Richard Eugene Hickock inmate case file

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The Kansas State Penitentiary case file on Richard Hickock, inmate number 14746. Hickock and his accomplice, Perry Smith, were convicted of first degree murder for the brutal 1959 killings of Herb and Bonnie Clutter, their daughter, Nancy, and son, Kenyon, in Holcomb, Kansas. The murders inspired the non-fiction novel "In Cold Blood" by Truman Capote. Hickock was executed by hanging on April 14, 1965. Please note that some images have been removed in accordance with K.S.A. 45-221(a)(29) and have been labeled with pages indicating their removal. Additional redactions of personally identifiable information made in accordance with K. S. A. 2005 Supp. 45-221(a)(30).

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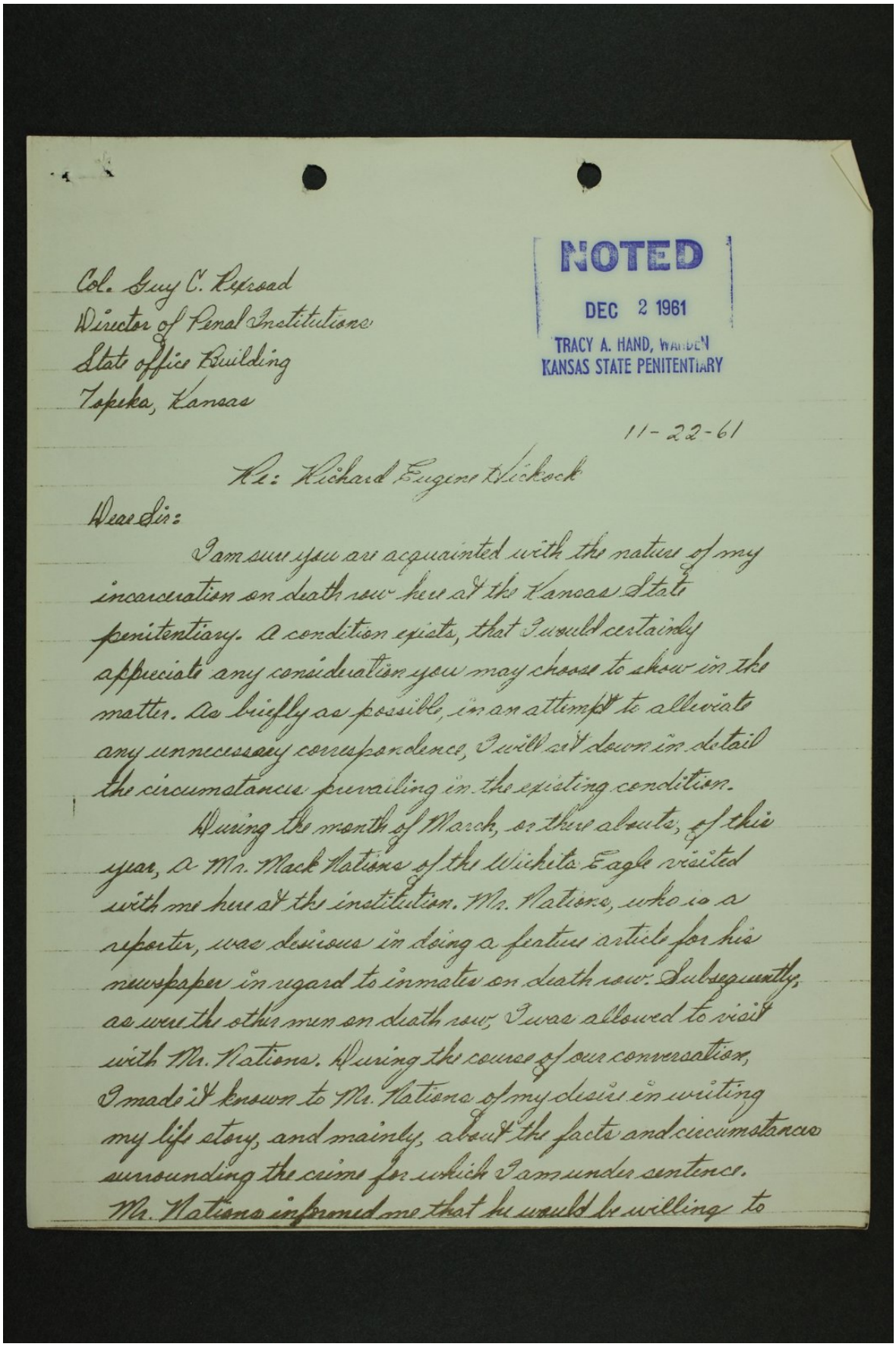
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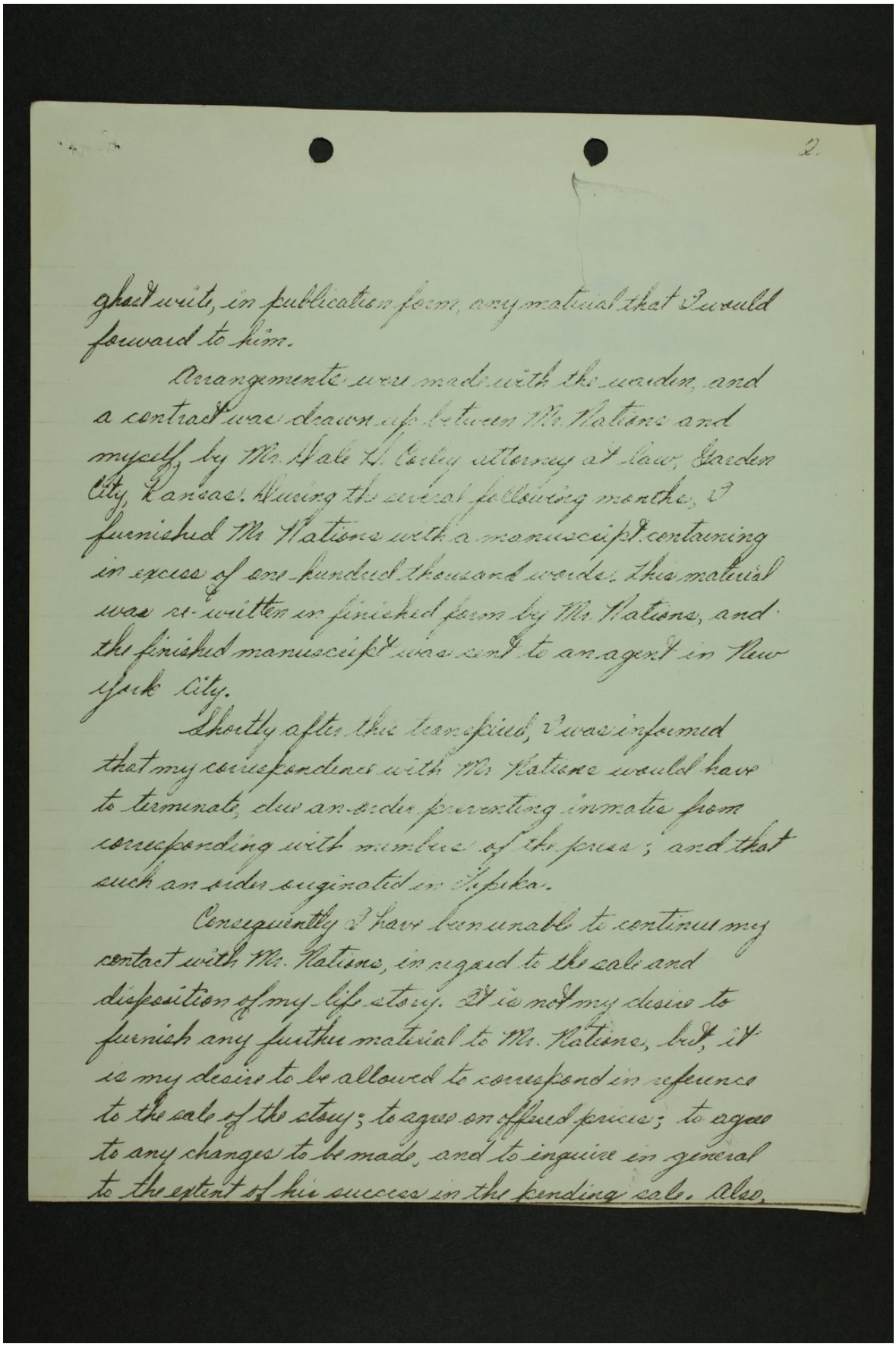
11-22-61

Re: Richard Eugene Hickock

Dear Sir:

I am sure you are acquainted with the nature of my incarceration on death row here at the Kansas State penitentiary. A condition exists, that I would certainly appreciate any consideration you may choose to show in the matter. As briefly as possible, in an attempt to alleviate any unnecessary correspondence, I will set down in detail the circumstances prevailing in the existing condition.

During the month of March, or there abouts, of this year, a Mr. Mack Nations of the Wichita Eagle visited with me here at the institution. Mr. Nations, who is a reporter, was desirous in doing a feature article for his newspaper in regard to inmates on death row. Subsequently, as were the other men on death row, I was allowed to visit with Mr. Nations. During the course of our conversation, I made it known to Mr. Nations of my desire in writing my life story, and mainly, about the facts and circumstances surrounding the crime for which I am under sentence. Mr. Nations informed me that he would be willing to



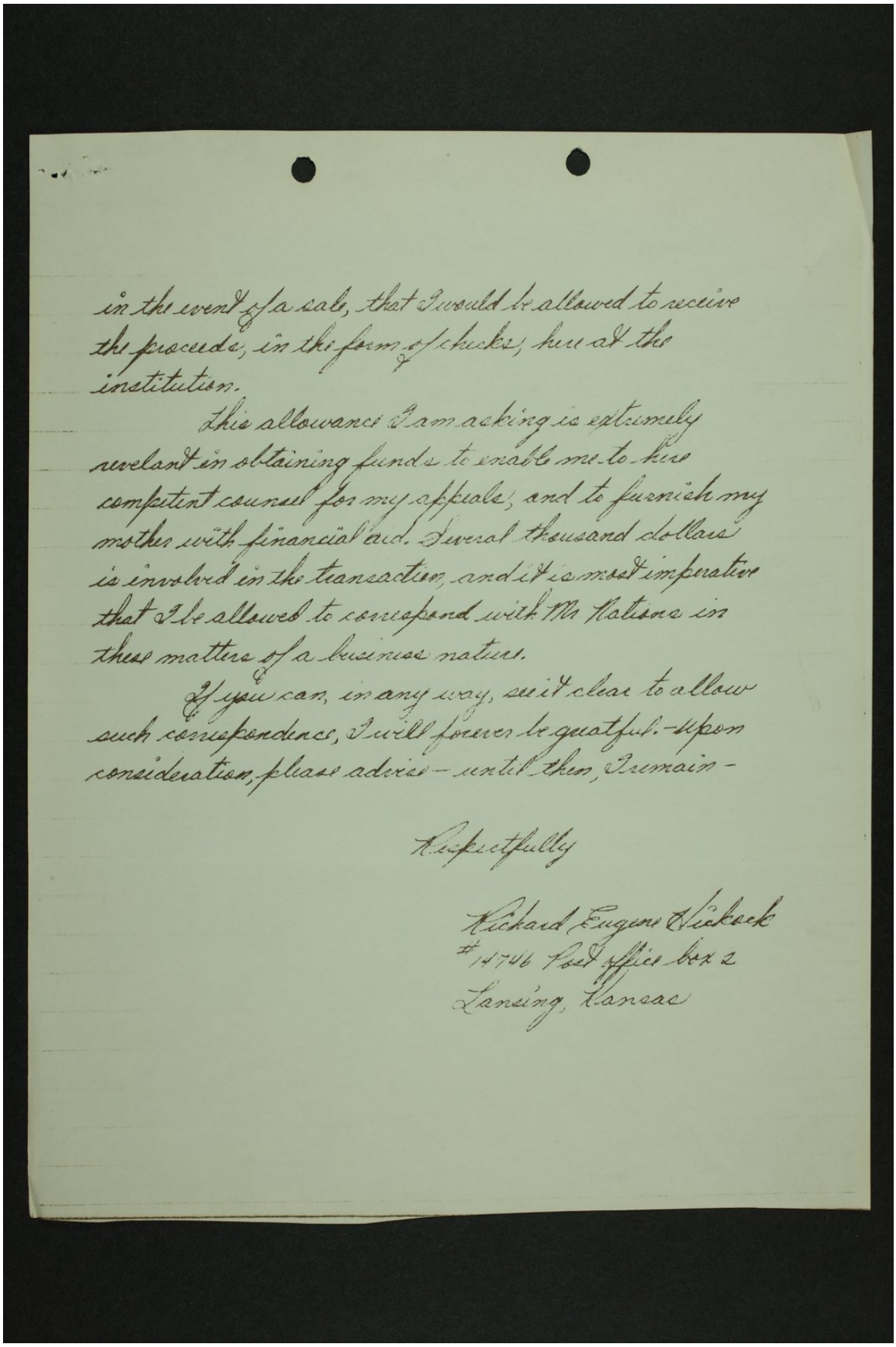
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ghost write, in publication form, any material that I would forward to him.

Arrangements were made with the warden, and a contract was drawn up between Mr. Nations and myself by Mr. Hale L. Cooley attorney at law, Garden City, Kansas. During the several following months, I furnished Mr Nations with a manuscript containing in excess of one hundred thousand words. This material was re-written in finished form by Mr. Nations, and the finished manuscript was sent to an agent in New York City.

Shortly after this transpired, I was informed that my correspondence with Mr Nations would have to terminate, due an order preventing inmates from corresponding with members of the press; and that such an order originated in Topeka.

Consequently I have been unable to continue my contact with Mr. Nations, in regard to the sale and disposition of my life story. It is not my desire to furnish any further material to Mr. Nations, but it is my desire to be allowed to correspond in reference to the sale of the story; to agree on offered prices; to agree to any changes to be made, and to inquire in general to the extent of his success in the pending sale. Also,



in the event of a sale, that I would be allowed to receive the proceeds, in the form of checks, here at the institution.

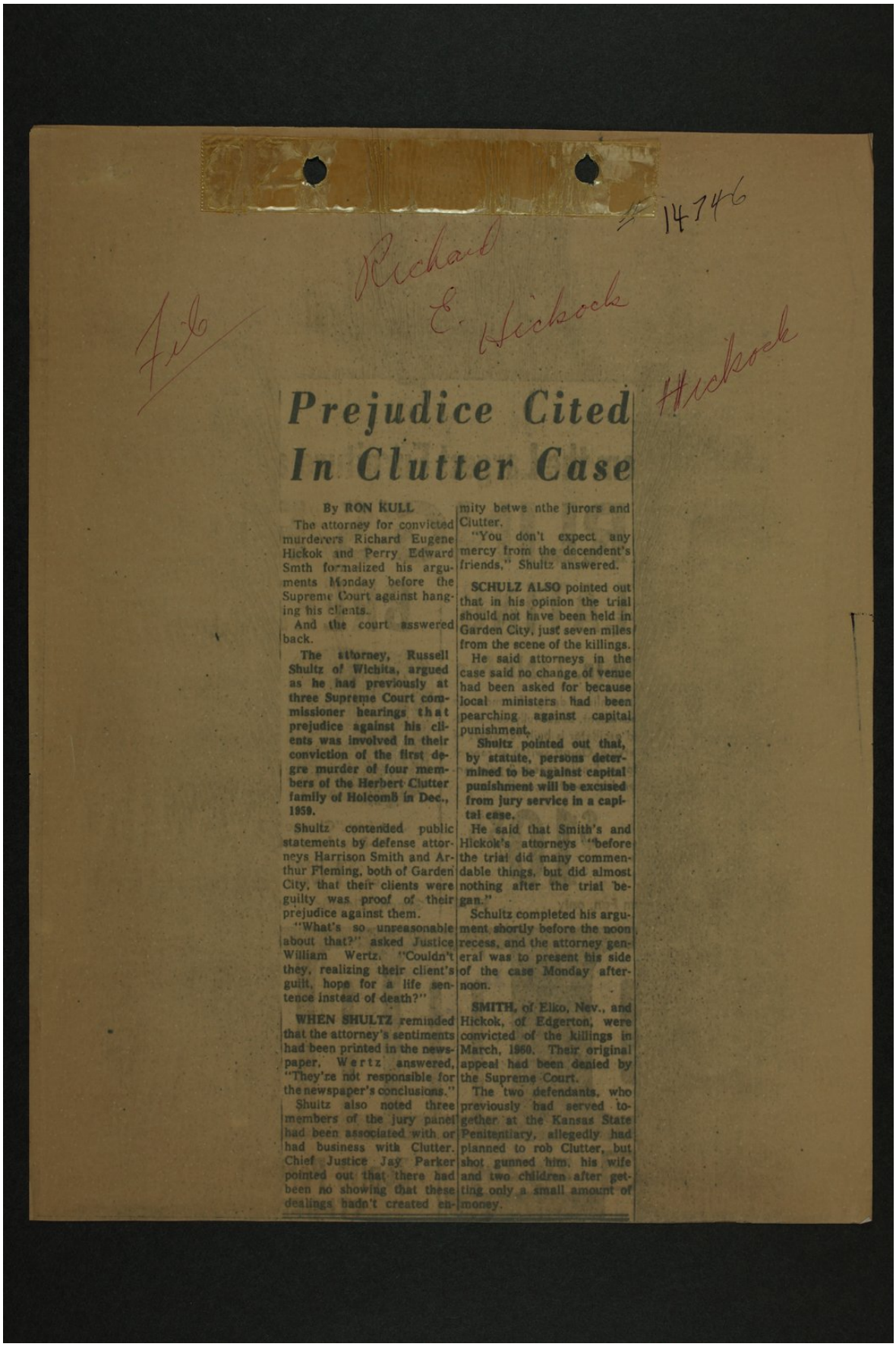
This allowance I am asking is extremely relevant in obtaining funds to enable me to hire competent counsel for my appeals, and to furnish my mother with financial aid. Several thousand dollars is involved in the transaction, and it is most imperative that I be allowed to correspond with Mr Nations in these matters of a business nature.

