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The wbjenta for the experisent were chosen randomly from the alphabtien index file of all active inmates of the Texas Friacn fystem. The staple way reateleted to those tho had been given the wry ypon entrenoe into the prisen, had an edicsticnal age of at lomst 5.0 , and had an evanlable brother in the free vorle. The two groups wre nct equated for age becme of the necowativ of cbtaining a sample of atoquate ize, but in zastances where more than ons brother was available, the con neareat in ege to the Inmate vas chosen. The test vas ent to the brothera through the man with a letcer of explanation. In spite of the linitationa of this mothod, self atministration of the test without storviston was the only avaliable procedure mich could be atilised miformly fow the entire maple. The tosts, when retarnod, wert scored end put on profilo
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The resultw indseated thet the writ aid aiscrimingte between eximineis and their non-criminal brothers. The Aifferences vere agnifieant at the .01 level of eonficence on ix of the nine climicelly signiricant scales with the most acrixing sifference on the Fsyohopathic Deviate seale. The correlaticna vere lcw and insignificant
 the twa growas. The thre velidatins scales east cme coubt cm the valiatity of the rearita as they indiested that the brothers atterpted to falsify their soures more
 able 1 ight, and they were better motiveted towards achieving Bood secrea than their crimingl brothers. The Inmates vere more carelasa in enavering the itwen, and had greator difficult in underatanding thom. That a entwous interpretition of the resulta if necosasy was further abstantiated by the Initations of the experimental reooedure, and by the effect or not equating such varinblea as age and posibly scelo-
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Instrument is the 等innesots Multiphasio Personality Inventory. ${ }^{2}$

## I. TRE PROBL

3tstement of the problem. It was the purpose of this study to investigate the eapacity of the $\operatorname{maxi}^{3}$ to differentiate significantiy between oximinals and theis non-criminal brothers. Brothers vere acleoted for this study since it provided a control situation in which at least a relative degree of ecrum hereditary and environmental factora vere prosent. If it can be assumed that criminality as vell as calinqueney is the overt manifestation of basio personality maladjustment then a greater degre of personality maledjustwent can be oxpected from the eriminal brotherg.

Importance of the study. Dornonstrating that criminsis are or are not ignificantiy different from thoir non-criminal brothers in sceial and psychological characteristica vill be oviconce in favor of or againat the

2 By Starke R. Eathavay and I. Charnley Mosinley. Published by The Fayonologicai Corporation, Hev York, new York.

3 The abbreviation of the Minnesota Multiphasia Personsilty Inventory used tbove will be used in the remainder of the paper.

4 Capwell. op. ett** Dp. 289-297.
ocntantion that there is a erininnl type. sines boreditsry axd envircmontal frotora awe premably more neariy alike for ibling than non-siblings, any demonstrated significant differences vill more nearly represent true aifferenees. It would be of ennidersble value to probstion orficers and rehabilitation officials of a prisen aystem to have an instrument which actualiy Airferentiates significantly betweon criminals and non-criminals.

## II. DEPINTITOMS OF TMNA USD

Criming. Sinea priacn samples are not representative of the total criminal population tho tom "criminal" is used to represent those men who are aerving time in tho Texal Friscn system.
 those men tha have not served a sentence in prison.

Porenality. since there is areat deal of confusion and uncertainty over the existence, number and lind of perscnality twaits, the tern "personality" throughout this tuady refers to watever it is that the nine elinLoally signiricant sub-acales of the RuPI claim to measure.

Extatory of the exolanation of exime. The prineipal explanation of crime curing medieval and early modern times vas that "orime wes tue to tnnato topreyity and the instigation of the devil."1 From this freme of weforence the clasilcel sohool of criminal lev and ariminology developed which hat its basis in hedonlatie paychology. Accoritingly, tha ploesures anticipatod from a certain act may be balanced sgainst the pains entioipated from the sase act. The assurpo tica was that the indiviausl hed a free will, and vould reke his decision with reference to the hodoniatis explanation alone. Lombroso ${ }^{2}$ and his follcwers turned attention from erimes to eximinals thus laying the foundation for tho stuty of the individual eximinal. The esential points or his theory thech have boen subsequently largely discountod *re as followi (a) Crimingls are a latinot type by birth. (b) Imis typ oan be revogntzed by atignata or ancmaliea such es esymotrical aranium, Long lowar jew, Clattoned nose, scanty beard, and low senaltivity to pain. (o) These stizmata show that tha criminal is eithore a moversion to

