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United States v. Wyandotte County, Kansas, et al. Public Facilities (Jail) CIVIL RICHTS ACT of 1964

Reference is made to your memorandum dated August 27, 1971, with the attached report of Special Agent Steven H. Heubeck dated August 20, 1971, at your Kansas City Field Office, and other communications in captioned matter.

The Clerk for the United States District Court for the District of Kansas has notified Departmental attorneys that <u>United States</u> v. <u>Wyondotte County, Kansas,</u> C.A. KC-3163, will be called for trial on October 19, 1971. For this reason it is requested that this limited investigation be conducted on an expedited basis.

The information contained in your reports indicates that several instances of prisoner beatings and sodomy may have occurred in the subject facility which would not have occurred had the defendants employed different administrative techniques and had additional personnel in running the jail. In order to prepare for the inclusion of these matters in the presentation of our case, please conduct the following limited investigation:

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- logan, found on page 4 of Special Agent Reubeck's report, please identify the two United States Deputy Marshals who took the victim before Judge Arthur J. Stanley and determine from them their knowledge of the nature, extent, and appearance of the victim's injuries, as well as whether the Court also noted these factors and ordered the marshals to take any action to correct them. If any written memoranda or notes within their possession reflect this incident, please obtain copies thereof. Also, identify and interview Mr. Logan's attending physicians regarding the mature, extent, appearance, and probable origin of his injuries.
- 2. With regard to the interview of Orr Lee Orr, found on page 7, please interview the attending physician to determine his knowledge of the extent, nature, and origin of the victim's injuries.
- 3. With regard to the interview of John W. Caswell, contained on page 20 of Special Agent Homesley's report dated July 26, 1971, please interview local police officials as well as Mr. Kenny Brooks regarding Caswell's confession implicating Brooks. Also, ascertain the extent of their knowledge of Caswell's beating by Brooks and other cellmates.
- 4. With respect to the interview of Steven Scott Pannell, found on page 43 of Special Agent Homesley's report, please interview Pat Patterson to ascertain the extent of his knowledge of the incidents reported by Pannell regarding what is referred to as the "petition incident" and their subsequent incarceration in the "hole". Please also interview either FNU Frye, FNU Sanders, a FNU Hicks, to ascertain whether they corroborate Pannell's allegation that Pannell was denied food and that because of this they fasted.

- With regard to the interview of Albert Lee Carter, reported on page 57 of Special Agent Homesley's report, please reinterview John Howard Huntley, whose interview is reported on page 64, and Albert Thurman Wade, 1036 Everett, Kansas City, Kansas, whose interview is reported on page 11 of Special Agent Heubeck's report dated August 20, 1971, to ascertain whether they were aware if Carter attempted to tell Guard FNU Ashworth why he wished to get out, whether William Harris as a result beat him, why Carter later tried to slash his wrists, and whether there was a delay between the time Carter was injured in cutting his wrist and this injury was reported to the guards. In this regard, please obtain the casualty and officers' reports relating to Carter's injury. also interview William Harris and FNU Ashworth regarding the extent of their knowledge of these incidents. also interview Donald Jesse Hill and Richard King, two former inmates also incarcerated with Carter, to determine the extent of their knowledge of these incidents. Please also identify and interview the officer referred to on page 59 of Special Agent Homesley's report, in whom it is reported that Carter confided his reasons for wanting to be transferred. Please also interview Carter's attending physician to determine the extent and nature of his injuries.
- 6. With regard to the interview of Clovis Carl Green, Jr. reported on page 67 of Special Agent Homesley's report, please reinterview Green with respect to details of the extortion alleged by him to occur in the running of the prison commissary and obtain responsive interviews from two other prisoners or former immates identified by Green with respect to these allegations. Please also interview identified federal narcotics agents, and identified federal marshals, to determine whether the victim told them these stories of narcotics violations and assaults upon him in the jail as he alleges. Also,

determine whether court officials took any action to get him transferred to another facility. If any written documents or records reflect these allegations or the actions of officials, including the magistrate and judge, in response to these allegations, please obtain copies thereof. Please also interview the victim's attending physician to determine the extent and nature of any injuries sustained by him in the jail and to determine what medication, if any, he was under while at the jail.

- 7. Please locate and obtain the current residence and work addresses and telephone number of Larry James Dooley, interviewed by Special Agent Ray Homseley on November 4, 1968, because of his involvement in the incident related by Joe Willie James on page 12 of Special Agent Homesley's report of July 26, 1971. Dooley's last known address is 2540 High Street, Denver, Colorado (Telephone: 303 388-7075).
- 8. Attached please find two copies of diagrams of the Wyandotte County Jail. Both of these items have been entered into evidence pursuant to the Court's pretrial order. Please reproduce each diagram in exhibit form and approximately 3 feet x 4 feet in size with multiple clear overlay material for demonstrative testimonial purposes. Have these exhibits available to Departmental attorneys assigned to the trial of this matter at the United States Attorney's office by 5:00 p.m., Monday, October 18, 1971.
- 9. Until the termination of this matter, please inform this Division of any change in the residence or place of incarceration of the persons interviewed in response to the foregoing request.