If you can, in any way, see it clear to allow such correspondence, I will forever be grateful. - upon consideration, please advise - until then, I remain -

Respectfully

Richard Eugene Hickock
#14746 Post office box 2
Lansing, Kansas

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Richard E. Hickock

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Prejudice Cited In Clutter Case

By RON KULL

The attorney for convicted murderers Richard Eugene Hickok and Perry Edward Smth formalized his arguments Monday before the Supreme Court against hanging his clients.

And the court asswered back.

The attorney, Russell Shultz of Wichita, argued as he had previously at three Supreme Court commissioner hearings that prejudice against his clients was involved in their conviction of the first degre murder of four members of the Herbert Clutter family of Holcomb in Dec., 1959.

Shultz contended public statements by defense attorneys Harrison Smith and Arthur Fleming, both of Garden City, that their clients were guilty was proof of their prejudice against them.

"What's so unreasonable about that?" asked Justice William Wertz. "Couldn't they, realizing their client's guilt, hope for a life sentence instead of death?"

WHEN SHULTZ reminded that the attorney's sentiments had been printed in the newspaper, Wertz answered, "They're not responsible for the newspaper's conclusions."

Shultz also noted three members of the jury panel had been associated with or had business with Clutter. Chief Justice Jay Parker pointed out that there had been no showing that these dealings hadn't created enmity betwe nthe jurors and Clutter.

"You don't expect any mercy from the decendent's friends," Shultz answered.

SCHULZ ALSO pointed out that in his opinion the trial should not have been held in Garden City, just seven miles from the scene of the killings.

He said attorneys in the case said no change of venue had been asked for because local ministers had been pearching against capital punishment.

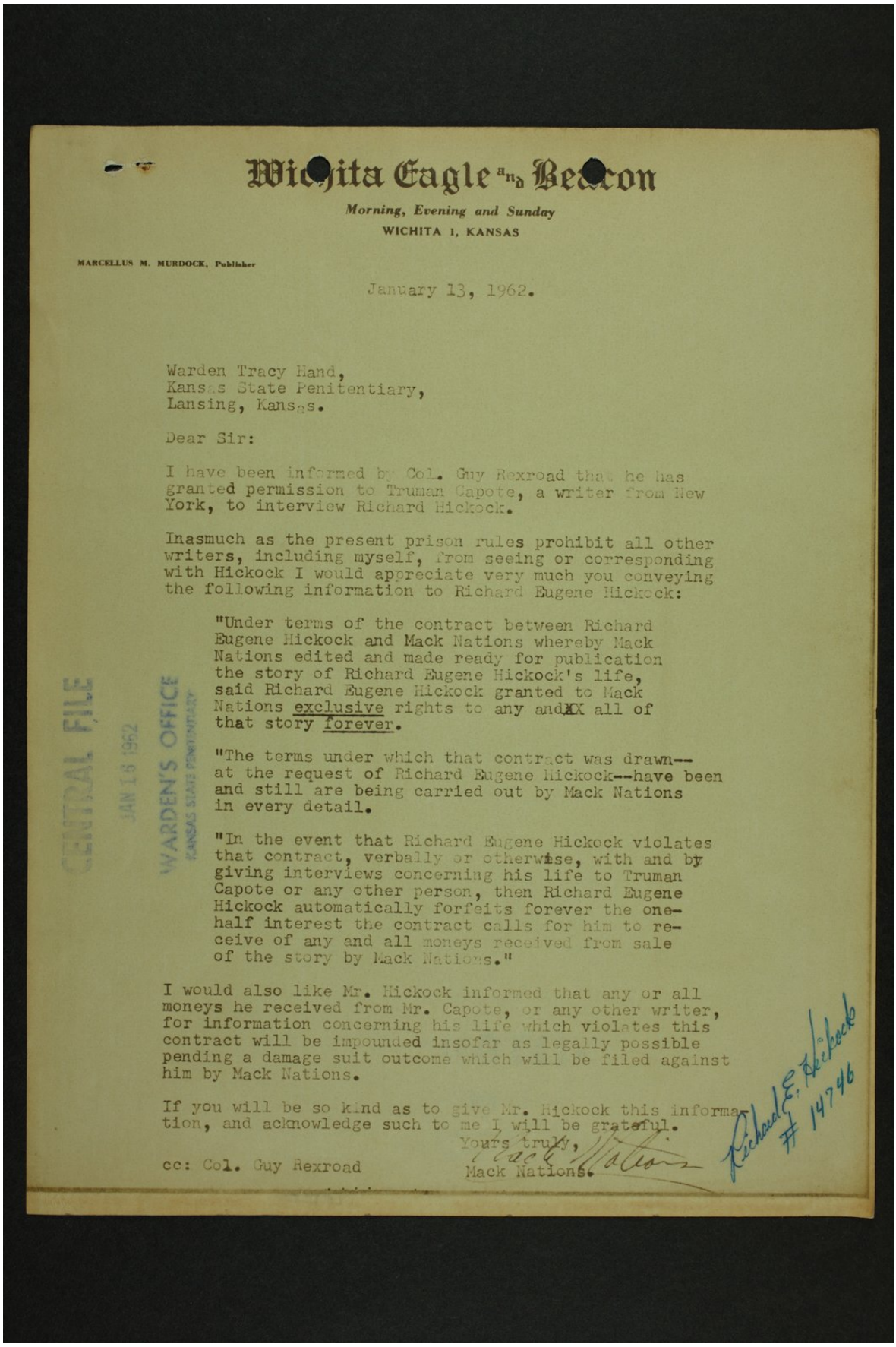
Shultz pointed out that, by statute, persons determined to be against capital punishment will be excused from jury service in a capital case.

He said that Smith's and Hickok's attorneys "before the trial did many commendable things, but did almost nothing after the trial began."

Schultz completed his argument shortly before the noon recess, and the attorney general was to present his side of the case Monday afternoon.

SMITH, of Elko, Nev., and Hickok, of Edgerton, were convicted of the killings in March, 1960. Their original appeal had been denied by the Supreme Court.

The two defendants, who previously had served together at the Kansas State Penitentiary, allegedly had planned to rob Clutter, but shot gunned him, his wife and two children after getting only a small amount of money.



Wichita Eagle and Beacon

Morning, Evening and Sunday

WICHITA 1, KANSAS

MARCELLUS M. MURDOCK, Publisher

January 13, 1962.

Warden Tracy Hand,
Kansas State Penitentiary,
Lansing, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

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"Under terms of the contract between Richard Eugene Hickock and Mack Nations whereby Mack Nations edited and made ready for publication the story of Richard Eugene Hickock's life, said Richard Eugene Hickock granted to Mack Nations exclusive rights to any and all of that story forever.

"The terms under which that contract was drawn--at the request of Richard Eugene Hickock--have been and still are being carried out by Mack Nations in every detail.

"In the event that Richard Eugene Hickock violates that contract, verbally or otherwise, with and by giving interviews concerning his life to Truman Capote or any other person, then Richard Eugene Hickock automatically forfeits forever the one-half interest the contract calls for him to receive of any and all moneys received from sale of the story by Mack Nations."

I would also like Mr. Hickock informed that any or all moneys he received from Mr. Capote, or any other writer, for information concerning his life which violates this contract will be impounded insofar as legally possible pending a damage suit outcome which will be filed against him by Mack Nations.

If you will be so kind as to give Mr. Hickock this information, and acknowledge such to me I will be grateful.

Yours truly,

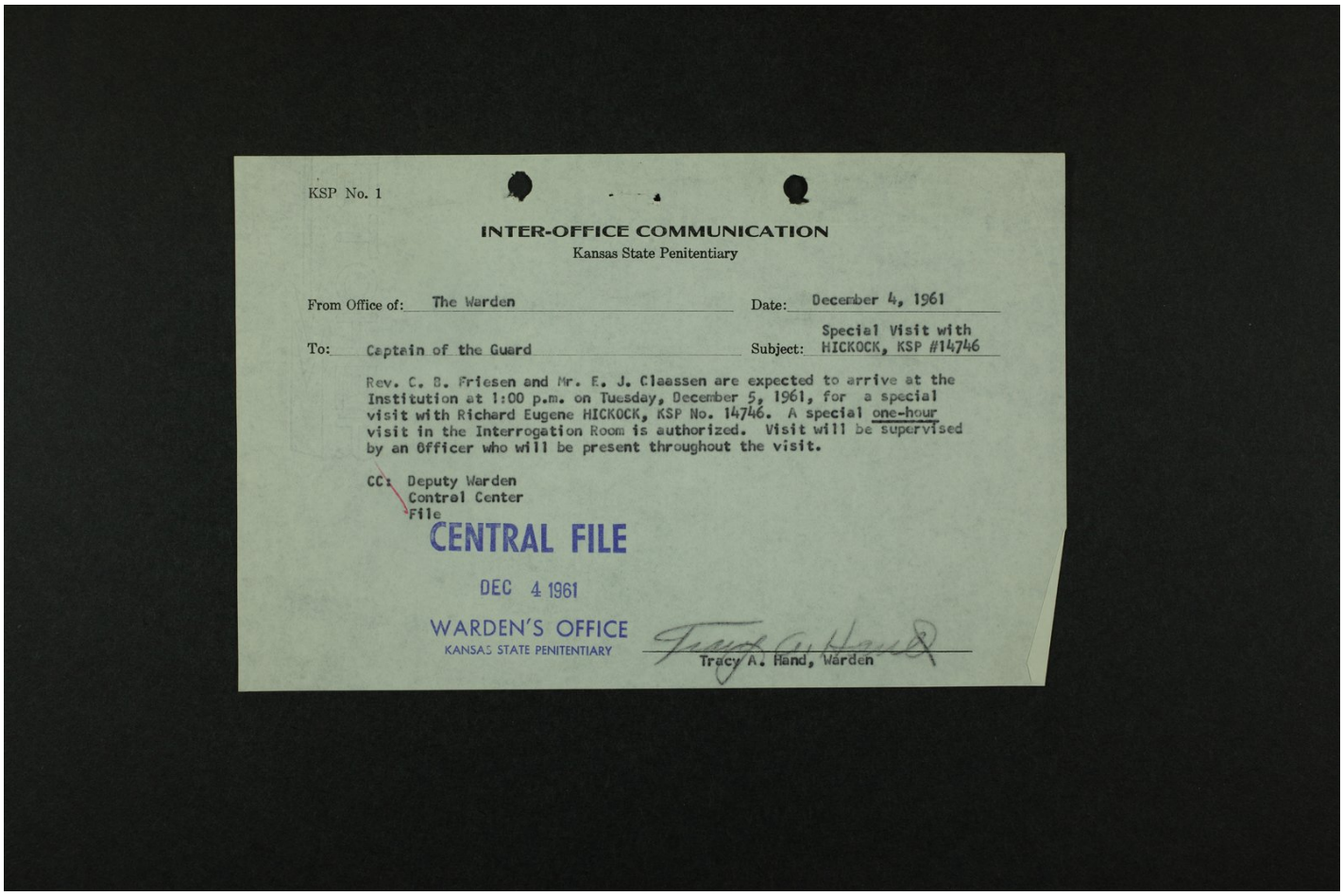
Mack Nations.

cc: Col. Guy Rexroad

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INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION
Kansas State Penitentiary

From Office of: The Warden Date: December 4, 1961

To: Captain of the Guard Subject: Special Visit with HICKOCK, KSP #14746

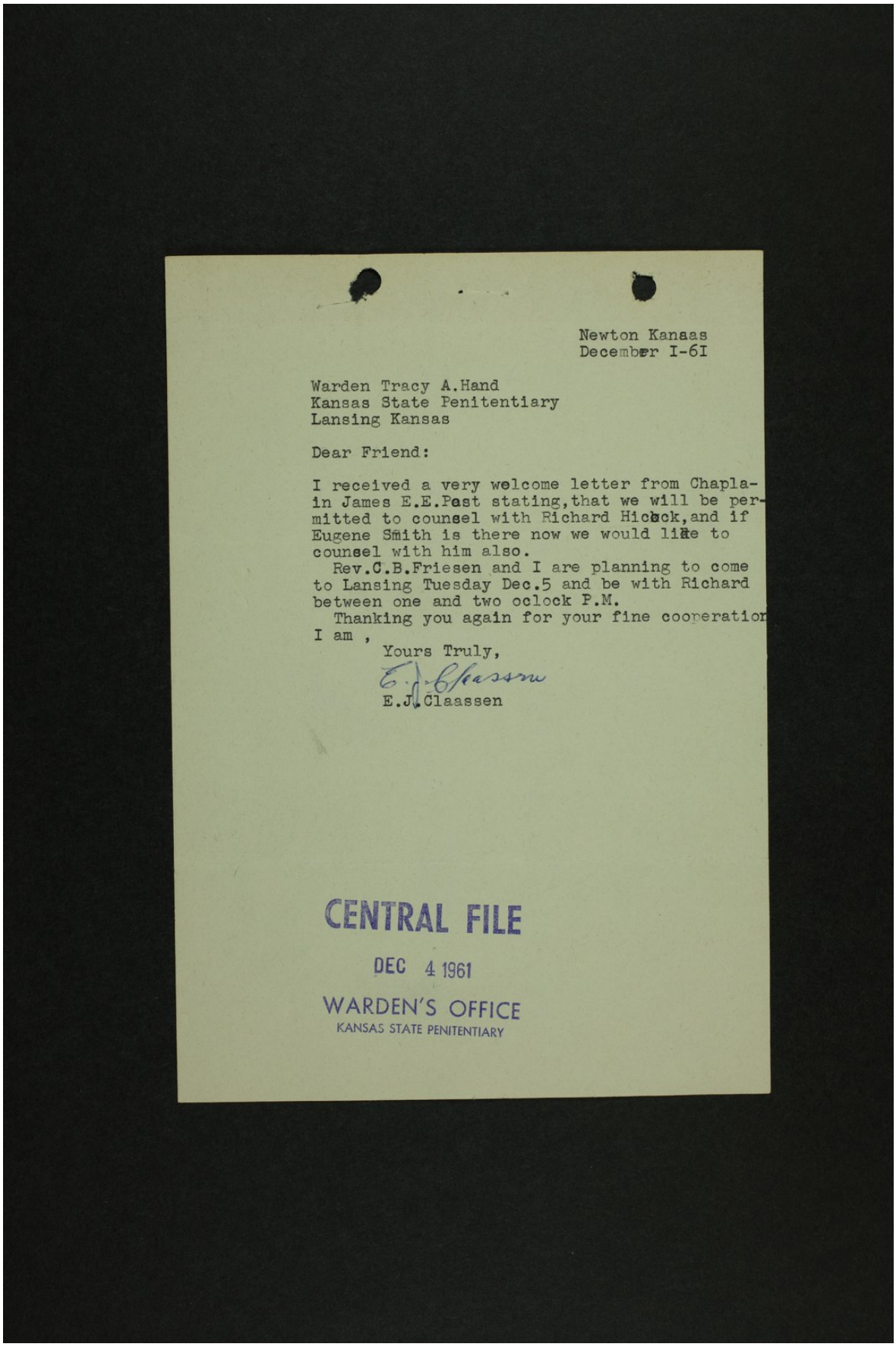
Rev. C. B. Friesen and Mr. E. J. Claassen are expected to arrive at the Institution at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 1961, for a special visit with Richard Eugene HICKOCK, KSP No. 14746. A special one-hour visit in the Interrogation Room is authorized. Visit will be supervised by an Officer who will be present throughout the visit.

