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This case originated at **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.**File No. **7-10**

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| Report Made at: Birmingham, Ala. | Date When Made: 10-2-33 | PAROLE REPORT | Report Made by: b7c |
| Name of Convict: JOHN ROBERT BARNES, alias "Dick" | | Name of Case: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al, Charles E. Urschel - Victim. KIDNAPING - BARNES - A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE. | |
| <p>On the morning of September 26, 1933, Convict was arrested at his home at Memphis, Tenn., at which time George ("Machine Gun") Kelly Barnes, with aliases, and Katherine Kelly Barnes with aliases, fugitives from justice, and wanted for the kidnapping of Charles Urschel at Oklahoma City, Okla., were found at Convict's home and were taken into custody. It developed that during the latter part of August and the first part of September, 1933, George R. Kelly had stayed at the home of Convict, that Convict had arranged for Kelly to purchase an automobile under a fictitious name; that he had purchased for Kelly an automatic pistol with extra clip and ammunition; that he furnished Kelly with food and magazines; that on September 22, 1933, Kelly returned to Memphis, Tennessee with his wife, Katherine, and a little girl, named Geraldine Arnold, and that Convict again furnished Kelly with a place to stay at his home; that during these visits Convict learned that Kelly, who was going by the name of George Barnes, was in fact the George Kelly wanted in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for kidnapping, but that he still continued to shelter him and assist him in his plans; that on September 25, 1933, convict received and sent certain telegrams for Kelly which communications were with one Langford Ramsey, who had been sent to Texas to make arrangements for Kelly to obtain a large sum of the ransom money which he had buried on a farm in that state.</p> <p>On October 6, 1933, Convict was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Jackson, Tenn., charged with harboring a fugitive from justice, for whom a process had been issued, well knowing that such was the fact, and he was also indicted for conspiring with one Langford Ramsey to harbor the said fugitive. He was arraigned in U. S. District Court, Memphis, Tennessee, on 10-13-33, entered a plea of not guilty, and trial was set for 10-21-33, on which date Convict was tried in U. S. District Court at Memphis, Tennessee and a verdict of guilty was brought in by the jury as to both indictments. Convict was on that date sentenced to serve six months in the Shelby County Jail, Memphis, Tenn., on the conviction of harboring, and was sentenced to serve two years in the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., on the conviction of conspiracy to harbor.</p> | | | |
| Approved and Forwarded: <i>W. A. Cline</i> Special Agent in charge | | 7-115-927 Bureau of Investigation OCT 30 1933 A M Department of Justice Routed to: <i>SPC</i> File: <i>SPC</i> | |
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harbor, the sentences to run consecutively and the jail sentence to be served first.

The aggravating facts in this case are that convict harbored and assisted two notorious criminals being sought all over the United States and who were wanted for a serious offense.

Convict is a white man, a citizen of the United States, a cripple, thirty years of age, married and has one child. He was born and reared in Marshall County, Kentucky and comes from a very good family. About four years ago he moved to Memphis, Tennessee with his wife and has been engaged in the used car business. Little is known of him at Memphis, but has had no previous criminal record in that city. Investigation by this Division develops that in 1928 Convict was indicted in Marshall County, Kentucky, one indictment charging obtaining of money under false pretenses, in that he was double financing automobiles; the other indictment charging the forging and uttering of a counterfeit promissory note. He was never tried on either indictment as his family reimbursed the injured parties. The Commonwealth Attorney at Paducah, Kentucky has advised that at the time of committing these offenses, convict was in financial difficulties, probably caused by excessive gambling.

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Chairman, Parole Board,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith for your information
copies of a parole report on LANGFORD POLAND RAMSEY with alias,
who has received a sentence for a term of over one year for
violation of KIDNAPING; HARBORING A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE.

As this Bureau has been instructed to furnish the
Director, Bureau of Prisons, a complete record of the crimi-
nal history of every prisoner as soon as fingerprints are re-
ceived from Federal penitentiaries, it is presumed that if
this subject has a previous criminal record it is now in your
file. If you have reason to believe that this prisoner has a
previous criminal record which does not appear in your file,
and you will notify me, I will be glad to have a further search
made for same.

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Very truly yours,

Director

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This case originated at **Oklahoma City, Okla.**File No. **7-10** **PM**

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| Report Made at: Birmingham, Ala. | Date When Made: 10-28-33 | PAROLE REPORT | Report Made by: b7C |
| Name of Convict: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, also known as: LAMAR RAYMOND BARNES, alias "Red" Ramsey. | | Title of Case: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases et al. - Charles F. Urschel - Victim. Kidnaping; Harboring a fugitive from Justice. | |
| <p>On September 26, 1933, George (Machine Gun) Kelly Barnes, with aliases, and Katherine Kelly Barnes, with aliases, were arrested at Memphis, Tenn. at the home of John C. Tichenor. These people were fugitives from justice and were wanted at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where they had been indicted for the kidnaping of one Char Urschel. Investigation developed that George R. Kelly was in fact George Kelly Barnes formerly of Memphis, Tennessee; that on August 29, 1933, when fleeing the law enforcement authorities of the whole country, Kelly came to Memphis, Tennessee, and there contacted convict, a former brother-in-law; that he advised convict that he was "ho" and wanted a place to stay for the night; that convict then arranged for Kelly to stay at the home of John C. Tichenor, and arranged with Tichenor to sell Kelly an automobile under a fictitious name, the car which the latter arrived in having stalled, and being turned over to convict. Kelly then remained at the Tichenor home until September 7, 1933 and each day convict was in his company, and they had a series of drinking parties. Kelly left Memphis on September 7, 1933, but returned on September 22, 1933 at which time he was accompanied by his wife, Katherine, and a girl named Geraldine Arnold, and he again was permitted to stay at the Tichenor home, where convict contacted him early the next morning, and arrangements were then made for convict to drive Kelly's automobile to Coleman, Texas to make arrangements for one Cass Coleman to meet Kelly at a later date with a large sum of the Urschel kidnaping ransom which Kelly had buried on the Coleman farm.</p> <p>On September 24, 1933 Ramsey left Memphis in Kelly's automobile and drove to Coleman, Texas, and contacted Cass Coleman but was advised by Coleman that he could not carry out the plan as the farm was surrounded by officers. Convict then drove to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for the purpose of obtaining some clothes for Katherine Kelly and then started back to Memphis. On the way back he learned of the arrest of Kelly and wife, and on his arrival at Memphis he proceeded to the County Jail to see about it, when he was taken into custody, which was on September 26, 1933.</p> <p>On October 8, 1933, convict was indicted by a U.S. Grand Jury at Jackson, Tenn., four indictments being returned against him; one charging harboring of George R. Kelly.</p> | | | |
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knowing him to be a fugitive from justice for whom a process had been issued; one with conspiracy to harbor Kelly; one with being an accessory after the fact of the crime of kidnaping; and one with conspiracy to violate the kidnaping statute. On October 13, 1933 convict was arraigned in the U. S. District Court at Memphis, Tennessee, at which time he entered pleas of not guilty to all indictments. On October 21, 1933 convict was tried in U. S. District Court at Memphis, Tenn., on the two indictments charging harboring and conspiracy to harbor, and a verdict of guilty was returned by the jury as to both indictments. On the same date he was sentenced by Federal Judge J. E. Anderson to serve six months in the Shelby County Jail, Memphis, Tenn., on the conviction for harboring a fugitive, and was sentenced to serve two years in the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., on the conviction of conspiracy to harbor a fugitive, the sentences to run consecutively and the jail sentence to be served first. No action is to be taken on the two other indictments pending against convict until the Circuit Court of Appeals has passed on the decision of Federal Judge Vaughn of Oklahoma City, Okla. in the conspiracy cases which were tried before him in the Urschel kidnaping case.

The aggravating circumstances of this case are that convict, an attorney-at-law, licensed to practice in the State of Tennessee, who as such was an officer of the Courts and had been engaged in the practice of law for about six years, assisted in harboring two notorious criminals who were being sought throughout the country. Convict is no blood relative of Kelly, being the brother of a divorced wife of Kelly.

During convict's contacts with George Kelly, whom convict had formerly known as George Kelly Barnes, he learned that he was in fact George R. (Machine Gun) Kelly, the man who was wanted at Oklahoma City, Okla. for the kidnaping of Charles Urschel, but he still continued to shelter him and assist him in his plans.

Convict is twenty-six years old, white, and a citizen of the United States, having been born at Mineral Wells, Texas on July 24, 1907. His father, now dead, was a levee contractor at Memphis, Tennessee, and on his death left his family considerable wealth, and convict has had every opportunity. He has been married, but is now divorced and has no children, and has been living at the home of his mother who apparently is a woman of good reputation.

The investigation of this case has developed no previous criminal record for convict.

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Oklahoma City, Okla.,
Oct. 26, 1933.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: George Kelly Barnes, with aliases,
et al
Charles F. Urachel, Victim
Kidnaping.

I attach hereto a complete list of the serial numbers
of all ransom money recovered in the Urachel kidnaping case,
in order that the Division may take such action as is desired
towards revising the list of outstanding numbers. The Federal
Reserve Bank branch at Oklahoma City is mutilating all of the
recovered bills and they will be retired from circulation.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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SERIAL NUMBERS OF RANSOM BILLS (RECOVERED MINNEAPOLIS)

(O. C. #7-6)

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| 00,517,630 | 02,665,431 | 03,566,647 |
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| 00,622,865 | 02,668,777 | |
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| 00,953,057 | | |
| 00,968,044 | 03,004,890 | 03,804,567 |
| | 03,018,673 | 03,805,439 |
| 01,958,211 | 03,020,991 | 03,829,537 |
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| 02,104,714 | 03,065,418 | 03,975,819 |
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| 02,629,393 | | |

SERIAL NUMBERS OF MONEY -

\$20.00 bills recovered from Bailey

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JO0819351A

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JO0920692A

JO1715721A

JO1790066A

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JO2258081A

JO2307105A

JO2586107A

JO2590724A

JO2610586A

JO2792186A

JO2792127A

JO2809439A

JO2865639A

JO3371246A

JO3421591A

JO3460064A

JO3460080A

JO3460083A

JO3486527A

JO3578389A

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JO3789457A

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JO4081531A

JO4720182A

54 \$20.00 bills.

LIST OF SERIAL NUMBERS OF MONEY -

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J00549252A
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J02305140A
J00372722A
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53 \$20.00 bills

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BILLS RECOVERED

From - Kelly

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224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 25, 1933

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c/o United States Attorney,
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

Re: George Kelly Barnes, with aliases,
et al. - Kidnaping.

In accordance with request received from the Birmingham office, I am transmitting under separate cover to you direct today one Browie, four-barrel pistol, Serial No. 1299, which was found in the home of J. C. Tichenor at the time of the arrest of the Kellys at Memphis, Tennessee. It is understood that this is the property of Mrs. Tichenor and you are requested to deliver same to her, obtaining her receipt.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Developments in the Kidnapping and Ex-
termination Cases During the Week Ending
October 27, 1933.

