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| REPORT MADE AT: NEW ORLEANS, LA. | DATE WHEN MADE: 11-27-33 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-20-33 | REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] |
| TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES; with aliases, et al. CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM | | | CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPPING |

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| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [REDACTED] Jackson, Mississippi says that he was in a gambling joint in New Orleans and heard a fellow, name not known, remark that Mr. Urschel used bad judgement in assisting the prosecution of his kidnapers as they would get him again and next time get more money and kill him too. R. U. C. | REFERENCE: Letter from the Oklahoma City Office dated November 2, 1933. |
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DETAILS:

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[REDACTED] was located at the Peoples Cafe on Capital Street, Jackson. He has rooms upstairs over the restaurant and may be located at any time in care of the restaurant. He stated that he is a moving picture machine operator by trade but is out of work and is running whiskey between New Orleans and Jackson and points out of Jackson. He says that he goes to New Orleans about once a week and usually finds his way into the Orpheum Club on University Street where he participates in gambling. He says that he was in this place a few days prior to his writing Mr. Urschel (His letter is dated October 29, 1933.) and while taking part in a crap game he was approached by a fellow who asked him, [REDACTED] to stake the man for a dollar in the game. He staked the man and the man won some money and seemed appreciative. Next day he saw the same fellow in the Orpheum Club and they were talking. The conversation drifted to the Urschel case and the man remarked that Mr. Urschel made a mistake in prosecuting those fellows as they would get out and catch him again and next time they would get more money and would also kill him. After leaving the club [REDACTED] decided this man might be connected with the gang somewhere and that this information might be

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [Signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | 7-115-1014 UNITED STATES DEC 1 1933 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: [Signature] | RECORDED AND INDEXED: DEC 1 - 1933 CHECKED OFF: DEC 1 1933 JACKETED: |
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of interest to Mr. Urschel, so he wrote. He advises that he will notice for the fellow when he is again in New Orleans and in the event he sees him, he will get in touch with the New Orleans Office of the Division so that the man may be interviewed in the event an interview seems desirable. [REDACTED] has not seen the man since

the day after he stated him and does not know whether he will ever see him again. The letter written by [REDACTED] to Mr. Urschel is being returned to the Oklahoma City Office.

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November 28, 1933.

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

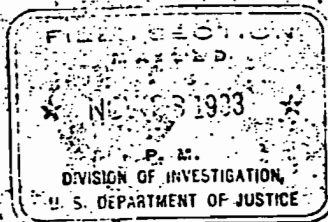
Dear Sir:

During the recent conference of the Special Agents in Charge at Washington it was recommended that a brief of each important kidnaping and extortion case, together with the modus operandi and methods of solution and investigation, be prepared and forwarded to each field office.

Accordingly, it is requested that you prepare such a report, and forward one copy of same to each field office, in the CHARLES F. URSCHEL kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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 Mr. Locke _____

November 27, 1933.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Sanford Bates, Director of the Bureau of Prisons telephoned. He suggested the advisability of an Agent of this Division ascertaining the status of a woman, alleged to be an attorney in law, in Texas, who has been writing letters to Harvey Bailey. I told Mr. Bates that I would have this done, and he stated that he also would have inquiry made of Harvey Bailey at Leavenworth.

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December 2, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
900 Ezra Thompson Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to Division letter of October 20, 1933, in the case entitled GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, et al Kidnaping, in which you were requested to exert every possible effort 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 female associates for a considerable period back, and conduct any further investigative activity as may appear appropriate.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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December 1, 1933

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

Dear Sirs:

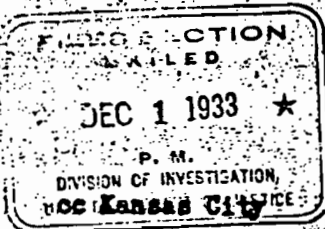
The Division and the Bureau of Prisons, of the Department, have since the conviction of Harvey J. Bailey at Oklahoma City, in the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping case received a number of long letters from Mrs. Virginia Staples, Attorney-at-Law, 302 New Swann Building, Tyler, Texas, in which she has expressed a "deep affection" for Harvey J. Bailey and requested that he be granted certain privileges at Leavenworth.

It is requested that the Dallas office interview Mrs. Staples to determine her identity and connection with Bailey.

The Kansas City office is requested to interview Bailey for the same purpose.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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December 2, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to Division letter dated
November 9, 1933, in the case entitled GEORGE R. KELLY,
with aliases, et al, KIDNAPING.

Very truly yours,

Director

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Oklahoma City, Okla.
December 2, 1933.

Mr. Nathan ✓
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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Lester
Mr. Locke

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

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, et al,
Kidnapping.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of November 29, 1933, as to the disposition of certain "four diamond rings and a diamond watch" which Kathryn Kelly stated had been taken from her and left as she understood, in the custody of the Government at Oklahoma City.

Please be advised, that on order of the U.S. District Judge, 3 diamond rings, 1 diamond wrist watch and \$350.00 in money, which had been produced in Court as evidence in the case- same having been taken from a safe deposit box at Fort Worth, Texas, were delivered into my custody at the conclusion of the trial, to be held pending orders of the Court.

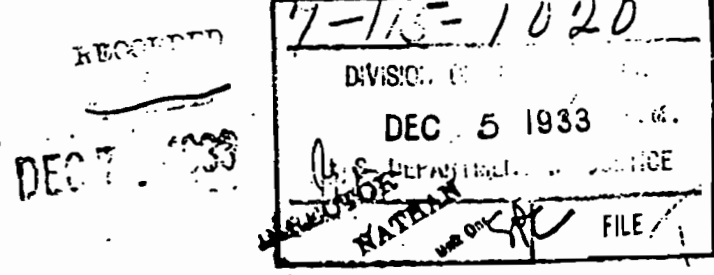
On the 10th day of November, 1933, the Court issued an order- copy of which is in the file of this case at Oklahoma City office, directing that these goods and any other personal property of George and Kathryn Kelly, be delivered to their attorneys, Mather and Mather.

In accordance with said order, the 3 diamond rings, the wrist watch and the \$350.00 were delivered to Mather and Mather and I now hold their receipt for same. I know nothing of any other personal property of George or Kathryn Kelly, except some jewelry which she claimed to have left at the house in San Antonio where she was stopping with the Arnolds. I think S.A.C. Jones has made an investigation as to the loss of said property.

Very truly yours,

R.H. Colvin
R.H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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W. J. Ladd
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201 Liberty National Life Bldg.,
Birmingham, Alabama,
December 4, 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. Urschel - Victim,
Kidnaping.

