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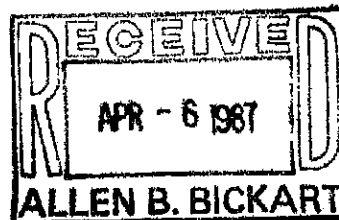
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Re: Todd Christopher Kohlhepp

Dear Mr. Bickart:

A psychiatric consultation was done on Todd Kohlhepp, aged 16, on 3/27/87 at the Madison Street Jail at the request of his attorney. The informant is the patient, himself. In addition, a psychological evaluation done by Roger M. Martig, Ph.D, and a transfer summary by his probation officer, Shirley Twiggs were reviewed. A summary from the Georgia Mental Health was reviewed.

The psychological report stated that Todd's actual testing was in the above average range and even near the superior range. Psychological testing indicated that he had a high level of anti-social personality functioning, that he is not psychotic although he is an individual with severe underlying emotional issues which could result in emotional deterioration in the future or continued aggressive behavior towards others in the future. Projective testing indicated severe underlying emotional issues while subjective testing indicated an individual with pronounced signs of family discord and signs of issues pertaining to having a lackadaisical, unmotivated attitude toward life and specifically taking responsibility for himself. He is seen as distrustful of others, abrupt, self centered and naive about how his behavior affects others. He is also seen as alienated and using primitive defense mechanisms at a social level which includes projection as well as massive denial. There are also ego inflation defense mechanisms in order to bolster his feelings of low self esteem and inadequacy. The transfer summary is replete with information about Todd's childhood. He has been involved in counseling for many years in South Carolina and Georgia; since approximately the age of 8 or 9. He was referred to the Behavior Evaluation Center at Georgia Mental Health Institute and testing concluded at that time that he had pronounced emotional difficulties, poor impulse control, a very negative self image and poor relationships with others. He also had threatened suicide on one

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occasion and had experienced at least one hallucinatory episode. There is no mention as to whether this was an auditory or a visual hallucination. There was very open hostility toward his step-father. He was placed on Ritalin with the reason for this being unclear. However, he was unable to tolerate the side effects which were mainly subjective; he was then placed on Thorazine which is a potent neuroleptic anti-psychotic drug and he responded much more positively. There is also mention made of Todd destroying his bedroom with a hammer; destroying other children's projects, hitting other children; chloroxing a goldfish; shooting a dog with a BB gun; being dismissed from the Boy Scouts because he was too disruptive; shredding his own new clothes. Father apparently made the statement that the only emotion Todd is capable of is anger.

The subject was examined on 3/27/87. He presented his problem as "I raped a girl and got caught." The event occurred on November 25, 1987. He stated that at the time he was enraged at his father and did it to "get back at him." He went on to describe the event as a form of retaliation and rebellion. Afterward, he stated, he wishes he hadn't done it and feels upset and ashamed. He also stated that he wouldn't do it again. The girl he raped was a school and neighborhood friend but they did not have a boyfriend-girlfriend relationship. They talked frequently; in fact, nearly daily. At the time the rape occurred, the father had been gone for three days with "one of his girlfriends." Parenthetically Todd added that "he has about 30 of them." He also talked about the fact that he enjoys guns and was "fooling around with one" when it popped into his head that he could use the gun to rape the victim. He states that he thought he could get away with it. Thereafter, he went to her house which was not unusual. He was quite upset with her because she had a "crush" on all of his friends and wanted him to bring them over while she only wanted to have a "friendship" with him. When he went over to her house, he had the gun with him and stated that he wanted to "make out with her." He stated that he felt he would use the gun because then she wouldn't go "yelling." He forced her into his house by gunpoint. In his bedroom, she tried to grab the gun but he pulled it back then he had her lie on her stomach and he tied her hands and put tape on her mouth. He took her clothes off and intercourse. Thereafter, he saw flashing lights, got off of her and started getting dressed. He denies any prior sexual assault or arrests. He claims that the only problem he has had with the law was buying a stolen bike in October 1986. He admits to occasional alcohol use when his father is away; one or two glasses of coke with Jack Daniels. He does not report any type of compulsive drinking. He denies any drug use or abuse. He believes that his paternal grandmother is alcoholic. Medical history includes asthma for one year. He does use Primatine Mist. Past psychiatric history is reported by the patient as having been present since the age of 10. He claims no knowledge of why he was being treated. At the time he was living in Georgia. He spent three and a half months as an inpatient because he couldn't get along with children in school.