CC: Deputy Warden
Control Center
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Tracy A. Hand, Warden

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Warden Tracy A.Hand
Kansas State Penitentiary
Lansing Kansas

Dear Friend:

I received a very welcome letter from Chaplain James E.E.Past stating,that we will be permitted to counsel with Richard Hickock,and if Eugene Smith is there now we would like to counsel with him also.

Rev.C.B.Friesen and I are planning to come to Lansing Tuesday Dec.5 and be with Richard between one and two oclock P.M.

Thanking you again for your fine cooperation I am ,

Yours Truly,

E.J.Claassen

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WARDEN'S OFFICE
KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY

November, 27, 1961

Mr. E.J. Classen
R.R. # 4
Newton Kansas

Dear Brother Classen:

Warden Tracy A. Hand of this institution has given me your kind letter to answer, regarding a counselling visit with Richard Hicock.

We appreciate your concern and submit the following information to help you with your plans for this proposed visit. I am glad to inform you that Mr. Hand will permit you to visit with Richard for one hour, in the interrogation room, supervised by a Custodial Officer. You may visit any day of the week you choose with the exception of Saturday, Sunday and Holidays, from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m., and from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

We would appreciate your letting the Warden know, if possible, the day you plan to visit, in order for ample preparation for your visit, also, in the hope that the writer might make your acquaintance, as we have many wonderful friends from your fine group who have brought religious services to the institution in the past.

Thank you again for this example of Christian love. May God bless you in your work for His cause.

Yours truly,

James E. Post

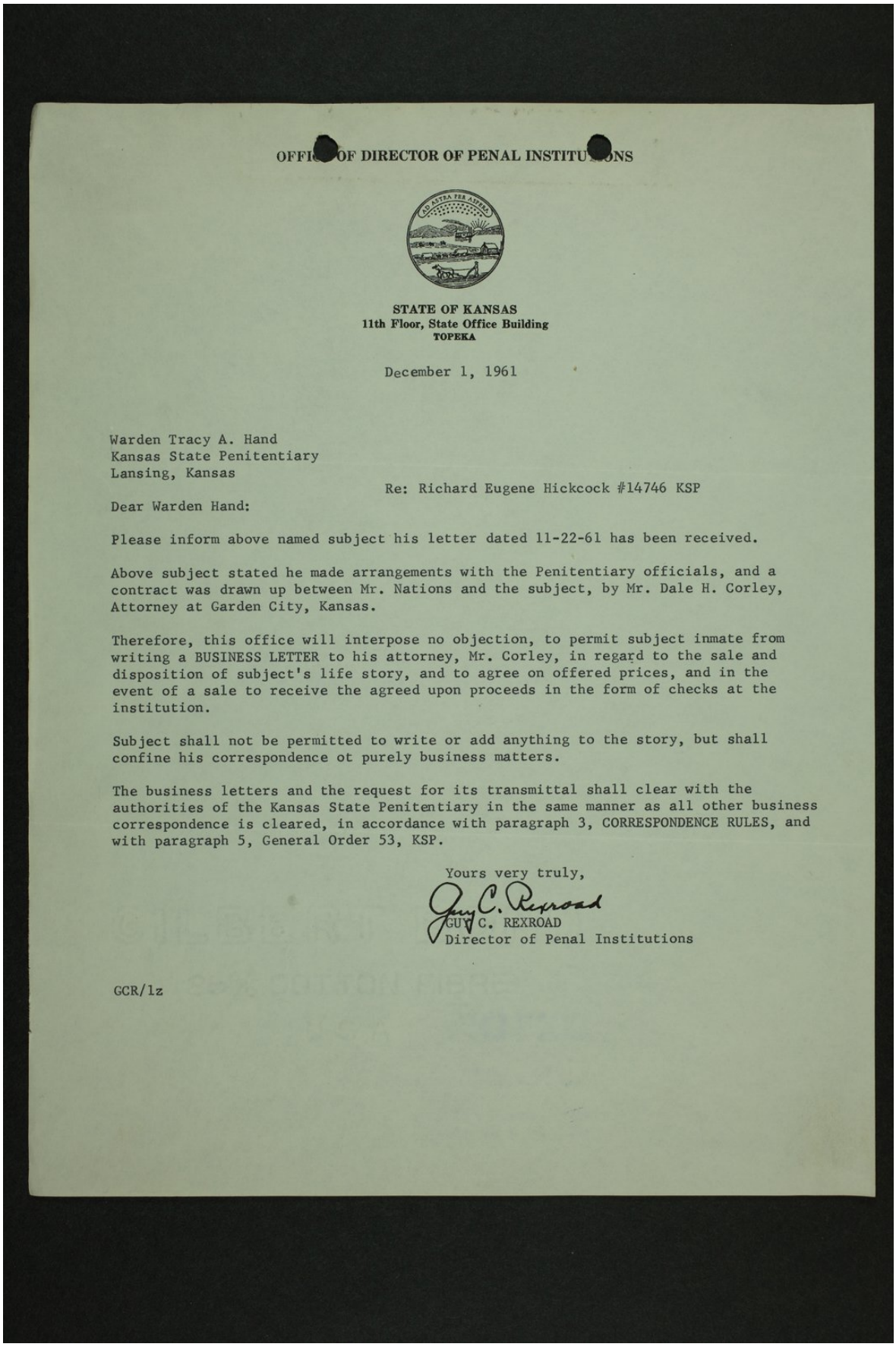
James E.E. Post, Protestant Chaplain
Kansas State Penitentiary
Lansing, Kansas

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF PENAL INSTITUTIONS

STATE OF KANSAS
11th Floor, State Office Building
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December 1, 1961

Warden Tracy A. Hand
Kansas State Penitentiary
Lansing, Kansas

Re: Richard Eugene Hickcock #14746 KSP

Dear Warden Hand:

Please inform above named subject his letter dated 11-22-61 has been received.

Above subject stated he made arrangements with the Penitentiary officials, and a contract was drawn up between Mr. Nations and the subject, by Mr. Dale H. Corley, Attorney at Garden City, Kansas.

Therefore, this office will interpose no objection, to permit subject inmate from writing a BUSINESS LETTER to his attorney, Mr. Corley, in regard to the sale and disposition of subject's life story, and to agree on offered prices, and in the event of a sale to receive the agreed upon proceeds in the form of checks at the institution.

Subject shall not be permitted to write or add anything to the story, but shall confine his correspondence ot purely business matters.

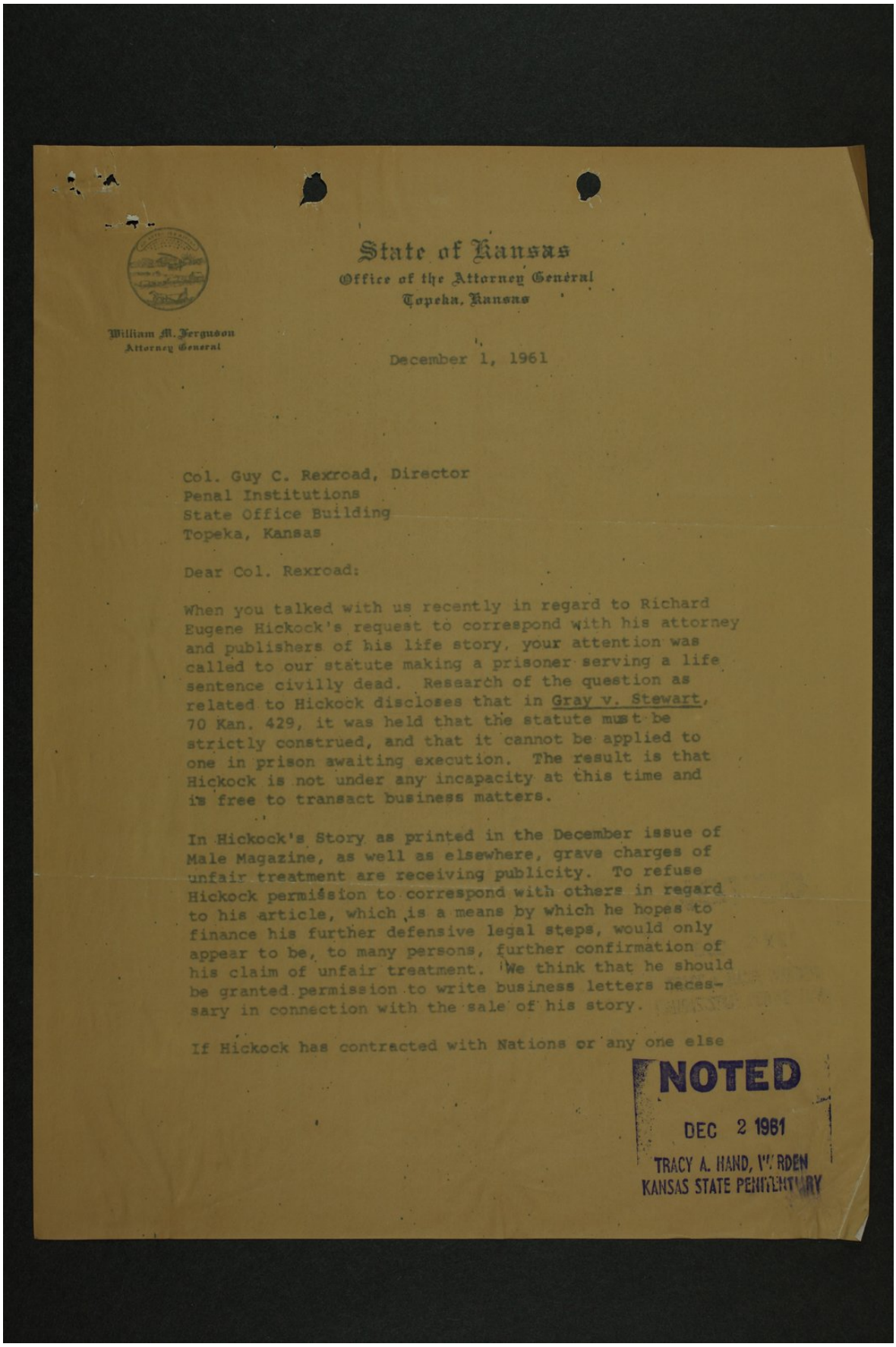
The business letters and the request for its transmittal shall clear with the authorities of the Kansas State Penitentiary in the same manner as all other business correspondence is cleared, in accordance with paragraph 3, CORRESPONDENCE RULES, and with paragraph 5, General Order 53, KSP.

Yours very truly,

Guy C. Rexroad

GUY C. REXROAD
Director of Penal Institutions

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State of Kansas
Office of the Attorney General
Topeka, Kansas

William M. Ferguson
Attorney General

December 1, 1961

Col. Guy C. Rexroad, Director
Penal Institutions
State Office Building
Topeka, Kansas

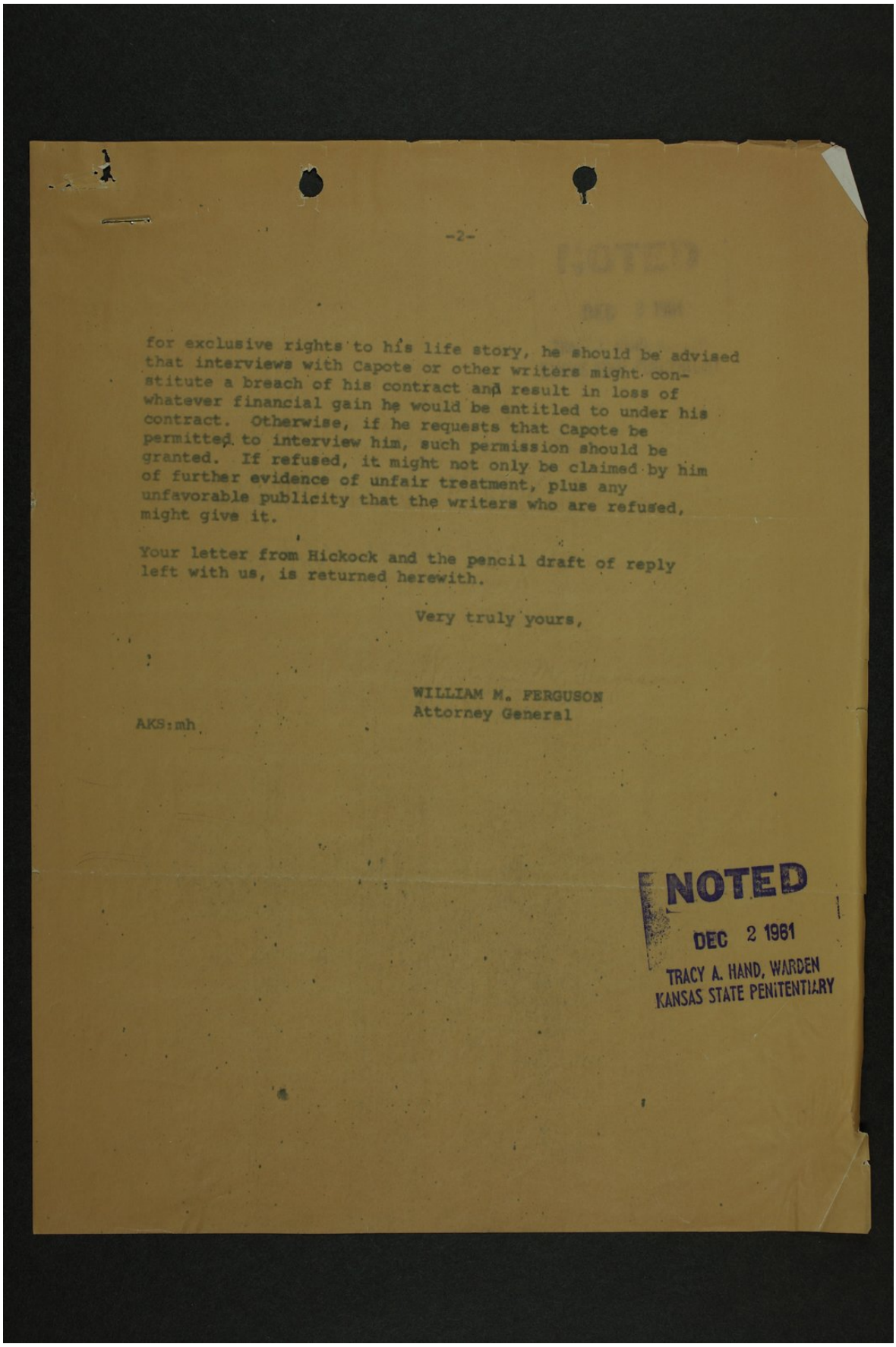
Dear Col. Rexroad:

When you talked with us recently in regard to Richard Eugene Hickock's request to correspond with his attorney and publishers of his life story, your attention was called to our statute making a prisoner serving a life sentence civilly dead. Research of the question as related to Hickock discloses that in Gray v. Stewart, 70 Kan. 429, it was held that the statute must be strictly construed, and that it cannot be applied to one in prison awaiting execution. The result is that Hickock is not under any incapacity at this time and is free to transact business matters.

In Hickock's Story as printed in the December issue of Male Magazine, as well as elsewhere, grave charges of unfair treatment are receiving publicity. To refuse Hickock permission to correspond with others in regard to his article, which is a means by which he hopes to finance his further defensive legal steps, would only appear to be, to many persons, further confirmation of his claim of unfair treatment. We think that he should be granted permission to write business letters necessary in connection with the sale of his story.

If Hickock has contracted with Nations or any one else

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for exclusive rights to his life story, he should be advised that interviews with Capote or other writers might constitute a breach of his contract and result in loss of whatever financial gain he would be entitled to under his contract. Otherwise, if he requests that Capote be permitted to interview him, such permission should be granted. If refused, it might not only be claimed by him of further evidence of unfair treatment, plus any unfavorable publicity that the writers who are refused, might give it.

Your letter from Hickock and the pencil draft of reply left with us, is returned herewith.