As instructed in Division letter of November 9, 1933, I directed Special Agent [redacted] to contact the police officers at Memphis, Tennessee who assisted in the apprehension of George Kelly Barnes and to confidentially inform them as to the attitude of Mr. Charles F. Colcord, of Oklahoma City, with reference to the reward offered by him and his associates, and as to the Division's attitude in the matter.

Agent [redacted] advises me that he has contacted the interested officers at Memphis and confidentially advised them that the Division has taken absolutely no action which would cause Mr. Colcord to withdraw his offer, and that the Division stands ready to furnish Mr. Colcord, or any interested person or committee, with the facts in so far as they are known to the Division, concerning the part played by each claimant for the reward. Agent [redacted] advises further that apparently the officers at Memphis do not feel that the Division is in any way responsible for the decision of Mr. Colcord and do not have any ill feeling toward the Division, but do feel that Mr. Colcord and his associates have been very unfair in the matter of the reward.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Oklahoma City

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JOHN B. DAVIS

WM. BRUCE MYTON

GEO. D. FAIRTRACE CITY MANAGER



FORT WORTH, TEXAS,

November 24, 1933.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT
HENRY B. LEWIS, CHIEF OF POLICE

Mr. J. E. Hoover,
Director Bureau Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We wish to again bring to your attention the Charles F. Urschell case, wherein Harvey Bailey, George Kelly, Albert Bates, et al were captured and are now serving terms in Federal Prisons.

First, let us refer you to Mr. Nathan, assistant to yourself, and also to report of your [REDACTED] for substantiation of statement made herein.

Our entrance upon this case was made prior to the kidnapping of Mr. Urschell. Department of Justice officials at Dallas were told that the Shannon farm near Paradise, Texas was being used as a hideout for Kelly and associates, wanted in the Kansas City massacre. Later, when these same officials were furnished with the information by the undersigned that this was the farm where Urschell was being held and that a raid on this farm would doubtless result in the capture of Bailey and associates, we told these officials that a machine gun would doubtless be found in their possession and, for this information, we would appreciate the gift of the machine gun, if one was found. This request was granted. Later, when the actual raid was made and Bailey captured, his machine gun was taken by your agents. Mr. Nathan and [REDACTED] made us the promise that, upon completion of the case, Bailey's machine gun would be given to us. To date, this promise has not been kept.

The fact remains that we furnished the original information about the farm in Wise County, Texas; were entirely responsible and assisted in the capture of Harvey Bailey; furnished the information which resulted in the arrest of George Kelly and wife in Memphis, Tenn. and, during the weeks of work on the case, spent over \$200.00 of our own money. Considering this, we feel that we are at least entitled to the machine gun and appeal to you to assist us in this respect.

Assuring you of our wish to co-operate with you and your agents at all times, beg to remain,

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Yours very truly,

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December 5, 1933.

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Messrs. [REDACTED] and b7c

City Detectives,
Police Department,
Fort Worth, Texas.

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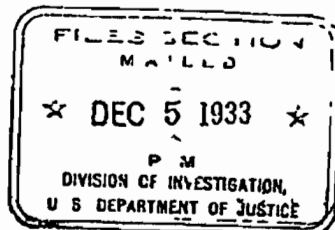
Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 24th ultimo with reference to the machine gun captured from Harvey Bailey at the time of his apprehension in Texas and I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Mr. Joseph B. Keenan, Assistant Attorney General, for his information and for his advice as to what might be done under the circumstances, bearing in mind the fact that recently, under a code adopted with the National Recovery Administration, the Department was required to look into the circumstances surrounding the acquisition of machine guns.

I wanted you to know that the matter is not one under my immediate control and that I, personally, sincerely appreciate the excellent cooperation which you extended to the agents of this Division, not only in the Urschel case, but generally.

Mr. Keenan no doubt will communicate further with you.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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Nov. 27, 1933.

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

GEO. KELLY BARNES et al
Kidnapping.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith, clippings from the Oklahoma Times for November 25th and 27th instant, relative to the action taken in regard to payment of rewards in the Urschel kidnapping case.

The Division is no doubt aware that the so-called "citizens committee" is no one but Urschel and his business associates. The repudiation of the reward offer on the false claim that Division agents alone were responsible for the capture of Kelly and his wife, without the aid of any outside person, has left a decidedly bad taste in the mouth of the citizenry of Oklahoma City.

Their refusal to pay anything to the little Arnold girl is to me a disgusting piece of cheapness and lowers immeasurably the previous good opinion I had of the Urschel family and associates. Needless to say, I am of course refraining from any comment on the matter locally, and shall continue to do so. I have no doubt that a certain portion of the public may come to the conclusion that the reward if any, was paid to Division Agents.

It will be noted that certain lawyers representing the ~~Kelly~~ Arnolds are preparing to file suit to compel the payment of the reward to their clients, and I surmise that Division agents will be subpoenaed in the matter; therefore I deemed it prudent to advise you of the situation at once.

Please overlook this untidy letter, which I have attempted to type, myself as I wanted to get it off as soon as possible.

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December 15, 1933.

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

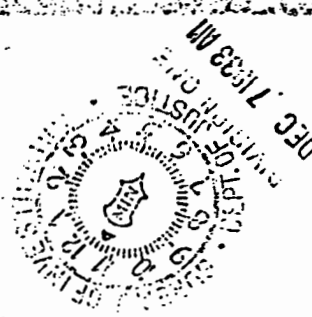
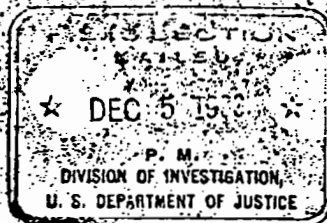
Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of November 27, and have carefully noted the contents of the letter and its enclosures. I agree with you that this is an undesirable situation. I wish you would make certain that the law enforcement officials interested be informed of all of the facts in this case, namely that they definitely and clearly understand that this Division has taken no part in any negotiations or otherwise in connection with the distribution of reward monies in the Urschel case. This Division has furnished to the committee the information contained in its files which will enable them to judge as to the part played by any and all of the individuals indicated by the committee in the Urschel investigation.

I wish that you would see, as indicated in the foregoing, all law enforcement officials interested and impress upon them the fact that this Division is in no wise responsible for the decision of the committee along the lines indicated by you. In fact, this decision was a surprise to me.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Suit for Kelly Reward To Be Filed for Girl

Attorneys for Geralene Arnold
Demand Colcord Pay Her
\$15,000 He Offered.

A legal fight in federal court will be waged to force payment of the \$15,000 Urschel kidnaping reward to 11-year-old Geralene Arnold, attorneys for the girl announced Saturday in Dallas, according to an Associated Press dispatch.