[^0]2 1B1..: pp. 4-6.
the savage type-metavism-or lae la dogonerato and ossccializ of the spileptotid type. (a) Because of his mature, the typical criminal comot refrain from crime unless the ciroumstanees of hiw ilfo are unusually favor2ble. Tarde ${ }^{3}$ aid not agreo with the theory of a constitum thonal criminnl bype. Ee bellevod that orime has a social gonesis which operates especially through vhat bo called Iavz of inftation and suegestion. Tho debato between the mhools of Treme and Lombroso resulted in a general acceptance of the "rultiple factor" thecry of criminality inaluding sll kines of factors, both individual and socim, vichin the total explanation. The diffioulty inherent in this theory is that the quelitative and quantitative melaLicos betwern tho several factors are not known. Present cay theories and emphases may be cateroxized as biologiosi, perwonality, primary social groups, and broater scoial prom cesses. Suthorland bellowes that "the confliat of cultures is . . the fundamental prineiple in the explamstion of
 a msow factor in orim caumetion while Hoaly maintainod that mental abonmiltiea and peculierities were the maln

[^1]causes of celinquency, wereas wnravoreble hom ecnaitions cuid bed companions were second in importance. 5

Prexent tatus of the reoblens. In the preceding soctica the raniliaz conflies ia prasented betwoen heredity and environaent. Both classen of thoorles heve tha serte basio, underiying essumptiont that ariminals axe dusitatively elfrerent from the gencral population, and represent a distinct type or alasa. In recent yeare the goneral "type" appecach to cximinel behavior has beon ropiaced by - more indivitual, gestelt approash. This appronch meinteins that hereditary and envirommental feators dynamically interect upon cas another, and the us total of all the forese effecting the personality integration of any given individual result in an organization different frow the mere sunamation of its parta. In order to understand the criminal it is noceasamy, therefore, to undergtand all the forces which bsve influeneed thet particular individual within his total, unique personality structure. On cannot study isolated fectore moloculam aspeath of the personality atrueture of the individual criminaly one mast stuay the whole of gestait. so as has been steted, it seeras to follow that ariminal typo, per se, toes not exist, in Light of ocntemporary thought.

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In a very thorough study, schuesslow and Cressey ${ }^{6}$ evaluated all the published studies on the abjeet or personality difforances between ariminals and non-oriminals as detexmined by objeotive teste of personality, and came to the conclusion that as orten as not, the evidence farored the view that personality traits are Alstributed in the erfainul population in about the atme vay as in the genaral population. Freeman pointed out that:
> ... Vo have sought to impese upon these violatcrs a distinct type or personality in order to account for their eriminslism $* *$, mat actualiy conos into court is a anstant stream of personalities representing the averago sturt out of thioh ous population in composed. Among that delinquent group vili be found no zuoh specinal combination of paychologicel or cociologital forces as claimed by cur criminologists.7 shields ${ }^{8}$ points out that the way cne raacts to his environment is more cependent upon the organization of the indiviCual than the etimulus to which one reacts. As far as oriminal reaction is eoncerned, it is not explained by the nature of the stimulus, but is cepentent primarily upon the indivitual-his original entoments plus the ohanges which have been eaused by pest experiences and disease.

[^2] Joumnel of oxtminal Paychonstholoxy, 4: 290-305, 1042.

8 J. A. Shtelde, "rwelve Thousand criminals," Soumal of criminal Lay ent crifinolog. 28: 806-8i4, 1938.

Erevtous investigetiona of craminality. In a tudy bowing airectiy on this investigation, Freoman ${ }^{9}$ compared Juvenile delinquents end their non-delinquent brothers using the chlifornia Personality fest, ${ }^{10}$ The results supported the contention that there are no ensential dipferances in emotional or social behavior botween the delinquent group and theip non-delinquent brethers. He compared the nown of the delinquant group with those of tho genersl outsine population and found no essential Afferences. Eo noted that a limilay number of severe personality diacreers characterized both the delinquents and their non-delinquent brothera. Freoman concluded that overy adult eriminal, in one way or anocber, presents a personality problem. Though his conduct on the whole is no different frow the average personality in the outside population his symptom fints its expression in a soaial area which happens to sonstituto a violetion of the Lav.

The ability of the zurg to discriminate between delinquent and non-delinquent girla wes domonstrated by Capwell. 11 Using 101 delinquent girls the thanesota

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state school ros arris end 85 non-delinquents in the Publie Schoola of saur Contre. Minnesota a peychological examination inaluding the kipi was administered and thon readministered from four to firteen mention later. A wtung of the
 tisto between tha two groups in a satisfactory fashion. On the basis of these resuits, with the exception of the Lie and Hysteris scales on the firat teat and the Hysterla ecale on the second test, the delinquent girls ave more similar in their responses to patienta ued in the standardization of the nyPI than are the non-delinquent girls. The mont pronounced Alfferonces are on the Isychom pathic Deviate and Farenola scalea, but evon whore tho seorez are nof equivalent to a $\frac{1}{3}$-beore of 70 over; the eritericn for significant maleajum wont, they atill are furthor toward the malajustant and of the mosie than are the georea of the non-delinquents.

