

#### 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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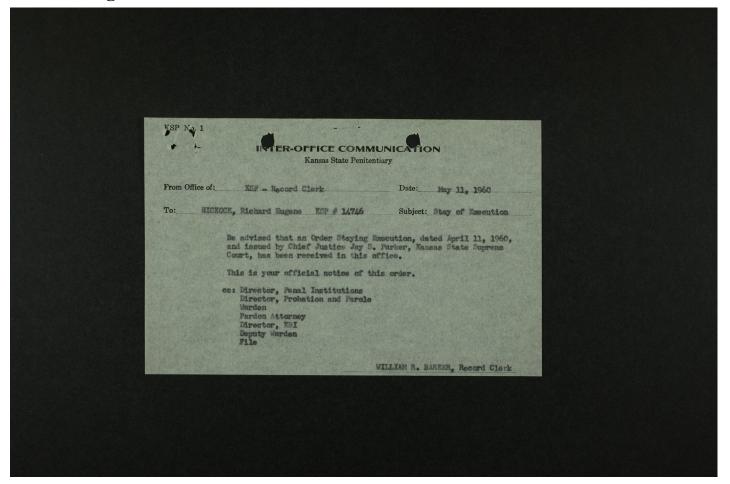
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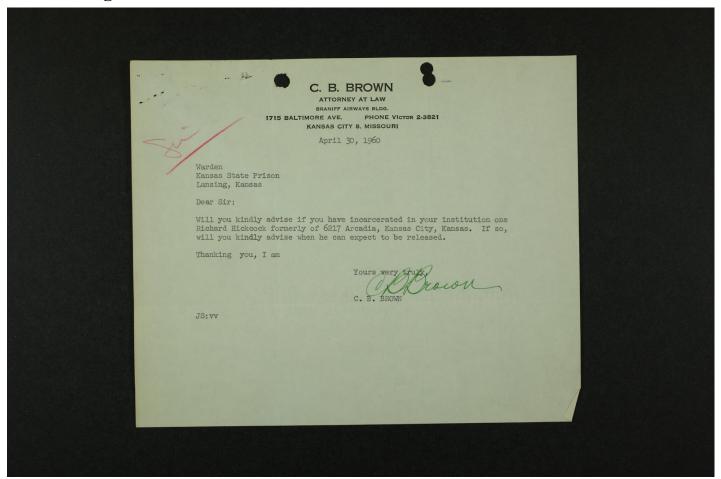




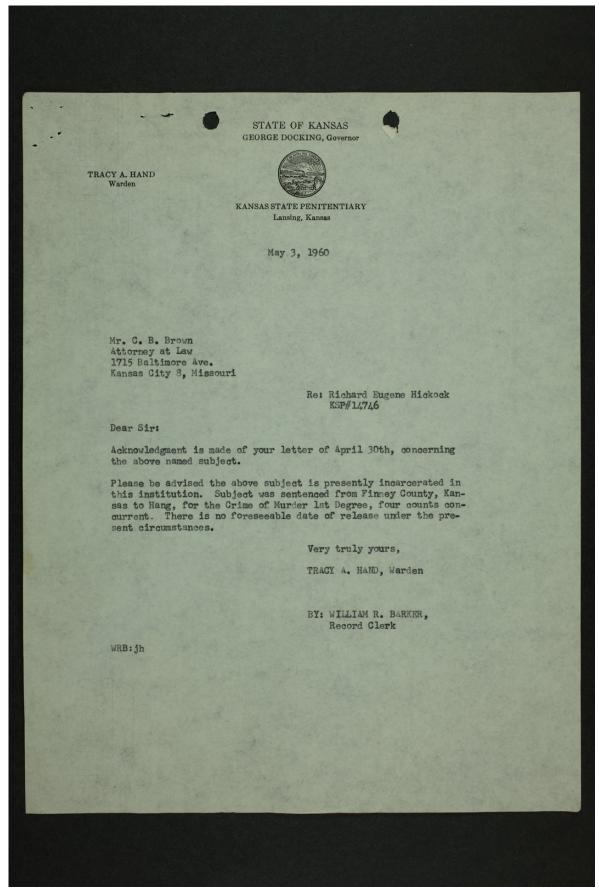


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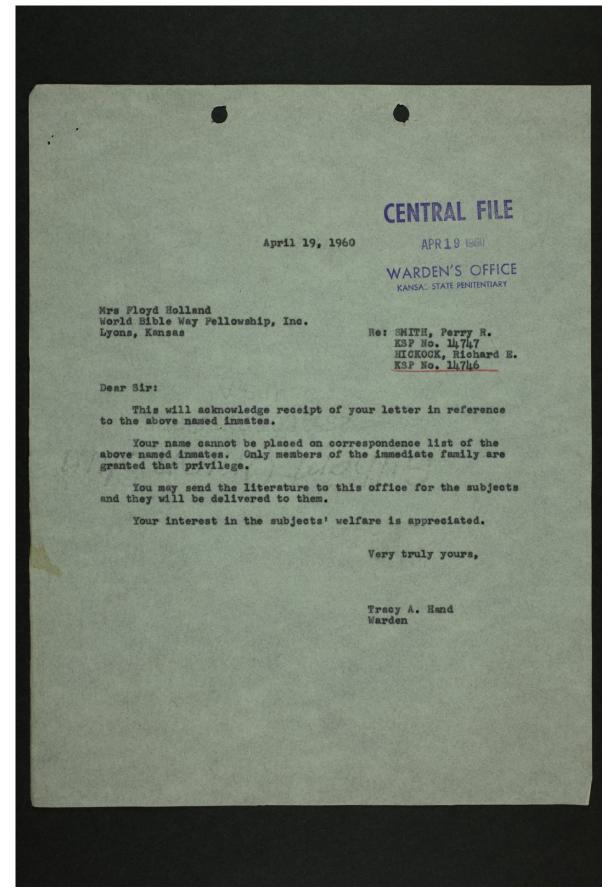