The attorneys, Jack Burroughs and P. D. Smith, both of Dallas, were in Oklahoma City earlier in the week and conferred with Charles F. Colcord, chairman of the reward committee, in an attempt to get at least a part of the reward for their young client.

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Geralene is credited with giving federal agents the tip that led to the capture of George "Machine Gun" Kelly and his wife, Kathryn, in a Memphis bungalow.

On the day after the conference Colcord issued a statement saying that no part of the reward would be paid to anyone, investigation having shown that the federal agents who captured the Kellys were acting on information which they had in their possession before the reward was offered. The agents themselves are not permitted by the government to accept rewards.

Colcord said his position was supported unanimously by a committee appointed to advise with him on the proper distribution of the reward.

Girl Suffers Shock

The attorneys for Geralene announced Saturday their suit for the reward would be filed in the federal court at Dallas. They said that Colcord and other members of the reward committee would be named defendants.

Colcord was out of the city Saturday and could not be reached for a statement. Previously he had said, however, that the committee had concluded its work and that as far as he was concerned the incident was closed. The reward, he said, would be returned to the citizens who subscribed to it.

Meanwhile, according to Geralene's lawyers, she and her parents are destitute at Dallas, not knowing where their next meal is coming from. In addition, they say, little Geralene lives in constant fear of violence from gangland allies of the Kellys.

Burroughs said that last Monday night Geralene, in a restaurant, saw a man she thought she had seen in Cicero, Ill., when she was traveling with the Kellys during their flight from officers. She suffered a nervous shock from which she has not recovered, Burroughs said.

THAT talk about the prosecution of the leaders of the mob that lynched the kidnapers of Brooke Hart is idle conversation. It would be a waste of the state's money to bring charges against individuals in a community so outraged as were the citizens of Santa Clara county. It was a flare-up of the old vigilante spirit which ruled the coast cities when civilization was younger and the influences of the courts were not so well established as they are today. The wanton slaughter of young Hart by his abductors justified the death penalty if ever a crime justified the extreme punishment. The two culprits had made a complete confession. The finding of the body completed the evidence. There remained an expensive trial and appeal before the murderers met the supreme penalty. Our sense of law and order would be better satisfied if the people had permitted the law to proceed in its slower and dispassionate way, but we cannot find it in our hearts to be highly indignant over the fury of the mob in this instance. Lynch law leaves a bad taste, but it is good medicine for kidnapers who kill their victims. California justice was necessary to clean the desperadoes out of the mining camps in the fifties and behind Judge Lynch came a high sense of citizenship which seldom left prescribed and conventional paths. We have a secret pride in California's handling of this case. Our guess is that there will be no more kidnaping in California for quite a spell.

MR. URSCHEL could eliminate a lot of adverse criticism by giving little Geraldine Arnold a handsome purse for her share in the apprehension of the Machine Gun Kellys.

The fact that the Arnolds have applied for charity in Dallas and are virtually public charges has created a lot of sympathy for the family who were impressed into the service of the abductors of Mr. Urschel.

Inquire in the average group about the decision of the committee to give none of the reward offered and you strike an immediate reaction in favor of the child.

The committee may be on solid ground legally when it argues that the federal operatives had the case almost completely cleaned up when the Arnold child arrived in Oklahoma City after her tour with the Kellys. We are inclined to think that it was but a question of a few hours until the federal men would have taken Kelly regardless of the child. This is a matter of conjecture, however. The girl was instrumental in leading the officers to Kelly's lair. They took him as a result of her information.

There are a great many people who think the girl's schooling ought to be provided for. I have not heard of anyone who cares whether anything is done for the parents.

Oklahoma Times 11-27-33



900 Ezra Thompson Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
December 5, 1933.

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

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY with aliases, et al.
KIDNAPING.
S.L. File 7-10.

Dear Sir:

During the time that Albert L. Bates alias George L. Davis resided at Denver, up to and including the date of his arrest, he was living with a woman not believed his wife. She is believed to be one Clara Feldman, and she disappeared about the time Bates was arrested at Denver, Colorado, and her whereabouts have not been determined, although she is believed to have relatives in the State of Washington.

It is thought that possibly she may have, or know where Bates deposited or placed his share of the Urshel ransom money.

Will you arrange with the Warden of the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, to have all mail received by Albert L. Bates, and sent out from that institution by him, placed under a careful censorship, in the hope of effecting the location of this woman Clara Feldman, or any other woman with whom he may be corresponding, or any other persons whom you believe might know where his share of the ransom money is kept.

The names and addresses of the persons who correspond with him, and the names and addresses of the persons with whom he corresponds, should be learned, and leads submitted to the office covering the locality where these persons live, in order that they may be made the subject of such investigation for the purpose desired, as is warranted.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DIXON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
Nov. 25, 1933.

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

ATTENTION MR. TOLSON:

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to several letters received from the Division directing that the pistols taken from George Kelly, the vessels in which the Urschel money was buried, the wig worn by Kathryn Kelly, the chain with which Mr. Urschel was chained, and the 351 automatic rifle taken from Harvey Bailey be forwarded to the Division for its museum.

I have not shipped these articles yet and with the Division's consent will send them to Washington by Agent C. G. Schenken, who will be proceeding there within the next few days by automobile. With respect to the 351 automatic rifle, I thought I had an understanding with Mr. Tolson that this rifle would not be called for. I discussed the matter with him verbally while in Washington recently. However, if the Division insists I will send it but would at least like to retain it a few weeks longer as I hope to try it out on a deer. Furthermore, it would be a very valuable adjunct to the arms equipment of this office and I do not see that it would serve any better purpose in the museum. I hope the Division will excuse my dilation in the matter of the rifle, as I am perfectly frank in stating I hope to use it some myself. It is a most effective weapon and very suitable to carry in a car. Please advise if the Division still insists on this rifle being sent in.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice,
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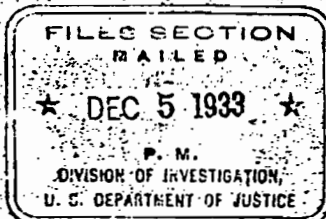
Dear Sirs:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your communication, dated November 25, 1933, marked for the attention of Mr. Tolson, Assistant Director, with respect to the 351 automatic rifle now in possession of your office and taken from Harvey Bailey.

I have carefully noted the contents of the ultimate paragraph thereof and regret to inform you that the rifle in question should be transmitted to the Division at the earliest possible date, in order that the same might be placed in the collection of guns now on exhibit at the Seat of Government. Please give this matter your prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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| REPORT MADE AT St. Paul, Minn. | DATE WHEN MADE 12-7-33 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/1, 2, 4, 5/33 | REPORT MADE BY R. C. Coulter |
| TITLE GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al. CHARLES F. PURSHELL - Victim. | | CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING | |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Inquiry in the Twin Cities failed to definitely establish that BARNES was an associate of TOM BANKS; during 1931 and 1932 he associated with [REDACTED]

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Report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 9-7-33; letter from Dallas Division office dated 9-14-33; and report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, dated 11-13-33.