CHARLES F. WOODWARD,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma;
Kidnaping

On October 21, 1933, at Memphis, Tennessee,
Langford Ramsey, an attorney and brother-in-law of George
H. Kelly, and John C. Tichenor, at whose home Kelly was ap-
prehended, were convicted and sentenced to serve two years
and six months each on charges of conspiracy and harboring
a fugitive - George H. Kelly.

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420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1215 Smith-Young Tower,
San Antonio, Texas.

RE: George E. Kelly Barrow,
w.a.; et al.
KIDNAPPING.

Dear Sir:

Mr. J.E. Urschel of Mexia, Texas telephoned the Dallas office and stated that a [redacted] - a friend of his - told him that Kelly visited a friend near Waco, Texas, where he obtained a horse and saddle and rode for several days; that this place is owned by a man named Smith.

He states Kelly was in a big car, and after having his saddle repaired left in the car, but later came back with two women.

He is of the opinion that some of the Urschel money is buried on the Smith ranch near Waco.

You may desire to have an agent interview Mr. Urschel when one is again in Mexia, Texas.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. J. E. Smith,
United States Attorney,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

R. H. Shannon Bond

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request, I have had an investigation made by our Dallas office as to the sufficiency of the sureties who signed the bond of R. H. Shannon, and appended hereto, you will find the report of Agent [redacted] dated Oct. 21, 1933, as well as the original bond itself. The report appears to indicate the insufficiency of the sureties. b7C

You will recall my telephone conversation with you by long distance this morning, in which I told you of the request of Shannon's attorney that the bond be returned to the United States Commissioner at Fort Worth, for the adding of additional sureties. As I do not know the address of Shannon's attorney, I am returning the bond to you for such disposition as you may see fit.

If and when another bond is substituted, you desire further investigation, please advise me.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
Oct. 24, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
322 Post Office Bldg.,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir:

RE: George Kelly Barnes, with aliases,
et al
Charles F. Urzabal, Victim
Kidnaping.

Having reference to your letter of October 20, 1933, relative to certain personal property of George Kelly Barnes which was seized under search warrant from [redacted] of the Tourist Hotel at Biloxi, Mississippi, and forwarded to this office, I have to advise that on orders of the U. S. District Judge all of this property, with the exception of one Colt 45 automatic pistol, was delivered by me to the attorney for Kelly. The pistol is held at this office pending ballistic tests. The Kansas City office has requested it be shipped there but I have had some test bullets fired at this office and will forward the bullets and shells instead to Kansas City. If you desire the pistol returned to your office for delivery to [redacted] kindly so indicate. My understanding is that the amount of the Kelly bill at her place was only for one night's lodging and she is clearly not entirely to fifty or sixty dollars worth of goods in lieu thereof. Anyway, I cannot return to her the goods which were taken from me on court order and delivered to Kelly's counsel.

Very truly yours,

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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

October 24, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1216 Smith-Young Tower,
San Antonio, Texas.

RE: George Kelly Barnes,
W.A.; et al.
KIDNAPPING

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith certificates
of deposit in favor of MRS. FLOESSIE MAX ARNOLD to the San
Antonio Public Service Co. and the City Water Board of
San Antonio, which L.W. Arnold has requested be cashed for
him at San Antonio and the proceeds transmitted to him at
Dallas.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 27, 1933.

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Dear Sir:

Re: George Kelly Barnes, with aliases,
et al; Charles F. Urschel, Victim;
Kidnaping. Chicago File #7-26.

Reference is made to your letter dated October the 18th, in connection with the above captioned matter, and in reply thereto you are advised that the manner in which the car, V16, Cadillac Sedan, belonging to George Kelly, was located by this office is as follows:

On October the 16th, Mr. James C. Mathers, attorney from Oklahoma City who represented the Shannons during their recent trial, appeared at the Cadillac Motor Company located at 2301 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and presented a Power of Attorney signed by George Kelly and Katherine Kelly, authorizing him to take over the above mentioned Cadillac Sedan, which had been left there by Kelly on August the 10th, 1933, under the name of R. G. Shannon. [redacted] who is Comptroller for the Cadillac Company, then got in touch with the Chicago Division Office and informed us of Mr. Mathers request for the car. He also stated that after thinking of the name R. G. Shannon, he connected same with the recent Urschel kidnaping matter and wanted to know if we were interested in this Cadillac Car. Accordingly, Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis assigned Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] of this office, to investigate the matter and see if the Cadillac were identical with the car purchased by George Kelly in Cleveland, Ohio. It developed that this car was identical with the above mentioned car, and the same had been left there by a party who gave the name of R. G. Shannon, who stated at the time that he wanted certain repairs made thereon.

You are further advised that the Chicago Office had made considerable investigation in the vicinity of Joe Bergl's garage in Cicero, Illinois, for the purpose of locating instant Cadillac, also that investigation had been conducted in the vicinity of Abe Caplan's residence on the south side of Chicago, for the purpose of possibly locating this Cadillac in that vicinity. It was believed that the car had either been left with Bergl or Caplan, by reason of Kelly's statement to Special Agent in Charge J. M. Keith that he had left the car in Chicago with a friend, and it was assumed that because of his connection with Bergl and Caplan, one of them was undoubtedly the friend that he had

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This was a miserable piece of work.
Speaks to Purvis about it. 10/31/33 J. E. H.

You are also advised that the Cadillac Agencies and Storage Garages had been checked on the north side of Chicago, in the vicinity of the Astor Apartments, where George Kelly, his wife and Geraldine Arnold had lived from September the 17th up to September the 22nd, thinking possibly that the car had been left in the vicinity of that address, and while Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] were checking at one of the larger Cadillac Agencies on the north side, the Manager of that Cadillac Agency called the Manager of the Cadillac Motor Company at 2301 South Michigan Avenue, and requested him to make a thorough check of the cars on his floors, for the purpose of locating instant car at that time. At that time the motor number and Ohio License Number of the Cadillac were furnished to the Manager of the Cadillac Motor Company on South Michigan Avenue. The Manager of that place stated that he would make a check and would furnish the information the following day. Accordingly, the Manager of the Cadillac Motor Company at 2301 South Michigan Avenue was called by Special Agent [redacted] on the following day, at which time inquiry was made as to whether or not the instant Cadillac was located at that place, and Agent [redacted] was at that time informed by the Manager that they had been unable to locate this car.

You are further advised that on October the 11th, Charles Caplan, a local bootlegger who is a brother of Abe Caplan, was taken into custody for questioning by the Chicago Division Office in connection with his association with Kelly while Kelly was in Chicago. Charles Caplan was the original owner of the 1933 Chevrolet Sedan in which Kelly, Mrs. Kelly and Geraldine Arnold drove from Chicago, Illinois, to Memphis, Tennessee, on September the 22nd. On October the 14th, 1933, Joe Bergl and Abe and Morris Caplan were taken into custody for the purpose of being questioned by this office in connection with harboring and concealing Kelly and his wife while they were in Chicago between the 17th and 22nd of September. Abe and Morris Caplan are the individuals who own and operate the Michigan Avenue Beer Tavern, located at 1150 South Michigan Avenue.

On October the 14th a complaint was filed against Charles Caplan and Joe Bergl before the United States Commissioner at Chicago, charging them with violation of Sections 245 and 246, and Section 88, of Title 18, U.S.C.A., Section 245 being that section relative to obstructing service of process, and Section 246 having reference to harboring and concealing a fugitive, and Section 88 having reference to conspiracy to commit the above violations. On the same date, Charles Caplan and Joe Bergl were arraigned before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker, at which time they entered pleas of not guilty and their bonds were set at \$15,000.00, and in default of same they were committed to the custody of the United States Marshal.

On October the 16th, a complaint, identical with the above mentioned complaint, was filed against Abe Caplan, making him a party to the above conspiracy. He was arraigned on the same date, entered a plea of not guilty and in default of \$15,000.00 bond, was committed to the custody of the United States Marshal.

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Morris Caplan, after questioning by the Chicago Office, was released by reason of insufficient evidence against him.

On Friday, October the 20th, Geraldine Arnold and Mrs. Luther Arnold appeared before the Grand Jury at Chicago, at which time they testified in connection with this matter, and I have been informed by Assistant United States Attorney Warren Canady that he is positive that an indictment will be returned against Abe Caplan, Charles Caplan and Joe Bergl. He also advised that Joe Bergl subsequently posted \$15,000.00 bond and was released from custody on same, and that the bond of Abe Caplan was subsequently reduced by the Commissioner to \$5,000.00 and that of Charles Caplan to \$3,500.00, both parties being able to post sufficient bond and have been released from custody under their respective bonds.

A report covering in detail these two matters set out in this letter will be submitted within the course of a very few days.

Very truly yours,

D. O. Smith

D. O. SMITH, Acting,
Special Agent in Charge.

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224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
Oct. 26, 1933.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: Anonymous Communication to Assistant
Attorney General Keenan.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 24,
1933, enclosing photostatic copies of envelope and letter sent
to Assistant Attorney General Keenan from Minneapolis, Minn.,
on October 11, 1933, and directed to him at Washington, D. C.
Your request for investigation is noted and there is attached
hereto a copy of my letter of even date to the St. Paul office.

I do not see what more can be done in this district,
as the letter itself was mailed at Minneapolis and addressed to
Washington, and I have, therefore, asked the St. Paul office to
do what is possible towards determining the responsibility
for this letter.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Reference is made to letter dated October 26, 1933, from Mr. R. H. Colvin, Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City office, in connection with photostatic copies of an anonymous threatening letter received by Assistant Attorney General Keenan at Washington, D. C., from Minneapolis, Minnesota, on October 11, 1933, which was forwarded by the Division with a letter dictated by Mr. Appel on October 24, 1933, to the Oklahoma City office, with the request that that office endeavor to ascertain who was responsible for sending this letter.

This letter was sent to Oklahoma City because of the fact that it was undoubtedly thought by Mr. Appel that it probably had some connection with the Urschel kidnaping case, in which Oklahoma City is the office of origin, it appearing that Mr. Keenan, as well as a number of other parties, had received several threatening letters as a result of the Urschel kidnaping case.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
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Cincinnati, Ohio

October 26, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al.,
Charles F. Urschel - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the letter from the St. Paul office dated October 21, 1933 with enclosure from the Oklahoma City Office, please be advised that Assistant Director H. Nathan, while in Cincinnati, Ohio on October 26, 1933 had occasion to talk with Mrs. Kathryn Kelly Barnes and questioned her with respect to the information as requested in the letter of reference.

Mr. Nathan has advised me that he will be in St. Paul within the next few days and that he will confer with you in this matter, therefore, no further action is being taken by the Cincinnati Office in this connection.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Ryan, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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Laboratory Report

Case: ~~UNKNOWN~~ SUBJECTS (George Kelly) Number: 7-115.
Specimen: 3 threatening letters and envelopes addressed to Judge Edgar S.
Vaught, George Kelly, and Charlie Urschel about the time of the
trial of Kelly and others at Oklahoma City.