[^3]A a consequence of capwell's stuly, honaches1 ${ }^{12}$ attompted to ascertain if the Inventory vould eontinue to differentiste betweon delinquent end non-delinquont girls, and also to ilscover if it would airferentiate between delinquont and non-delinquent males. Though the exitical ration calculated for most of the aeales veren't es high aia those reported by Gapwoll, they were high enough to concluds that the Inventory continued to Alfferentiate satisfactorily between delinguent and non-delinquent females. It is impossible, howover, to twhe any such statomont with fererence to the resulter of males. Accoring to the critioal ration obtained, the wer is unablo to difforentiato betreen malo dalinquents and non-colinquents in econsiatent fashion. Differences in everage scores on six of the soalms (Cuesticn, Valldity, Hypochontriasia, Masculinity-Femininity, Farencia, schizophwaia) wogulted in oritichl watiog which foll below the five pereent leval of Eignifleance. None of the oritical ratios calculstod pore aleforonces in averege scores vas ignificant at the ons percent level of confiConce. It was noted, too, that on the Hypochondriasis,

[^4]Nasculinity-pemininity, Psyohas thenis, Schisophrenis, and Hypomania acalea the ncm-lelinquent meles aobieved aignificantly higher everage seores than delinquent males.
tonacheai offars everal poasible explanation to ncoount for tho veriations in tho Inventory's eapacity to
 delincumbty. Tateing into considoration mowe of the chareotoristics of the semplos of non-Celinquant malew, it mas be that he ccrpared indiviouals wo stand side by fide on a behaviow continume and the dividing lino that exiate betwoen thom is morely cna which is crawn by the fact of appretensicn and adjudication. That this may have happened is indicated by the fact that ons of tha avored purposes of the organizations used to draw tho non-dolinquent ample is tho prevention or modification of bohaviow probleng in boys. Whon appliod to fomalia, howover, this explenation has questionale plausiblitty. Thougia the foreale and male non-delinquast groxps resemblo cme exother in purposes and in goneril crganizstion, they cater to an entirely different olicatele and the members of such female groups are on the whole individumis tho $i o$ not doviat to eny ecasiderable degree from tha norvel. Anothes possible explanation ia that a perticn of the delinguency asacciated with the malo sex is botuvios whicin is induced by the soetal enviroment
rathor than springing Frow the emotional pattern of the inaivicual delinquent while the mose reatrioted behavioral onvircument of females prescribed by our culture vould soen to rantor most of fomale delinquoncy and erfminality primarily a function of the temales' inability, Decause of personality dofecta, to play tho compantional solon inposed upon thow by society. Homachasi wises a Plnal point in that in teating fesale aslinquants tho have been mbjected to the procesabs of aseovery, appohonsion and adjudieam tion ho may bo tweting individuais tho, because of the cifun with which society pogarin tho doviant femslo, ex
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Desexiction of the Mre. Tho Inventory is made up of thirtoon gealea cesignod to mons ure how the responses of the indivitual tested is sidilay to the zeaponses made by the standardization group. Tha atendardization group ansists of stampo of porsons clinteally ilagnosed as nuffering from evveral eategories of enotional ilsturbances. In interprotation, 1 teras responded to as eithor tme cr falee aw scored accoxing to empirionily derived scoring kegz. Tho xav acores are then tramsiated into a scale of etandawd seoves with an everage value of fifty and a bordorline value of eventy. In general, the higher the score is stove Ifry the more siguiricant is tho deviaticas the test is available in either a card or bookiot rom.

For the purposes of this stucty the bocklet fom of the Inventory was used. It contains 563 atetements for Which en enswew aheet is provided. Actually the Invontory ccataina 550 itoms but sixtoen 1 teras have been duplicated to facilitate secring. At the present time the rirst 367 itoms plus seven other I-scale itras are the cniz ones scored for the thirteen cealea ncw in uat. The rersaining 1toms posisivy will be used in subsequant develoment of
 Bystea who have taken tho NuFI had the mhont 373 itom group form thus including ail eowed iters. It vas comed cosirable, therefore, to arminister the ate short, eroup form to the mperimental grous of brother of the imatos.

Thre of tho thirteen seales ave used fow validation purposes. The rimat of these is the Guestion seove (i) computod by eounting the number of items to vhioh the subject has not responded. The ansver sheets fos the
 Syztem ware ingpestod and if more than one out of iffteon items vere not responded to, the test vas ocnaidered invalid. The actual number of 1 tems to vhich the subject ald not respond was not cowputed. tha same procedure vas followe for tise experimantal grow of brothers. The seond validating seore is the Lio scome (L). This is cesigned to meesure the desree to wich tho subject may be attemptins to fulaify his ecores by chooming those plecing him in tho most acciaily accoptable 1ight. the third is allod the Validity meore (y). A high acore on this seale indieates that the nujest was olthey careless In selecting his responses on was unaislo to understand the meaning of the statemonts in tho inveatory. A fourth scale, the g segie (K) is basieally a "aompotion factor"
fow sharpening the discrimingtory valuo of several of the other sales, but is not clinically significent in itself.