DETAILS:

At St. Paul, Minnesota.

The following investigation was conducted with a view to determining whether BARNES was an associate of TOM BANKS while residing in the Twin Cities:

Inquiry at [REDACTED] disclosed that they possessed no information other than the fact that they sold to MRS. R. G. SEANTON a fur coat, February 16, 1935, cash being paid for same. She did not give a local address and was not accompanied by anyone other than her husband when she called at the store. During the course of the conversation with [REDACTED] the BARNES advised that they were ranchers from Texas and MRS. BARNES stated that [REDACTED] had recommended that place to them. No effort was made to locate and interview [REDACTED] as this office is in receipt of no information additional to that possessed at the time he was [REDACTED]

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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interviewed by Special Agent in Charge Spear at Portland, Oregon, as reflected in his report of August 19, 1933.

_____ of the Minneapolis Police Department and _____ have been communicated with and they were unable to furnish any additional information.

Through arrangements made by Inspector of Detectives _____ secretly contacted Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni and during an extended interview, he admitted knowing GEORGE and KATHERINE BARNES under the name of KELLY. However, no other information was secured from him in connection with captioned case.

_____ Juster Bros., 6th Street South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was contacted; and after a review of his records he stated that GEORGE W. KELLY carried an account at his store early in 1931 at which time he gave his address as the Francis Drake Hotel, Minneapolis. Later he purchased clothing there with _____ whose correct name is _____. From the various employees with Juster Bros., it was determined that _____ is in fact _____ who with _____

_____ was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Minnesota State Penitentiary in 1932 on a charge of murder, having been convicted at St. Paul. _____ was a known acquaintance of these fellows and all of them were or are under indictment at Elizabeth, New Jersey, charged with murder of a Prohibition Agent. Also a man named _____ who was known to Juster Bros. as _____ is believed to be _____, alias _____ who is also wanted by the Chief of Police of Elizabeth, New Jersey, on a charge of murder. These men had clothing delivered to the Francis Drake Hotel and gave various addresses as their home address, i.e., 170, 125 and 120 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, as well as 3310 Fremont Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minnesota. In connection with these addresses, it is known that BERNARD PHILLIPS formerly lived at 174 Summit Avenue, St. Paul.

_____ stated he was slightly acquainted with _____ and knew who TOM BANKS was by reputation but that BARNES was not introduced to their firm by either of these men and he had never seen them together. He further advised that all of the above mentioned, including _____ came to their establishment after August 2, 1931, prior to which time they purchased the _____ tailoring company; that _____ was in their employ for a year thereafter and that he claimed he met the HAGERS at the Boulevards of Paris, a night club in St. Paul.

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██████████ was located at his present place of business, ██████████ Minneapolis, and after viewing photographs of BARNES, FRANCIS KRATING, THOMAS HOLDEN, FRANK WEBER, ██████████ HARVEY BAILEY, and ██████████ he stated he had made clothes for all of these men. However, he had no recollection as to who had introduced him to BARNES. He stated it was his recollection that he sent all the clothes he made to the Admiral Hotel, which hotel was formerly operated by TOM BARNES. He further advised that to his knowledge, BARNES was not an associate of any of the above mentioned men and that he is not now making clothes for any of these men and does not know their whereabouts. As a point of possible information, ██████████ advised that he had made clothing for HARVEY BAILEY for a period of years and that HARVEY BAILEY introduced ██████████ to him a week or two prior to the arrest of ██████████ in connection with the Denver Mint robbery.

With reference to the letters from the Oklahoma City Division office dated October 9, 1933, and October 18, 1933, it is understood that Assistant Director NATHAN handled the investigation regarding TOM BARNES, and this office is not in possession of the facts secured.

Investigation requested in reference report of Special Agent ██████████ was conducted by Special Agent ██████████ of the St. Paul Division office and a copy of his memorandum is quoted:

"At Madison, Wisconsin.

"On November 15, 1933, Postmaster ██████████ of the Madison Post Office was contacted and requested to locate the applications for the money orders #82437 and 82438 and also to furnish information regarding Registered letter #1717.

██████████ produced the applications and it was found that Money Order #82437 was dated August 7, 1933, made payable to Tucker Nursery at Bandley, Texas, in the amount of \$50.00 by Kathryn C. Kelly, with the return address so designated as Indianapolis, Indiana, care of General Delivery. It is to be noted that a mail notice to the issuing Postmaster at Madison informed that officer that the above Money Order was paid August 11, 1933, at Fort Worth, Texas. This notice is sent only when payment is made at a destination other than the one so designated on the Money Order.

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Money Order 82438 in the amount of \$50.00 was made payable on August 7, 1933, to J. E. Brooks at 857 E. Mulkey St., Fort Worth, Texas, and was purchased by Kathryn C. Kelly in care of General Delivery, Indianapolis, Indiana, and was dated August 7, 1933.

"The registered letter number 1717 was mailed on August 7, 1933, at 2:10 p.m., and was addressed to R. G. Shannon, Paradise, Texas. There was no value placed on the letter and the sender, Kathryn C. Kelly, asked for a return receipt. The return address as designated by the sender was care of General Delivery, Indianapolis, Indiana.

"The agent conducted an investigation at the Lorraine Hotel, Madison, Wisconsin, and found that one [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] checked in to this hotel on August 5, 1933, and checked out on August 8, 1933, and occupied room 712; no long distance calls could be traced to this room and no one at this hotel could give the agent a description of the occupants of room 712. It is for this reason that the names [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are not being carried in the title as aliases of subjects.

"At the Belmont Hotel, Madison, Wisconsin, no record could be found which would indicate that the subjects had checked in at this hotel at any time during August, 1933."

While various leads have been set out for the St. Paul Division office, they were primarily for the purpose of causing the location of BARNES and the development of same at this time would, of course, serve no purpose and they are being ignored. Further inquiry at the Francis Drake Hotel developed no further definite information regarding the residence of BARNES at that place.

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411 U. S. Court House
Portland, Oregon

December 5, 1933

Mr. Nathan. ☒
Mr. Tolson _____
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Mr. Hargis _____
Mr. Quinn _____
Mr. Lester _____
Mr. Locke _____



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

Dear Sir:

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

This will refer to the Division's letter of the 29th instant, enclosing copies of a letter addressed to the Division by [redacted] of Portland, advising that she is being kept under surveillance by agents of this office, and claiming that her mail has been tampered with.