Examination requested by: Oklahoma City Office.

Date received: October 21, 1933.
Examination desired: General.

Date of Report: October 25, 1933.
Result of examination:

Examination by: C. A. Appel.

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The letter addressed to George Kelly was in an envelope postmarked Muskogee, Oklahoma, October 10, 11:30 P.M. This envelope is approximately 3½ by 5 inches, being torn on the 5 inch side when it was opened. The writing used on the envelope and the message is hand ink printing. The paper is typewriter bond and measures 1/20 less than 8½ by 11 inches. There are no water-marks on either the envelope or the paper. This hand printing bears some similarity to the letters addressed to Urschel and to Mr. Keenan. (See paragraph re Urschel letter.)

The letter addressed to Judge Vaught was postmarked at St. Paul, October 25, and was sent by air mail. Both the envelope and the message are written in ink script in a small vertical hand. The envelope is yellow note paper and measures approximately 3½ by 5.4 inches. The paper in the envelope has the water-mark "quality linen". The index in the laboratory indicates that a qualitex linen, which is the brand name, is manufactured by the Powers Paper Company, Springfield, Massachusetts. The American Writing Paper Company, Holyoke, Massachusetts, also makes a paper in which the water mark "quality bond" appears, and the Remington Rand Incorporated, Buffalo, New York, use the words "quality and service bond" as a water-mark. The Fort Howard Paper Company, Green Bay, Wisconsin, has a paper called "quality brand genuine crepe", this being a brand and supposedly not a water-mark. If leads to trace this paper from these individuals are unsuccessful, the Boston Office should be requested to consult the index on water-marks which is being prepared for the Division. The paper on which the note is written is yellow and of a different quality note paper than the envelope. It measures 8.4 by 5.7 inches. The symbol, a drawing of a machine gun is placed on the bottom of this note. There appears



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to have been a deliberate misspelling of the words in this note and from its contents it would appear to be an attempt on the part of friends of the defendants in the case from Minneapolis and St. Paul to intimidate the Court. It would seem that persons to suspect should include these friends, rather than those of Kelly.

The letter addressed to "Charlie Urschel" was postmarked Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 11, #5, 2 P.M. on the cancelling stamp. The envelope measures 6.8 by 3.75 inches. The paper is the typewriter bond measuring 8½ by 6½ inches, being torn on this side, which would probably extend to 11 inches. The pencil printing on the envelope and in this letter are the same as an anonymous letter forwarded to Assistant Attorney General Keenan at Washington, D. C., received in the laboratory on October 13. Exactly the same kind of an envelope is used, which is one of those purchasable from the Post Office at Minneapolis. It bears the return address with the words Minneapolis, Minnesota on it. Moreover, a comparison of these two letters indicates that both of them bear the cancellation stamp of the Minneapolis Post Office with exactly the same marking, that is, Minneapolis, Minnesota, #5, 2 P.M., October 11, 1936.

As the handprinting is the same, the paper is very similar, and the envelopes are the same, it is safe to assume that the mailing occurred at exactly the same time, in fact, that both letters were written by one individual and mailed at Minneapolis at the same time.

A comparison of the letters to Mr. Keenan and to Urschel with that addressed to Kelly indicate some similarities in the printing employed so that it is possible the same individual is responsible for all three of these letters. The Kelly letter is postmarked Muskogee, Oklahoma, 11:30 P.M. on October 10, and the other two, October 11, 2 P.M. at Minneapolis. Therefore, if the same person were responsible for all three, it would appear probable that he was in Oklahoma on October 10 and proceeded to Minneapolis, arriving the very next day. The writer does not know whether these dates have any significance in comparison with the dates of the trial. If so, the possibility exists that this individual attended the trial or remained in the vicinity, and the agents of the Oklahoma City Office, from this fact may gain some assistance in guessing who was behind these anonymous letters, if it is only one person. The letter addressed to Mr. Keenan was signed "V.M.", there being no signatures on those addressed to Urschel and Kelly.

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The fingerprint experts have not yet completed their attempt to develop latent fingerprints on all three of these letters. Copies of all these letters and of the letter to Mr. Keenan are being forwarded to the Oklahoma City and St. Paul offices with this report.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
234 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

OCT 30 1933

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of the laboratory report in regard to the three threatening letters and envelopes addressed to Judge Edgar S. Vaught, George Kelly, and Charlie Urschel at the time of the Urschel trial. You will note that one of these letters, the one addressed to Urschel, has been identified as similar to an anonymous letter addressed to Mr. Keenan at Washington. Letters of this kind should always be forwarded to the laboratory as soon as it is possible to get possession of them.

Every effort should be made to ascertain the author of these anonymous letters.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Coded Telegram

San Antonio, Texas,
October 26, 1933.

E J Connelley
Division of Investigation
US Department of Justice
1420 Enquirer Bldg
Cincinnati Ohio

Interview Katherine Kelly Ascertain exact description
of necklace and watch alleged to have been in house rented
by her here at time arrest of Arnold woman Submit description
by air mail

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 13, 1933, to SAC R. H. Colvin at Oklahoma City, copy of which was furnished me, I had already been advised that City Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] of the Fort Worth, Texas, Police Department, had either stated or intimated to SAC Blake at Dallas, Texas, that Mr. Colvin and myself were blocking them in their attempt to obtain the reward offered by a Citizens' Committee at Oklahoma City, for the arrest of George and Katherine Kelly, and they based their statements upon the allegedly brusque manner in which SAC Colvin and myself had talked to them in Oklahoma City.

In order that the record may be correct in this connection, I desire to state that I do not recall ever meeting two City Detectives of the Fort Worth Police Department by the name of [redacted] and [redacted] and I most certainly did not meet or talk to them in Oklahoma City at any time. Furthermore, I have never discussed the Urschel kidnaping reward with any official purporting to have a claim on any part of said reward.

I have long ago realized that the easiest way to get into trouble and to lose official friends is to have anything to do, or say, concerning any reward offered for the apprehension of a criminal. In such cases there is invariably the usual amount of chisellers attempting to get their finger into the pie and I have always made it a rule to have nothing to do with a matter of this kind.

I have stated both to Mr. Urschel and his business associate, Mr. Arthur Seeligson, that I would not make any recommendation whatsoever concerning the payment of the reward offered.

There have been statements made in the Press in Oklahoma City by Mr.

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Colcord, Chairman of the Citizens' Committee offering the reward, to the effect that the reward would be paid as soon as information could be obtained from officials of the Division of Investigation relative to the true facts concerning the apprehension of George and Katherine Kelly, in order that proper persons who actually caused the apprehension of these fugitives should share in the reward.

In this connection, I desire to further state that I have never at any time conferred with Mr. Colcord relative to this matter. In fact, I have never personally met this gentleman.

I agree with you that this is a delicate situation, due to the fact that the persons offering this reward were sincere in their offer and desire that no mistakes be made in distributing the reward, consequently some of the individuals responsible for the reward offered will naturally desire the true facts concerning persons who actually did any act that brought about the apprehension of the fugitives.

You can rest assured that I will make no recommendations to any one concerning the payment of this reward and any person requesting information of me will be referred to the Division in Washington.

Very truly yours,


Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 26, 1933

Mr. C. F. Colcord,
1203 Colcord Building,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Mr. Colcord:

I observe in the daily papers that your committee expects to shortly take action in regard to the payment of rewards offered in the Urschel kidnaping case and that you have stated that you would pay the same upon my recommendations.

Owing to the fact that certain of the claimants have made allegations that I was prejudiced against their claims and would not give them a square deal, I most respectfully decline to make any recommendations whatever in the matter as I can not afford to have it said that I have been unfair to anyone.

I know your committee will want all the facts in the case and to that end would request you to write Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., in whose possession are all of the reports from the various offices on this case, and which reports contain all the facts relative to the parts taken by the various informants who furnished information or assisted in the apprehension of Kelly and his wife.

I am not attempting to evade a responsibility or duty but feel that the above procedure is best for all concerned.

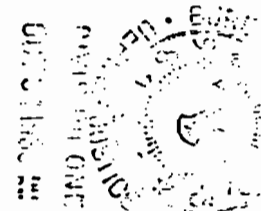
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

RE: George Kelly Barnes, with aliases,
et al
Charles F. Urschel - Victim
Kidnaping.

Replying to your letter of October 26, 1933, please be advised that I attempted to question Kathryn Kelly concerning your letter of October 3, 1933, and she denied having placed a 'phone call from Waco, Texas, on Labor Day to [redacted] of Fort Worth, Texas. She refused to discuss the matter at all and denied that Sam Sayers went to Waco to see her. On the stand she testified she had seen Sam Sayers once since the raid at the Shannon farm.

With respect to the second paragraph of your letter of October 26, 1933, concerning Louise Seaton, alias Louise Magness, please be advised that this woman was brought from Milburn, Okla., to Oklahoma City and questioned concerning her connections with Kathryn Kelly. No written statement was taken. She admitted she had been a friend of Kathryn Kelly for some years and that in July she spent about a month at Kathryn's house in Fort Worth. She admitted receiving telegraphically \$150.00 from Kathryn, which was sent from Des Moines, Iowa, and an invitation to come there by 'plane and join Kathryn and George Kelly. She stated she did so, being overjoyed at being able to take an aeroplane ride, and that upon arriving at Des Moines they all drove back to Fort Worth without stopping anywhere enroute; that upon arrival at Fort Worth they let her out on Main Street and that she had not seen them from that date on. She said they did not discuss the kidnaping matter but that after reading the papers about the case she suspected they were mixed up in it. Her information was so unimportant that no record was made of it. She denied having had any contacts with

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them in the period intervening between the time of the Shannon raid and the time she was detained for questioning, except the receipt of the money from Des Moines as above noted. In so far as any information concerning her having harbored subjects in your district being developed, I will say that we have no such information in this district.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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224 Federal Bldg.
Oklahoma City, Okla.,

October 26, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

RE: George Kelly Barnes, with aliases
Kidnapping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter to this office, dated October 14, 1933, with request that a certain automatic pistol recently in the possession of George Kelly Barnes, be shipped to Kansas City for examination by [REDACTED] presumably in connection with the Kanno case.

I did not elect to ship the pistol- or rather two of them; but have had test bullets from both by [REDACTED] Ballistician with the State Bureau of Identification, and am forwarding both the bullets and the shells herewith. [REDACTED] has compared them with the microphotos of the fatal bullets and shells used in the KANNO case and reports no similarity.

The ~~bullet~~ bullets and shells in envelope #1 were fired from Colts 45 Cal. automatic found in possession of Kelly when arrested at Memphis. The Bullets and shells in envelope #2, were fired from the same kind of a pistol found in Kelly's baggage which was recovered at Biloxi, Miss.

If after [REDACTED] has examined and compared these bullets and shells, it might appear that further tests were justified- then the guns could be shipped to him altho the necessity for such procedure prior to a preliminary examination of the specimens submitted herewith is not apparent.

