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covers the offense itself and the immediate reaction surrounding it.

HISTORY:

I. FAMILY HISTORY:

The facts of the family history are significant. They will be given only where pertinent in the evaluation of this man, especially as they illustrate the cultural and social background. Prisoner's father and mother were born in Russo-Poland, nee - Rubinstein and Rakowsky, respectively. They came to this country after the birth of the second child and established themselves in Chicago, Illinois. The father had a definite Personality Disorder. He is described as having been in the Russian Army, served in the Russo-Jap War. He seemed to have absorbed the spirit of his Russian soldier comrades, being called "Cossack" by his family and enjoying the traditional swaggering, brusque aggressive attitude of this type of person. He drank excessively and boisterously. At home he was domineering and was in constant turmoil with his wife, being cruel and abusive to her. The children remember hiding under the bed when he shouted, and he is said to have broken the finger of one of the boys when disciplining him, and generally to be demanding and noisy. In early life he worked as a carpenter and provided for the family but always just one step removed from poverty. The mother and father separated several times, and then permanently when the prisoner was about twelve years old.

The mother was a redhead - the only one in the family, who aspired to a higher level of social life. Some of the fighting was over her interest in improving the family and much of it over the father's drinking as well as his name-calling and abusiveness. The mother had ten