeeping, Algebra I, and Economics. His intentions are apparently of self-improvement, and designed to improve occupational skills. Edmondson received his high school diploma from the Lake Shore High School in May, 1967. Beta IQ score is 98. On 6-27-67, he was assigned as typist to the Parole Record's Office. He has thus far functioned satisfactorily in that position. This is a job requiring skill as a competent typist and recorder. The volume of work is at times quite heavy, and Edmondson has handled this challenge well, displaying no evidence of stress. He has received approximately four visits from family members since the time of his 1966 review. The Catholic Chaplain states that Edmondson has been attending services every Sunday. He has done considerable reading regarding the Catholic Church.

Since his release from Maximum Security, Edmondson has made definite attempts to involve himself in institution programs which would provide him educational and vocational development, as well as insight into numerous personality problems. There is no doubt, much manipulative behavior in evidence, however this behavior is directed toward positive goals. There has been no report of adverse behavior within the past year, and his known associations are not with a homosexual element. His contention is that he is becoming aware that his life will not be spent entirely in penal institutions, and the longer his behavior is adverse, there exists the possibility that his institution time may be extended. This present approach to institutionalization may well reverse itself in the future through psychotic deterioration, however at this time, it is this writer's impression that Edmondson is making a considerable effort for self-improvement vocationally, educationally, and through the acceptance, reluctant as it may be, that he does have psychiatric problems compounded by a great amount of time yet to be served.

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SPECIAL PROGRESS REPORT

Committed Name EDMONDSON, CLAYTON W. Reg. No. 23213-H Date July 25, 1967

MEDICAL AND PSYCHIATRIC:

Admitting diagnosis: "Schizophrenic Reaction, Paranoid type. . ." Patient is being seen in individual therapy by Dr. Kinzel. Has also been attending group therapy for past month. On 10-North since March, 1967 and has done relatively well. Dr. Kinzel may be able to give more accurate evaluation regarding release suitability.

Joel J. Laffner 6/7/67

RESIDENCE:

Independence, Missouri

NSPO:

Kansas City, Missouri

DICTATED BY:

J. H. Hirsch 7/18/67/sb

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Classification Committee refers this report to military authorities with the recommendation that because of his continued ability to display attitudes and behavior indicative of developing emotional maturity, personal acceptance of responsibility, and sound reality testing in relation to society's expectations, these growth factors be encouraged through the granting of a modicum of clemency to be determined specifically by military authority.

MEDICAL CENTER FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS
Springfield, Missouri
SPECIAL PROGRESS REPORT

Committed Name EDMONDSON, Clifford W.

Reg. No. 13218-H

Date 10-11-67

REPORT OF PSYCHIATRIC STAFF EXAMINATION - 10-3-67

This 28 year old Negro single male was admitted to the Medical Center on 11-23-60 as a certified psychotic patient from Terre Haute F.C.I. USA. He is serving a 33 year sentence for murder on a military reservation. He was seen by the Psychiatric Staff on this date to determine whether the patient is certifiable as psychotic at the present time. He was de-certified on June 16, 1964.

The Report of Psychiatric Examination dated 3-6-61 indicated the diagnosis of schizophrenic reaction, paranoid type, chronic with acute exacerbation in an individual with a life history which demonstrates the incipencies of a schizophrenic type personality with the evidence of many paranoid type of reactions throughout the years, culminating in a gross psychotic disorganization at this time. The psychiatric features also suggest a sociopathic personality disorder.

During the initial part of his stay at the Medical Center he continually got into difficulties with other inmates and felt that others were "eyeballing him", felt that others were going to gang up against him to take his commissary, and became obsessed with the inmate code type of existence. This resulted in spending a great deal of time in maximum security units. For a period of approximately a year while in therapy with a social worker he seemed to improve somewhat and changed his attitude somewhat. However after this was terminated he gradually regressed. In May of 1966 he was found outside a social worker's door listening to someone "rat on me" but he was apparently asleep. He allegedly had a knife in his shoe and the implication was that he was going to attack the social worker. This afterwards was found to be an error as the knife was found in his shoe on his ward. However this resulted in his being confined to the maximum security unit despite numerous observations that he was not violent on that unit.