You are advised that the New Orleans office will probably want the Biloxi gun back right away, as a certain rooming house proprietress at Biloxi is claiming same in lieu of unpaid room rent due from Kelly.

Very truly yours,

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R.H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

RE: George Kelly Barnes,
with aliases; et al.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:-

Under of 10/3/33 I wrote you suggesting that in your inquiries from Kathryn Kelly an effort be made to ascertain from her the details concerning a trip made by her to Waco, Texas, etc. May I inquire whether any success was achieved by reason of these efforts?

It has come to our attention that Louise Seaton, alias Louise Magness, aided in harboring Kathryn Kelly in this district; and it is my impression that this individual was interviewed by agents of the Oklahoma City office.

If the results of this interview were reduced to writing, may I not request that you furnish us with a copy of whatever statement she might have made.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

October 26, 1933.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting this date to the Division by Parcel Post two Colt's .45 automatic pistols - taken at the R.G. Shannon farm near Paradise, Texas on 8/12/33.

In the same package I am forwarding the .44 calibre Smith and Wesson pistol used by Harvey J. Bailey to make his escape from the Dallas County Jail on 9/4/33.

Also enclosed therein is a sawed-off Winchester pump 12 guage shot-gun - used by Harvey Bailey and companions in their escape from the Lansing Penitentiary on 5/30/33. This shot-gun was the property of the prison and was in possession of one of the guards stationed on one of the towers, and was dropped from the tower to Bailey and his associates at their command.

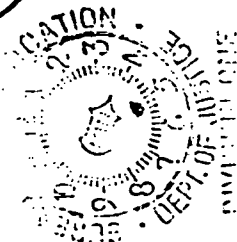
The automatic rifle and machine gun, both property of Harvey Bailey and seized at Paradise, Texas on 8/12/33, have been forwarded to the Oklahoma City office, and can be obtained from that office by addressing a letter to the agent in charge there.

Very truly yours,

P. J. Blake
F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

You have been advised of the Division's exhibit of
firearms and interesting material seized in connection with
cases investigated by the Division. An automatic No. 351
Winchester rifle which was seized from Harvey Bailey at the
time of his apprehension at Paradise, Texas, was forwarded to
you from Texas. It is desired that this rifle be promptly
forwarded to the Division for inclusion in the firearms exhibit
here.

It is also desired that you forward to the Division
the chain used in the Frochel kidnapping case, together with any
other interesting exhibits which may be available for display
purposes here.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

October 23, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

I am in receipt of advice from Memphis, Tennessee, that on Saturday night a jury in the United States District Court returned verdicts of guilty against Langford Ramsey, brother-in-law of George F. Kelly and a practicing attorney at Memphis, and John C. Tichenor, at whose home Kelly was apprehended, and they were immediately sentenced each to six months' imprisonment in the Shelby County Jail at Memphis, on a charge of harboring the fugitive from justice, George F. Kelly, and two years in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta on a charge of conspiracy to harbor a fugitive, the sentences to run consecutively.

The case against Seymour B. Travis, who was in the house at which Kelly was apprehended at the time of the apprehension, was nolle prossed.

I thought you would be interested in this information in view of the fact that it is a further prosecution in connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel and the apprehension of the persons responsible for the kidnaping.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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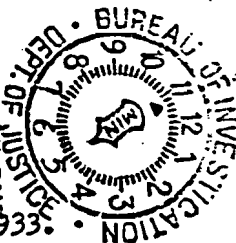
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Kathryn Thorne Kelly was born at Saultillo, Mississippi, March 18, 1904, the daughter of James Emory Brooks and Mrs. Ora L. Shannon. After twenty-four years of married life Mrs. Shannon was divorced from Brooks and later married R. G. Shannon, a Texas rancher. Kathryn attended grammar school until she reached the eighth grade. At the age of fifteen she married Lonnie Fry at Asher, Oklahoma. To this union was born Kathryn's daughter Pauline Fry, now fourteen years of age. Kathryn and Fry were soon divorced and Kathryn then married Charlie Thorne of Coleman, Texas. Thorne was a stock raiser. This marriage continued until Thorne was found dead under mysterious circumstances, pronounced suicide by the coroner. After his death the following note, purported to have been written by him, was found: "I cannot live with her or without her". While living at Coleman, Texas, Kathryn's mother, Mrs. Shannon, operated a restaurant and Kathryn's reputation was that of a bootlegger. After Thorne's death Kathryn married George Kelly Barnes under the name of George R. Kelly and since that time has been actively engaged with Kelly in illegal operations, enjoying many luxuries, such as, high priced cars, expensive jewelry, and a nice home, which she maintained in Fort Worth, Texas. She has also traveled extensively throughout the United States.

The fingerprint records of the Division reveal that Kathryn was arrested at Fort Worth, Texas, under the name of Dolores Whitney, November 20, 1929, on a charge of shoplifting. It appears that one Willie Russo, a reputed gangster with whom Kathryn was intimate while her husband George was serving time in a Federal penitentiary, stole some expensive furs at Abilene, Texas, and that the furs were later found at Kathryn's home, 857 East Mulkey Street, Fort Worth, Texas. Russo was convicted and sentenced to serve five years and the case against Kathryn was dismissed. Russo was released from the penitentiary during the early part of the year 1933 and again attempted to join Kathryn, communicating with her by telegraph under the name of June Johnson, realizing that his life was in danger should Kelly learn that he was again courting Kathryn. Russo stated, however, that he would kill Kelly before Kelly could kill him, should the opportunity present itself.

On July 22, 1933, Mr. Charles F. Urschel was kidnaped from his residence in Oklahoma City and held by the kidnapers until August 1, 1933. The Division of Investigation immediately began an intensive and exhaustive investigation to determine where Mr. Urschel had been held and the identity of the kidnapers, as the result of which, it was determined that Mr. Urschel had been kidnaped by George R. Kelly and Albert L. Bates and taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon near Paradise, Texas. The Shannons and Harvey J. Bailey were arrested and convicted at Oklahoma City on this charge. At the time of this arrest Harvey J. Bailey had in his possession a Thompson machine gun, which, investigation developed, was purchased by Kathryn during the forepart of

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February, 1933, from [REDACTED], Wolf and Klar of Fort Worth, Texas. Kathryn and her husband George were successful in evading arrest until September 26th, when they were located at Memphis, Tennessee, by agents of the Division, removed to Oklahoma City, and convicted and sentenced on October 12th to serve life imprisonment. Investigation in this case disclosed that Kathryn was a very active principal in the kidnaping of Mr. Urschel, it appearing that she actually prepared the way to have Mr. Urschel held at her mother's and brother's residences by taking Armon Shannon's wife and daughter to her home in Fort Worth, so that they would not know Mr. Urschel was being held. Subsequent to the arrest of the Shannons on August 12th, Kathryn and George, in an effort to evade arrest, traveled extensively and did everything possible to disguise their identities. During this period of flight Kathryn would separate from George for short intervals to contact attorneys through intermediaries and on one occasion sent a note to her father, James Emory Brooks, requesting that he give the bearer her pistol, which he had. Kathryn, realizing that it was generally known that she traveled in expensive automobiles, bought an old Ford truck to convey her about the country, during this period of flight, to disguise her identity, and, in addition, took with her a small child to mislead suspicious persons, and when arrested had in her possession a red wig and had also dyed her hair. During the course of this investigation in the vicinity of Paradise, Texas, it developed that, though the residents did not know the source of Kathryn's and George's income, they did know that they lived in luxury and were reluctant to submit information concerning them because of fear.

Kathryn is well known to police officers at Fort Worth, Texas, where she has been questioned on a number of occasions and is known to have been acquainted with such gangsters as Frank Nash, Francis L. Keating, Thomas L. Holden, Harvey J. Bailey, Verne Miller, and Gus Winkler.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

This memo is to take the place of memo
dated Oct. 9, 1933.

S. P. Cowley.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Information contained in the Division's files indicates that Kathryn Thomas Kelly was born at Baltimore, Maryland, March 22, 1904, the daughter of James Henry Brooks and Mrs. M. E. Shannon. After nearly four years of married life with Shannon, who divorced from Brooks and later married J. E. Shannon, a Texas ranchman, Kathryn attended grammar school until she reached the eighth grade. At the age of 20 she married Louis Fry of Tulsa, Oklahoma. This union, however, did not last long, and they were soon divorced, and Kathryn then married Charlie Thomas at Columbia, Texas. Thomas was a stock raiser, and the marriage lasted until Thomas committed suicide, leaving a note "I cannot live with her or without her". After several years, about three years ago, she married George E. Kelly, and since that time seems to have been working in full cooperation with him in his illegal activities, enjoying many luxuries, such as large automobiles, expensive jewelry, and a nice home which she maintained at Fort Worth, Texas. Kathryn Thomas was first arrested at Fort Worth, Texas, at Wilson Highway, November 20, 1932, charge shoplifting, and the case was later dismissed.

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indicted at Oklahoma City on August 23, 1933 for the kidnaping of
Mr. Keadell. Other defendants have been tried and convicted. The
Kallies, however, were not tried with the others due to their being
unsuccessful in securing arresting officers. Their trial is set at
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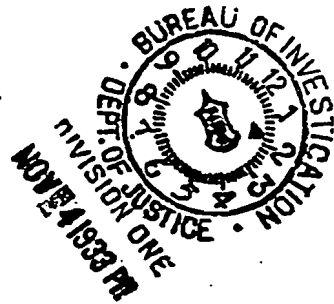
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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

411 U. S. Court House
Portland, Oregon

October 26, 1933



Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al
Charles F. Urschel - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division's letter of the 12th instant, transmitting copies of laboratory report and photographs of a threatening letter mailed to Assistant Attorney General Keenan, postmarked Seattle, Washington, September 30th. In connection with the investigation being conducted at Seattle, I instructed Special Agent [REDACTED] to secure such samples of handwriting or signatures as possible of the following persons, all of whom are mentioned in the instant file as possible associates of Kelly and Bates, and one of whom may have been, in my opinion, the author of the threatening note:

Ted Bentz, Tacoma #6605
Ed Bentz, Seattle #6894



In this connection I am enclosing herewith photographic reproductions of the signatures of the above named, being indicated as Exhibits 1, 2 and 3. The photographic reproduction marked Exhibit 3 represents samples of the handwriting of Ted Bentz as it appears on forged Railway Express money orders.

I appreciate the fact that being in possession of signatures only is rather inadequate for comparison purposes and would suggest that the attached signatures be compared with the handwriting appearing in the threatening note by a capable handwriting authority for possible information.