The Division is advised that the above named woman is [redacted] of Clara Feldman, the latter being the woman who lived with George Bates, subject in the Urschel kidnaping case. [redacted] is living, apparently in open adultery, with [redacted] Portland, at an address which Clara Feldman visited shortly after the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel. [redacted] has been interviewed by the undersigned and by agents of this office, in an effort to secure information as to the whereabouts of Clara Feldman, but without success. Report covering this interview will go forward at such time as several outstanding angles of investigation in this district are completed.

The Division is advised that no direct surveillance has been maintained over [redacted] or her companion, Scott, and, of course, her mail has not been tampered with. At the time I interviewed her in the office she claimed that her mail was being opened, at which time I informed her that if such was the case there was no one connected with this office or this Division responsible for that condition, and I suggested that upon receipt of the next letter she suspected of having been previously opened, that she bring it to me and I would personally see that the Post Office Inspectors would make appropriate inquiry concerning the same. She has not returned any letters to this office in accordance

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with the suggestion, and I am satisfied that she is merely a trouble maker and knows considerably more about the whereabouts of Clara Feldman [REDACTED] than she takes occasion to admit.

Very truly yours,


C. C. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice
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Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
December 7, 1933



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

Dear Sir:

Referring to your communication of December 1, 1933, I beg to advise you that convict Harvey J. Bailey was interviewed at the United States Penitentiary Annex at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on December 6, 1933, relative to Mrs. Virginia Staples, Attorney at Law, 302 New Swan Building, Tyler, Texas, and emphatically denies that he is acquainted with this person and, as far as he knows, he has never heard of her. He did state that he had received a number of letters at different times from people whom he is unable to recall.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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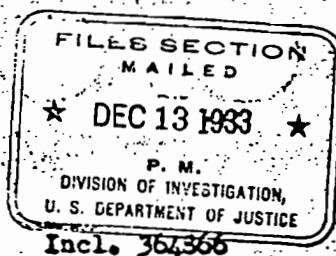
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS

There is forwarded herewith a copy of a letter dated December 7, 1933 from Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, Kansas City, Missouri, concerning an interview had with convict Harvey J. Bailey as to his relationship with Mrs. Virginia Staples, an attorney-at-law at Tyler, Texas, who has written several long and affectionate letters to Bailey.

The Dallas Office has been requested to interview Mrs. Staples, the result of which will be forwarded to you upon the receipt of same.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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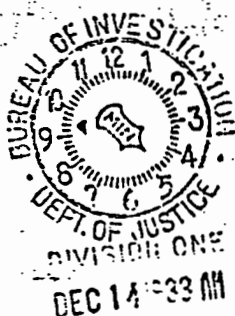
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900 Ezra Thompson Building,

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December 5, 1933.

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

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY with aliases, et al.
KIDNAPING.
S.L. File 7-10.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 1, 1933, in which you refer to letter which the Division sent me under date of October 20th, 1933.

In that respect I wish to inform that this office circularized all banking institutions in this territory, prior to the receipt of your letter of October 20th, 1933, in the hope of locating some safety deposit box rented by Albert L. Bates under his true name or aliases, or under the name of Clara Feldman, the woman known to have been living with him.

Only one woman, presumably Clara Feldman, was associated with Bates during the period that he resided in this territory to the knowledge of this office. Clara Feldman is believed to be the woman who was living with him at Denver at the time of his arrest, and the woman who departed to a place or places unknown. Under date of October 30th, 1933, I directed a communication to the Portland Division office asking that office to reinvestigate leads in that district tending to effect the location of the woman believed to be Clara Feldman, it appearing that she had relatives in the State of Washington, in whom the Portland Division office previously interested itself. I have received no information from the Portland Division office, and it is my belief that she can best be located by a further investigation of leads in that territory through her relatives who are believed to live there. There is some belief that Clara Feldman is a sister of Ed and Ted Bentz, who formerly resided at Tacoma, Washington, and who in the past, have been associated with Albert L. Bates and George Kelly.

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The only thing which this office has to work on for the purpose of locating this woman, is Ben Laska, the attorney for Albert L. Bates, and thus far this office has not been able to secure any information concerning her, but effort along this latter line will be continued.

I am asking the Kansas City office to place the mail of Albert L. Bates under surveillance, in the hope of locating this, or other women with whom he was associated.

Very truly yours,



JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Bureau of Investigation

224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
December 6, 1933



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

Dear Sir:

Re: Kathryn Kelly, et al.,
Kidnaping - File BP-698248

Your letter under date of November 24, 1933 requesting disposition of the arrest of Kathryn Kelly as Cleo May, Oklahoma City Police Department #3113, October 24, 1925, has been received and the following information pertaining to same obtained:

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Kathryn Kelly as Cleo May, arrested 10-24-25, charge robbery, Okla. City Police Dept. #3113, released to Oklahoma County and on March 18, 1926 sentenced to five years State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma (Case No. 6076). March 25, 1926 filed notice of appeal and released on bond. September 20, 1926 filed certification of appeal and on May 9, 1929 the case was heard by the Circuit Court of Appeals and reversed and no further action was taken.

In the above action, Kathryn Kelly used the following names: Cleo Brewer, Cleo May, Mrs. Jack Barnett and Catherine Williams, the sentence being under the name Catherine Williams.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin
R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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| REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon | DATE WHEN MADE: 12-7-33 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-11,13,14,25, 12-5,6-33 | REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] |
| TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases CHARLES F. URSOHEL - Victim | | | CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation indicates [REDACTED] of Clara Feldman, likely to know her whereabouts. [REDACTED] states she spent month of October in Portland, Oregon. Denies knowledge present whereabouts. [REDACTED] interviewed without success. Some indication she may return to Ed Bentz. Banks this territory circularized. | | | |
|  <p>DEC 12 1933</p> | | | |
| REFERENCE: Salt Lake City letter 10-30-33; report Special Agent [REDACTED] Portland, Oregon, 9-7-33. | | | |
| DETAILS: At Tacoma, Washington. | | | |
| Special Agent [REDACTED] conducted the following investigation: | | | |
| [REDACTED] criminal investigator for the sheriff's office, Tacoma, Washington, again interviewed and advised that Clara Feldman, who had been living with Albert Bates for the past two or three years and was with Bates in Denver, Colorado, this past summer when he was arrested. | | | |
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formerly resided in Tacoma, Washington; that several years ago Clara Feldman lived with Ed Bentz in Tacoma; that Ed Bentz introduced Clara Feldman to Albert Bates and shortly thereafter Albert Bates and Clara Feldman commenced living together as man and wife; that Clara Feldman had three children, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that Clara Feldman's mother, Mrs. Hurlienne, died in Tacoma about two years ago; that her father, who is very old, still resides in Manatau, a suburb of Tacoma; that [REDACTED] of Clara Feldman, resides at [REDACTED]