Because of the tremendous reaction of the institution towards the patient which constantly put him in a position where he had no avenues for improvement, and because of the consensus that there was no way to know when or where he might be violent, I began to see this patient in psychotherapy once a week. This was started in February of 1967. By March of 1967 he was well enough and was more open with his feelings enough that I felt it was safe to transfer him to a semi-open unit. He has remained on that unit, has worked in the parole office as the clerk, and has become involved in the prison magazine publication. The patient did quite well in psychotherapy and was working towards the point of discharging some of the feelings he had prior to the murder on the Air Force Base when he elected to stop therapy. It was my opinion that at that time some of these feelings were too painful for him to experience but that at a later time properly discharging these feelings with an experienced therapist might be immensely therapeutic.

Evidence of improvement is that the patient is no longer associating with overt homosexuals, no longer gives any evidence of behaving according

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to the inmate code as he had previously, has graduated from the high school course given at the Medical Center, was able to actually publish an article in the prison paper, and gets above average work reports. His tendency towards hyperactivity, impulsivity and impatience has mellowed considerably and although he still has a tendency towards paranoid elaborations he is much more insightful about this.

At the interview before the Psychiatric Staff today he related quite coherently, had a less hostile or cocky attitude, talked meaningfully about his awareness that he was at times very disturbed, and gave assurances that he did feel however that he was under control. This has been the key issue during his entire treatment program at the Medical Center and it appears by objective observations as well as the patient's statements that he is no longer dangerous at the present time. The patient is interested in receiving more psychotherapy and says he will try to do this on the outside.

It is the opinion of the Psychiatric Staff that the patient has improved to the extent where he is no longer presently certifiable. The Staff strongly recommends however, further psychiatric treatment, especially regular ongoing psychotherapy.

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FOR THE STAFF:

Augustus F. Kinzel

AUGUSTUS F. KINZEL, M. D.
Staff Psychiatrist

AFK:clh
10-4-67

Present: Drs. Glotfelty, Moreau, Kinzel, Miller and Ciccone.

PSYCHIATRIC SUBCOMMITTEE

Classification Committee concurs with M.P. recommendations and refers this report to the Bureau for informational purposes. Edmondson to be released to V. A. Hospital, Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo., tomorrow (10-12-67)

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Committed Name
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EDMONDSON, Clifford W.
Clifford W. Edmondson

Reg. No. 17043-TH

FBI No.
Soc. Sec. No.

Sentenced 12-12-57
Sent. Begins 12-12-57
Date Com. 8-25-59
Elig. Parole 12-11-72
Elig. Min. Exp. Life
Supervision Exp.
Sent. Exp. Life
Com. Fine
Prob. to follow

Offense Murder
Sentenced Life
Judicial Dist. Air Force
Committing Judge
Detainers

Age 20 Date birth 6-19-39 Birthplace Missouri Race Negro
Citizenship US Marital Status Single Education Status 10th grade
Selective Service Reg.: Place None Date Classification

Military Service:

Entered	Discharged	Service	Rank	Type Dschg.	Serial No.
6-23-56	7-26-58	U. S. Air Force	AM3rd Class	Dishonorable	17460248

Employment Record:

From	To	Employer	Address	Occupation	Wages
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Edmondson was a student prior to entering into service... He has worked on week-ends with a car-wash concern in Independence, Missouri.

Residences:

From	To	Address	Place of Residence	Leg: Independence, Missouri	With Whom
1957	Present	Incarcerated at U. S. Disciplinary Barracks			
1956	1957	Military service			
1950	1956	1315 Lynn Street (North)	Independence, Missouri		

Committed Name		Reg. No.			
		Relatives and Interested Persons			
Name		Relation	Age	Marital	Address
CV John Adams		Father	7	Married	1315 N. Lynn St., Independence, Mo.
V Mrs. John Adams		Mother	7	"	" " " " " "
CV Richard E. Edmondson		Brother	22	7	" " " " " "
V ? Adams		Sister	7	7	Address unknown
CV [REDACTED]		Sister	8		1315 N. Lynn St., Independence, Mo.
		Father (Unknown)			

Names preceded by "C" are approved correspondents, by "V" approved visitors.

Codefendants None

Attorney of Record

USPO Mr. Richard H. Johnson, Chief, 419 U. S. Court House, Kansas City 6, Missouri

Reports Rec'd: U. S. Atty Pros. Agency USPO SJA Review

Sources	Pending Verifications
Initial interview	Letter from mother
Military records	

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Register Number 17043-M

NO PRIOR CRIMINAL RECORD

CURRENT OFFENSE

Military records tell us that on or about June 23, 1957 Edmondson did murder another Airman by means of shooting him with a .45 caliber pistol. This occurred at Goose Bay Base, Labrador and the offense is listed with premeditation.