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The Division will be advised in full as to results of the inquiry made at Seattle at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

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C. C. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Laboratory Report

Case:

Specimen:

*Geo. H. Kelly Anonymous Letter to Keenan
Handwritten from Seattle
Ted Gonz
Edo " "*

Number: 7-115-941

Examination requested by:

Date received: *Seattle* 11/27/33

Examination desired:

Date of Report:

Result of examination:

Examination by:

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to the threatening letter so that I
do not think any of these individuals
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has been released on bond.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DE [REDACTED]

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cc/Oklahoma City
cc/Kansas City

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
900 Ezra Thompson Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

if Fine - arms

I have your letter of October 12th, 1933 at hand, and the contents have been noted and studied, and in response I wish to inform that from the moment the Thompson sub-machine gun and 30-30 Remington rifle were found among the personal effects of Albert L. Bates in the Weiker Storage & Warehouse at Denver, Colorado, I knew about it and promptly reported same to the Division, making known the action I had taken to trace the movement of the weapons. I also promptly reported to the Division the impediment being placed in my way by the American Express Company, which was a legal one, in my effort to secure custody of the arms. I made known to you that I had been aware for weeks, of the fact that Bates had property in the warehouse, and that I promptly endeavored to get a Federal Search Warrant for them, but could not, and then sought to effect entry into the containers through the medium of a State Search Warrant, but found that the Denver Police were as helpless in getting a State Search Warrant. I promptly notified you of this condition. I also reported that the arms came into the possession of Agent Zimmer only for twenty four hours, and that test bullets were fired and the shells and bullets sent to the Kansas City Division office. I did not specifically report to you that at the end of the twenty four hour period the arms had been returned to the American Express Company, for the reason that I felt that you would assume, as I did, that the agreement under which they came to us would, and had to be, and was carried out.

When Mr. Hughes telephoned me on October 3rd, 1933, concerning the whereabouts of the arms, I told him that I did not know where they were, that they were in the custody of Agent Zimmer for a twenty four hour period, and I assumed they had been turned back to the American Express Company pursuant to the understanding under which we received them, but that I would learn where they were. I said that to Mr. Hughes because

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it is my understanding that he asked me where the guns were, not if we had them. I realized the possibility that the guns might be in the possession of the Sheriff or the County Clerk under the Writ of Attachment. I endeavored to contact Agent Zimmer, but found he was at Boulder, Colorado, on official business. When I did learn definitely where they were, I endeavored to contact Mr. Hughes by telephone, but could not, and I heard the person on duty at the Division report to the operator that he could not be reached. Therefore, I gave my report to the person on duty at the Division, and asked that Mr. Hughes be advised. I also reported that the sale of the Bates' property would take place on October 13, 1933, and that the Denver Police were in the market to buy the sub-machine gun. I note in your letter of October 13th, 1933, which I received here subsequent to the sale, that you informed me concerning the sale.

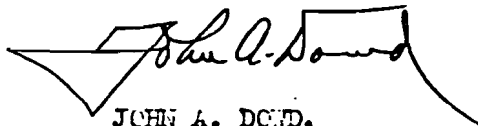
If I am to be a valuable instrument to you personally, and to the Division, I always want to be right in a matter, as I have always striven to be. I do not want to give snap statements. I always entertain the importance and magnitude of things before you. I did not want to tell Mr. Hughes where the arms were, when I only knew that Agent Zimmer had them for twenty four hours, and in conformity with the agreement, had to turn them back. It would not have been accurate if I had told Mr. Hughes the American Express Company had them, if in fact the Sheriff or County Clerk had them, and in that, do an injustice to the American Express Company, since Mr. Hughes informed me something, but not definitely or fully, concerning a news editorial concerning the arms. It seems to me that if the Division is to be properly advised in matters where the Division is called upon to make a pronouncement, one should be sure one is right before going forward, and that is what guided me in this, as in all other matters.

With reference to my failure to advise the Division of some development in the Boettcher case, I can only say that if I did, I sincerely regret it, but I cannot recall the incident to which you refer. In that case, I strove to keep the Division advised of everything.

I would not ever want to disappoint you, or be the means of the Division not being in a position to take proper action. Most surely I have always had in mind the Division and your personal interest, and I have worked only with that in view. Things that are of immediate concern to the Division, are not always so considered in the field, because lack of understanding

of that which confronts the Division does not give us the same perspective. I have endeavored, at all times, to place myself in the Division's place, in order that I might see as it sees, and do as it does, and in general act as I feel the Division would want me to act. If I failed to do so in the instances to which you refer, I am sincerely sorry. No man is more interested in accomplishing that which will redound to your and the Division's credit. The Division to me is my lifework, not a stepping stone to something better. My accomplishments in the interest of the Division please me, my mistakes hurt me, and if in these instances I was not as fully informed as I should have been, and if I did not exercise the ordinary vigilance that a prudent man would have shown, I regret it, and in the future will strive to be fully conversant with every development.

Very truly yours,


JOHN A. DOND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

311 Hurley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.
October 31, 1933.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter dated October 11, 1933, relating to the case entitled GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, ET AL, Kidnaping, [REDACTED] Passport Division, Department of State has informed Agent [REDACTED] that he has no record of a passport issued to George R. Kelly. [REDACTED] however, stated that many passports had been issued in the name of George Kelly and of course in the name of Kathryn Kelly, but stated that unless he was informed as to the date and place of birth of subject Kelly, he could not definitely determine whether any of the passports issued to George Kelly were for subject.

In the event definite data are obtainable as to the date and place of birth of subject George Kelly, further contact will be made with the Department of State.

Very truly yours,

B. E. Sackett

B. E. SACKETT,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM

Mr. Nathan telephoned from Chicago. He advised that Messrs. Urschel and [redacted] came in to the Chicago Office yesterday to express their thanks, and that Mr. Urschel expects to be in Washington Saturday.

Mr. Nathan gave me the following information with reference to three matters which I instructed him to look into at the Chicago Office concerning the investigation of the Urschel case:

The letter received at the post office addressed to 1150 Michigan Boulevard - [redacted] states that he didn't get the information until too late that morning; that he transmitted it to [redacted] and they arrived there about 8 o'clock, the letter having arrived by air mail about 6 o'clock. Mr. Purvis presumably issued the instructions, and is probably the only person who would know positively certain when the instructions were issued. Mr. Nathan is preparing a memorandum on this.

Agent [redacted] handled the matter with reference to the Cadillac. He left the motor and serial numbers at the Cadillac office and asked that the Chicago Office be advised when the Kelly Cadillac came in. The original inquiry was made as to the Verne Miller Cadillac, which, however, had nothing to do with this. Information that the Cadillac office had the car was gained from the lawyer. I instructed Mr. Nathan to ascertain how long they had it before we found it out. Mr. Nathan is writing a memorandum on this also.

With reference to surveillance of the address on Michigan Boulevard, there was no Agent put on this case until 2:00 p.m. on September 22; that in the morning of September 22 apparently the Kellys left there for Memphis, but that they first went to this address. Mr. Nathan suggested that Mr. Purvis may have left instructions and had some one on this before. I stated I would find out from Mr. Purvis. Mr. Nathan is also writing a memorandum concerning this.

I advised Mr. Nathan that Mr. Sanford Bates sent women inspectors to Cincinnati and to Memphis to see about conditions in those places with regard to Mrs. Shannon and Katherine Kelly, and that steps are being taken, if necessary, to move one or both and place them behind bars at the Indiana State Reformatory or at the Detroit House of Correction. I instructed Mr. Nathan to endeavor to see woman inspector when he is in Cincinnati.

Mr. Nathan expects to leave for Cincinnati tonight.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: George Kelly Barnes, with aliases, et al
Charles F. Urschel - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

With reference to the telegram from the San Antonio Office dated October 26, 1933, in the above entitled matter, requesting the Cincinnati Office to obtain certain information from Convict Kathryn Kelly Barnes with respect to the description of a necklace and watch, please be advised that at the time the telegram in question was received at Cincinnati, Ohio, Assistant Director H. Nathan was in conference with Convict Barnes at the Cincinnati Work House. The information requested by the San Antonio Office was telephoned to Mr. Nathan at the Work House, who advised that he would handle the matter.

Later, Mr. Nathan advised Acting Special Agent in Charge N. B. Klein that when the information was received by him at the Work House, his interview with Convict Barnes had terminated, and, in his opinion, as he did not believe Convict Barnes should be re-interviewed by an Agent for the time being, he requested the Superintendent, [REDACTED] of the City Work House, to talk with Convict Barnes in this connection and to advise the Cincinnati Office as to the results of his interview.

As nothing further was heard from [REDACTED] he was finally contacted by telephone and advised that he had obtained the information desired by Mr. Nathan and had forwarded same to the Director of Prisons, Stanford Bates, Washington, D. C.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that Mr. Bates be contacted and the information in his possession relative to the necklace and watch be transmitted to the San Antonio Office immediately.

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| Very truly yours, | [Signature] |
| E. J. CONNELLEY, | NOV 11 1933 |
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October 31, 1933.

Chief of Police,
St. Louis, Missouri.

My dear Chief:

In compliance with your oral request made to Mr. Tolson for a summary of the activities of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, in the Urchel case, with particular regard to the number of states and the total geographic area covered by the Division in this investigation, I am pleased to enclose for your information along this line a short memorandum dated October 30, 1933, entitled "Charles F. Urchel Kidnaping Case - Activities in Various States".

In addition, you will also find enclosed a memorandum dealing with the activities and successful prosecution of the individuals involved in this particular case, dated October 30, 1933, and entitled "Charles F. Urchel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - Kidnaping".

Expressing the hope that the above two memoranda will prove of interest to you, and with expressions of my best personal regards, I beg to remain

Cordially yours,

Director.

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Chief of Police,
Livonia, Michigan.

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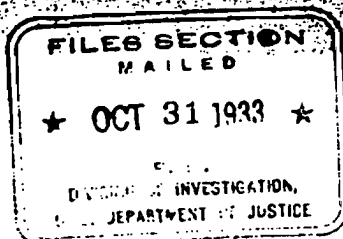
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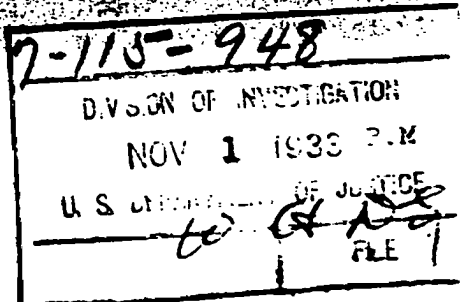
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October 30, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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On October 27, 1933, [REDACTED] photographer, of Underwood and Underwood, called at this office and requested permission to photograph a revolver which he understood had been obtained by the Division from George R. Kelly at the time of his arrest at Memphis, Tennessee. After consulting Mr. Hughes, he was advised by Mr. Lester that the revolver was not available at the present time for photographing.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
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1216 Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas.
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GEORGE R. KELLY, w.
et al; Kidnaping.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 13, 1933, desiring to be advised why the Sheriff at Tucumcari, New Mexico, had not been furnished with a list of the bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases, that is the list of bank notes paid as ransom in the case concerning Charles F. Urschel of Oklahoma City.

You are advised that immediately upon my return to San Antonio, I discussed this matter with Acting SAC Davis who advised me that the supply of printed lists of bank notes in connection with this case was only sufficient to cover the Federal and State banks in this district.

