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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3598) DATE: November 20, 1951

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (44-165)

SUBJECT: ALVIN V. KEOWN, ET AL
LEVI DORSEY - VICTIM
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For the information of the Bureau, set forth in detail are matters occurring during the trial of the subjects of instant case in the United States District Court at Beaumont, Texas, Beaumont Division, Eastern District of Texas.

The case was called at 10:00 AM on November 12, 1951. The jury panel was examined by both sides and a jury was selected with an extra juror chosen to sit at the trial to replace any juror it might become necessary for the trial Judge, JOE SHEEHY, to excuse.

Special Agent DAVID K. RANKIN was not present in the court room during the selection of jurors, but upon instructions of United States Attorney WARREN G. MOORE, went to the Government's counsel table at approximately 2:00 PM, immediately prior to the submission of evidence. A subpoena, issued by the defense, was handed to SA RANKIN in the court room at that time. Witnesses for the prosecution and defense were sworn, and at that time the rule excluding all witnesses from the court room except when testifying, was invoked by Judge SHEEHY. A motion by the defense to invoke the rule against SA RANKIN was overruled.

Attorney's of record for the defense were PERCY FOREMAN, Houston, Texas, EVERETT B. LORD, Beaumont, Texas, and W. F. (Bill) SEXTON, City Attorney of Orange, Texas. In addition to United States Attorney MOORE for the prosecution, Assistant United States Attorney LEONARD E. CHOATE, Beaumont, Texas, and Assistant United States Attorney, HARLON MARTIN, Tyler, Texas, represented the Government.

EXPEDITE PROCESSING

Attorney PERCY FOREMAN made the opening statement to the jury, cross-examined all Government witnesses, examined all defense witnesses, made all objections to the Court, and made the closing arguement of one hour duration for the defense. United States Attorney MOORE made the opening statement to the jury. Mr. MOORE and his two assistants all participated in making objections to the Court. The Government attorneys alternated in the examination or cross-examination of all witnesses, although a greater number were examined or cross-examined by USA MOORE. The intial closing argument for the prosecution of one-half hour duration was made by AUSA MARTIN. The final closing argument of one-half hour duration was made by USA MOORE.

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