Edmondson readily and frankly admits his guilt. He states that he was not personally acquainted with the man he shot. He informs that he was in a room and thought that the person he shot was going to keep him from leaving the room. He informs that he shot the man in order to get out of the room to find another person whom he intended to kill. Military records state that he became involved in this offense after another enlisted man made an insulting remark about his mother. The man offered to fight him, which Edmondson declined, deciding to kill him and the others who had made things unpleasant for him. He obtained a pistol, a carbine, and ammunition for them from a supply room and planned to kill the man in the dayroom the following morning. Military records go on to tell us that night he wrote a letter to his mother and a note to the First Sergeant naming seven men he planned to kill and stating why he planned to do that. The following morning he went to get the gun another enlisted man who was in the dayroom studying, was in his way. It is stated that he had nothing against this man though he had planned to kill him and later lined out his name in the Sergeant's letter. He was at the moment concerned about killing the man who had insulted his mother. When the man saw Edmondson with the gun and questioned him, Edmondson fired the pistol to scare him but accidentally hit him in the side. The man fled and Edmondson then went in search of his intended victim unaware that he had wounded the other man, according to his statement. Others hearing the shot rushed to see the cause and were threatened by Edmondson who was attempting to fire the carbine at them. It missed fire before he could shoot and he was overpowered. He has previously stated that he had no feelings of rage during the episode but felt that he was doing what had to be done. At the present time, when relating the above information, Edmondson gives no indication in his conversation that he is remorseful and outlines the occurrences without type of emotion at all.

Edmondson has been transferred to us from the U. S. Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth where he has been during the majority of his sentence.

SOCIAL HISTORY

Edmondson is an illegitimate child and has never known his father. His mother, who had one child at the age of 17 by another man, gave birth to the subject at 19 and was not married until six months later. This marriage lasted less than a year and the children were placed in an orphanage. The mother apparently neglected the two boys. When Edmondson was five years of age, she regained custody of them but was not considered a fit mother. It was reported that there was much friction in the home over the children and the mother's drinking. In 1955 the mother stopped her drinking habits and joined a church and the conditions at home have improved. There is a good relationship reported between her and her 52 year old husband and they have been married for 10 years. The socio-economic situation of the family has been only fair with the mother working as a waitress and in a laundry as a press operator. The step-father is a packing house employee. They have been known to the welfare department on occasion. The subject now has some difficulty in his speech and stutters although this was not too noticeable during the interview situation. During his adolescent years it is reported that he had a high temper and resented punishment. It is stated that when he was five years of age, while in a fit of temper, he stabbed his brother with an ice pick and another time with a dart. On another occasion he attempted to stab his brother with a broken bottle.

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The family reside in Independence, Missouri and while he was incarcerated at Fort Leavenworth they visited him quite regularly. Family ties would appear to be close. Edmondson entered school at the usual age and terminated his education at the age of 17 while in the 10th grade. He was suspended from school on one occasion and was not interested in his school work although he made a good adjustment with his teachers and other pupils. It is stated that when a group of boys who were not interested in school work were told to settle down or leave, Edmondson terminated his education. He has an interest at this time in furthering his education while here.

Shortly after he terminated his education, he entered the military service and has no significant work history. He did odd jobs but his longest employment was with a quick car wash on Saturdays and Sundays. He worked steadily on this job and did his work satisfactorily.

Edmondson is single and has never been married but would seem to have a favorable outlook on marriage when released.

On June 25, 1956, he enlisted in the U. S. Air Force for a four year period with his mother's consent. He received his basic training in California and was later sent to Wyoming. He was transferred to Labrador where he served in supply. He was not involved in any difficulty in the military until he committed the instant offense. He indicates that he liked the military service and would like to be restored to duty. The records point out that while in the military service, he acted queer and would do unorthodox things. He would occasionally do things that he could not recall and at times was aggressive.

at the Disciplinary Barracks, he worked as a presser, in the drycleaning shop, laundry, and the taylor shop where he received work and adjustment ratings ranging from fair to excellent. He was in the vocational print shop for a time prior to transfer where he received overall ratings of excellent. His conduct while confined at Fort Leavenworth was unsatisfactory. He incurred five disciplinary board trials; the most recent on August 14, 1957 for starting a fire. He had placed newspapers in his locker in order to create smoke to destroy bugs. He states that he had done this before and does not see anything unusual about this. In addition, he was once reported for threatening gestures toward a guard in which he states he rose from a table in the dining room with a knife in his hand. He frankly admits that he rose from his seat with a knife in his hand with intentions of killing the guard but changed his mind. He does not feel that his record at Leavenworth was unsatisfactory.