that [REDACTED] caused the separation of [REDACTED] and A. H. Scott and has since been living with A. H. Scott as man and wife; that Clara Feldman and [REDACTED] have always been very much attached to each other, and it is his belief that [REDACTED] and Clara Feldman were constantly in touch with each other; that Clara Feldman had [REDACTED] who had resided in Denver, Colorado, (street address unknown) for several years and that Clara Feldman was very much attached to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] further advised that during December, 1932, at which time he was trying to locate Albert Bates, Ed Bentz, and others, in connection with the Colfax, Washington bank robbery, that Chief of Police [REDACTED] Denver, Colorado and Detectives [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the Denver Police Department, ascertained that Albert Bates, Clara Feldman, George Kelly and others were receiving mail through P. O. Box 2565, Denver, Colorado, and were living at 724 E. 19th Avenue, Denver, with [REDACTED] of Clara Feldman. It is suggested that the Salt Lake City office contact Chief of Police [REDACTED] Detectives [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the Denver Police for complete information as to this investigation in Denver.

[REDACTED] also advised that he was continuing every effort to locate the present whereabouts of Clara Feldman through informants; that he felt positive that [REDACTED] now residing in Portland with A. H. Scott and [REDACTED] in Denver, Colorado, knew the present whereabouts of Clara Feldman and that any connections with Clara Feldman's family in Tacoma came through [REDACTED] in Portland. [REDACTED] further advised that Clara Feldman was not a sister

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of the Bentz brothers and not related in any way; that he felt that if Clara Feldman had Albert Bates' share of the ransom money, now that Bates was in prison for life, that she would go back to Ed Bentz with whom she formerly lived as man and wife before living with Bates.

[redacted] advised that Mrs. Byram, the mother of the Bentz brothers, had recently left Tacoma, Washington, and was now residing with her son, George Bentz, at 7124 Beldon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who has acted as go-between for the Bentz family for the past year.

Chief of Police [redacted], Tacoma, was interviewed, and advised that he had known Clara Feldman's family for more than twenty-five years; that about 1908 he boarded with Mr. and Mrs. Hurtienne, Clara's parents; that for the past several weeks he had been trying to ascertain the present whereabouts of Clara Feldman; that he was positive she would not return to Tacoma, and further that he did not believe that her family in Tacoma knew her present whereabouts. Chief [redacted] further advised that he would continue all efforts to ascertain the present whereabouts of Clara Feldman and if successful would advise this office immediately.

Mr. Hurtienne, the father of Clara Feldman, who resides in a small shack just out of Tacoma, in Manatau suburb, was interviewed by agent without disclosing his identity. Mr. Hurtienne advised that he had not seen or heard from Clara Feldman since the spring of 1932, at which time she was in Tacoma with Albert Bates; that [redacted] resided in either Denver, Colorado or Kansas City, Missouri; that he had not seen or heard from him direct since Clara was in Tacoma during 1932, at which time she stated that she saw [redacted] a short time before, but did not recall whether it was Denver or Kansas City. Mr. Hurtienne is living in poverty and advised that the county had been helping him recently.

[redacted] of Clara Feldman [redacted] was also interviewed by agent without disclosing his identity. [redacted] also stated that she had not seen or heard from [redacted] Clara, since the spring of 1932; that she had no idea where she could be located; neither did she know the address of [redacted] or whether he resided in Denver, Colorado or Kansas City, Missouri.

A check of the safety deposit boxes in all banks in Tacoma, Washington, failed to disclose any record of a box having been rented under the name of Clara Feldman, Albert Bates, Ed or Ted Bentz, [redacted] A. H. Scott, [redacted] or George L. Davis, all names which Clara Feldman might use.

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No information obtainable at Tacoma as to any woman Albert Bates associated with besides Clara Feldman.

At Portland, Oregon.

[redacted] stated that he had no new information concerning Clara Feldman or the other persons involved in this case with whom he has come in contact, as mentioned in report of reference. He mentioned that [redacted] of Clara Feldman had been put out of Alvin H. Scott's home because Scott demanded that he pay room and board and [redacted] refused to do so. He said [redacted] was living in the shack at the golf driving range where he works.

The writer, accompanied by Special Agent [redacted] called on Alvin Scott and [redacted] at their home, [redacted] and were accompanied by them to the Portland Division office. Scott was first interviewed by Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears in the presence of Agent [redacted] and the writer, but denied having any knowledge as to Clara Feldman's whereabouts, denied knowing Albert Bates, and denied that the Feldman woman had visited his home during the past summer. He later admitted, however, that she had visited his home, but claimed that she came in a Chevrolet automobile, which he described as a couple of years old. Persistent questioning served only to show his insincerity. He claimed that Clara Feldman and her son, Eddie Feldman, were at his home for only a couple days. He denied that anyone went away with them when they departed from Portland. He claimed that he had kept [redacted] at his home until he could arrange for sleeping quarters at the golf driving range. Agent obtained from Mr. Scott the statement that [redacted] (by which name [redacted] is known to him) would probably be the member of the family closest to Clara Feldman. According to his last information [redacted] was living in Denver, Colorado. [redacted], he also said, was on good terms with the Feldman woman, who has little to do with any of the other members of the family. It also appeared from his statements that he and [redacted] are somewhat estranged from the other members of the family since his divorce case came up in Tacoma.

Scott claimed that he wanted to help clear up the question of Clara Feldman's location, in order that he and members of his family might no longer be shadowed and spied upon and their mail might no longer be opened. He mentioned that they were shadowed considerably in Tacoma in connection with his divorce case. Mr. Scott was assured the cooperation of this Division in conveying to proper authorities complaint as to any opening of his mail. He was also assured that no employees of this Division were shadowing him or spying upon his home.

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Special Agent [redacted] and Special Agent in Charge Spears afterwards interviewed [redacted]. She identified for them a photograph of former subject Bates, known to her as George Davis. She admitted having been visited by Clara Feldman and the Feldman boys in July, 1933. The Feldman woman at that time was using the name Clara Davis. [redacted] said that she never saw any marriage license or other direct evidence that Clara Feldman was married to Bates. [redacted] denied having any information as to the Denver, Colorado address from whence Clara Feldman came when she visited her, and also stated that she had no knowledge as to where her sister had gone on leaving here. She did mention that Clara received two telegrams while here and she said she thought these might have been from Bates. She also denied that anyone went away with Clara Feldman except her sister, Edie.

[redacted] expressed a desire to help locate her sister in order that nothing might happen to her, and she volunteered to invite [redacted] of Tacoma, Washington, to take Thanksgiving dinner with her. She said she thought that if any member of the family knew where the Feldman woman was [redacted] would. Nothing further has been heard to date indicating that this arrangement was ever carried out.