The Division letter of August 7, 1933, transmitting these lists states that the Division has ascertained the number of member banks of the Federal Reserve System and State Banks by States and that the supply of circulars sent should be sufficient to cover the banks both State and Federal in this district. This letter in itself indicates that these lists were only to be sent to banks consequently no request was made of the Division for several hundred additional lists to be furnished to peace officers and other contacts that constitute our regular mailing lists of some five or six hundred different activities.

I believe that a check of each office will find a similar situation as exists in this district; that is, that the supply sent was only sufficient to cover the banks in each district and that the Division letter accompanying these lists was so construed.

If it is desired that these lists be mailed to the local officers and other activities on our regular mailing lists, it will be necessary that this office be immediately furnished with 600 of these printed lists.



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Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
NOVEMBER 2, 1933.

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letters dated October 2nd and 19th, 1933, relative to the matter of obtaining a personal history of HARVEY J. BAILEY, one of the subjects in the case entitled "VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1195, ET AL - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

Special Agent [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of Subject Bailey, [REDACTED]

Also information was secured through the Des Moines Register, Magazine Section, pursuant to an interview which was had by a representative of the Associated Press, whose name is not at this time known, with Mrs. Amanda E. Bailey, mother of this Subject, Green City, Missouri. The greater portion of this information is based on the interview with the mother by the representative of the Associated Press. The following personal history is shown:

Bailey was born on the West Fork of the Monongahela River, near Weston, West Virginia. There were seven children, five boys and two girls, in the family of Harvey Bailey's parents. The Bailey family lived on a farm in West Virginia, at the place mentioned, until Bailey was about 14 years of age, when they moved to Green City, Missouri, in the year 1902. There they settled on a 200 acre farm, three miles southwest of Green City, on which farm Mrs. Amanda E. Bailey and her widowed daughter, Mrs. Lucretia Gum, still reside. The Bailey family attended the New Zion Baptist Church at Green City, and it is said that Harvey Bailey went to church regularly. For a time the father of Bailey was a deacon of the above mentioned church.

Bailey finished the 8th grade of the Dudley Rural School, near Green City. His father died shortly after the arrival of the family at Green City.

When Bailey was 19 years of age he moved to Omaha,

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Nebraska, where two of his brothers resided. He later moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he obtained a position as fireman on the Illinois Central Railroad running from Council Bluffs to Fort Dodge, Iowa. Shortly after his employment as a fireman Bailey was married at Milan, Missouri, at the age of about 21 years, having married the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin; namely, Mattie J. Martin. The marriage ceremony took place at the home of the parents of the bride near Green City, Missouri.

Bailey worked for about six years for the Illinois Central Railroad, and was recommended for the position of engineer, but preferred to remain as a fireman. For a short time he resided at Fort Dodge, Iowa. At that time [redacted] was living at Silver City, Iowa. Bailey and [redacted] established a Delivery and Automobile business at Silver City. This business was financed by Bailey, who was not, however, active in same. During this time Bailey was engaged in running liquor and became associated with a gang of Italian bootleggers at Omaha, Nebraska. He furnished beer and liquor to the German farmers in the vicinity of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Bailey is said by [redacted] to have had two children, [redacted] who is now about 25 years of age and is residing with his mother on a farm near Richmond, Illinois. The other child, named by [redacted] was Harvey J. Bailey, Jr., who was killed at the age of 5 years. However, it will be noted from the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Kansas City, Missouri, 8-14-33, that there are three other children supposedly those of Harvey J. Bailey, named [redacted] and [redacted]. This information was secured from a review of the file of Francis L. Keating, Thomas Holden, Frank Nash, Escaped Federal Prisoners, Kansas City File 76-174. Apparently the question of parentage of these children could be verified by investigation at Richmond, Illinois, where Mattie J. Bailey now supposedly resides on a farm with her family and [redacted] and others. It was said by [redacted] that the child, Harvey J. Bailey, Jr., was killed in Chicago, Illinois, by Subject Bailey himself, accidentally, when Subject ran over the child while backing his automobile from a driveway at his residence, and that Subject Bailey was grief stricken over the incident and quite often relates the same.

[redacted] was one of the sureties on a bond for Bailey when the latter was arrested at Karyville, Missouri, around 1919. Bailey is said to have defaulted on this bond and the incident marked the end of the friendship between Bailey and [redacted]

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[REDACTED] advised that Bailey delighted in the sport of baseball and is fond of a game of cards. However, he stated he does not gamble to any extent; that he is very liberal with his family, relatives and friends and is loyal to them. Bailey, in turn, is said to expect the same traits in others, and it is said that he dislikes an imposter or anyone possessed of egotism. Bailey has always wanted to dominate social gatherings, according to [REDACTED] but is said to be not overbearing. He is said to be agreeable and entertaining, although cunning and secretive. Although Bailey is a large man, [REDACTED] stated he is cowardly and of a peaceful disposition. He is said, however, to be deliberate in his actions and would shoot if he had the advantage over his adversary. [REDACTED] said that it was "easy money" that made Bailey resort to bootlegging and a criminal career.

The name of Bailey's father could not be secured through the sources available.

It will be noted there is an arrest shown at Maryville, Missouri, according to [REDACTED] during the year 1919, which does not appear on the criminal record of Bailey. At this time a letter is being directed to the Sheriff at Maryville for the purpose of securing whatever record may be found at that place.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Chicago Office with a request that all possible family history of Bailey be secured at Richmond, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

E. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

[REDACTED]
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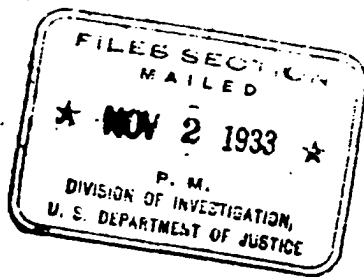
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Under date of September 27, 1933, a request was made of the Dallas office to secure the guns taken from Harvey J. Bailey at the time of his arrest and forward these guns to the Division at Washington to be placed on exhibition as a matter of public interest. Special Agent in Charge Blake informs me that the Thompson sub-machine gun and the automatic rifle taken at the Shannon farm were forwarded to your office. Will you please give this matter your personal attention and transmit the guns in question to the Division at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama.

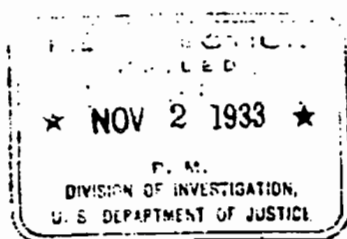
Dear Mr. Rorer:

At the time George Kelly was apprehended at Memphis, Tennessee, I believe that a Thompson sub-machine gun was found in his possession. I wish that you would arrange to secure the guns taken from Kelly at the time of his arrest and forward these guns to the Division at Washington, to be placed on exhibition as a matter of public interest.

Will you kindly give this matter your personal attention and advise me in the premises as soon as you are able to determine when these guns will be shipped.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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November 2, 1933

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

[REDACTED] of Underwood and Underwood,
photographers, called at the Division yesterday for the
purpose of photographing the guns which have been placed
in the museum which is being initiated by the Division.
Arrangements were made for the photograph to be taken.
[REDACTED] stated he would forward to me for the files
of the Division a squeegee of the photograph.

Respectfully,

Clyde Tolson.

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1216 Smith Young Tower,
San Antonio, Texas,
October 30, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, w.a.
et al - Kidnaping

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of October 24, 1933, enclosing certificates of deposits in favor of Mrs. Flossie Mae Arnold with the San Antonio Public Service Company and City Water Board of San Antonio, Texas, you will find herewith enclosed a check from the San Antonio Public Service Company for \$7.91, payable to Mrs. Flossie Mae Arnold and a receipted bill of \$2.17, which total the \$10.00 deposit plus \$.08 interest accrued on said deposit.

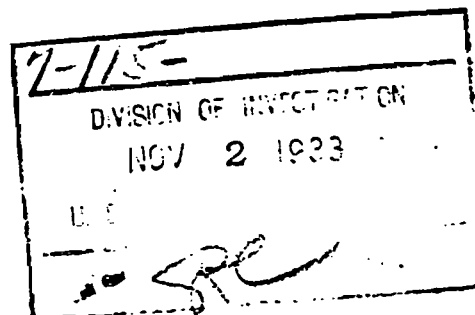
You will also find enclosed herewith a check payable to Mrs. Flossie Mae Arnold from the City Water Board of San Antonio for the sum of \$3.84 and also receipted bill of \$1.20, which check and bill total the \$5.00 deposit plus interest on said deposit from the City Water Board.

Very truly yours,

Ous T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Division ✓



900 Exr. Thompson Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
October 30th, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
411 United States Court House,
Portland, Oregon .

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARKER with aliases, 1933
CHARLES F. BURROUGHS - Victim.
Kidnaping - S.L. File 7-10.

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Dear Sir:

On October 25th, 1935, this office received a letter from the Division which was dated October 20th, 1935, and made known the necessity for further continued investigative activity in connection with the recovery of such portions of the Urschel ransom money as may be hidden at Denver, Colorado, and vicinity.

In this connection it appears that Albert L. Bates proceeded from Kansas City, Mo., to St. Paul, Minn., where he remained until on or about August 8th, and then proceeded to Denver, Colorado, where he was apprehended.

This office has circularized all banks in this territory, in an effort to locate some box that he, or some associate or friend of his, may have secured, in which a part or all of his share of the ransom money may have been placed, but without success.

The Division suggests that an effort be made to elicit the location of any and all women with whom Bates has been familiar, to check any institutions at which safety deposit boxes may have been rented by Bates or his associates, for a considerable period back, and conduct any further investigative activity as may appear appropriate.

In this connection, this office knows of but one woman with whom Bates has been familiar, and with whom he has been closely associated, and that is the woman who is known to have lived with him at Denver, Colorado, for at least a year, who is the one who was living with him at the time of his arrest.

You have been furnished a photograph of this woman, and she is believed to be Clara Feldman, possibly a sister of Ed and Ted Bentz, who apparently were born in and about Tacoma, Washington. Several members of the Bentz family are resident in the State of Washington, and I suggest that you review your file in this matter, determining all members of that family, in the hope of effecting the location of Clara Feldman. If she is located it might then be determined that she has secured a safety deposit box or boxes, in which she may have placed some of the ransom money in the interest of Bates. You might also circularize all banking institutions in your territory to learn if any box has been rented by her under her true name or aliases.

Shortly after Bates was arrested at Denver, she with a young man, believed to be her son, disappeared, but they are known to have been at Cheyenne, Wyoming, a few days thereafter, but they remained at Cheyenne only overnight and left hurriedly. On that occasion they had considerable baggage.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division. ✓

224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 30, 1933

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Suite 1, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: George R. Kelly, with aliases,
et al., Kidnaping.

Reference is made to your letter dated October 17, 1933 requesting that Mrs. Effie Mitchell, Huckins Hotel, Oklahoma City, be investigated concerning a letter which she addressed to [redacted] of the Travelers' Aid, Kansas City.