Edmondson states that while he is at this institution he is interested in learning a trade and would like to be assigned to vocational training, clerical detail. He feels that this will help him when released. When eventually released, he plans to return to the home of his parents and in view of his sentence, has no definite vocational plans.

A review of the present situation shows we have a 20 year old military offender who is serving a life sentence for murder. He apparently was not involved previously with the law as well as having a clear record in the Air Force. He frankly speaks of his intention to kill in relating the occurrence of this offense but not the actual victim and shows no emotion. It is indicated that he could be considered a dangerous person who is quite impulsive. He states that he is planning on making a good adjustment here, but would like a transfer back to the Disciplinary Barracks. It is felt that he may have some difficulty in his institutional adjustment. During the interview situation he was mannerly and polite. He has a speech impediment of stuttering but this is not too noticeable.

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Committed Name EDMONDSON, Clifford

Register Number 17043-T4

RECOMMENDATIONS: Close custody, cell housing, and consider for vocational training in clerical work.

ADMISSION AND ORIENTATION UNIT REPORT: This offender was under my supervision for just a few days therefore I am not qualified to make a report on him.

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MEDICAL AND PSYCHIATRIC.

September 24, 1959.

GENERAL:

This man is 23 years of age, weighs 170 pounds and is 72 inches tall. Vision is 20/70 in the right eye and 20/100 in the left corrected to 20/25 in the right eye and 20/40 in the left with the use of his spectacles. Hearing is normal. Blood pressure is 110/40.

HISTORY AND COMPLAINTS:

Past medical history is essentially non-contributory at this time.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:

Examination is essentially normal at this time.

LABORATORY:

Not determined here. (Transferred.)

VENEREAL DISEASE:

Subject denies history of this disease.

DENTAL:

Not determined at this time.

PSYCHOMETRIC:

Intelligence quotient is 116. High-average GEPHS - classification test.

PSYCHIATRIC:

No apparent reason noted for psychiatric examination.

DISABILITIES:

None.

DIAGNOSIS:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Medical : None.

Work Class I.

Dental : None.

Will determine later.

Psychiatric : None.

Routine contacts.

ECR: JF: hsa.

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WORK EXPERIENCE: He says he has only worked two Saturdays as a car washer before his entry into the Air Force, where he worked in supply from 1956 to 1958; United States Disciplinary Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, tailor shop, print shop, janitor detail, and laundry.

OCCUPATIONAL ANALYSIS: Edmondson went from school into the Air Force and therefore had no employment of any consequence. He had a great many jobs at the disciplinary barracks and seemed to be unable to settle down to any single job. At present he states that he is interested in learning office practice and clerical work. In view of his intelligence (high average), interest, and available space in clerical training, direct placement is recommended.

PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION: Laborer

OCCUPATION PAST TWO YEARS: Confined

INTEREST: He wants to learn clerical work.

FUTURE PLANS: He plans to return to Independence, Missouri.

WORK RECOMMENDATION: 1. Vocational Clerical Training.

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY: He claims that he has completed the 9th grade at Christmas High School in Independence, Missouri. He wants clerical courses.

STANFORD ACHIEVEMENT TEST RESULTS: Partial Intermediate - Educational Grade Score: 7.0

U.S. GENERAL APTITUDE TEST RESULTS: Edmondson's converted scores are: 6117, 1115, 1013, 8111, 1129, 999, 1188, 171, 199, and 1105; which qualify him in patterns: 4, 6, 9, 13, 15, 16, 18, and 20; indicating that his best occupational qualifications from these patterns are: machinist; art lay-out and designing; engine repairing; plumbing, carpentry, and sheet-metal work; gridding and welding; inspecting; stone masonry; and machine operating.

EDUCATIONAL RECOMMENDATION: Clerical Training.

RECREATIONAL INTEREST: Baseball and basketball.

RELIGIOUS HISTORY: BAPTIST (member)

He states that his father is a member and regularly attends a Baptist Church, whereas his mother is a faithful member of a Church of God. He himself, joined the Baptist Church as a youth, regularly attended Sunday school and worship services until he was 15, and then occasionally until his induction into the armed forces at 17. While in the Air Force he attended chapel regularly for the first six months; and upon being court-martialed, he again resumed chapel for some months and then "quit." He has attended Protestant Chapel twice since his commitment here.

RECOMMENDATION: Encourage to Regularly Attend Protestant Chapel Services.