[redacted] called at this office again several days later and said that she had no information concerning Clara Feldman and wanted the spying upon her house to cease. She was assured that no employee of this Division was watching her home and that no one was opening her mail. At this time [redacted] said that she might be able to locate Clara Feldman if she were able to go alone and were supplied by the Government with a railroad pass. She said it might take her one or more months. It was pointed out to her that the Government was unable to supply any such passes.

On November 13, 1933, a cover was placed on all first class mail addressed to 3633 S.E. Tenino Street. No tracings have been received to date.

On November 24, 1933, circular letters were mailed to all banks in the territory of this office, requesting information as to safety deposit boxes held in the names of Clara Rurtienne, Mrs. Clara Feldman, Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Bates, Mr. and Mrs. George Bates, Mr. and Mrs. James C. King, Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, Mr. and Mrs. George Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McLaughlin, or Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hughes. Replies worthy of mention are the report

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of [redacted] Security Safe Deposit Company, Portland, Oregon, that box 8084 was rented August 28, 1931, by Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McLaughlin, no address and not to be located, for one year and was last opened

February 29, 1932; the report of the United States National Bank, Portland, Oregon, that a box was rented January 3, 1933, by Mr. and Mrs. George Davis; and the report of the North Pacific Bank, Tacoma, Washington, that a box was rented October 9, 1933, by George Davis, 841 Pacific Avenue, mechanic; city directory shows that address vacant.

After false information had been given to the writer and Special Agent [redacted] by [redacted] as to his whereabouts, he was subsequently located at the West Moreland Fairways, 2318 Bybee Boulevard, where he works as a golf professional. [redacted] voluntarily accompanied the writer to the Portland office where he was interviewed in agent's presence by Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears. He immediately identified photographs of subject George Kelly, former subject Bates, Ed Bentz and Ted Bentz, Pauline King, Catherine Kelly and others of their friends. He admitted knowing most of these people. He expressed a dislike for Pauline King and Ed Bentz and said that if he knew where Ed Bentz was he would certainly tell. He said that he met former subject Bates about three years ago as George McLaughlin. He seems to think very well of Bates, except for his criminal activities.

[redacted] readily admitted that [redacted] was in this city in July, 1933, in the Buick automobile previously referred to in the file, and that [redacted] Eddie, came with her. He denied that anyone else accompanied them here and said that he was in Tacoma, Washington. They came to Tacoma and got him to come to Portland with them to visit here. He lived with them at the home of Alvin E. Scott. While here he noticed the golf driving range and got a job there. He claimed to be unable to give information as to where they went from Portland and said that he merely knew that they went east. He denied that anyone went with them. He asserted, however, that they returned to this city about October 1, 1933, driving a Chevrolet automobile with Illinois license plates. They took an apartment in the Blackstone Apartment house, where they lived for approximately one month. He said he did not know what name they used there, but that such information would be readily available through the apartment house manager. About five weeks ago they departed from Portland again and he thought it was because a note had been placed under their door by Ernest Robert Johnston, a member of the Bentz gang, telling them to leave. [redacted] denied information as to where they might have gone from here except that he thought they went east. He said he thinks [redacted] is somewhere in the east now and also mentioned that Ed Bentz is trying to get in touch with her, apparently in order to renew their former intimacy.

[redacted] explained his alleged ignorance as to [redacted] whereabouts and movements on the ground that she never told him anything about her affairs because she wanted to keep him from becoming involved in them. This, of course, is hardly reasonable in view of her having his brother driving her about the country. Furthermore, it was obvious that [redacted] knew a great deal more about Clara Feldman's whereabouts and about former associates of Kelly and Bates than he would admit. In fact, he later practically admitted that he knew how to get in touch with [redacted] but was afraid to tell because he felt that if she were called upon to give any information she would then be in a bad position with respect to Bates and his friends.

[redacted] frankly stated that Alvin Scott and [redacted] had falsified in the information given when they were interviewed, said that they knew Clara Feldman was here in October, and saw her, and said that they knew that she had made a trip to Tacoma while visiting them in July. [redacted] requested that the fact of his having given the above information be kept from Scott and [redacted]

UNDEVELOPED LEADS.

PORTLAND OFFICE: At Tacoma, Washington, keep in contact with [redacted] investigator, sheriff's office, and Chief of Police [redacted] for any information they may obtain as to the present whereabouts of Clara Feldman.

At Portland, secure copies of the two telegrams mentioned herein, received by Clara Feldman during her visit with Alvin Scott in July.

Conduct appropriate investigation at the Blackstone Apartments where Clara Feldman and Eddie Feldman are reported to have stayed during October.

Conduct appropriate investigation with respect to safety deposit boxes mentioned herein.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

Dear Sir:

Kindly advise the Division whether the report covering the modus operandi of the kidnapers and the methods of solution used in the investigation in the CHARLES F. URSCHEL kidnaping case has been prepared and forwarded to the various Division offices.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, et al
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith two copies of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent [redacted] of this office in the above captioned matter, wherein you will note that former Subject Bates claims that he gave Ferris J. Anthone of Kansas City, Missouri \$90,000.00 of the ransom money in this case for exchange. As it will be noted in Agent [redacted] memorandum, Anthone has since been "put on the spot" in Kansas City.

You are advised that appropriate investigation is being made by this office to follow out the information set out in Agent [redacted] memorandum.

Very truly yours,

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L. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

MCS [redacted]

cc - Oklahoma City

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEHRAN

There is transmitted, attached hereto, a copy of a memorandum addressed to the Agent in Charge of this Division's Kansas City office, dated December 8, in which it will be noted that an Agent of the Division, in a conversation with Albert Bates, at the United States Penitentiary Annex, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, was informed by Bates that \$92,000.00 of the \$100,000.00 ransom money received by him in the Urschel case was given by Bates to Ferris J. Anthon, a Kansas City gangster killed a few months ago in Kansas City.

It might appear significant that the two persons that Bates admits contacting, i. e. Gus Winkler and Ferris J. Anthon are both dead.

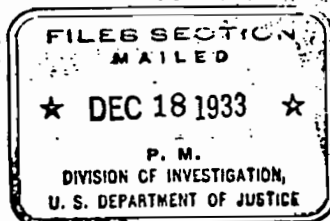
Further inquiries are being made, of course, along the lines indicated.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

Encl. 677044.



Kansas City, Missouri

December 8, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

RE: URSCHKE KIDNAPING MATTER.