The remainint zine sales masure the degree to which the subject's reaponsea are similer to incivicuais who have boen olinicaliy diagnosed as being arfliated with pychological cisebilities by the neuro-psychiatric starf of the ruiversity of Binnesota Hospitals. The rirat of thes danotes the eimilarity in response or the tostee to persona ufforing frow hypochondriasis (tho no scaio). Anothos scala indicates the similarity in response of those tezted and parmons diaznosed at eufforing from teprossion (tho D seale). Also, the hystorin seale (Hy) measurss the Cegree to mbeh the subject in IIk patients who havo aveloped conversicn-type hysteria yuptoms. In atcition,
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sensitivity, and delusions of persecution, and wo wore diagnoset as parancin, paranold stete, of paranold schizophrenia. Another, the paychasthenia scale (Pt), moasures the similarity of the ubjeet to psyohiatwic patients plagued by phobles or compulsive behnvics. The Inventory also comtaina a cale measuring tha similazity of tho testee's xesponses to patients arfileted vith the syuptcas
 Withamaval. This is ealled the shisophrenis acale (30). Finally, the iypownia neale (in) ${ }^{1}$ mopsures the cegree to which pexsons tested are 1ike in theire responses to persons who are oharacterized by overproduetivity in thought and action. ${ }^{2}$

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 rous thousane imates ntating in wov. 1949 up to the the of the sampling. Theytmon wowe givan the tost within the Smat fev asy of thets arxivi wich while not elininat1ng tho effeot of prisen Ilfo frow theiw tet socms, would do so neswiy powsible. Invates who had some into the TY before Now. 194s hat not been givan the Mry . since prinon envixamont wes che of the fastors to be controlzad as neawl as poasible. It was coonod daswable to oliminato from the sample all ixnatel who ware aervint tine botore







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This was get arbitwarily as it was folt that an oducationnl age of lesm than 5.0 would result in an RMPI profilo of questicnable velidity beasuse of not materntending the aireoticns or tha test itors thamelves. ${ }^{6}$ The sayple ves chosen with respect to the aveilability of the inmats is brothors in the froo worla. First or all, the inmatos had to have brother, and seconely, the beother's wherenbouts had to bo known. In the event there wes moxe than one brothor, the ono nearest in chrcmelcgical ags to the imwto was chosen. Cxiginaliy the experimontal cesign was set up to limit arbitrarily the difforence in ages between tho innate and his free world brothes, but this was found to be impractical bocause of the other factors mastioting the size of the marpie.

Thus, the abjecto for this experimont were chosen mendcals from the aiphebettcal indom rila of all active inmatos of the TPS. The samplo was rostriated to thoge who hat been $\mathrm{g}^{2} v e a$ the estri upon eatrance, had an ctucstional ase of at leat 5.0 as measured by the gtontord Achtovement pest, and had an avilable brothew in the free world. Tho ast infforences between inwtes sut their brothers wepe not controlied because of tho neosssity of obtaining a sample of cequato size.

[^5]The min problow in tho expeximantal procedure ves to determine the most practical method of edminietaring the wrix to the brothers in the free vorla. Upoa inspection of the total potential smple of three humared, it was found that the brothers wers settered thoughout the altiem and town of texes mainly, but trepa was alio e mepresontation from the evoral tatos. The oniy way all these men could bo thetted was to send thon the teat through the mall, have tham tuk the test thanselves, and retum it through tha mail. this proesture is conaderred feasible by le. Starice M. Hathavey, the co-authoy of the vtry. 7 Thie method has 1ta pources of errow the poasciblilty of the brother conforring with members of his fawily while mariking his responses, has not undorataniing the direations, a tendency to be overcautious in ansuering the statemants beesuse his criminal brother wes involved, taking too much isim to competa the tost. In spite or thase 1imitations, sonding tha teats through tho mail, ant havina thom esif-aministered was the oniy svaileble procedure which oould be utilized unt formiy for the ontire ample, In adition to a lettar of explanaticn, the toat booklet end answer shoet.