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He sees himself as a loner, hostile towards other children and not wanting to be around people. Thereafter, he had follow-up counseling for several months. One year later, he saw a psychologist because of problems with his mother and "hated my stepfather." He couldn't get along socially at the time either. He walked out of the treatment and refused to return. There is no clear history of any familial mental illness. However, he states that his father is chronically preoccupied with "blowing things up." He went on to mention that his father was in the Special Forces, a mercenary and an arms dealer. Father allegedly has had many fights and always wins. He also sees his father as a liar and preoccupied with guns.

He was born in Florida but raised in Georgia and apparently moved around a great deal. His parents divorced when he was under a year of age. He never knew his father. His mother remarried and his step-father had two children. He visited his father for a while but then stopped seeing him. Until three years ago, he saw his father only a handful of weekends. In 1982, his mother and step-father became separated. Todd then spent the summer with his father and went to live with him. He states that he started acting out, became destructive, destroyed his room, and broke mirrors in an effort to cajole his mother into sending him to live with his father. He stated that initially his relationship with his father was good but then it progressively deteriorated and now "I hate him." He sees his mother as a "real good person." His step siblings allegedly were kidnapped by their mother in 1979. As far as school is concerned, he describes himself as a poor student but enjoys reading and feels that he could build anything if given a blueprint. He sees no reason to go to school; didn't care. "My father didn't care." He actually has few friends; feels quite different than others; states that every friend has found some way to hurt him. He likes knives and switchblades and did have thoughts of hurting people; stabbing and shooting them. He states that he didn't want to do it, "my Dad taught me this; he has machetes and guns."

At this point, Todd stated that he had thoughts of killing his father but parenthetically added that after seeing "this place" he would think twice. He also describes his father as abusive and he showed me a scar on his hand from glass and a nail file, allegedly inflicted by father. He also indicated that his father taught him how to "blow things up and make bombs."

MENTAL STATUS EXAMINATION: This is a 16 year old Caucasian male who looks average for his age. He is slightly overweight. His attitude toward the interview was friendly and cooperative. He answered questions articulately, coherently and relevantly. There was no evidence of a formal thinking process disorder. There were no loose associations or flights of ideas. He self rates his mood

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as never having been happy for any sustained period of time. Again, he was blaming his father for this. There were many productions that were certainly meant for the examiner's benefit and didn't necessarily indicate exactly how he felt. He attempted to control and manipulate the action. He does not cry. His attitude toward himself is described as negative. He asked himself repeatedly "why do I do things like this." He sees himself as fat and not very good looking. He also sees himself as a "bad person" and asks again why he does such bad things. He feels badly because he feels that he can hurt people. He discussed his past sexual activity. He states that he had a girlfriend with whom he had sex on one occasion and the forced intercourse previously mentioned. He did indicate a sexual preoccupation and added "what teen-ager doesn't think about it." He thought about the rape victim repeatedly, asked her out but she always wanted to go out with his friends instead. He indicated that he felt unwanted, undesirable and that the rape may have been not only retaliation for rejecting him but also a mechanism for externalizing his rage. He has had this rage turned back at himself. There have been suicidal ideations. He describes "I hate myself"; feeling very embarrassed for what he did; putting the gun to his head when the police were outside his home and pulling the trigger but he stated "the gun jammed." At this point, he laughed somewhat inappropriately. He stated "Someone doesn't want me to die yet." He has had homicidal thoughts, principally directed toward his father, again stating "I hate him." However, he also stated that it wasn't "worth it" and he no longer thinks about killing him. Thought content did not reveal evidence of hallucinations, delusions or other gross perceptual abnormalities. Sensorium, mental grasp and capacity were tested. There were no cognitive deficits and he is in the normal intellectual range. Gross judgement in the usual social and ethical situations did not reveal any frank psychopathy but there are certainly distortions in judgement that reflect psychopathology. He tended to minimize his problem and expressed hope that he would go back to school and get a GED. Throughout the interview, one got the feeling that if he were pushed to any limits, he was potentially explosive. ✓

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IMPRESSION: ~~Underlying~~ personality disorder. There is sufficient convincing evidence that this psychopathology is present. He demonstrates episodes of ignoring or distortion of reality and regular use of projection defense mechanisms and the presence of degrees of an impaired sense of reality. In the area of feelings and impulses, he does have periods of excessively strange impulses and feelings; is generally anhedonic; has a limited capacity to tolerate unpleasant affects; shows a episodic disturbance in impulse management since early childhood. In the area of identity, he has difficulty maintaining a stable sense of self not only in relation to external situations but also relating to internal mood states. In this diagnosis is an area ✓