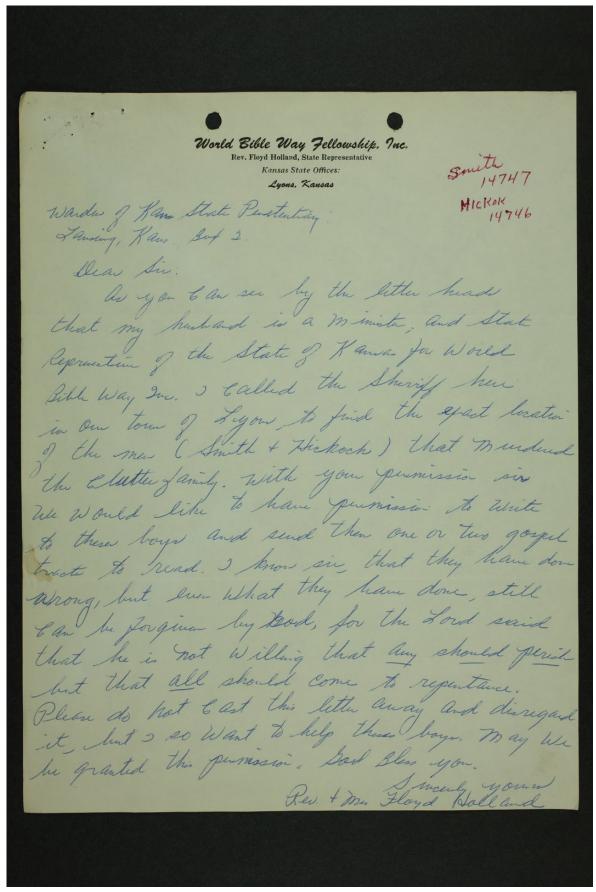




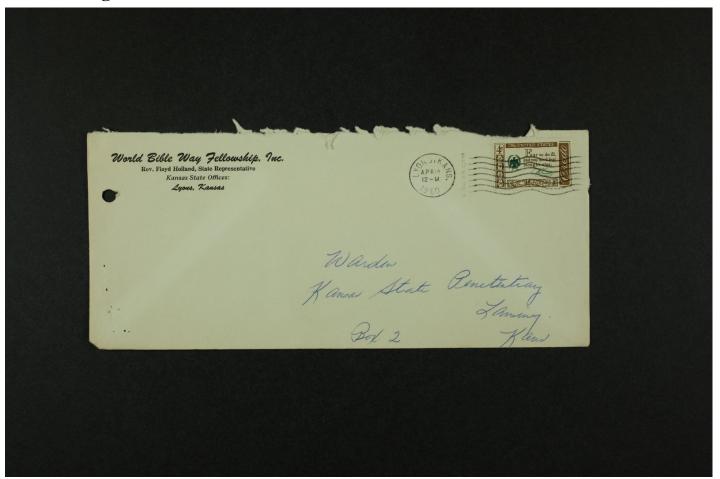




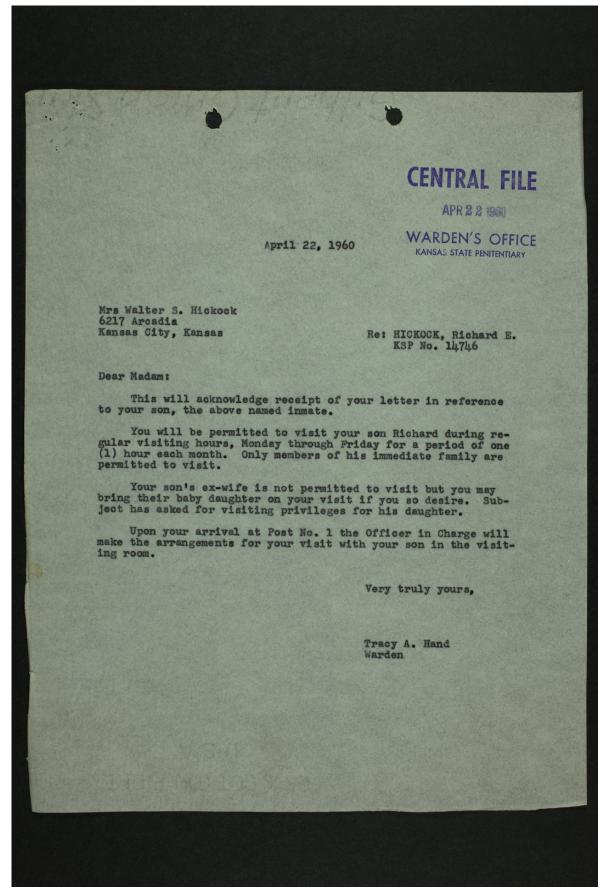




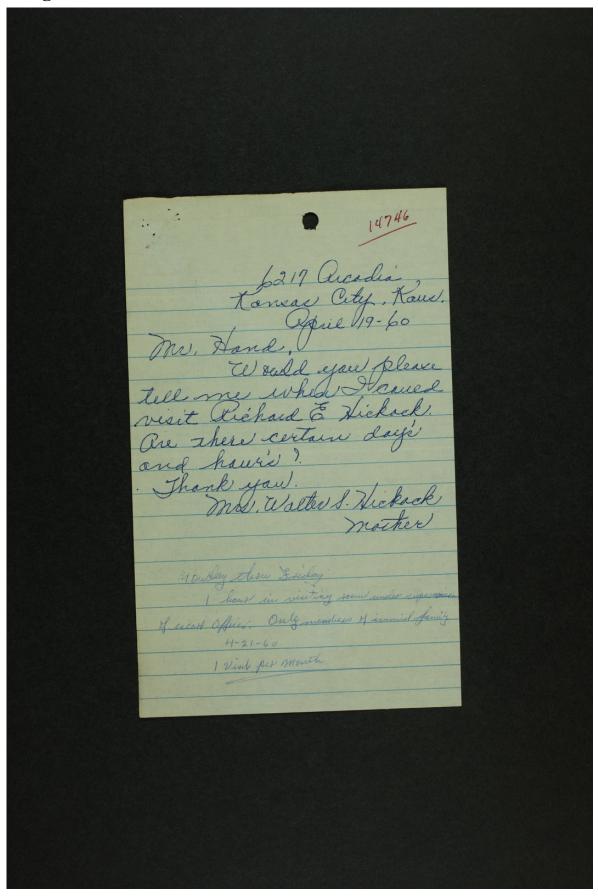




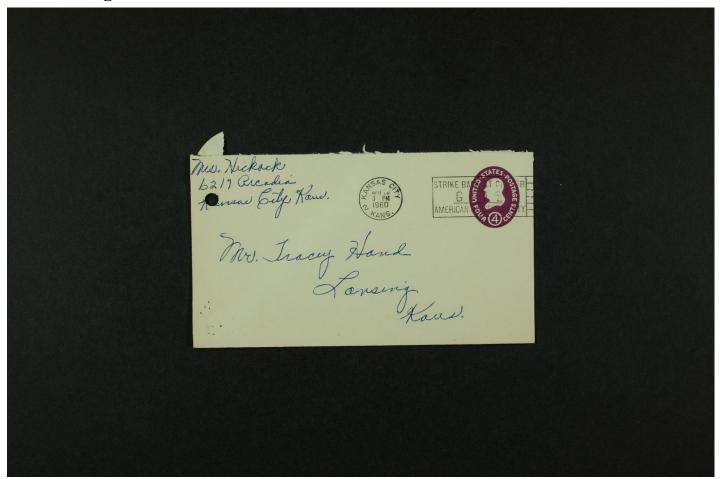




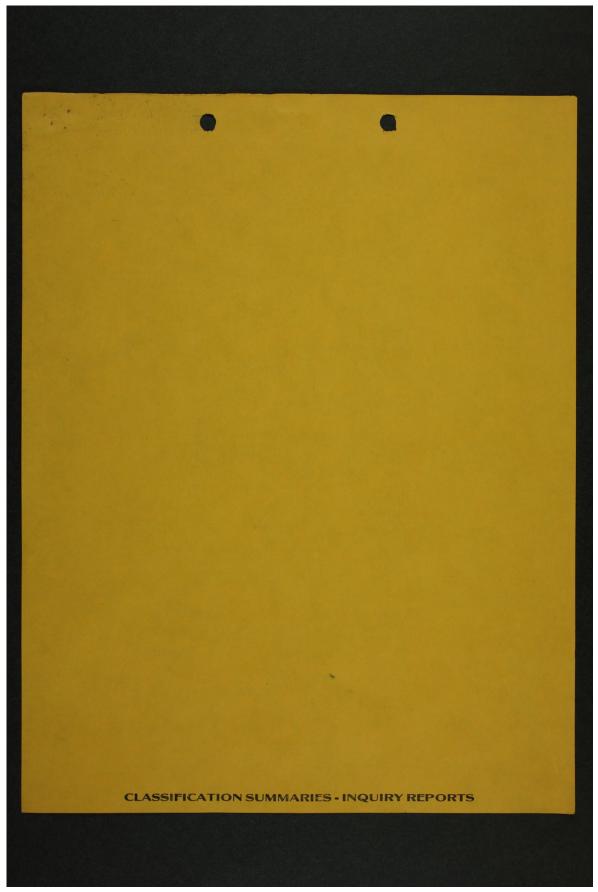




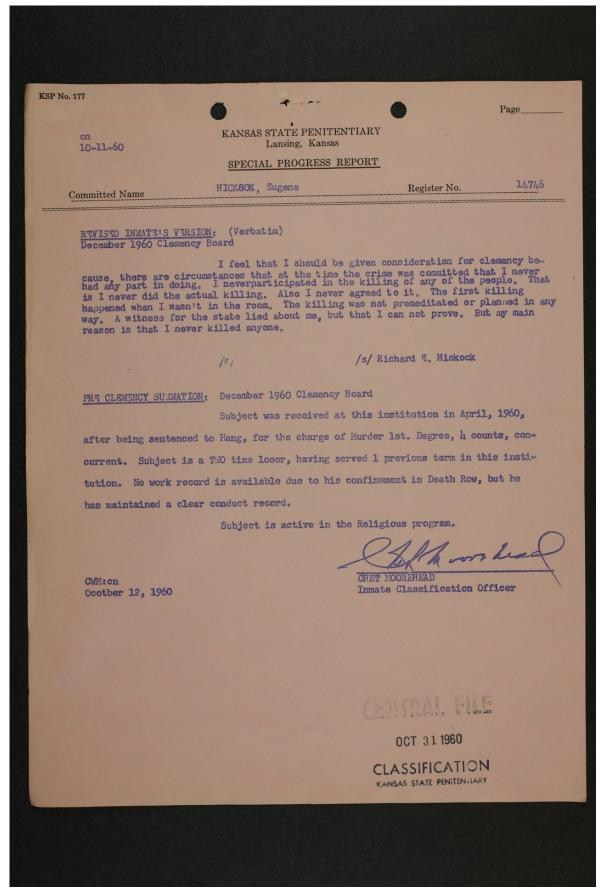




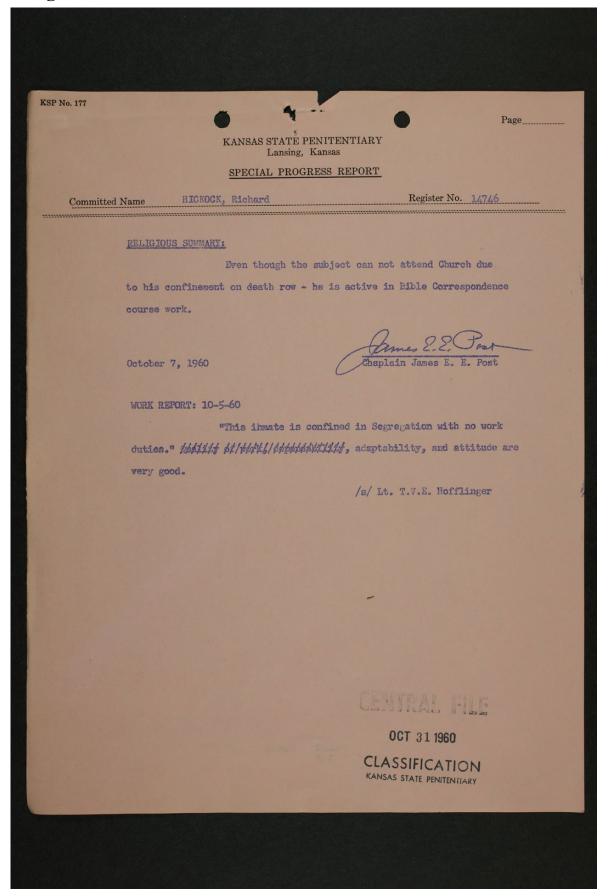




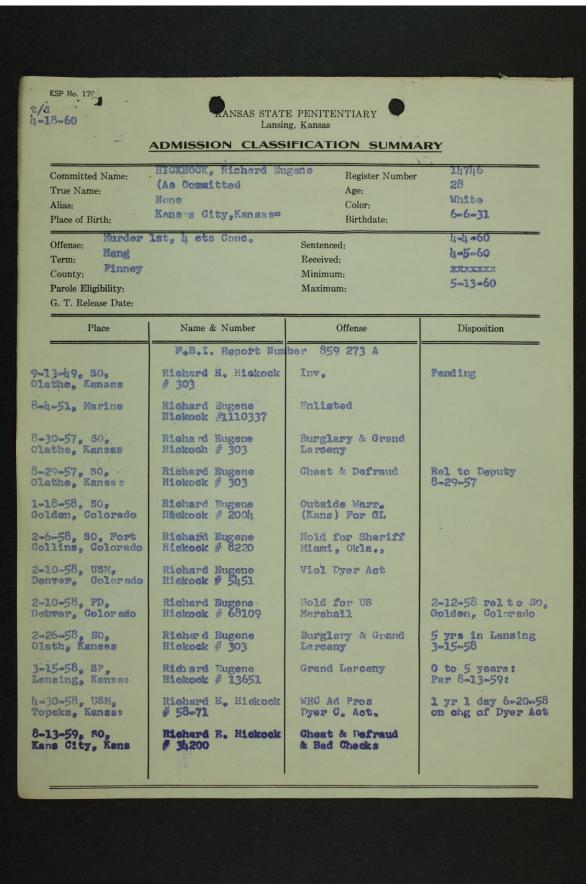




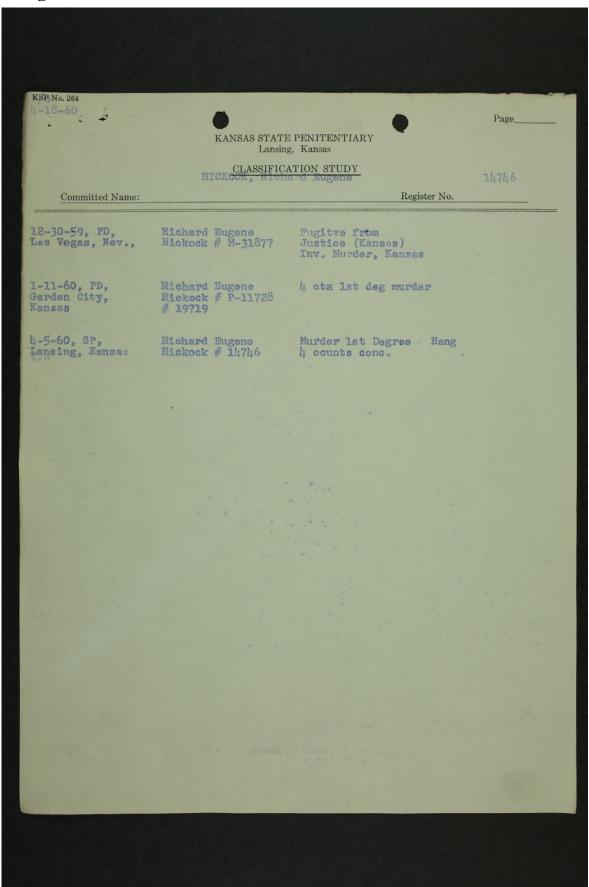




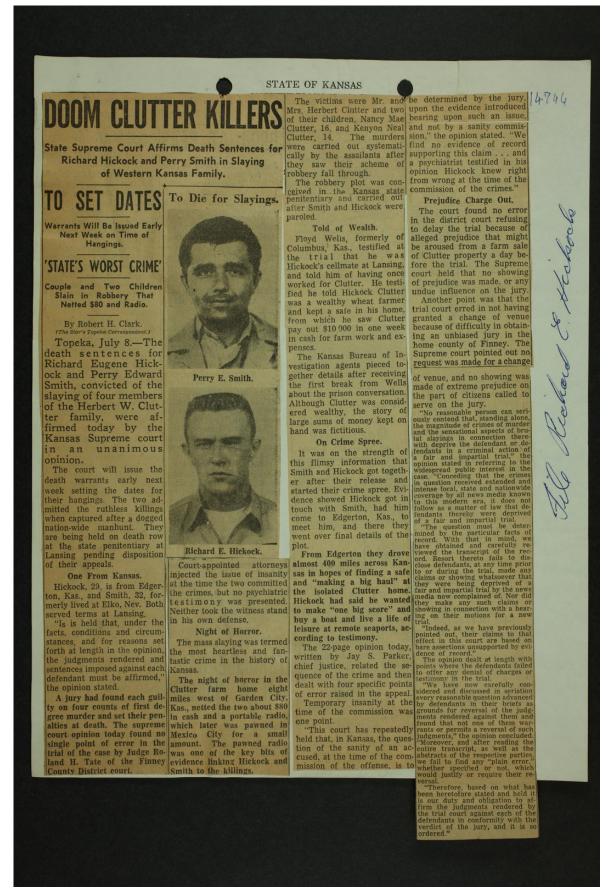