[^6]and a acmped, adcressed retum onvelope, an instruction and information shaet was included. ${ }^{8}$ on this, the subject vas given gomerel instructions for taving the test, and saked to give information concerning cate of birth, 1 ast grade ocmpleted in school, number of tinos, it any, arrestod, and nurbas of times, it any, in rercan mehool wind prisch. The tests, when returnot, vere scored ard put on profile shoets. of the three sundred lettera malled, 126 testa vero recetvec wian were acoroblo, ox $42 \%$ cs the 226, thety were invalic, cx 24,

Linctations of the gtuoy. One of the basto inadoQuactes of a tudy of personelity differences relates to the vagueness of the eoncept "porscmality*" There is a grent doal of uncortaintry and ecnfusion eoncorning the number and kins of personality trait mich makes a esutious aprroach to interpretaticn of pera onailty tost result necessayy machay es eriminality is concemed. there is no indioation that criminal behaviow is the result of a certnin perscnality trait of that the treit is the result of ariminal exporienoen. It wight be thet peracnality factors and arminal bohviow axe warely ocrreletes, both being tho fumation of a thind condition or set of contitions wioh as factom afroctiz the incividusl's

[^7]participetion in a oulture (0.8., gge and socio-econcmic stetus). It vould be unvise, also, to extand conolusions based on mamples of prisoners to the oriminal population because:

1. Prison amples not representative of the criminal populstion.
2. Answors mey be unveliable because of the priscn situation.
3. Frisongexperience may produce changes in the perscnality.

These are ane of the scurces of error in the experiment having to do vith the inmate brothers. The 11 itations concerning the experimental procedure in obtsining FWPI profiles on tho free world brotherg have been emumerated abov (p. 19).

It is necessary to considor, too, that the maple was restricted in the sense thst no insate was used vith an educational of lets then 5.0 so there is no sampling of 䋨I proriles of this below 5.0 group. In this comneotion 1t should be notod that a much larger percentage of Negro and Hexican inwaten sore below 5.0 on the gtenford Aphiovement Test then to whito insates. the experimental sample, therefore, coes not inelude a representative empling of the racial populations in tho Tr马. The etuey

[^8]is Iimited also in that it loos not includa a mapling of tho 1 names who were aerving texna berore the testing program was initiated. In addition, the study is restrieted by the inadequacies of the teating instrument itacif. The WMPI, being of the a-ealled objective paper and penoil variety, has the comon fault of these tests in that tho tastoe may daliberately falsify reaponses in orcer to misrepresent himelf, especialiy if he is able to "weo through" the questicas. Thls may elter results on the WPI notwithstending the so-cailed "Lie 3cores" in the writer's opinicu. The standardization group of the DWPI may bo too narpow or unrepresentative of the eonerel population, confined es it is to individuals in a certain sub-culture, pationts at the miversity of Rimesota Kospitals, and faraily and frienas who vistited them. Furthemore: it would be wather cirficult to derine satisfactorily the nino clinicolly signifieant sub-scales so that everyone vould agree. Finally, the assumption that the effects of ocrson bereditary and environmontal influmgen ating on brothers is hign is open to guesticn. For xample, cocoxilng to stutios meds, the avorsge 1 evel of persomality compolations ca giblings is only.19.10

[^9]It may be that the main valuo of using brothers is that it st least insures to moment, some imilarity of hereditary end environmental influences on the subjects including roughly equated socio-econcmic status,

## CKAPTER IV

## RESurs And Dxacusion

Chargeterstates of the Eroums. The moan age of the imuates was 26.25 while that of the brotherw was 29.17 . The median age of the inmate ves 24 an of the brothers 27. Though the modian ages in both ceses vere Icwer, the ame relationship extated; namely, the brothers were, on the everase, approximately three yeara older than the Imates. Tho last erede coupleted in school was approximately the ene for both groups: the mean for the inwatos was 8.92; for the brothers 9.53 y the medien fors both inmates and brothere was nine* these data are compiled in Table I.

## TABLI I




|  | A 3 |  | Iast orsta complotod |  |
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|  | Hean | Netist | Hecn |  |
| Inuxtes | 26.25 | 24 | 8.92 | 9 |
| Brobhexe | 29.17 | 27 | 9.58 | 9 |

Usins brothers erved the purpoa of roughy equating for socio-econcale status es voll es enviromental
background. The sample included elghty one whites, soven Hexieang, nd lght Hegroon. Aditional characteristics of the irmates are found in Teble II. The moan ofucational age and man I.Q. vere 7.9 and 92.6 roppoctvely. These data vere not available for the brothers. Tho inmate group included a represontetive ampling of the different types of offenses as seen in Table III. The olassification

## TABLIS II

 M FONA mink THE SAMPLZ BY RACR IS ALSO SHCNW

of offenses is not olearcut encugh to prevent scme overlapping end confusion, but it in possible to get an overviev of the varieus offenses and how they were distributed in the sample. orfeng thaft houd the list, cowprising almost one-kalf the sample with robbowy by assauly, murcer, forgery, end sex orimes rolloutng in that order.