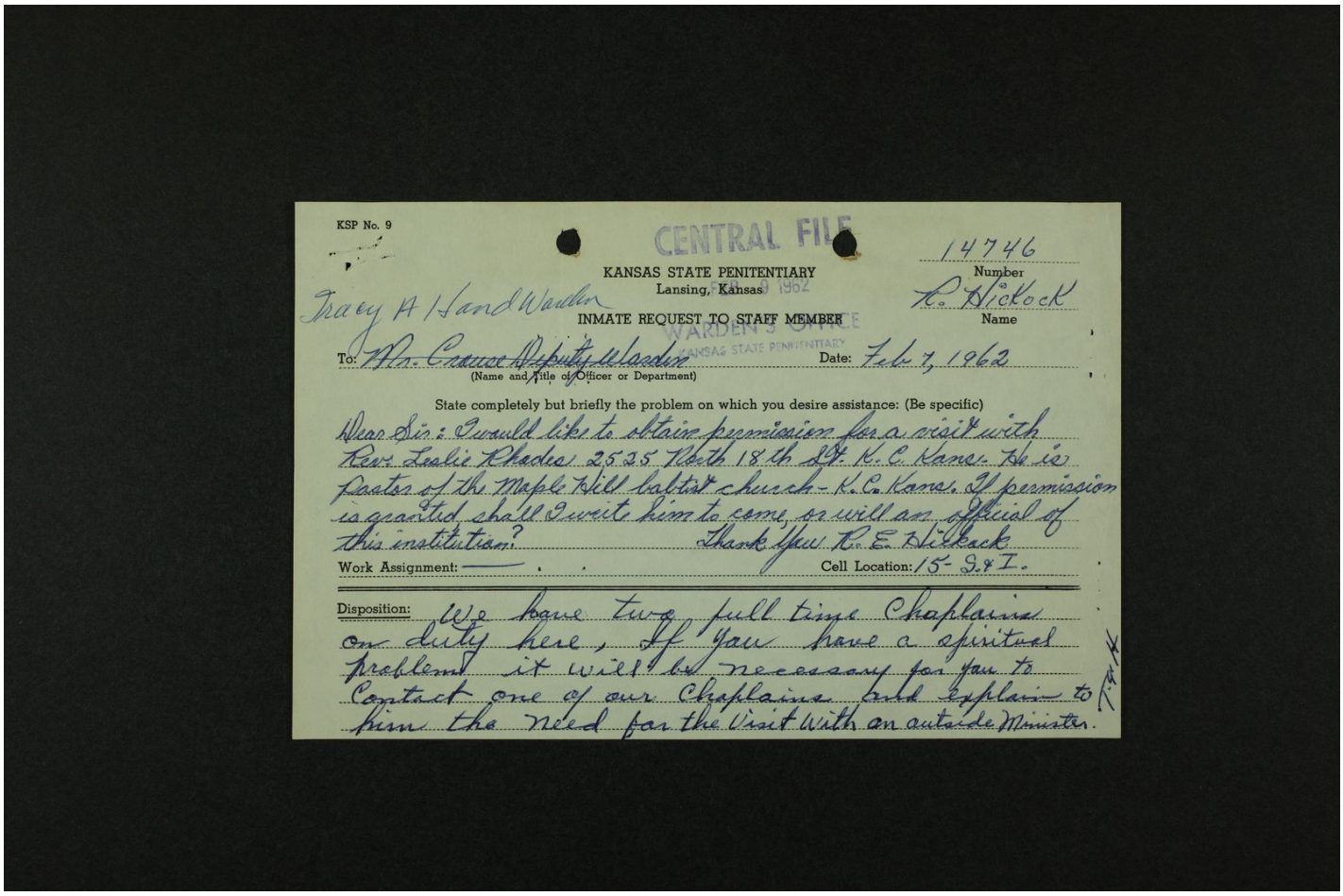
Very truly yours,

WILLIAM M. FERGUSON
Attorney General

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KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY
Lansing, Kansas

R. Hickock
Name

INMATE REQUEST TO STAFF MEMBER

Tracy A Hand Warden

WARDEN'S OFFICE
KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY

To: Wm. Crouse Deputy Warden
(Name and Title of Officer or Department)

Date: Feb 7, 1962

State completely but briefly the problem on which you desire assistance: (Be specific)

Dear Sir: I would like to obtain permission for a visit with Rev. Leslie Rhodes 2525 North 18th St. K.C. Kans. He is pastor of the Maple Hill baptist church - K.C. Kans. If permission is granted shall I write him to come, or will an Official of this institution?

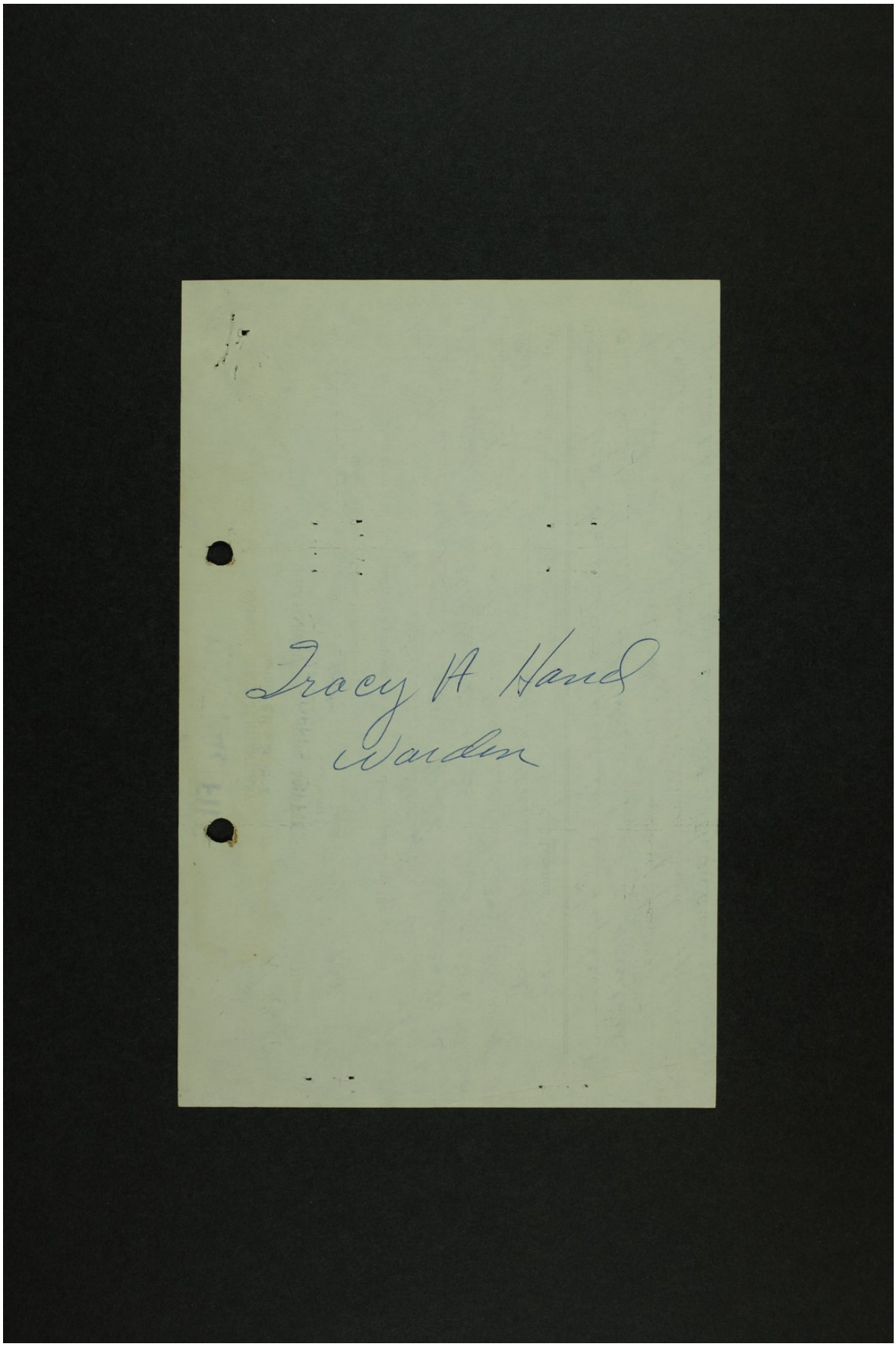
Thank You R.E. Hickock

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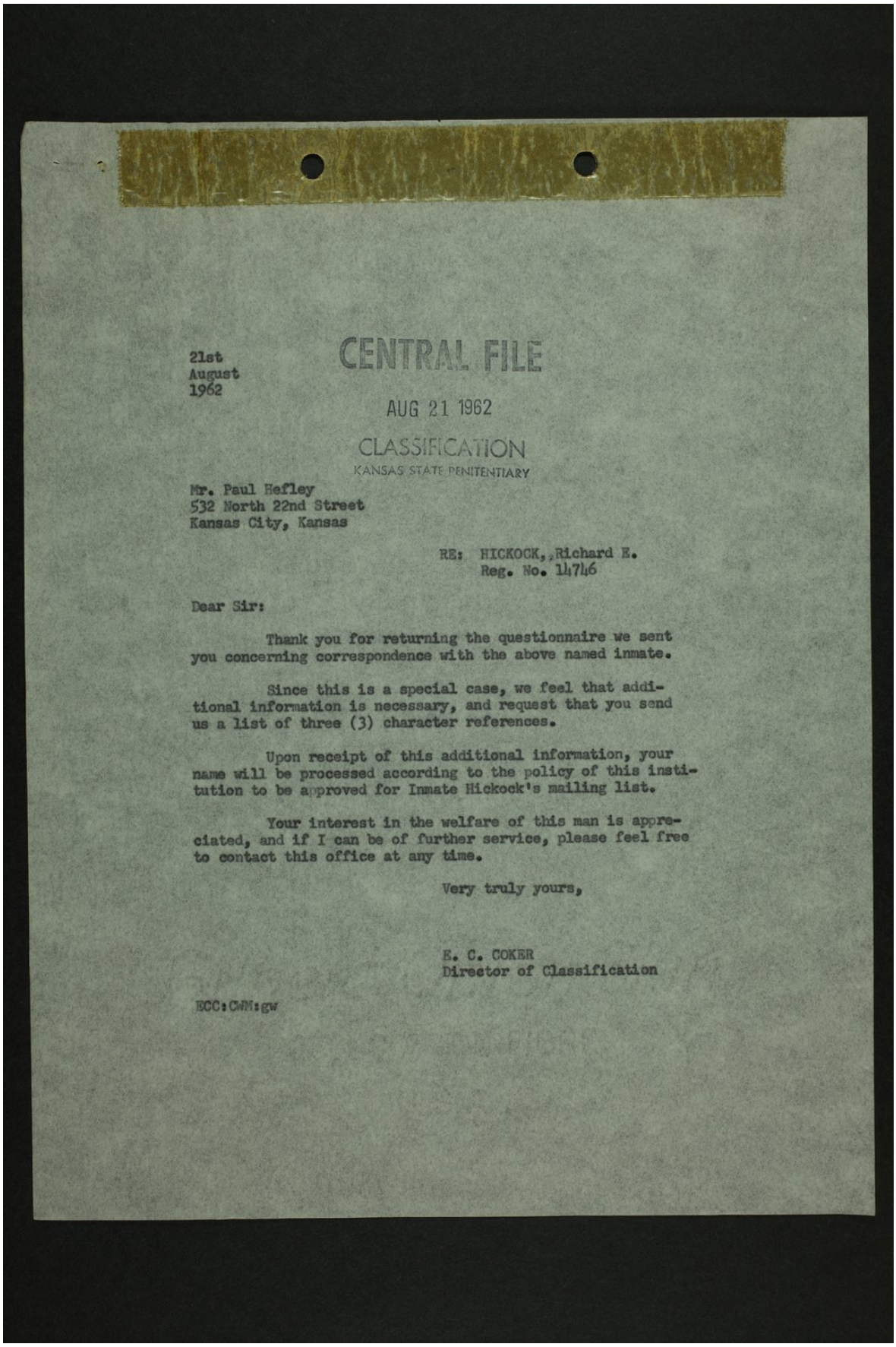
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Disposition: We have two, full time Chaplains on duty here, If you have a spiritual problem it will be necessary for you to Contact one of our Chaplains and explain to him the need for the visit with an outside Minister.

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KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY

Mr. Paul Hefley
532 North 22nd Street
Kansas City, Kansas

RE: HICKOCK, Richard E.
Reg. No. 14746

Dear Sir:

Thank you for returning the questionnaire we sent you concerning correspondence with the above named inmate.

Since this is a special case, we feel that additional information is necessary, and request that you send us a list of three (3) character references.

Upon receipt of this additional information, your name will be processed according to the policy of this institution to be approved for Inmate Hickock's mailing list.

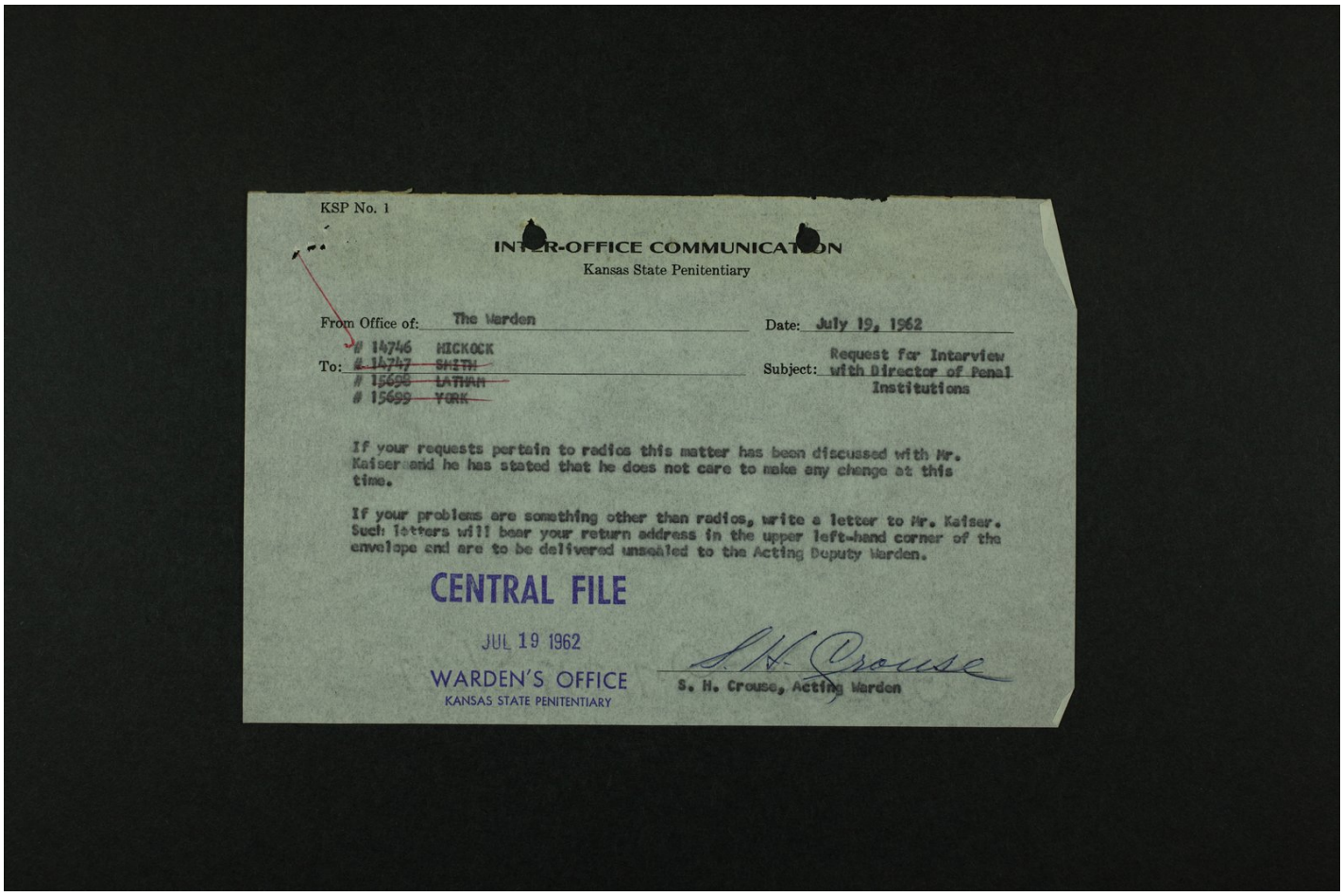
Your interest in the welfare of this man is appreciated, and if I can be of further service, please feel free to contact this office at any time.

Very truly yours,

E. C. COKER
Director of Classification

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INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION
Kansas State Penitentiary

From Office of: The Warden
Date: July 19, 1962

To: # 14746 HICKOCK
~~# 14747 SMITH~~
~~# 15698 LATHAM~~
~~# 15699 YORK~~

Subject: Request for Interview with Director of Penal Institutions

If your requests pertain to radios this matter has been discussed with Mr. Kaiser and he has stated that he does not care to make any change at this time.