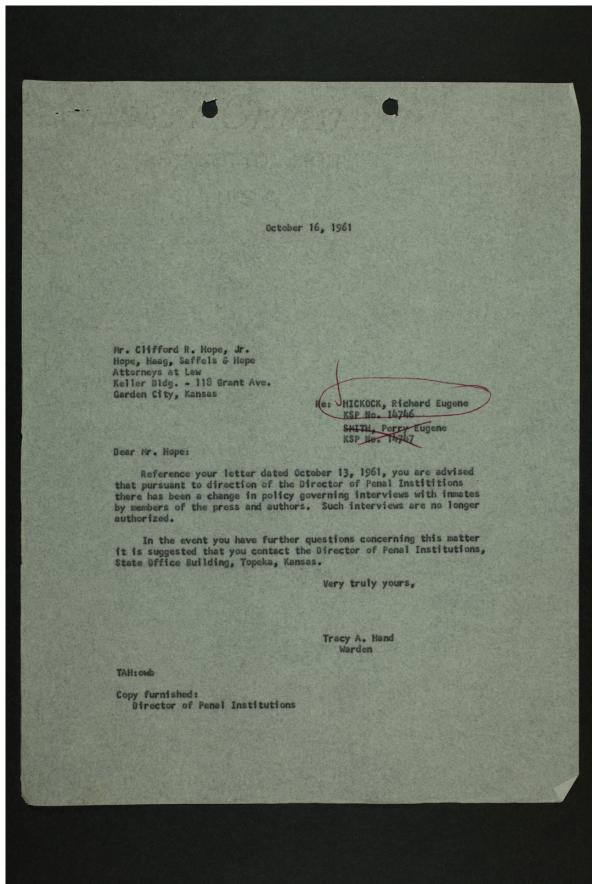




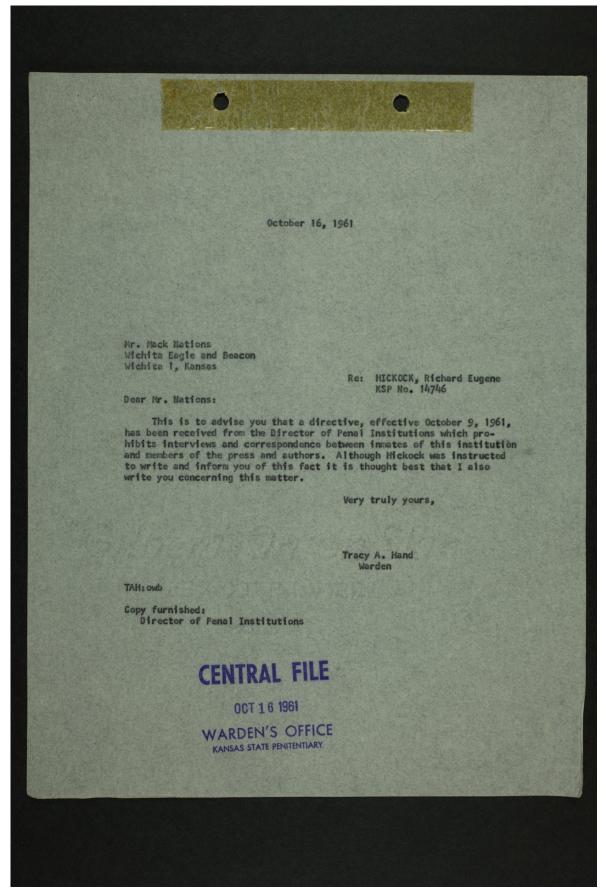




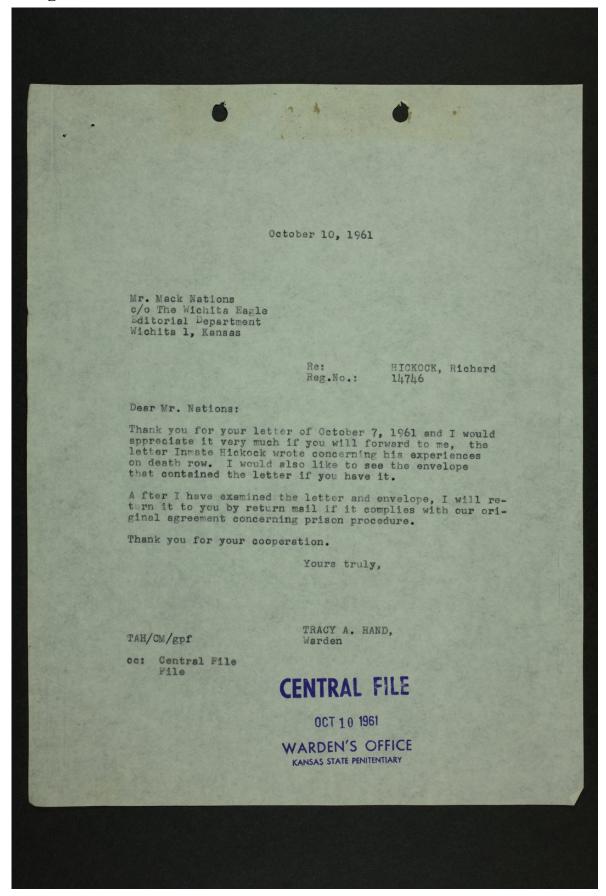




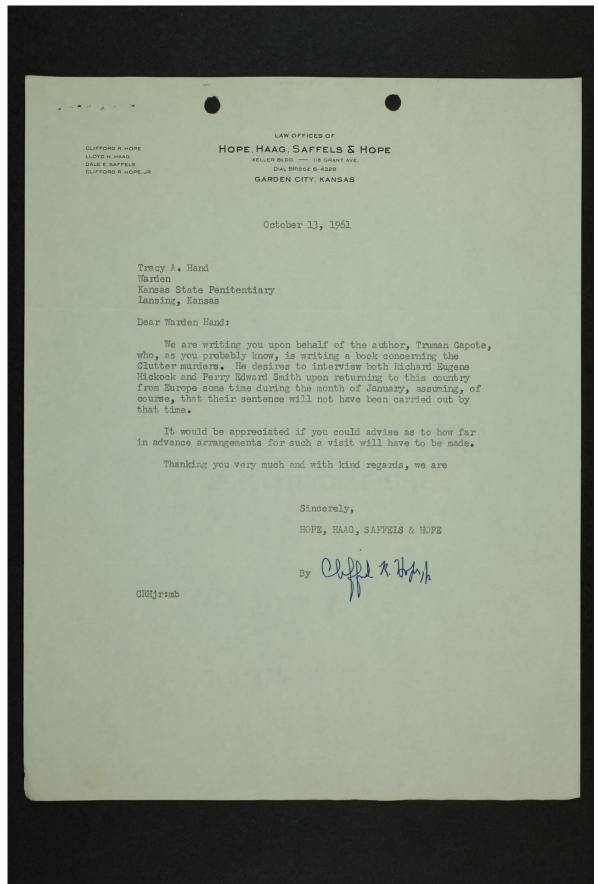






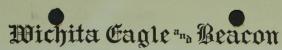








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Morning, Evening and Sunday WICHITA 1, KANSAS

MARCELLUS M. MURDOCK, Publisher

October 7, 1961.

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

Dear Warden:

I have received a letter dated October 4, 1961, from Richard Hickock in which he states some prison officials were upset concerning a letter he sent me dated September 25, 1961. According to the October 4 letter there seems to be some doubt about what was said in the September 25 letter concerning an "experience" by Hickock on death row.

The September 25 letter was sent by certified mail, No. 602560, has a censor initial on it, and was postmarked September 26, 1961, from Lansing, Kansas. The number 14746 eg was written on the outside of the envelope in black pen, if that means anything.

Nothing whatever was written about the penitentiary in this letter, other than that Hickock was on death row in that institution. The entire letter is devoted to telling of a dream Hickock had on November 15, 1960, the first anniversary of the killing of the Herb Clutter family. I believe he did refer to the fact that a guard awakened him when he was crying out in the dream. The dream concerned itself entirely with members of the Herb Clutter family and was intended for use as a short story by both Hickock and myself.

Hickock asked that I send the letter back, or a copy of it, in order that the deputy warden could examine it. I'll be happy to do that if, after receiving this letter, you would like to have it done. As I have told both Hickock and yourself in the past I have no intention of writing anything for any publication concerning the prison or the persons who operate it, without your complete prior knowledge.