Inquiry at the Huckins Hotel revealed that Mrs. E. J. (Effie) Mitchell has been a resident there for several months and that she is a respected elderly lady; that her son is the owner of the drug store located in the Black Hotel at Oklahoma City.

When discreetly interviewed, Mrs. Mitchell advised that she resided in Kansas City for many years on the corner of Wilbur Court and North Hardesty Street; that [redacted] lived near her on North Hardesty. In 1928 Mrs. Mitchell's husband died and her son moved to Oklahoma City. Shortly thereafter Mrs. Mitchell settled her affairs at Kansas City and also moved to Oklahoma City. During the summer of 1933 Mrs. Mitchell visited at Kansas City and dropped in to see [redacted] at the Union Station.

Upon reading in the Oklahoma City newspapers that witnesses of the Kansas City massacre would probably come to Oklahoma City to identify, if possible, Bailey and Bates as participants therein, Mrs. Mitchell conceived that she would like to have [redacted] stop at the same hotel in order that they might talk over old times and friendships at Kansas City.

Very truly yours,

C. G. Schenken, Acting Special Agent in Charge

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JOS. A. GERK, CHIEF

Department of Police

1200 CLARK AVE.

November 1, 1933



Mr. Nathan.....
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Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hughes.....
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

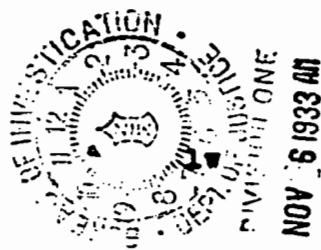
Thank you sincerely for the memorandums in the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping case, which you forwarded in letter of October 31, 1933.

These are, indeed, extremely interesting and are further evidence of the excellence of the service of your organization.

With kind personal regard,
believe me, always,

Yours very truly,

Jos. A. Gerke
JOS. A. GERK
Chief of Police



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U. S. Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Bldg,
Chicago, Illinois
October 24, 1933

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| Mr. Nathan..... |
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| Mr. Glavin..... |
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

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With regard to the three matters concerning which you instructed me to inquire in Chicago, I beg to submit the following:

The Cadillac car belonging to the Kellys was found stored at the Cadillac Motor Sales Company in Chicago. I am informed that it was found because of the inquiry at the Chicago Office by one James Mathers, attorney for the Kellys, who came to Chicago after the conviction of the Kellys for the purpose of acquiring any property belonging to the Kellys that might be lying around. He, of course, had received his information regarding the location of the car from either George or Kathryn Kelly. There is attached hereto memorandum prepared by Agent [redacted] for Mr. Smith, with a footnote by Mr. Smith. It will be noted therein that [redacted] and Agent [redacted] made inquiry of the Cadillac Motor Car Company on August 19, 1933, for the Miller Cadillac, and that at the same time he inquired for the Kelly Cadillac, and that he found no record of said car. He furnished the Cadillac Company with the motor number, and Ohio license plate numbers of the Cadillac, and also with the Chicago office phone number, and his name, requesting that the office be called should the car be brought to the garage.

There is no record that the Cadillac people ever telephoned, and it would appear from memorandum to Mr. Smith by Agent [redacted] on October 24, that the Kelly car was in the Cadillac garage at the time, it being noted therein that another employee of the Cadillac company told Agent [redacted] that a man and woman, who were doubtlessly George Kelly and his wife, Kathryn, brought the car there on August 10. You will recall that it was during the week-end of August 12 that Field Offices of the Division were rigorously searching for Kelly and the Cadillac, and it appears strange that inquiry was not made of the Cadillac Motor Car Company at that time. There is no record here of such inquiry having been made, other than that indicated by [redacted] on the 19th.

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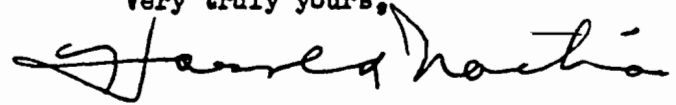
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Call upon Puzis attorney for information. I want to definitely fix the responsibility. 1/25/34
Done 11/2/33
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With regard to the alleged lack of cover on air mail, special delivery letter coming from Oklahoma City, to be delivered to Burt Edwards at 1150 S. Michigan Avenue, I beg to submit the attached statement from Special Agent [REDACTED]. It will be noted therefrom that this was not covered until the morning of September 22, at about 9:10 A. M., when Special Agent in Charge Purvis conveyed instructions to Special Agents [REDACTED] to cover this matter. The special delivery, air mail letter coming from Oklahoma City arrived on the plane, which is due here before 6 A. M., and an attempt was made to deliver this special delivery prior to 9:30, of course. I do not recall the exact time the previous day upon which the Chicago Office was notified of the anticipated arrival of this letter, but it was sometime the previous evening.

Regarding the statement that Kathryn Kelly and Geraldine Arnold called at 1150 S. Michigan Boulevard, prior to leaving Chicago, for the purpose of thanking Joe Bergl (?) for his kindness and courtesy to George Kelly, and that at that time the 1150 S. Michigan address was covered by agents, and that said agents failed to apprehend Kathryn, I beg to submit the attached memorandum of Special Agent [REDACTED]. From this, it will be seen that the first surveillance at 1150 S. Michigan Boulevard was initiated at 2 P. M. on September 22. It was on this date, at 10:30 A. M. that the Kellys were alleged to have left Chicago for Memphis. I am not at all certain that this record is correct, and I think that undoubtedly Mr. Purvis must have issued instructions prior to that date for the surveillance of that address, and would suggest that inquiry be made of him at Washington. Naturally, however, if this time is correct, no agents were on duty at that place, when Kathryn Kelly and Geraldine Arnold called there on the morning of September 22.

Very truly yours,



HAROLD NATHAN,
Assistant Director

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Atts-t

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Chicago, Illinois
October 24, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR D. O. SMITH,
Acting Special Agent in Charge:

Re: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases,
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim,
Kidnaping

Receiving instructions from S. A. C. Melvin Purvis on 9/22/33, this agent proceeded to 1150 South Michigan Blvd, arriving at this address at 2 P. M., maintained observation of the tavern until 10:30 P. M.

On 9/23/33, observation of same maintained from 8:45 A. M. to 7:30 P. M., at which time agent was relieved by Agent [REDACTED]

On 9/24/33, observation maintained by this agent from 8:30 A. M. until 2:30 A. M. 9/25/33.

On 9/25/33, observation maintained by agent from 8:30 A. M.- 8:00 P. M., at which time agent was relieved by Agent [REDACTED]

On 9/26/33, observation maintained from 8:45 A. M., 10:30 A. M., upon instructions of Acting S. A. C., Smith returned to office.

Agent maintained hourly telephonic contact with office during above-mentioned time.

[REDACTED]
Special Agent.

Agent [REDACTED] there on September 25, day before Kelly apprehended.

Agent [REDACTED] checked around August 10th; also checked when looking for Vern Miller at Cadillac Agency, 23rd and Michigan.

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Chicago, Illinois,
October 24, 1933.

Memorandum for Acting Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith:

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
Charles H. Urschel - Victim,
KIDNAPING.

On the morning of September 22nd, 1933, at about 9:10 a.m. one of the stenographers on the front desk (I believe it was [redacted]) informed me that Mr. Purvis wished to see me immediately. When I arrived at the office of the Agent in Charge, Agent [redacted] entered the office with me at the same time. Mr. Purvis stated that there was a special delivery air mail letter coming from Oklahoma City to one Burt Edwards, address, 1150 South Michigan, Chicago, Illinois. He instructed us to proceed immediately to the Post Office Department to determine if this letter had arrived and to follow the special delivery boy to see if delivery was made and to whom.

On arrival at the Special Delivery Division, Post Office Department, agents were informed by the man in charge that the letter in question had arrived; that the special delivery boy endeavored to deliver it early that morning and was informed that the party was not there. The Post Office official then produced the letter in question. He stated that the regular Post Office form was left by the special delivery boy at 1150 South Michigan Avenue, in which it was set out that the letter, in question, would again be carried for delivery by the regular mail carrier. Accompanied by one of the Post Office officials this agent immediately proceeded to the vicinity of 1150 South Michigan Avenue to contact the substitute carrier who was delivering mail at that address at about 10:15 a.m.

The substitute carrier, who was a colored man, was interviewed and he advised that no inquiries were made by any person at 1150 South Michigan Avenue relative to the letter in question. The regular carriers were also interviewed and advised that they had no recollection of delivering mail to a Burt Edwards there but that the majority of the mail they deliver there is addressed to Abe Kaplan, the proprietor.

Agent then discontinued his investigation at this point and the surveillance was continued by Special Agent [redacted] who was in charge of the case, assisted by other agents assigned to the Chicago Division Office.

Respectfully submitted,

[redacted]
Special Agent.

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October 24, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE D. O. SMITH

In re: GEORGE R. KELLY with aliases, et al
CHARLES URSCHEL - Victim
KIDNAPING
CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-26

On October 16, 1933, Mr. Purvis sent Agent [redacted] and this Agent to see [redacted] for the Chicago Branch of the Cadillac Motor Co., 2301 S. Michigan Avenue.

[redacted] advised that James Mathers, a member of the law firm of Mathers and Mathers, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, had presented to him a document dated October 9, 1933, signed Katherine Thorne Kelly and George R. Kelly, giving power of attorney to Mathers and Mathers to collect and acquire among other things "a 16 cylinder Cadillac 1933 model and personal property contained therein."

[redacted] showed Agents the above car which proved to be a Cadillac sedan bearing motor #1400263, and Ohio 1933 license #691-965. The speedometer registered 8129 miles.

In the trunk on the rear of this car was personal property of the Kellys consisting of clothing, etc. This car was stored on August 10, 1933, by R. G. Shannon.

Agent on October 18th saw Mathers drive the car from the Cadillac parking lot to 7722 N. Ashland Avenue, where he locked a Ford sedan bearing 1933 Oklahoma license No. 456690. This car was the one in which he had driven with his wife and a lady friend from Oklahoma City. He drove about the city sightseeing and finally went to the Century of Progress, returning to 7720 N. Ashland that night. The following day (Oct. 19) he, his wife and lady friend were checked out of Chicago to a point about 3 miles west of Joliet, Ill., on Route #66. At that time Mathers was driving the above described Cadillac and his wife and lady friend were in the Ford sedan referred to above.

[redacted] an employee of the Cadillac Motor Co., 2301 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill., stated that on the morning of Aug. 10, 1933, a man and woman answering the description of George R. Kelly and his wife, Katherine, drove into the service department; that he arranged to put the Cadillac sedan in storage after which he and his

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wife departed. They never returned for the car which was placed in storage on the 6th floor. This was the same car that Agent later examined, a description of which is set forth above.

At the time that this car was placed in storage on August 10, 1933, the man gave the name of R. G. Shannon and address Park Lane Villa, Cleveland, Ohio.

The storage ticket bears the notation "Store car till owner calls for same - \$8.00 per month".

Respectfully submitted,


Special Agent.