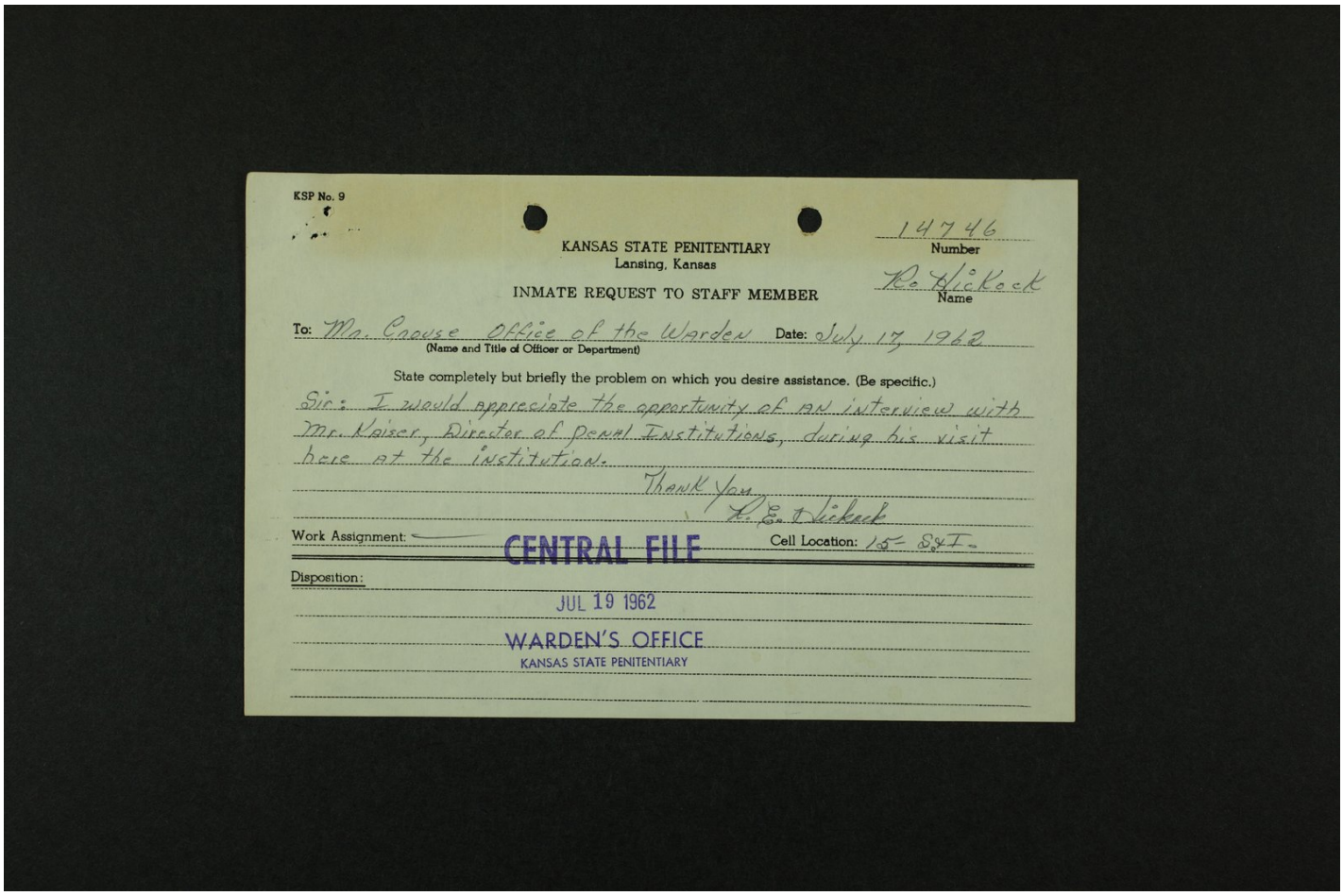
If your problems are something other than radios, write a letter to Mr. Kaiser. Such letters will bear your return address in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope and are to be delivered unsealed to the Acting Deputy Warden.

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WARDEN'S OFFICE
KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY

S. H. Crouse

S. H. Crouse, Acting Warden

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KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY
Lansing, Kansas

INMATE REQUEST TO STAFF MEMBER

14746
Number

R. E. Hickock
Name

To: Mr. Crouse Office of the Warden Date: July 17, 1962
(Name and Title of Officer or Department)

State completely but briefly the problem on which you desire assistance. (Be specific.)

Sir: I would appreciate the opportunity of an interview with Mr. Kaiser, Director of Penal Institutions, during his visit here at the institution.

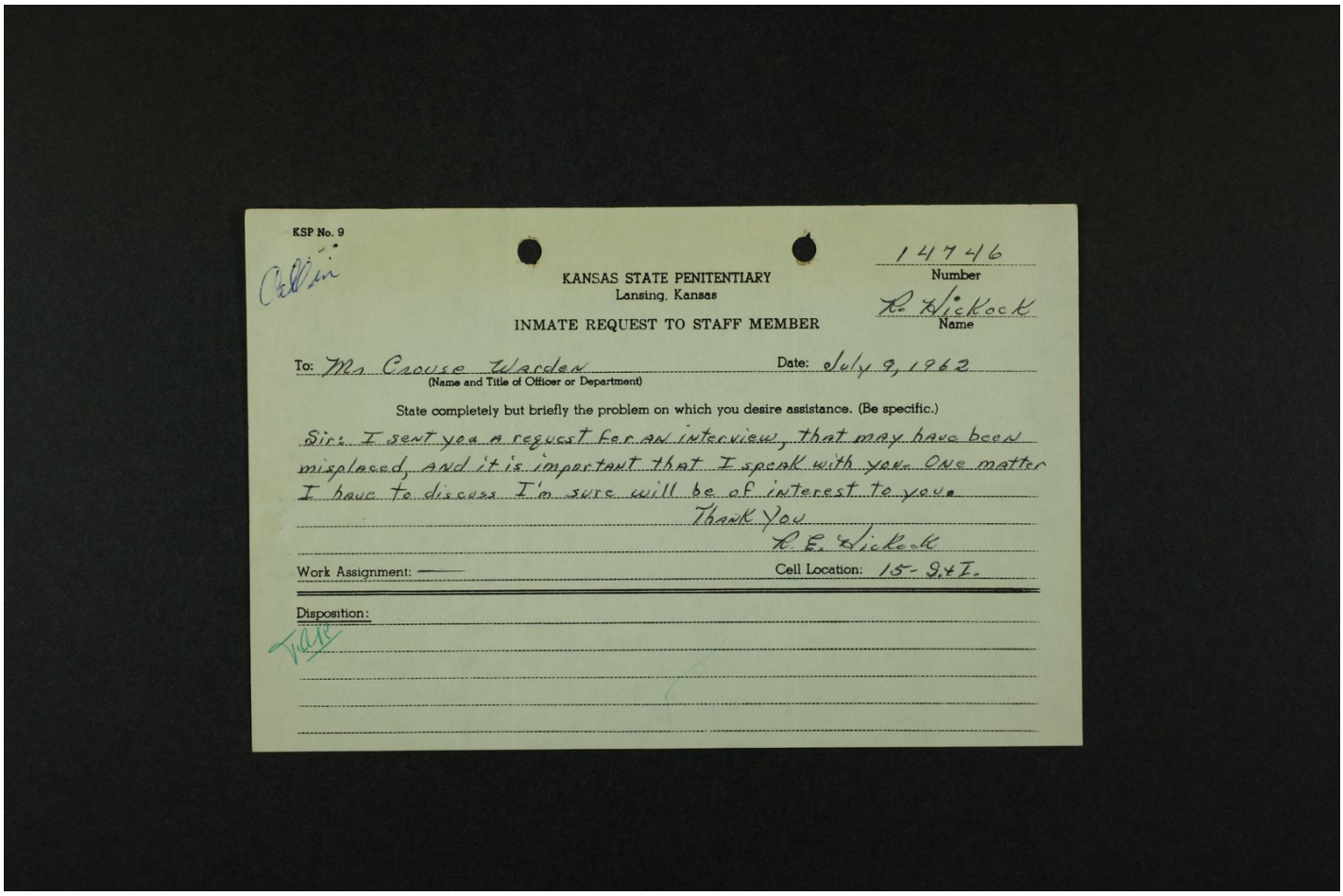
Thank You
R. E. Hickock

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Disposition:

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Lansing, Kansas

INMATE REQUEST TO STAFF MEMBER

14746
Number

R. Hickock
Name

To: Mr Crouse Warden
(Name and Title of Officer or Department)

Date: July 9, 1962

State completely but briefly the problem on which you desire assistance. (Be specific.)

Sir: I sent you a request for an interview, that may have been misplaced, and it is important that I speak with you. One matter I have to discuss I'm sure will be of interest to you.

Thank You

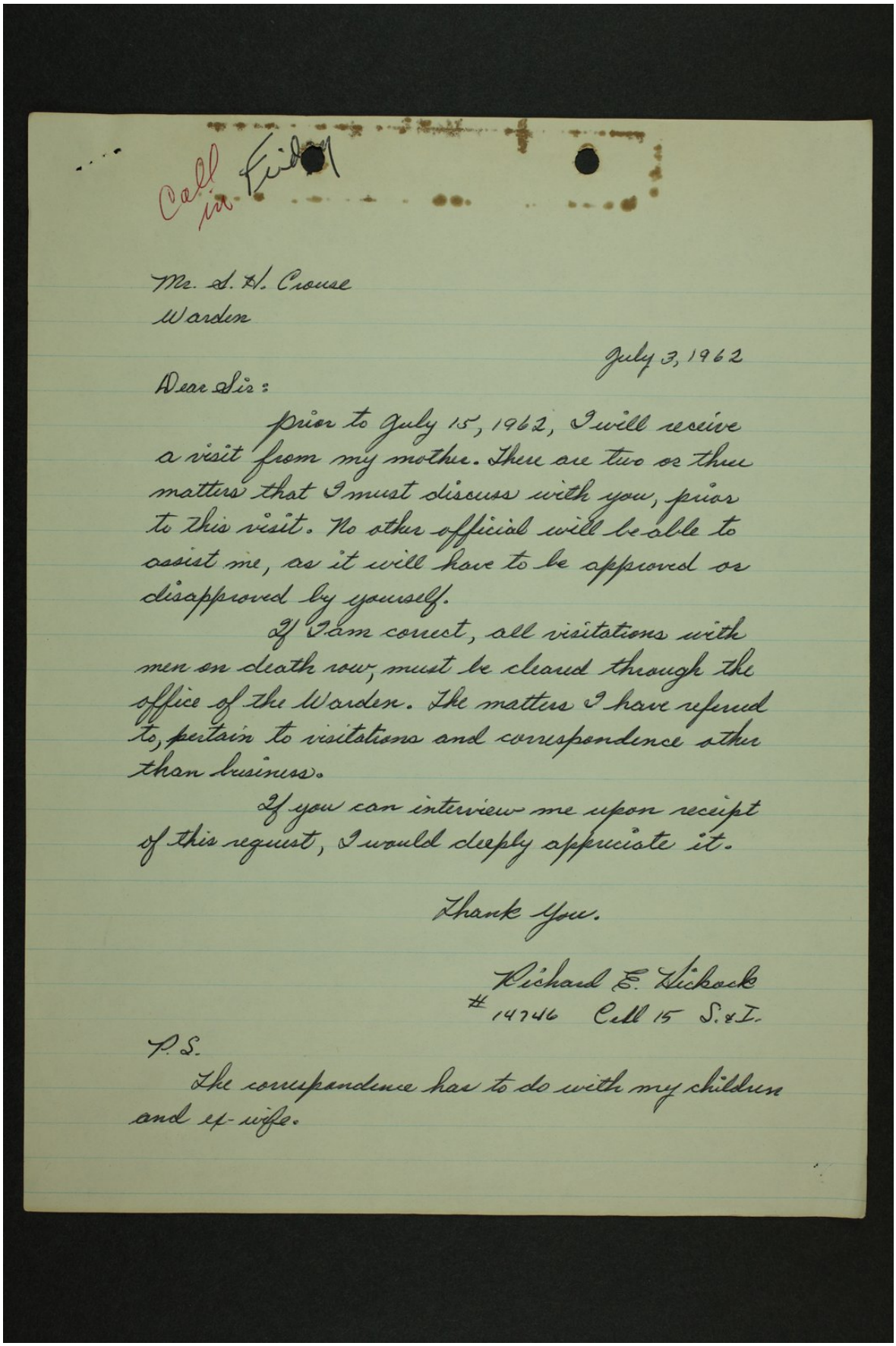
R E Hickock

Work Assignment: ——

Cell Location: 15-9 I.

Disposition:

Talk



Call in Friday

Mr. H. H. Crouse
Warden

July 3, 1962

Dear Sir:

Prior to July 15, 1962, I will receive a visit from my mother. There are two or three matters that I must discuss with you, prior to this visit. No other official will be able to assist me, as it will have to be approved or disapproved by yourself.

If I am correct, all visitations with men on death row, must be cleared through the office of the Warden. The matters I have refered to, pertain to visitations and correspondence other than business.

If you can interview me upon receipt of this request, I would deeply appreciate it.

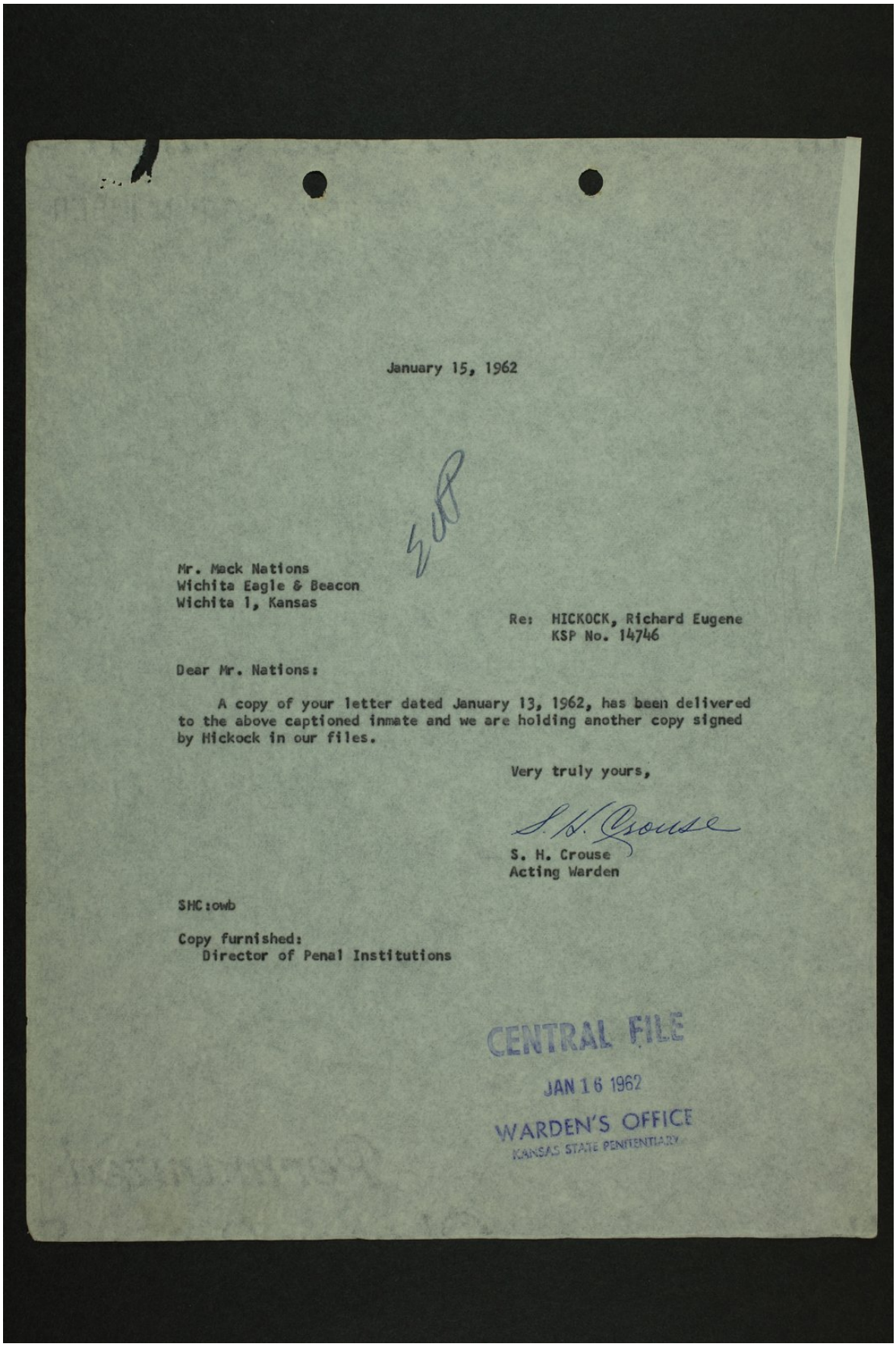
Thank You.