Be assured I stand ready to cooperate with you in any possible way now and in the future, just as you and your fine officers have with me in the past. Please do not hesitate to call on me if you desire to see the September 26 letter from Hickock, or if I can be of service in any other way.

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Best personal reagards,

CC: Richard Hickock OCT 10 1961.

Deputy Warden
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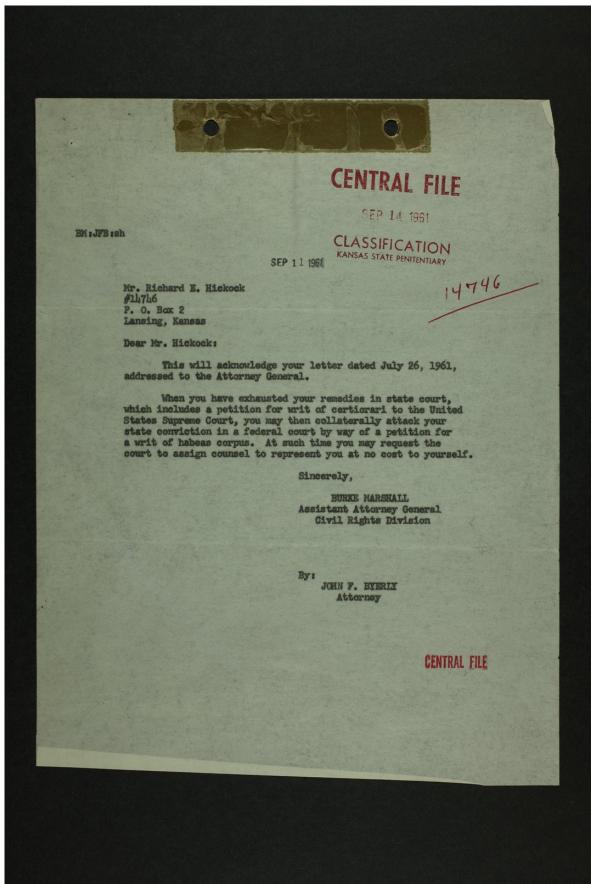
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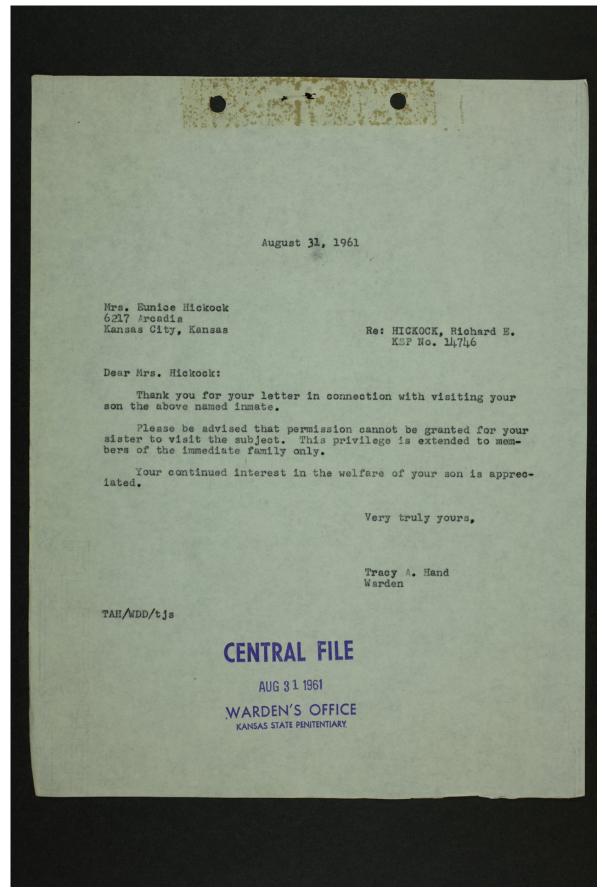