## TADH2 1 II


 FIVE CATEGORIES
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Roobery uy Assanty ..... 24
nobbory by Assault-7omery3
 ..... 2
Murder ..... 8
Wuxies nith vinlee ..... 2
*urcies vith matice-3usciary ..... 1
Nurdes without melice ..... 1
Asstalt to Muxics ..... 1
Foresw ..... 6
Forgery and Fessing ..... 4
Forgory and possessum ..... 1
Datraud Chock ..... Chock ..... 1
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Wapo ..... 2
Rapo and Euxglayy

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9
Total ..... 95

Resulta. of the 126 NRPI's received, thirty wero invelid by reason of either the $L, F$, of $\mathbb{X}$ scores reaching a T-score of over 70. The 96 remesning pairs constitute the sample.

It can be mean by examining Table IV that the pmpr Aleariminated clearly between the inastes and their brothers on six of the cliniosily fignificant mb-sceles. The Aifferences betroen the mean seorea on the $D, \mathrm{Hy}, \mathrm{FA}, \mathrm{Pa}$, Pt, end go sceles were ignifteent at the . 01 level of confidence so that in oniy one time in a humared would we expect those differences to caaur by chance. At the .05 lovel of conflidance, meaning that in only five times in a huncred would we expect the aifresences to occur by chance factors, in dedition to the $1 x$ scales onumerated above, the tif scale we algnificant. The mean difference on the His cale va not siguricant though in tho unerpeoted directicn, i.e., the brothers, mean was higher.

Of the three valicating scaios oniy tha $P$ seale chowst the inmatos scorine highes on the average tham the brothers. The eifference was significant at the . Ol level indicating that, eat soxp, the innates vere more oureless or more unable to comprehend the items than the brothers. The L and I sore both showe aifferences in the unexpected diroction. The K soove mean difforence vas significant at the .05 level; the 1 seore at the . 02 level. This

## TASH IV

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| Mesn <br> ealo <br> InM. | Bro in Kian |  |  |  |  |  | - P1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| * 13.84 | 5.14 | 1.30 | .33 | 3.94 |  |  | . 0.07 |
| F | 3.84 | 1 | 36 |  |  | 2.58 | . 107 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1.96 | $\begin{aligned} & 8.53 \\ & 2.58 \end{aligned}$ | . 07 |
| K 13.98 | 25.20 | 1.22 | . 60 | 2.03 |  | no | . 13.07 |
| - \#is 14.67 | 15.60 | .93 | . 66 | 2.42 | 1. | 2.58 | 3.07 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 2.96 | 2.53 |  |
| D 21.50 | 18.78 | 2.72 | . 67 | 4.06 | Fes | Fes | . 07 |
| Hy 21.54 | 19.26 | 2.23 | . 72 | 3.22 |  |  | . 01.07 |
| Pa 28.15 | 21.38 | 6.78 | . 58 | 11.69 | y9\% | \%9\% | . 08.07 |
| 23.44 | 21.85 |  | . 7 | 2.27 | 1.96 | ${ }_{\text {2. }} \times 18$ | 01 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 2.96 | 2.58 |  |
| Pa 20.29 | 8.62 | 1.47 | . 49 | 3.00 |  |  | .08.07 |
| Pt 28.18 | 23.38 | 4.80 | .67 | 7.16 |  |  | . 02.07 |
| se 27.15 | 23.15 | 4.00 | . 74 | 5.42 |  |  | . 07.07 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1.96 | 2.58 |  |
| Ka 20.53 | 20.20 | .33 | . 56 | . 59 | no | no | .08.07 |

" Exothers' scores are higher than inmates.
seens to indieat that the brothora were more motivatad towar stiting good scores than the innates, end also that the brothers attempted to ralsify theis scores wore than the inmetes by choosing responses plecing them in more acocptasle light socially.

A corparison of the average scones of the two groups is presented graphicaliy in Figure I. Althougia there were afgificant diferences on severnl of the scalos, tho oniy one wich had a T-scome of cyer 70 meking it cilnisally significent wes the Psychopathie Deviate scale. The innate wooren, in general, however, vere more towards the maladjusted end of the geale than those of their brothors. This trend is borne out by examining Tabie $V$ showing that, on ell acales, there were many maro inates with w-scores of 70 above than brothers. On the Pa scale 64 out or 96 or two out of three inmatos seoved 70 or ebove, whilo onjy 9 of the brothers scowe 70 or above.