Richard E. Hickock
#14746 Cell 15 S. & I.

P.S.

The correspondence has to do with my children and ex-wife.

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January 15, 1962

Mr. Mack Nations
Wichita Eagle & Beacon
Wichita 1, Kansas

Re: HICKOCK, Richard Eugene
KSP No. 14746

Dear Mr. Nations:

A copy of your letter dated January 13, 1962, has been delivered to the above captioned inmate and we are holding another copy signed by Hickock in our files.

Very truly yours,

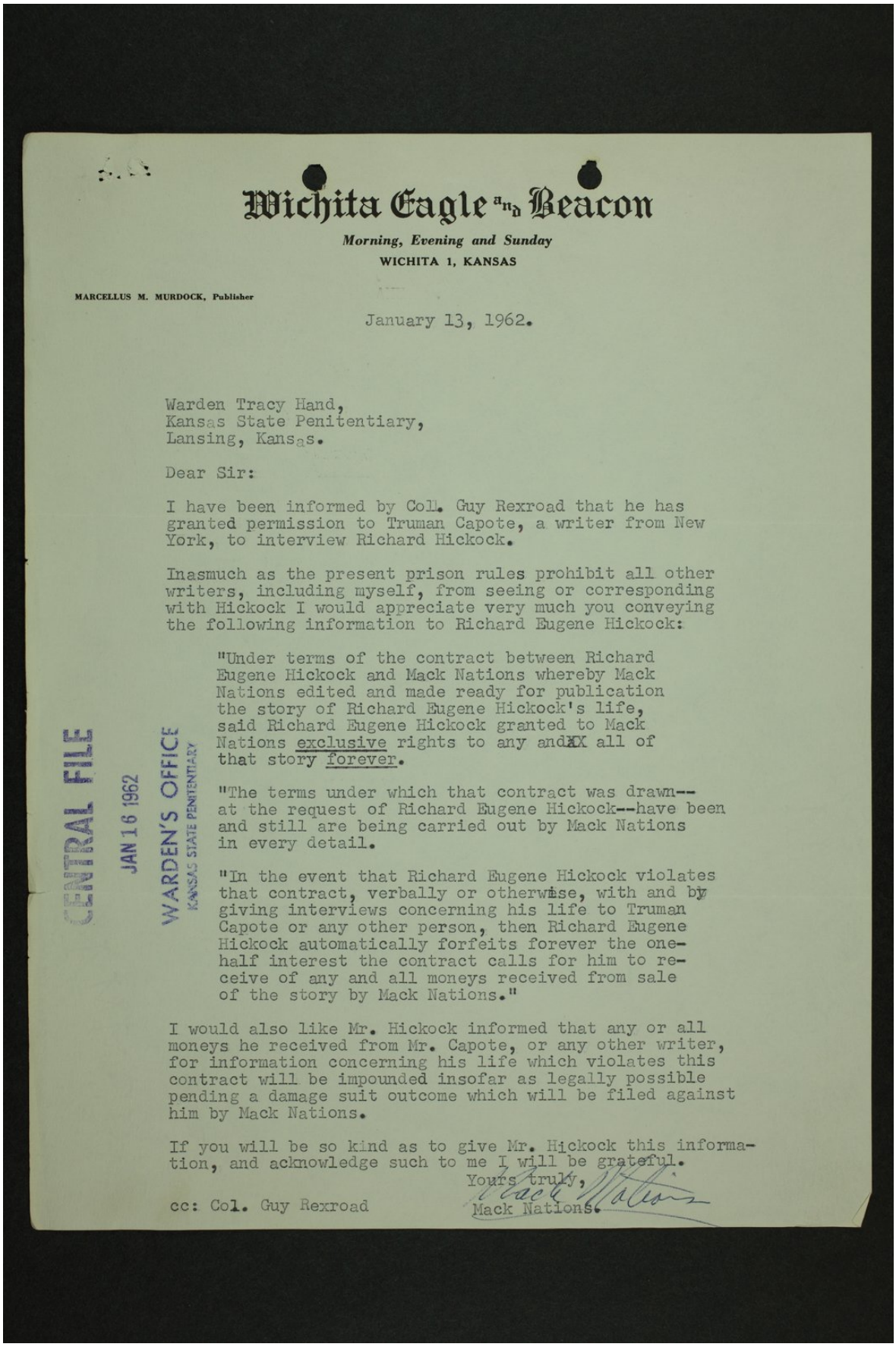
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S. H. Crouse
Acting Warden

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Wichita Eagle and Beacon

Morning, Evening and Sunday
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"The terms under which that contract was drawn--at the request of Richard Eugene Hickock--have been and still are being carried out by Mack Nations in every detail.

"In the event that Richard Eugene Hickock violates that contract, verbally or otherwise, with and by giving interviews concerning his life to Truman Capote or any other person, then Richard Eugene Hickock automatically forfeits forever the one-half interest the contract calls for him to receive of any and all moneys received from sale of the story by Mack Nations."

I would also like Mr. Hickock informed that any or all moneys he received from Mr. Capote, or any other writer, for information concerning his life which violates this contract will be impounded insofar as legally possible pending a damage suit outcome which will be filed against him by Mack Nations.

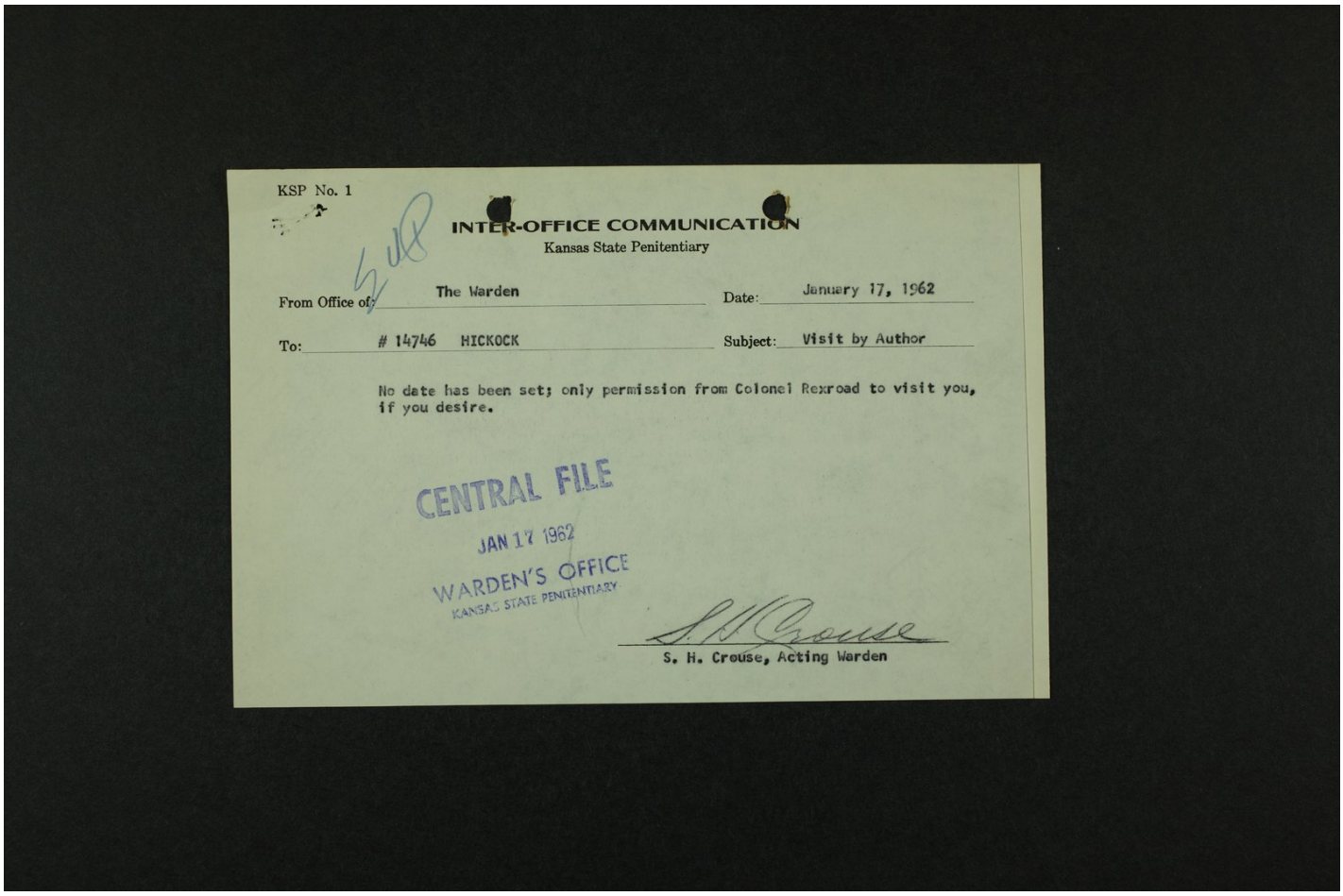
If you will be so kind as to give Mr. Hickock this information, and acknowledge such to me I will be grateful.

Yours truly,
Mack Nations
Mack Nations.

cc: Col. Guy Rexroad

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JAN 16 1962
WARDEN'S OFFICE
KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY

Richard Eugene Hickock inmate case file



KSP No. 1

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION
Kansas State Penitentiary

From Office of: The Warden Date: January 17, 1962

To: # 14746 HICKOCK Subject: Visit by Author

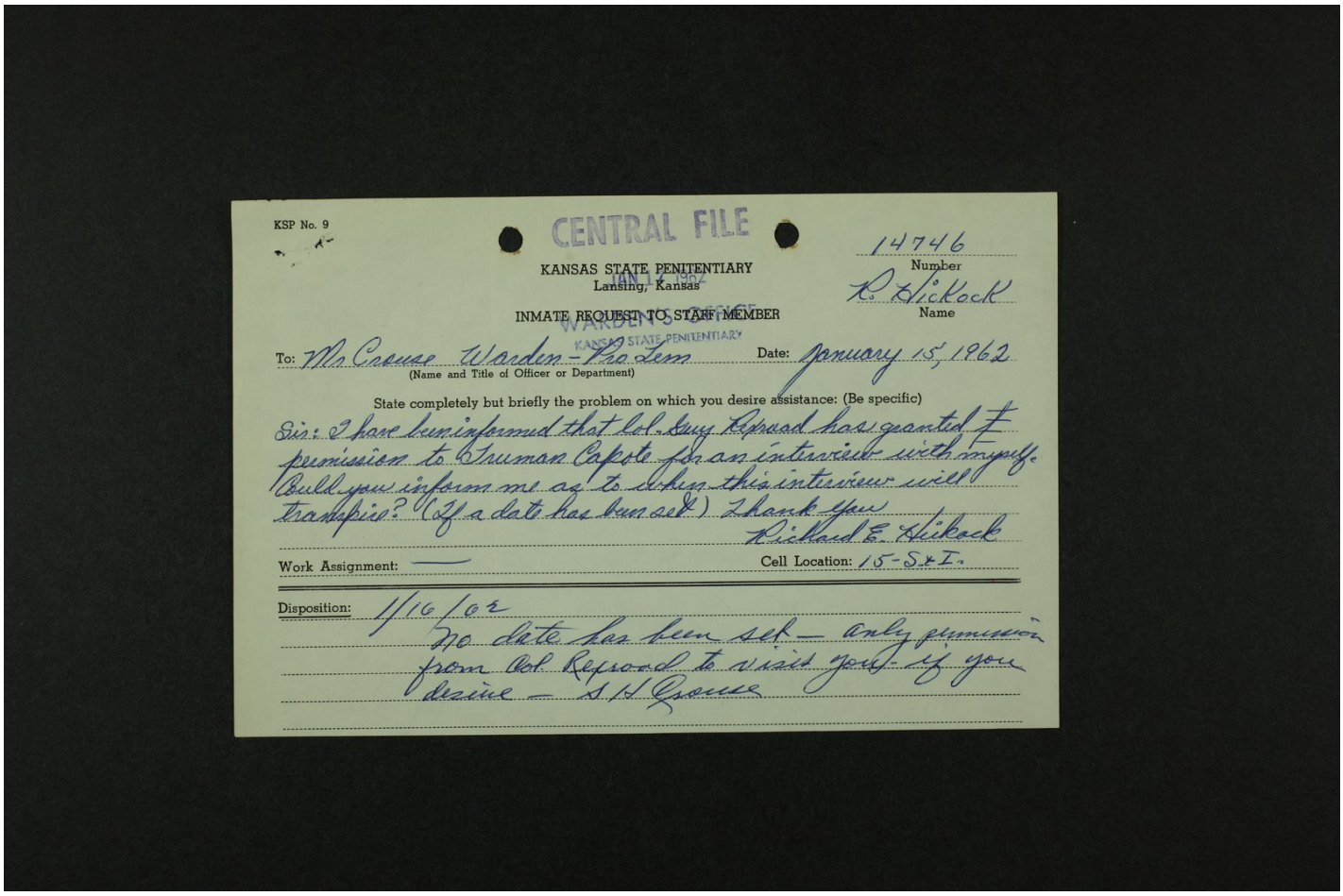
No date has been set; only permission from Colonel Rexroad to visit you, if you desire.

CENTRAL FILE
JAN 17 1962
WARDEN'S OFFICE
KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY

S. H. Crouse

S. H. Crouse, Acting Warden

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KSP No. 9

CENTRAL FILE

KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY
Lansing, Kansas

INMATE REQUEST TO STAFF MEMBER

14746
Number

R. E. Hickock
Name

JAN 17 1962
WARDEN'S OFFICE
KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY

To: Mr Crouse Warden - Pro Tem
(Name and Title of Officer or Department)

Date: January 15, 1962

State completely but briefly the problem on which you desire assistance: (Be specific)

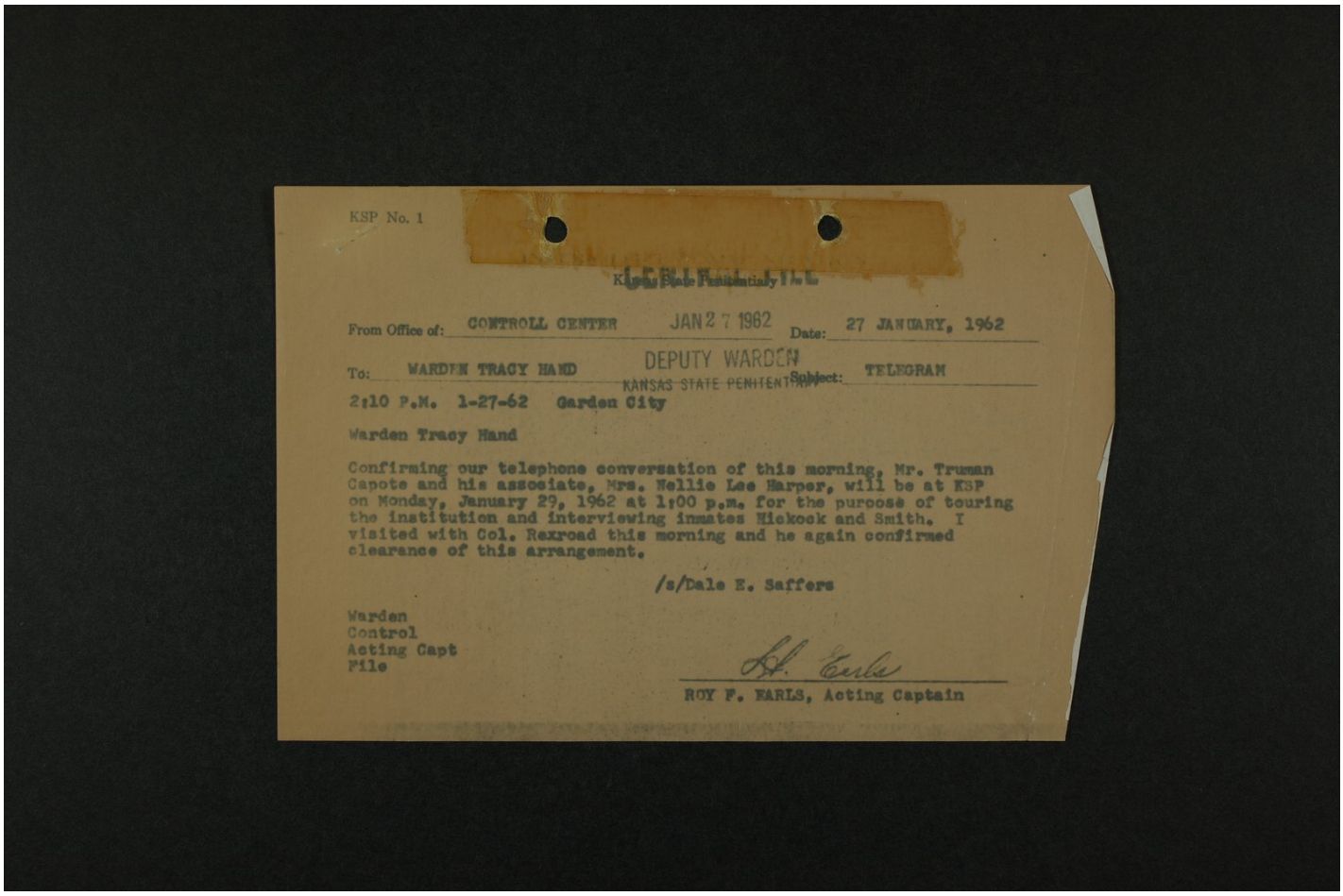
Sir: I have been informed that Col. Guy Rexroad has granted permission to Truman Capote for an interview with myself. Could you inform me as to when this interview will transpire? (If a date has been set) Thank you
Richard E. Hickock

Work Assignment: —

Cell Location: 15-S-I.