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Chicago, Illinois
10/24/33

Mr. Smith:-

On or about August 19, 1933, Agent [redacted] and I inquired at the Cadillac Motor Car Company, 2301 So. Michigan Ave, concerning Verne Miller's Cadillac V-12 sedan. Having received a tip from them as to the whereabouts of Miller's car, I made inquiry pertaining to Kelly's Cadillac V-16 sedan. [redacted] (spelling) searched through certain records, but could find no record of said car, whereupon I furnished him with the motor number, Ohio license plate number, office phone number and my name, with the request that he call this office, should that car be brought into his garage for service, storage, or otherwise.

[redacted]

Statement from [redacted] re. letters.
" Myself

Agent [redacted] recalls that he and another agent (probably [redacted]) was in the saloon, On the night the letter was supposed to have been mailed in Oklahoma City. Were not instructed to keep a surveillance. [redacted] does not remember exact date there with [redacted] but does recall there several times re tap with [redacted]

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Mr. M. H. Purvis,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

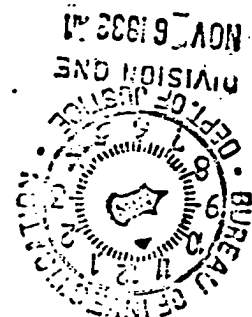
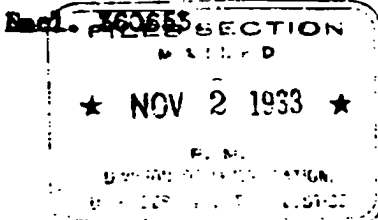
I am enclosing herewith a letter which has been received from Mr. Nathan under date of October 24, at Chicago, together with its attached papers, consisting of statements submitted by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] in explanation of the several apparent derelictions of the Chicago office in connection with the search for George and Kathryn Kelly.

I am desirous of definitely fixing the responsibility first for the failure to properly cover the Cadillac Motor Sales Company at Chicago, and, second, to properly cover the special delivery letter addressed to 1150 South Michigan Boulevard from Oklahoma City and, third, to cover the South Michigan Boulevard address at that time, which action would have, no doubt, resulted in the apprehension of the Kellys at that time.

I am not satisfied with the explanations appearing in the attached correspondence. It is quite obvious that there is too much reliance placed upon the memory of the Agents and the record indicates that the system, if such exists at Chicago, for the assignment, checking in and checking out and recording of the activities of Agents, is woefully deficient. However, I feel that it should be possible, in spite of these facts, to definitely fix the responsibility for failing to give prompt and proper attention to these three matters and I wish that you would give the same your very careful thought and consideration and endeavor to advise me in more definite form.

Very truly yours,

Director.



U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

900 Ezra Thompson Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
November 2, 1933.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case of ALBERT L.
BATES et al., KIDNAPING, and to Division File BP-82212.

b7c Please be advised that a communication was directed to the Chief of Police at Leadville, Colorado, on October 30th, 1933, requesting the disposition on the arrest of Albert L. Bates at Leadville, Colorado, on October 9th, 1926, on a charge of safe burglary. A reply was received from [redacted] City Marshal at Leadville, Colorado, in which he advised that both he and the Sheriff at Leadville had made an examination of their records for the months of September, October and November 1926, and were unable to find any record of arrest of Albert Bates.

Very truly yours,

Val C. Zimmer

VAL C. ZIMMER, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.



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JOHN N. EDY
CITY MANAGER

POLICE DEPARTMENT

October 18, 1933

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director
Division of Investigation
US Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re. Harvey J. Bailey 512470, Armon Crawford
Shannon 712026, Robert Green Shannon 712421
and Ora Lillian Shannon 712422.

Please note that Oklahoma City, Oklahoma(PD)
records on above named subjects shows arrested Oklahoma
City, Okla(PD) 7-22-33 which is an error as they were
transferred from Dallas, Texas to Oklahoma City and were
not arrested here until 8-12-33.

Very truly yours,

Bureau of Identification.

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October 31, 1933

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
New Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith a copy of a letter received from the Police Department at Dallas, Texas, concerning the arrest of Harvey E. Bailey, Anna Crawford Shannon, Robert Green Shannon and one Lillian Shannon. The fingerprint record cards as received in the Division from the Oklahoma City Police Department indicate the arrest on July 22, 1933 in each instance as stated in the letter from the Dallas Police.

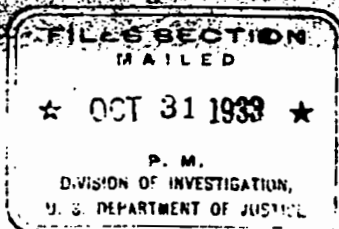
It is desired that the Division be furnished with any necessary corrections in respect to this data, in order that the records of the Identification Unit as to these individuals may be correct in every detail.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc Dallas

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U. S. Department of Justice
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
Bureau of Investigation

224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
November 3, 1933.

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| Mr. Hedges | _____ |
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| Mr. Lester | _____ |
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: George R. Kelly, with aliases,
et al, Kidnaping.

Reference is made to the Division's letter dated October 31, 1933, calling attention to the incorrect date of arrest on the fingerprint cards submitted by the Oklahoma City Police Department for Harvey J. Bailey, Armon Crawford Shannon, Robert Green Shannon, and Ora Lillian Shannon.

The correct information concerning these Subjects is as follows: Harvey J. Bailey was arrested by the Police Department at Dallas, Texas, on August 12, 1933. On September 4, 1933, he escaped from the County Jail at Dallas, Texas, and was reaprehended on the same date at Ardmore, Oklahoma. Bailey was immediately transported from Ardmore to Oklahoma City on the same date and committed to the Oklahoma County Jail at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Armon Crawford Shannon, Robert Green Shannon, and Ora Lillian Shannon were taken into custody by the Police Department of Dallas, Texas on August 12, 1933. On August 25, 1933, they were transferred from Dallas, Texas, to Oklahoma City and committed to the Oklahoma County Jail.

The four Subjects above mentioned have never been in the custody of the Oklahoma City Police Department, although the Identification Officers of that Department went to the Oklahoma County Jail and took their fingerprints. The date inserted on the fingerprint cards submitted by that Department (July 22, 1933) is the date on which Charles F. Urshel was kidnapped from his home at Oklahoma City.

Very truly yours,

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C. G. Schenken, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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November 14, 1933.

Chief of Police,
Dallas, Texas.

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Attention:
Bureau of Identification.

Dear Sir:

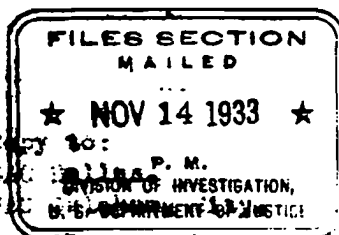
Reference is made to your letter of October 16, 1933, concerning the kidnaping case involving Charles Urschel, Victim.

I have been informed by the Oklahoma City office of this Division that Harvey Bailey was arrested by the Police Department at Dallas, Texas, on August 12, 1933, escaped from the County Jail of that city on September 4, was rearrested the same date at Ardmore, Oklahoma, transported, and committed to the Oklahoma County Jail at Oklahoma City on the same date.

I have been further informed that Armon Crawford Shannon, Robert Green Shannon, and Ora Lillian Shannon were taken into custody by the police at Dallas, Texas, on August 12, 1933, and on August 25 were transferred from Dallas, Texas, to Oklahoma City and committed to the County Jail. The four named subjects have never been in the custody of the Oklahoma City Police Department; although, through the courtesy of this Department their fingerprints were recorded in the Oklahoma County Jail by the Identification officer of the Police Department. The date which was inserted on the fingerprint cards at that time apparently had reference to the date upon which the kidnaping occurred in Oklahoma City.

Our records in this respect have been corrected and your cooperation in bringing this matter to my attention has been indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Director.

Copy to:
SAC, Dallas, P. M.
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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October 25, 1933.

MEMORANDUM

Re: Urschel Case.

In telephone conversation with Mr. Nathan at Chicago today, he advised me that with reference to the Cadillac automobile, this automobile had been left at the Cadillac establishment on August 10; that according to the records at the Chicago office, the first time that the Agent went to this place to inquire was on August 18, and at that time the fact that the car was there evidently was overlooked. Mr. Nathan is submitting a report, and when it reaches here Mr. Purvis will be asked for an explanation.

*This must be followed up
& the responsibility for improperly
handling this placed.*

J. E. H.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hughes.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Lester.....
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

[redacted], of the Washington Post, was referred to me by [redacted]. [redacted] wanted to know what the result of the investigation of the aeroplane accident in Indiana was. I told him I was not at liberty to disclose the information in the reports and that so far as I knew the investigation had not been completed.

He also stated that he had noted an Associated Press story a short time ago to the effect that newspaper advertisements had been written in Oklahoma City of a sort of a cryptic character but which indicated that perhaps the Urchels or their attorneys were negotiating with someone to obtain the remainder of the ransom money. I told him I have absolutely no knowledge of that matter; that it was entirely possible, of course, that the Urchels would endeavor to recover the remaining sum of money and that it would not at all be necessary for them to communicate with this Division concerning that action.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

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OFFICE OF THE MANAGER

COLCORD BUILDING

C. F. COLCORD, Owner

OKLAHOMA CITY,

October 30, 1933

Mr. Nathan.
Mr. Telson..
Mr. Clerk...
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hughes.
Mr. Quinn...
Mr. Lester..
Mr. Locke...

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

At a meeting of a group of business men in my office in Oklahoma City, we decided to help Mr. Urschel and his family, and offered a reward for "Machine Gun" Kelly and his wife. My committee is now anxious to find out whether or not this reward accomplished the capture of Kelly and his wife, and, if so, who should participate in this reward.

You will find enclosed a copy of letter written to me by R. H. Colvin, Special Agent in Charge of this district. I would be greatly obliged if you could give me this desired information.

Yours very truly,

C. F. Colcord

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Mr. C. F. Colcord,
Colcord Building,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

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Dear Mr. Colcord:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of October 30, with accompanying enclosure, and have carefully noted the contents of both.

With regard to the matter of reward offered by you and your associates for the capture of George and Kathryn Kelly, I feel that you will understand that the payment of rewards in cases of this kind is a matter entirely outside of the jurisdiction of this Division and one in which if there was the slightest indication of any attempt on the part of this Division at interference, would subject it to considerable criticism. As you know, no Agent or representative of this Division can participate in any manner, directly or indirectly, in the receipt of any reward, nor can the Division or any of its representatives pass upon the merits of any claimants thereto. With a view, however, to affording you every possible cooperation I would be glad to have you advise me, if you care to do so, the names of any individual claimants and I will then report to you such data as may appear in the files of this Division bearing upon the part which said individual claimants may have played in this investigation. It is desired, of course, that even this participation by this Division be kept confidential inasmuch as under no circumstances can, as stated in the foregoing, the Division participate, either as recipients or arbiters, in reward matters.

I am sure you will understand fully the circumstances which render this position necessary, and with best wishes and expressions of my highest esteem, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.

