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Synopsis:

LLOYD C. GROVES, 2117 South 98th, Edwardsville, Kansas, was employed Wyandotte County Jail from 10/65 to 10/17/71, when he resigned over conflict with Warden SALLE PACHECO of handling of prisoners. GROVE advised it was PACHECO's stated policy that West Tank be reserved for white prisoners, the East Tank exclusively for Negro prisoners. He has never known those tanks to be integrated. No other tanks were known to be segregated by race. EUGENE HALL, 3204 Brown, Kansas City, Kansas, worked in Wyandotte County Jail from approximately 1/65 to 10/70. He recalled West and East Tanks were segregated. Northeast Tank not racially mixed during his assignment to the jail. All other tanks believed to be integrated. HALL does not recall specific instructions to segregate prisoners, except that the warden would instruct that all blacks go to the East Tank or whites to the West Tank. Prisoners arriving late in evening and drunks were not separated by race when they first arrived. LEVI HUGGINS, 3009 Delavan, Kansas City, Kansas, was jailor on and off for 15 years at Wyandotte County Jail. He recalls all white prisoners were in the West Tank, all colored in the East Tank. This was personal policy of Warden PACHECO. Northeast Tank was used for hardened or trouble causing prisoners. The Northeast, Womens, Sick Bay, Northwest, and Drunk Tanks were racially mixed. HUGGINS advised when he was Acting Warden 10 years ago he had tried to integrate

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Mr. LLOYD C. GROVES, 2117 South 98th Street, advised that he was employed in the Wyandotte County, Kansas Jail from October, 1965, until he resigned October 17, 1971. He stated that he had the rank of Lieutenant from 1968 until early 1971, when Warden PACHECO reduced him to the rank of Jailer. Mr. GROVES, who is a Negro, advised that he did not get along with Warden PACHECO and did not feel that PACHECO handled the prisoners properly and that they were constantly having arguments, and consequently he, GROVES, resigned.

GROVES advised that it was PACHECO's stated policy that the West Tank in Wyandotte County Jail be reserved for white prisoners and the East Tank be used exclusively for Negro prisoners. GROVES indicated that this was the latest procedure; however, at various times over the years the East Tank was used for white prisoners and the West Tank for Negro prisoners. He said he has never known these tanks to be integrated.

GROVES advised that as to the other tanks there was no stated policy to keep them segregated by race and the jail employee handling the booking of prisoners could place the prisoners in any tank regardless of race, except, of course, for the East and West Tanks which were always segregated. GROVES stated, however, that when PACHECO would come on duty it was not unusual for him to move prisoners from one tank to the other and there were occasions when he would move three or four white or Negro prisoners from one tank or the other, having an effect of segregating the tanks. GROVES stated, however, that there was no stated policy of segregation in the other tanks and usually they were more or less integrated.

GROVES advised that to his knowledge the tank man has nothing to do with the cell assignment of prisoners as the tank men are prisoners themselves.

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EUGENE HALL, 3204 Brown, advised that he could be reached through Cole Shoe Shop at that location since the owner would generally know HALL's whereabouts. HALL said there was no telephone at which he could be reached. HALL indicated that he worked in the Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office from 1963 until November, 1970. He spent 1 1/2 years on the Sheriff's Patrol before he was injured by an automobile and thereafter worked in the radio room and in the jail. He believed that he started work in the radio room and in the jail in January 1965 when HARRY HIGGINS was the Sheriff in Wyandotte County. As he recalled it Lieutenant WALT FAILENS (phonetic) was the overseer or Warden of the Wyandotte County Jail and LEVI HUGGINS was a Sergeant in the jail. It was his recollection that the West and East Tanks were segregated. It was also his recollection that the Northeast Tank which contained hardened and disturbed inmates was not racially mixed during the time that he was assigned to the jail. It was his recollection that in the Northeast Tank half of the tank would be occupied by whites and half by blacks, although occasionally the Northeast Tank might be all white or all black depending on the flow of prisoners. In any event it was HALL's belief that in the Northeast Tank only one racial group at a time would be allowed out in the bullpen. So far as he could recall all other tanks were integrated in the Wyandotte County Jail. It was his recollection that when Sheriff LYNN BRUNK took over in 1968, LEVI HUGGINS left the Wyandotte County Jail and SALLE PACHECO was placed in charge of the jail.

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LEVI HUGGINS, 3009 Delavan, home phone MA 1-0213, advised that off and on for about 15 years he has been a jailor in the Wyandotte County Jail, Kansas City, Kansas. The jailors are actually Deputy Sheriffs assigned to duty in the jail and many have spent some time in the Sheriff's Patrol as well as in the jail. HUGGINS said that at this time white prisoners are kept in the West Tank and colored prisoners are kept in the East Tank. HUGGINS advised that this is the policy of the present warden of the jail, SALLE PACHECO, and in the absence of PACHECO the designated jailor in charge would follow the policy established by Warden PACHECO. As to the assignments of cells and bunks within the different tanks, this is left to the bullpen man or tank man as he is also called.

HUGGINS said that the Northeast Tank usually contains the more hardened criminals and occasionally is used if the jail has a large number of inmates. If some prisoner is reacting badly to confinement and causing trouble they sometimes place him in the Northeast tank away from the general inmate population in the West Tank or the East Tank. HUGGINS said that the blacks and whites are mixed in the Northeast Tank, in the Womens Tank, in the Sick Bay, in the Northwest Tank, and in the Drunk Tank. HUGGINS advised that the Northwest Tank used to be used for mental cases but is now used mostly for disciplinary problems. This is a small tank where cells can be individually locked and prisoners can be effectively cut off from the rest of the inmate population when it becomes necessary to maintain discipline in the jail.

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Warden SALSE PACHECO, Wyandotte County Jail, Kansas City, Kansas, accompanied Agents on a tour of the jail between 3 PM and 3:35 PM on October 29, 1971.

The following list was prepared showing the assignment of inmates in the jail:

Inmates in the Wyandotte County Jail
as of October 29, 1971

<u>Location</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cell</u>
West Tank	BROD, Martin	White	State	1
	COLIN, Williams	"	"	1
	AUSTIN, Bruce	"	"	1
	BURNS, Stephen	"	"	3
	CARTER, Robert	"	"	2
	HARTFORD, Terry	"	"	1
	HARRON, Larry	"	"	1
	JOHNSON, Delmar	"	"	2
	KETCHAM, Basil	"	"	3
	MARTIN, Steve	"	"	1
	SMITH, Billy	"	"	1
SEUTTER, Elmer	"	"	2	
Northwest Tank	BIRRELL, Howard	White	Fed.	3
	MILLER, Robert	"	State	2
	MYERS, Paul	"	"	1
Boys Tank	SHEPHERD, Dennis	Negro	State	
	BROADWELL, Aaron	"	"	
	CHARLES, Ronald	"	"	
	DAVIS, A. W.	"	"	
	GARDNER, Wilbur	White	"	
	GLENN, John	Negro	"	
	QUINN, James	"	"	
	ROSS, Robert	"	"	
	TILLMAN, Richard	"	"	
TAYLOR, Edward	"	"		

(Cells all open 6 AM to 9 PM, and no specific assignment of cells.)

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