Disposition: 1/16/62
No date has been set — only permission from Col Rexroad to visit you if you desire — L H Crouse

Richard Eugene Hickock inmate case file



KSP No. 1

From Office of: CONTROLL CENTER JAN 27 1962 Date: 27 JANUARY, 1962

To: WARDEN TRACY HAND DEPUTY WARDEN KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY Subject: TELEGRAM

2:10 P.M. 1-27-62 Garden City

Warden Tracy Hand

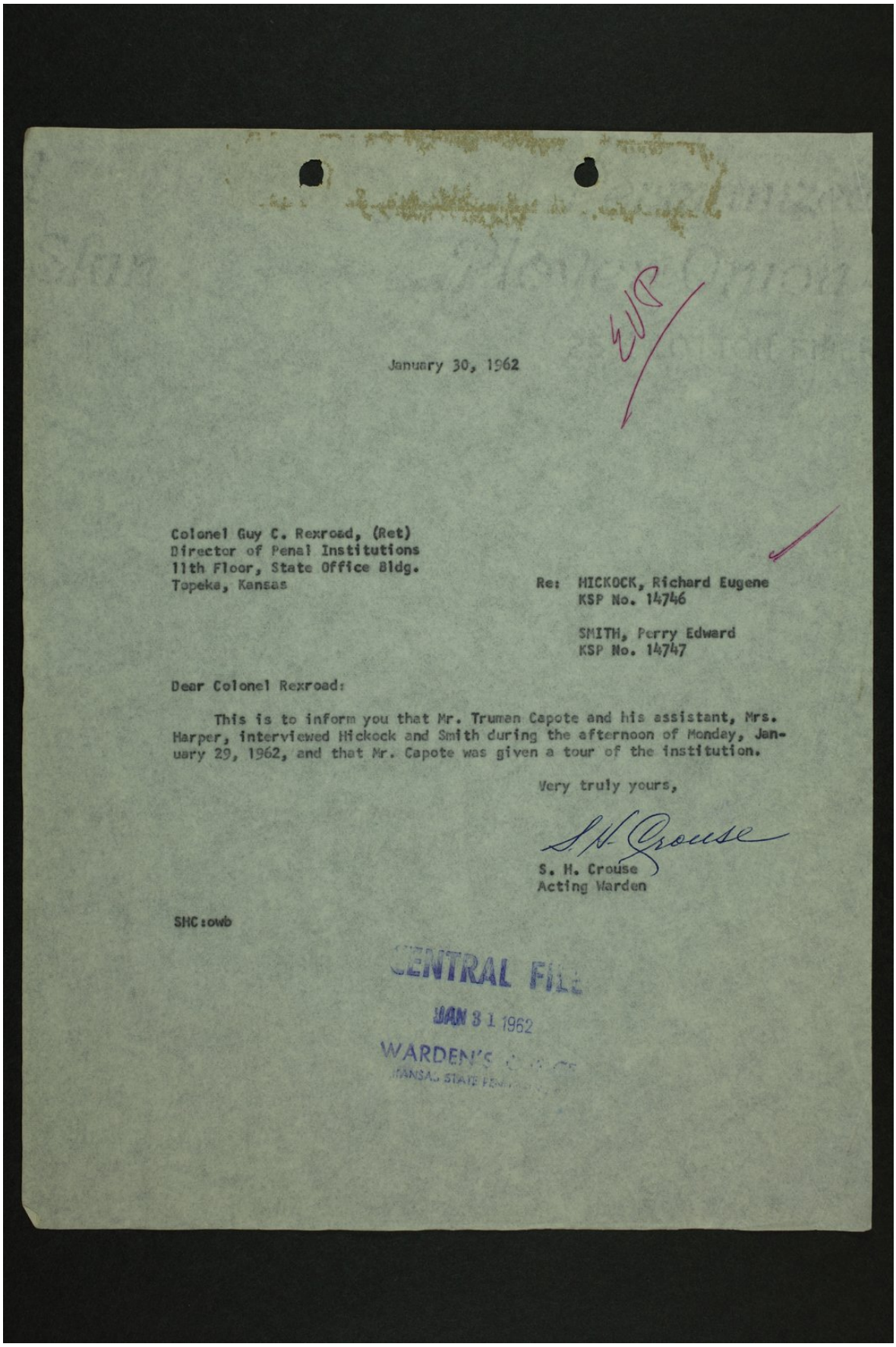
Confirming our telephone conversation of this morning, Mr. Truman Capote and his associate, Mrs. Nellie Lee Harper, will be at KSP on Monday, January 29, 1962 at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of touring the institution and interviewing inmates Hickock and Smith. I visited with Col. Rexroad this morning and he again confirmed clearance of this arrangement.

/s/Dale E. Saffers

Warden
Control
Acting Capt
File

R. F. Earls

ROY F. EARLS, Acting Captain



January 30, 1962

EWP

Colonel Guy C. Rexroad, (Ret)
Director of Penal Institutions
11th Floor, State Office Bldg.
Topeka, Kansas

Re: HICKOCK, Richard Eugene
KSP No. 14746

SMITH, Perry Edward
KSP No. 14747

Dear Colonel Rexroad:

This is to inform you that Mr. Truman Capote and his assistant, Mrs. Harper, interviewed Hickock and Smith during the afternoon of Monday, January 29, 1962, and that Mr. Capote was given a tour of the institution.

Very truly yours,

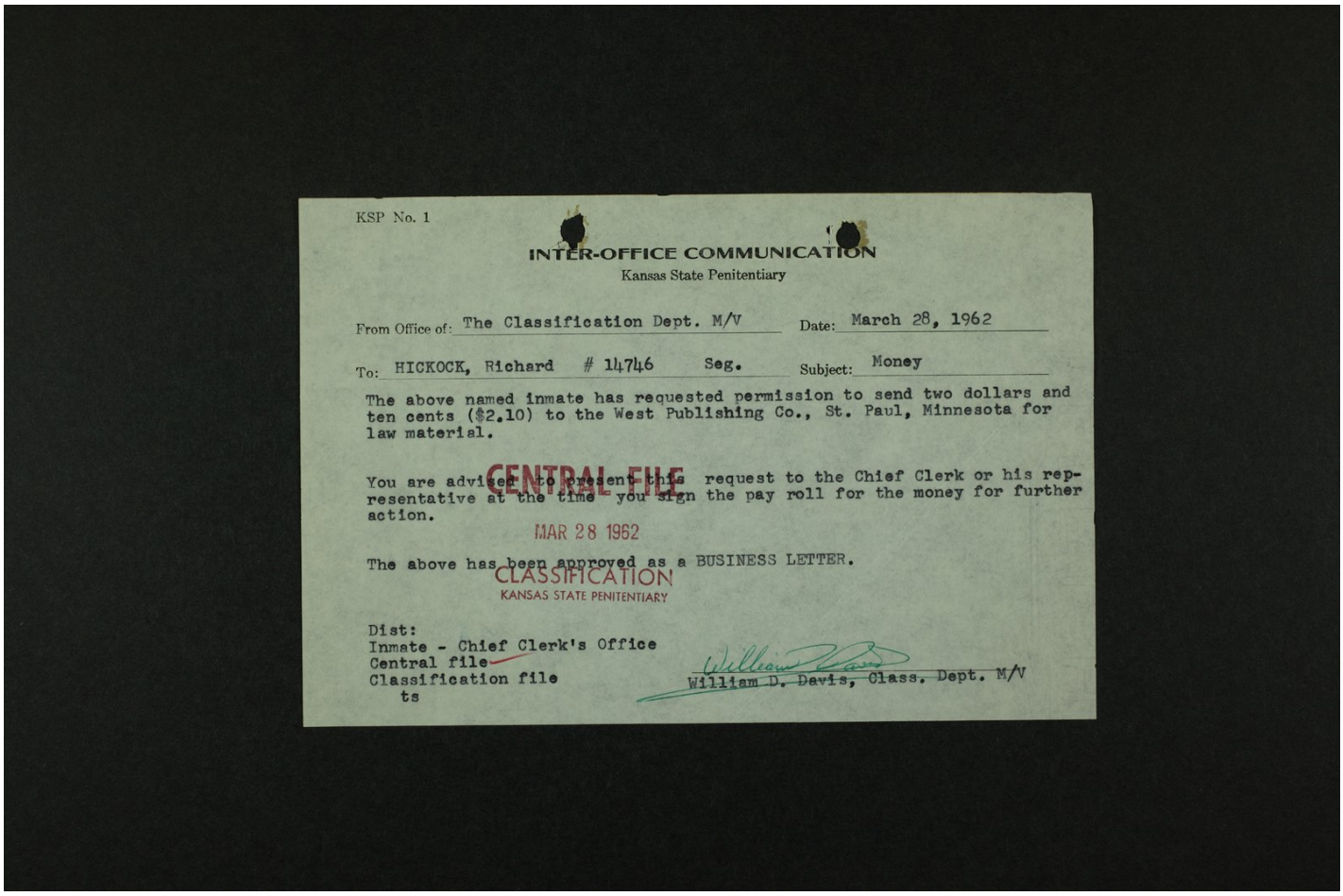
S. H. Crouse

S. H. Crouse
Acting Warden

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CENTRAL FILE
JAN 31 1962
WARDEN'S OFFICE
KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY

Richard Eugene Hickock inmate case file



KSP No. 1

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION
Kansas State Penitentiary

From Office of: The Classification Dept. M/V Date: March 28, 1962

To: HICKOCK, Richard # 14746 Seg. Subject: Money

The above named inmate has requested permission to send two dollars and ten cents ($2.10) to the West Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minnesota for law material.

You are advised to present this request to the Chief Clerk or his representative at the time you sign the pay roll for the money for further action.

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MAR 28 1962

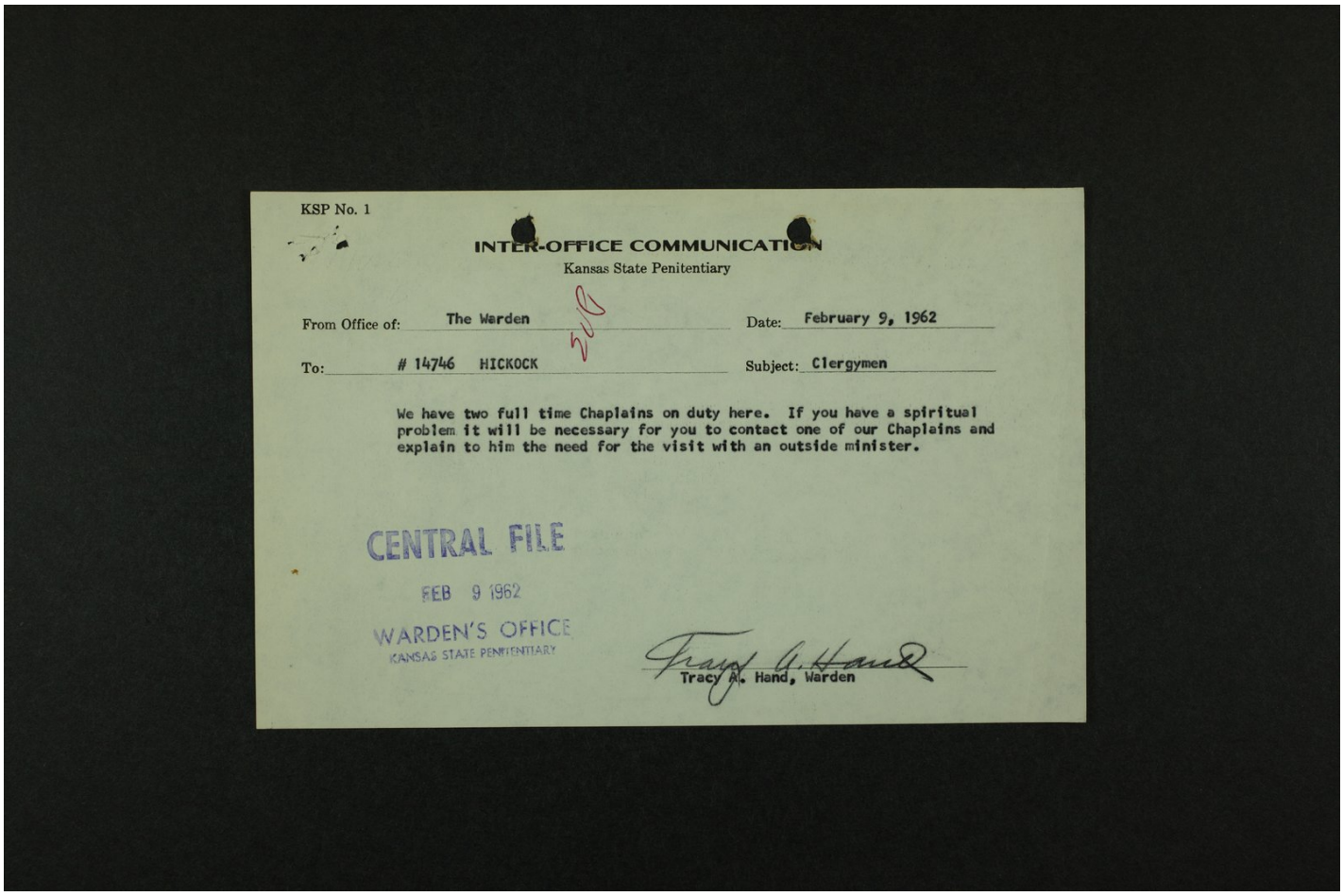
The above has been approved as a BUSINESS LETTER.