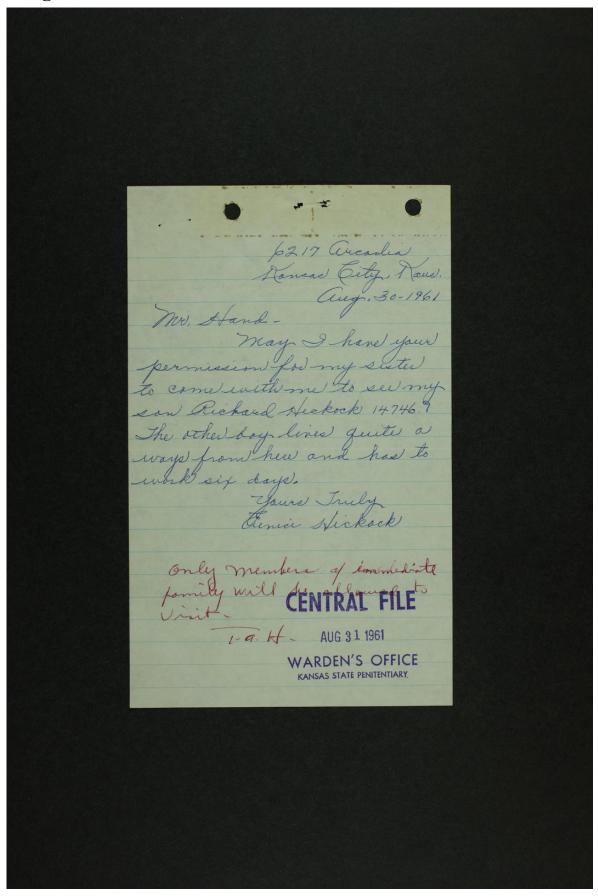




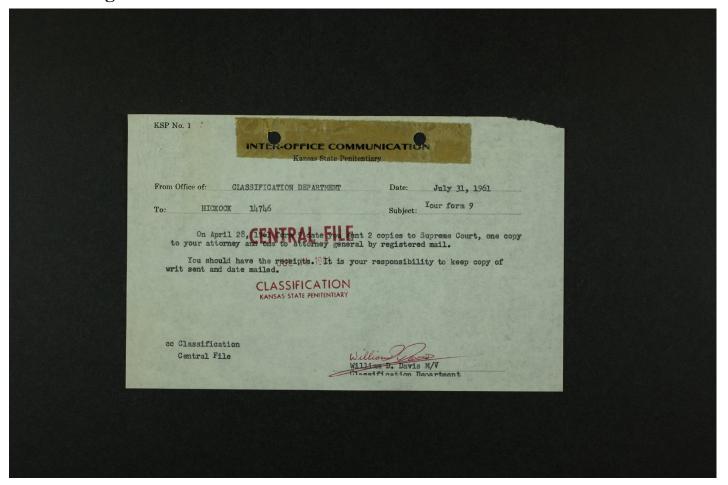




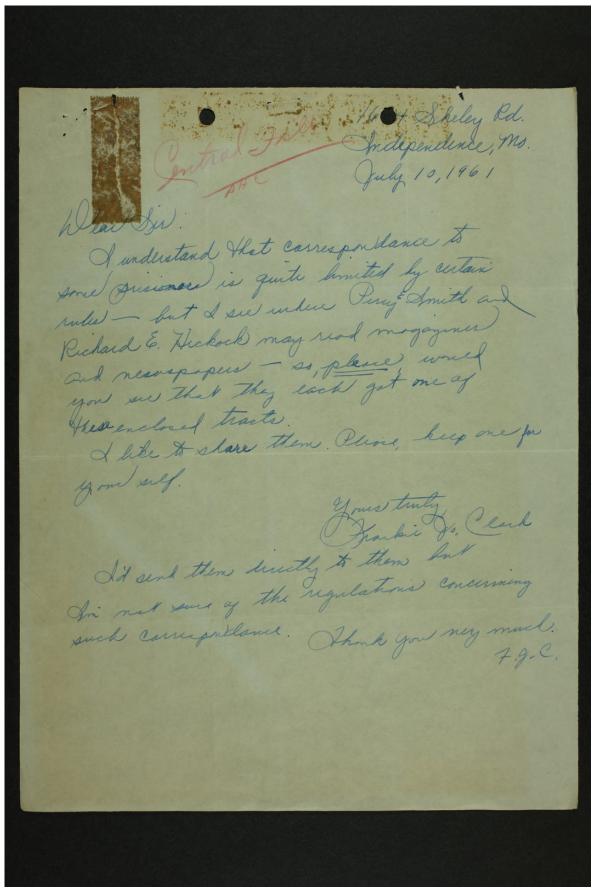




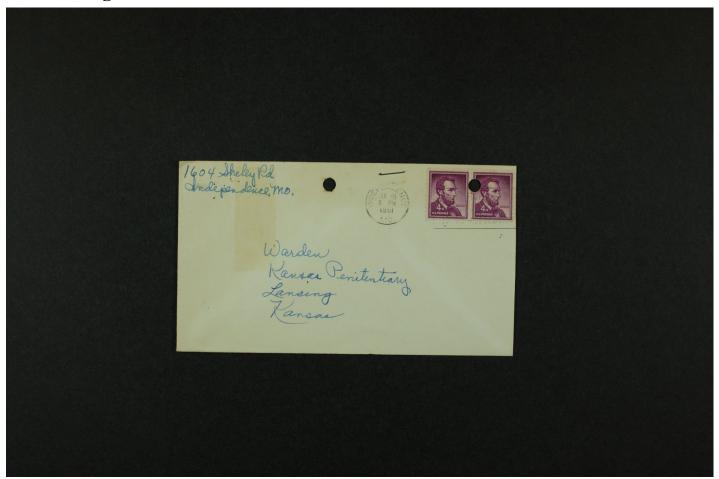




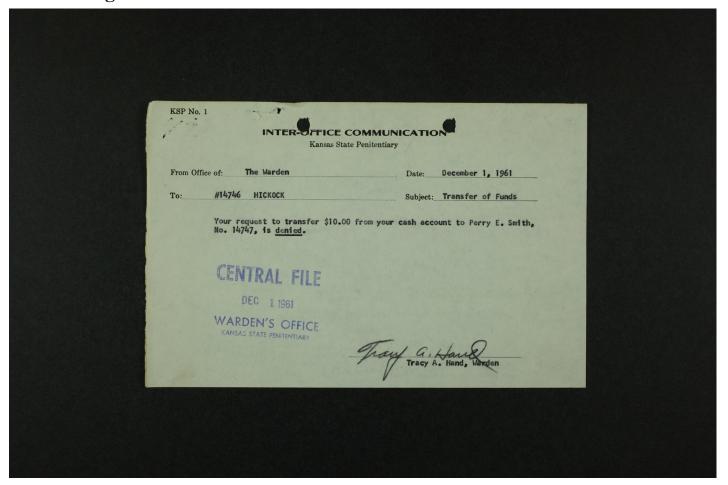














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