## TABLS V

 ABOVE CN EACH OF THE CLIHICALIX SICNLTICAKM SUL-SCALES OF TER RHPI. I IS 96 POR EACK OROUP

| Sos7e | H3 | D | H5 | Pa | nr | Pa | Pt | so | Ka |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \%o. Imm* | 22 | 23 | 15 | 64 | 15 | 12 | 22 | 21 | 17 |
| \%o. Ero. | 4 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 2 |



Inmates

Brothers

FIGURE 1
Mean Raw scores and Tscores of 96 inmates and their 96 brothers on the MMPI

It is interesting to note that although brothers were use in this stuty, no aignirlcant relationships exiat betroen their zeozes on eny of the soales. Referring to Table IV, pase 28, none of the Pearson product-moment correletions was higher than f.19, indicating very ilttlo relationship between the scores made by the inmates and theif brothers. six of the tvelve correlations wero slightis negative, the range being -.14 to f.19 on all twelve. Thase correletions were a littla lower than those reported in the ilterature between siblings on pergonality characteriftics, but in any case they were insignirieant. ${ }^{2}$

Discussion. The results ostained in this study were at variance with thoge reported by Freoman ${ }^{2}$ and wonechasi. 3 Frempen found no significant alfrovences between juvenile delinquents and their non-delinquent brothers as messured by the Celifornie Personglity Test, while tonechesi reportwa sivilsw remult with comparable groups of delinquents end non-delinquents ueing the mpr. since ignificant differences wore round on amjority of the scales of tho Nopx in thi investigetion of the pepsonality chameteristies of imntes nat their free world

[^10]2 see Chapter II. D. 8.
3 See Chaptor 12, p. 10.
brothers, several explenstions may be offered to sccount for those alfforences.

The first of these explenations involves a consideration of son of the characteristics of the samples employed In this atudy. As indicated previousiy, aciomeconomis status was assumed to be equated for the two groups inasmuch as they were brothers, this was not nocessarily true es the brothers may have achieved a higher mooio-oeonomic position tue to their being older on the average, or becsuse as brothers reach maturity they tend to aplit away from each other and their family and trike out for themselves. That the brothers vere three yeara clicer on the averag than the immas may be en important factor. Two out of every three were older than their innate brothers. The exact role of age in relation to eriminality is not clear. It is not possible to sey, with any degree of certsinty, that oximinality is a funetion of ege, but there is general agrement that it is a function of the social. economic, and enotional seaurity of the individusl. That social, econcaic, end emotional security is, in part, a function of age is also gemerelly agreed. Iven though it is impossible to make individusl predictions, one can say there is a tendency for olase persons to be more stable and amenable to the restrictions of cociety, and
to have achieved greater degree of eacncmio security than younger ones.

Another possible explanation to eccount for the results of this investigetion stems from an anslysis of the average scores of the two groups on the vaildating scales. That the Lie score difference ves significent at the . 01 level of confidence in favor of the brothers, indicates that the brothers possibly attempted to falsify thoir seores move than the immtes by choosing responses placing them in a more acceptable light socially. That the brothers vere move motivated cowards achieving good scorea than the invates wes indicated by the X soore mean aifference being aignifioant at the . 05 level in favor of the brothers. The $F$ or validating scalo showed a significant afference at the 01 Level in favo of the immets. Thus the inmates vero more cerreless and hat greater inability to corprehend the items than the brothers. $A 11$ three valldating eales, therefore, are consistent, and provite a plausible explanation for sca of the larce aifferences found on the elinicelly significant scales. If it in true that the alfrerenoes are not true aifferences, then the $L$, F, and $X$ scales hav ecoquately served their purpose by casting doubt on the velidity of the results. Lending support to the bbove-menticned doubt of the velidity of the results is the experimental procefure

1tsolf. By gending the tests to the brothors who answered the items vichout suporvision or time limit end vith posible colluaion by members of their families, tends to support the ecneluaions in the precoding paragraph that the brothers attempted to falsify their scoves, and were more motivated towarde achteving good acores than the imates. That their eximinal brother was involved would tend to make them oven more eatious and more motivated. However; the tests vere administered to the inmates under close apervision within a fou days after their arrival at muntsvilie. The chances are that their morale and motivation were at a low point inasmuch as they were just beginuing prison tems, the first fev days at Huntsville are spent in quarantine, and the priscon enviroment generally is not too pleasant. Thon, too, taking the Mwy as part of a battery of psychological tests was not voluntary. Finaliy, willingaess voluntarily to take the test and return it to the TPS involved aslection factor which may have biased the brothers * waple.

> Fonsible explanations for the results of this orperiment include difforeness in age and soeio-econcmic status of the two groupe, more Iying and speator motivaticn towaris echieving good seores by the brothers as revealed by the $\mathrm{L}, \mathrm{F}$, and K geales, a blesed sample of brothors, end the experimental procedure itsolf of a ocmbination of all
of these.

Several possibilitiea can be offered to explain why the brothesg vere better motivated towarda getting gocd seores. One possibility is that they vanted to avold comparison with their criminal brothar because of similer personality charectoristios and the sooial stigmin involved. Cn the otber hana, they might have felt that getting good socres would, in some way, bolp theip brothers in prison although nothing of the sort vas statid or implied in the letter of introduction. ${ }^{4}$ Furthermore, there is a naturel tendency wen taking a perwonnlity test to try and present oneself es a nomal indivitual.