CLASSIFICATION
KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY

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William D. Davis, Class. Dept. M/V

Richard Eugene Hickock inmate case file



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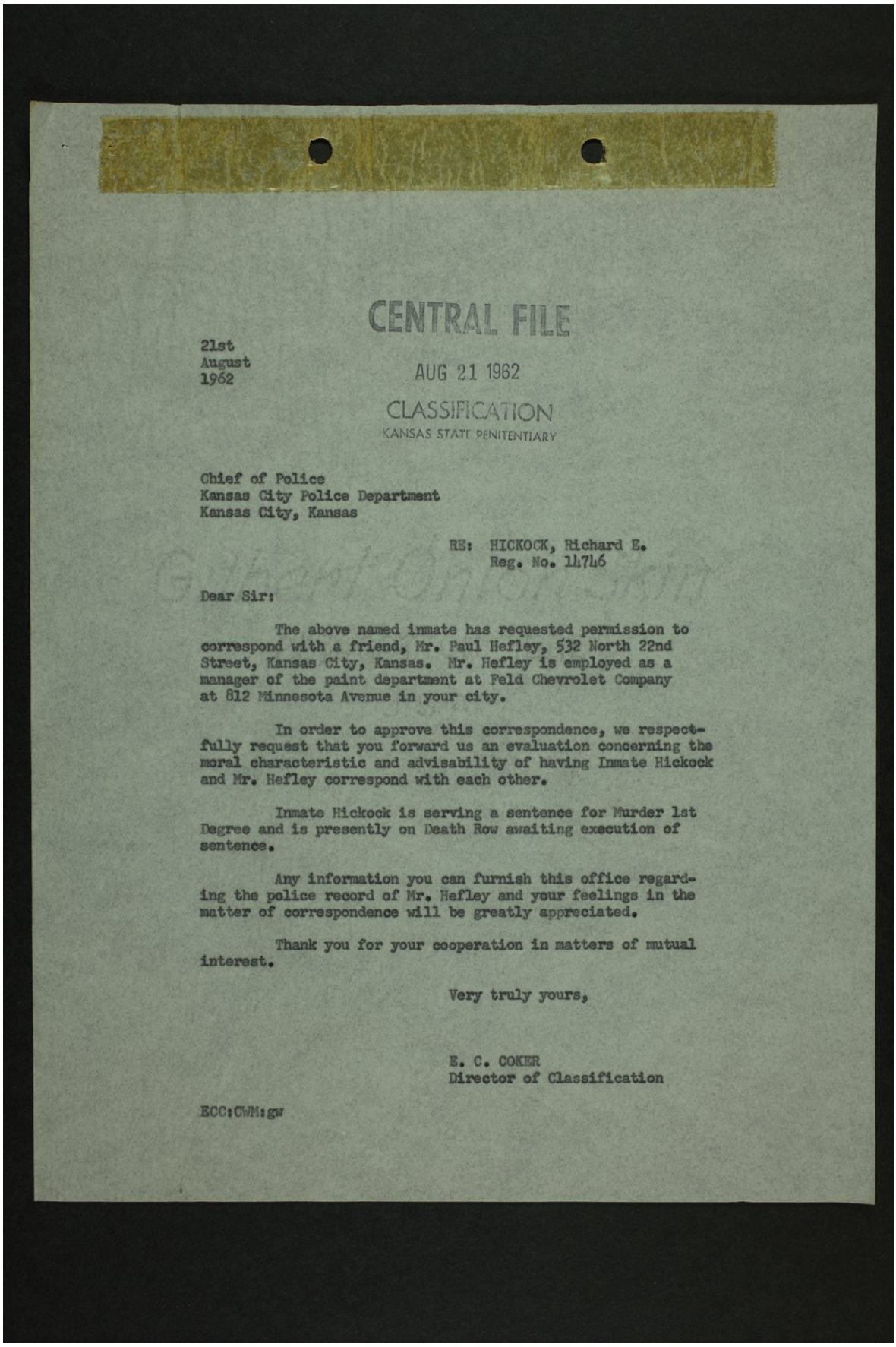
From Office of: The Warden
Date: February 9, 1962

To: # 14746 HICKOCK
Subject: Clergymen

We have two full time Chaplains on duty here. If you have a spiritual problem it will be necessary for you to contact one of our Chaplains and explain to him the need for the visit with an outside minister.

CENTRAL FILE
FEB 9 1962
WARDEN'S OFFICE
KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY

Tracy A. Hand, Warden



CENTRAL FILE

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CLASSIFICATION
KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY

Chief of Police
Kansas City Police Department
Kansas City, Kansas

RE: HICKOCK, Richard E.
Reg. No. 14746

Dear Sir:

The above named inmate has requested permission to correspond with a friend, Mr. Paul Hefley, 532 North 22nd Street, Kansas City, Kansas. Mr. Hefley is employed as a manager of the paint department at Feld Chevrolet Company at 812 Minnesota Avenue in your city.

In order to approve this correspondence, we respectfully request that you forward us an evaluation concerning the moral characteristic and advisability of having Inmate Hickock and Mr. Hefley correspond with each other.

Inmate Hickock is serving a sentence for Murder 1st Degree and is presently on Death Row awaiting execution of sentence.

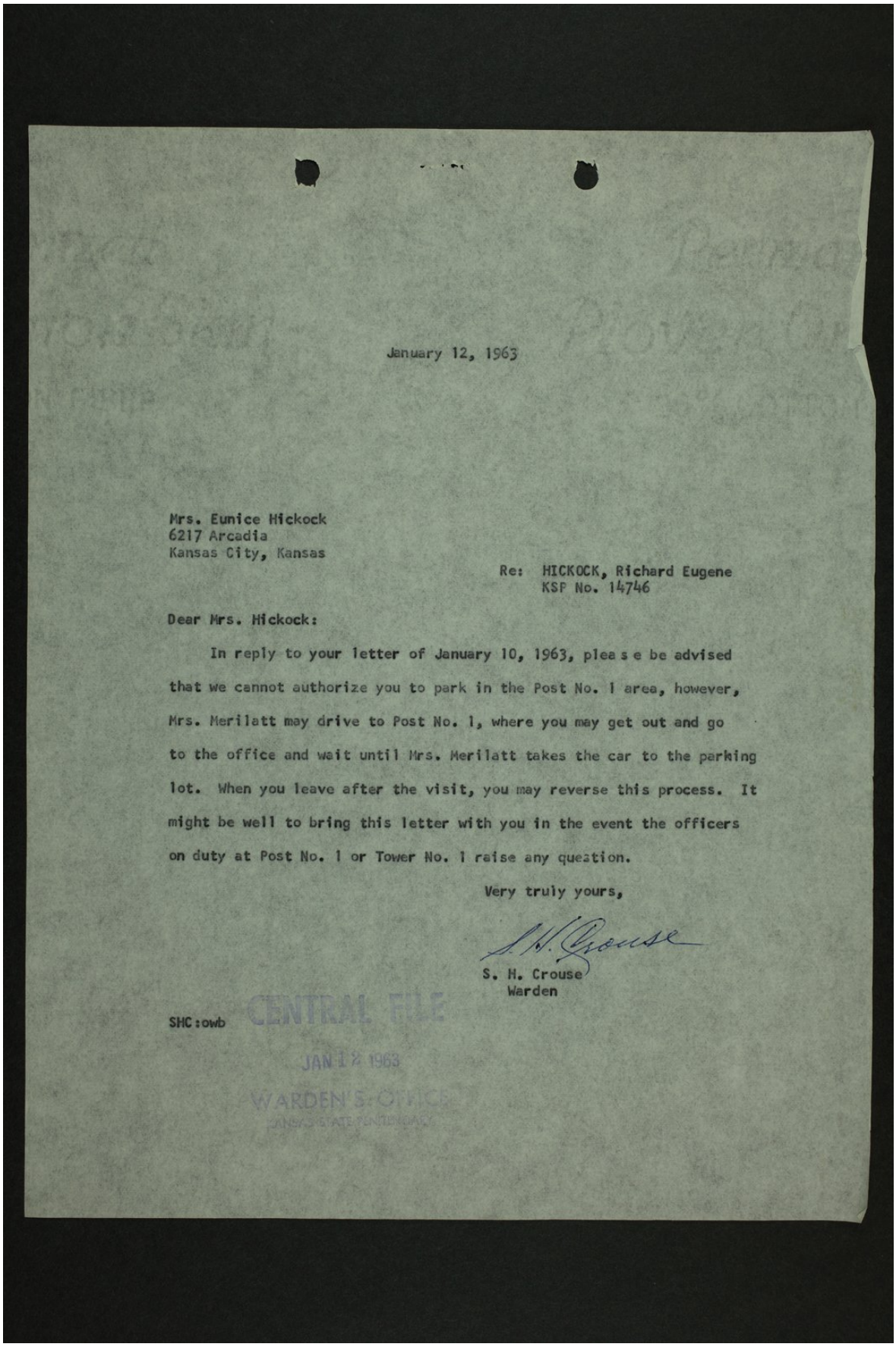
Any information you can furnish this office regarding the police record of Mr. Hefley and your feelings in the matter of correspondence will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your cooperation in matters of mutual interest.

Very truly yours,

E. C. COKER
Director of Classification

ECC:CWM:gw



January 12, 1963

Mrs. Eunice Hickock
6217 Arcadia
Kansas City, Kansas

Re: HICKOCK, Richard Eugene
KSP No. 14746

Dear Mrs. Hickock:

In reply to your letter of January 10, 1963, plea s e be advised that we cannot authorize you to park in the Post No. 1 area, however, Mrs. Merilatt may drive to Post No. 1, where you may get out and go to the office and wait until Mrs. Merilatt takes the car to the parking lot. When you leave after the visit, you may reverse this process. It might be well to bring this letter with you in the event the officers on duty at Post No. 1 or Tower No. 1 raise any question.

Very truly yours,

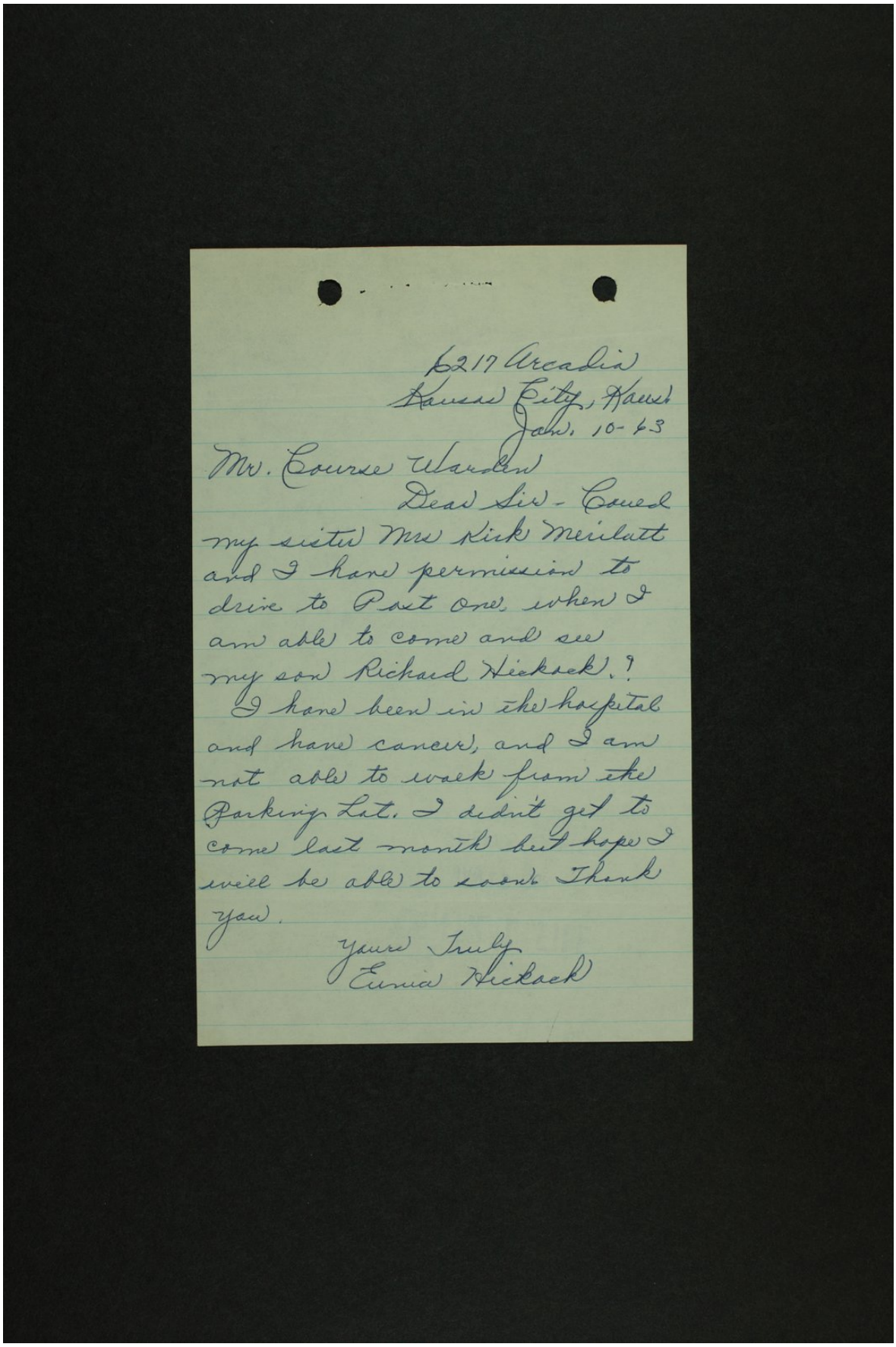
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Warden

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KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY

Richard Eugene Hickock inmate case file



6217 Arcadia
Kansas City, Kans
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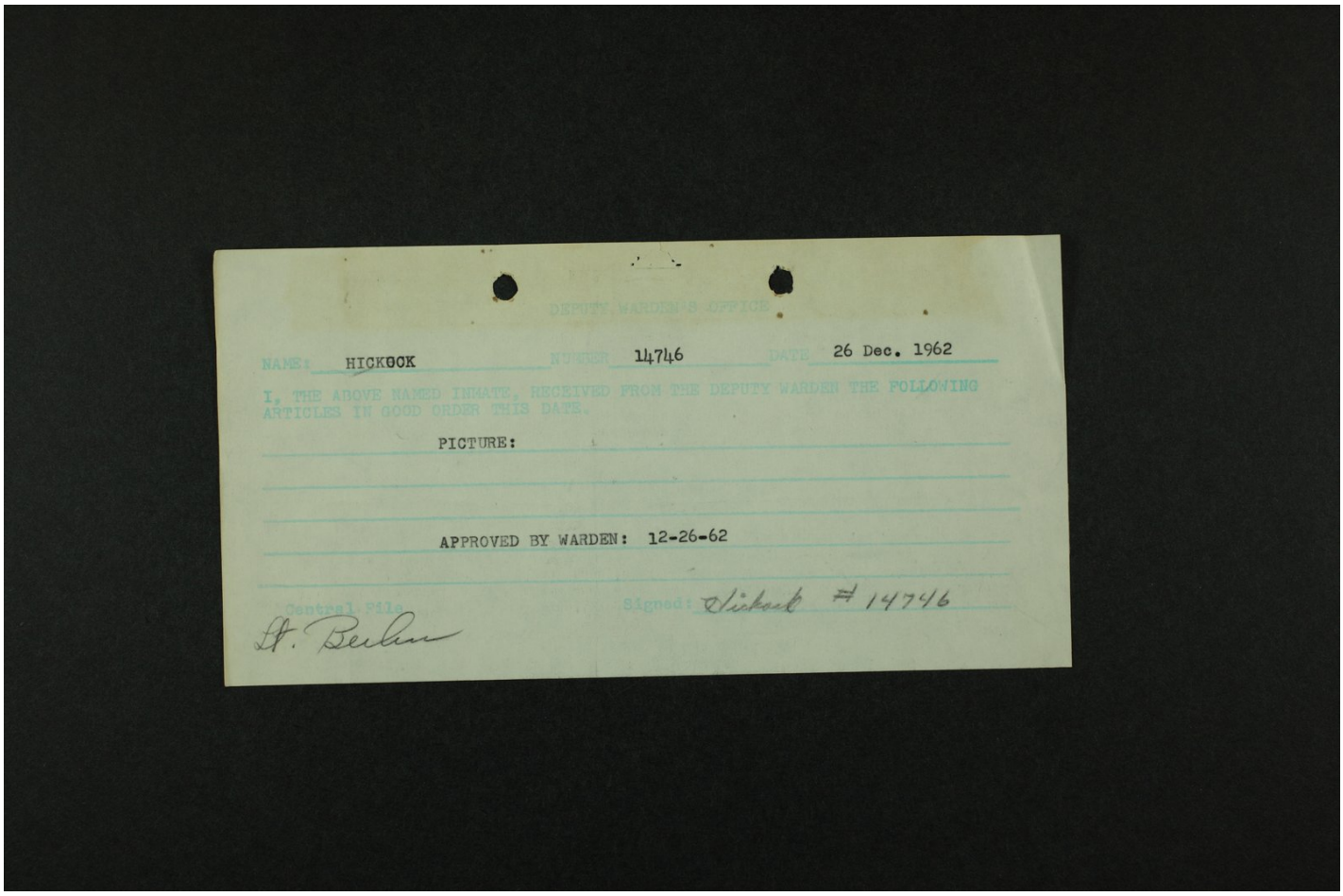
Mr. Course Warden

Dear Sir - Caued my sister Mrs Kirk Meilatt and I have permission to drive to Post one when I am able to come and see my son Richard Hickock.?

I have been in the hospital and have cancer, and I am not able to walk from the Parking Lot. I didn't get to come last month but hope I will be able to soon. Thank you.

Yours Truly
Eunia Hickock

Richard Eugene Hickock inmate case file



DEPUTY WARDEN'S OFFICE

NAME: HICKOCK NUMBER 14746 DATE 26 Dec. 1962

I, THE ABOVE NAMED INMATE, RECEIVED FROM THE DEPUTY WARDEN THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES IN GOOD ORDER THIS DATE.

PICTURE:

APPROVED BY WARDEN: 12-26-62

Central File

Signed: Hickock # 14746

H. Berkum