In spite of tho several limitstions noted above, the results of this investigation might have represented true differences between criminals ent their non-ariminal brothers. While the writer does not belleve a opininal typo on types an be hypothesized on the basis of the MNPI at the present time, if the difforences are valid ones, on can postulate that pormonality maladjustment is a correlate of criminal bohavior and the kNPI hes tho oapacity to measure it. It is a questionable procedure to formulate Cymamie personslity coscriptions on the besis of WRPI profiles in termas of type of neurcais or psyohosis or
other more specifio category, but the test does permit elagnosis in terma or neurotic or psychotio synarones. 5 The question would then arise as to how the nourotio and paychotic syndrones of criminals differ from those of noncriminal neuroties and paychotics. Further research with the MMPI along these ines is needed. Furthemore, it would be valuable to run an itom analysis of the IMPI profiles of a criminal population vith spocial resonenos to the Fsyehopethic neviste sosle which, of all the scales, sems to afferentist betwoen criminals and nom-criminals most significontig.

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SWTHART AMD CONCLUSICTS

Sumary. A group of 96 imates in the Texas Prison Syatem and thaip 96 inee world brotherg vore tested vith tho Mili. Differentiation betweon the tro groups ves meanured by computing the significance of the differencs of the monn mecres fow each groxp, and the Facrsom was calculatad for esch of the twive sub-scales. It was found that tho RupI Alseriminated the innates from thoir brothera in degree of personality odjustmont. Th difforences were significant st the .01 Level of ecnftacnee on six of the nine scales: Deppessice, Hyteria, Paychopathie Deviate, Paranols, Psrchas thenia, and sohisophrenis. The most etrixing Cirferences vere found on the Paychopathie Deviate scelo vith the Fsychas thenta and schitophrenite seales following in that orter, the correlstions were 100 and insignificent indicating littie relationship between scores mode by the two gremps. The rango of the Pears on w's was $\mathbf{x c m}-.14$ to $/ .29$. Ths brothers wore time yeare cler on the everage than the inwates, but both groups had the same average grade completion level.

The three validsting soalos cast some louby on the validity of the results. They revealed that the brothors attempted to falaify their weores ao es to put them in a
more socialiy acceptable light than the inatoss, and the brothers vere better motivated tovards achieving good scores. The Inmstes were move careless and unable to understand the items. Other possible explenations wore the olforence in age and wolo-economio status of the two groups, and the experimentel procedure itself.
conolugtong. nta wesults of this experiment les to the following conclusionas

1. The MIPI seoms to have suffieient diseriminatory caceaity to fustify its ontinued wase in tha study of criminais and non-criminals.
2. Though the MPI did dacreneinste the inwates from their brothers 1.n circrea of persomality aljustant, further study of this problom is noedod undor mores controlled conditions *
3. Tha faychopathis Deviate seala seems to bo aspecisily valuable in discriminating between the two Eroups.

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APPEMDICES

## APPENDIA A

SANPLE LIMTER

## Apri1 30, 1951

Mr. Jchn Dos
6046 R10
San Antonio, Texas
Deaf Mr. Doe:
When a man cones to the Texas Prison 5 Pstem he is Biven a aries of tosts one of whion is a persmality test. We have given this test to over fous thousend (4000) ron as they entered the prison. Wo find that most of these men have gomo comon personelity traits, and ve wonder if the nen in the heo world difiew or are the same as the men in the prison in personality charecteristics.

Bnce a nutber of the men here zisve brothers on the outside, we vould find it heipful to know if these tosts shoy difforemoes for the two brothers.

Would you help as by pilling out the ferscmainty Inventory sheat enclosed harewith? Instructions and e return envelcpe are atteched so when you heve completed the markings send the answer sheot, test booklet, and the instruction and infcrmetion sheet back to us framediately. It is essential that you retum the completed tost and otzar raterials within 72 hours.

Vo appreciato your aoperetion in hoiping us. If yiu should come to visit gour brother, I will be glad to taik with you pegarding the showings the two of you mene on these profiles.

Vory truly yours,

Rupart C. Koeninger, Ph.D. Director
gureau of Classification

SAMPLS IMSTRUCRTOM SHEMS IHSTRUCTIOW AND IHPOEMATION SHEST

Follow the directicns on the front cover of the test booklet. In warking your enswers be sure that the nuaber on the answer shoet is the seme the nusber of the atatement in the test booklet.

Tou will enawer AL工 questions from 2 through 366. After atetement 366 enswer orix those statemente which are eirclea.

Write your name on the ansver sheet. Indicate the date you take the test. There are apaces provided on the answer sheet for your nare and the date.

Fill in the information requested below. Flease print.

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