While at the U. S. Penitentiary Annex, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on 12-6-33, the writer interviewed Albert Bates, who was connected with George Kelly in the Urschel kidnaping case at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and during the conversation he stated that shortly before he was taken into custody at Denver, Colorado, he had been in St. Paul, Minnesota, trying to make a connection for the purpose of disposing of the Urschel ransom money, that is his share; that he had \$92,000.00 of this money in his possession in a suitcase which he carried; that he proceeded from St. Paul to Chicago, Illinois, where he made a contact with Gus Winkler, now deceased; that this contact was made, he stated, to dispose of the "hot" money; that Winkler refused to have anything to do with it, but did recommend Ferris J. Anthone, alias Tony Kansas, of Kansas City, Missouri, whom, he stated, was a big time gambler; that he, Bates, communicated with Anthone and made an appointment to meet him at Omaha, Nebraska, which he states he did on 8-9-33. Bates says that he arrived in Omaha on the morning of 8-9-33 and registered for a day room at the Paxton Hotel under the name of George L. Davis; that shortly after he arrived at the hotel and had gone to his room he received a telephone call which came from the coffee shop, requesting him to come down and he immediately did and made a contact with Ferris J. Anthone; that he endeavored to make an agreement with Anthone to dispose of this "hot" money, paying Anthone 10 per cent. This Anthone refused to accept, but did make an agreement to dispose of this money for 15 per cent and, as stated before, Bates stated that he had \$92,000.00 in cash with him and gave Anthone \$90,000.00 to dispose of; that Anthone told him that he would dispose of this money in his gambling house at Kansas City, Missouri.

Bates stated that he left Anthone in Omaha this same day and proceeded to Denver, Colorado, where he was arrested on 8-12-33. It will be noted that on 8-12-33, about 1:15 A.M., Ferris J. Anthone had been "put on the

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spot" by a mob; that at the time the shots were being fired at Anthone, Sheriff [redacted] with one of his Deputy Sheriffs, his wife and a young girl, was passing close by; that a car, containing two men, came towards him shooting; that Sheriff [redacted] fired into this car killing two well known racketeers, Gus Fasone, alias Stein, and Sam Schola, alias Sam Hogg; that one Charles Gargotta fired a number of shots at the Sheriff, but dropped his gun when the Sheriff got the drop on him and begged not to be killed. One of the mob was known to have escaped, his name not being known at this time. Charles Gargotta has since been indicted for murder in the first degree by the State Court at Kansas City, Missouri, and is now awaiting trial.

Sheriff [redacted] advised the writer that he understood that Ferris J. Anthone had about \$85,000.00 in cash in the Merchants Bank; that it might possibly be in a safe deposit box, but he was not certain.

It has been ascertained that Anthone was connected politically with Casimer J. Welsh, Democratic politician, who were at that time at odds with the John Lavia gang.

[redacted]
Special Agent

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TO

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MEMORANDUM

The Attorney General.....

The Solicitor General.....

Assistant to Attorney General Stanley.....

Assistant Attorney General Wideman.....

Assistant Attorney General Stephens.....

Assistant Attorney General Sweeney.....

Assistant Attorney General.....

Mr. Stewart.....

Director Division of Investigation.....

Mr. Bates, Director Bureau of Prisons.....

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Gorham, Maine
December 6, 1933

Department of Justice.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you to find out if there is any way you can help me out in locating a car which was taken from me July 30, 1933 by George Kelly, whom you have in custody. This man had an add in a paper, Portland Press Herald, for a sedan car from private party, so as times were so hard I wished to sell my car for cash. Therefor I answered the ad, and Mr. Kelly wanted my car as soon as he saw it, but he could not pay me the full amount until next day which would be July 31 as he would have to go to the bank to draw the amount. He paid me \$50.00 down in brand new bills, two twenties one ten, and he also had about \$50.00 besides in new bills, as I saw it, but stated he owned a filling station at 911 Foust Ave, Portland Maine, which is about fourteen miles from Gorham, so my husband and I went to see Kelly there and he was cleaning around the station and working real hard, so we thought sure enough he did own the place mentioned. Kelly had a man with him whom he introduced as Travis and also his wife and daughter.

Kelly promised to meet me on Tuesday August 1, but when I went to his place of business to get my money, Kelly was gone and had also taken a Marmon car, just the same way he took mine. I know it certainly is Kelly whom you have in prison for his picture is just as he looked when I met him four times.

I think if there was some way you could question the girl whom the Kellys carried about with them she could tell where my car is. I truly would like to get it back for need it very much. My husband being out of work for the past two years I feel I cannot give it away to such criminals as Kellys.

Now can't you help me in any way to locate the car. "How glad and thankful I would be. Perhaps you have some suggestion that would help me." I asked Kelly \$450.00 for my car, and the balance due me would of been \$400.00.

I have been intending to write you many times, but thought perhaps it would be no use, but anyhow decided to anyhow.

Hoping to receive some answer from you in regards to this letter and thank you many times.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN.

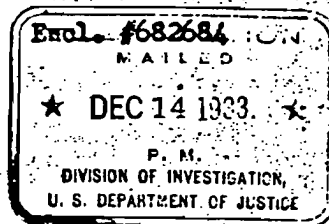
Attention - Mr. Fieberg.

There is returned to you herewith the letter addressed to the Department of Justice by [redacted] Gorham, Maine, dated December 6, 1933, in which she requests aid in locating a Nash Sedan, Motor No. XE-6603, which she states she sold to one George Kelly, at Gorham, Maine, on July 30, 1933. It further appears that Kelly disappeared with the car, having paid but \$50.00 thereon when the agreed price was \$450.00. A search of the files of this Division fails to reflect any record of the car referred to.

[redacted] appears to be of the opinion that the George Kelly, to whom she sold the car, is the George Kelly recently convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment in the Urschel kidnaping case. However, there is no information available indicating that Kelly was in Maine July 30, 1933.

Very truly yours,

Director.





U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Post Office Building
Dallas, Texas

December 12, 1933

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

Re: George Kelly Barnes, et al,
Charles F. Urschel- Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to instructions contained in Division letter of December 1, 1933, Agent [REDACTED] reports that:

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Mrs. Virginia Staples, Attorney-at-Law, 302 New Swann Building, Tyler, Texas, advised that she was the author of numerous communications which she had been forwarding to different Government Officials, Washington, D. C. regarding one Harvey J. Bailey, now confined in the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas; that she did not know Bailey personally except through an unseen power which God had given her; that she was sure that she could not convey such to the writer since she was sure the writer was like all other Government Officials--cold blooded and heartless; that she was convinced that the Government was persecuting an innocent man in the person of Bailey and no argument or persuasion could convince her otherwise; that the light of this matter had been revealed to her by an unseen power; that God had given her Harvey J. Bailey and she was going to continue a campaign of protest and letter-writing in an effort to see if she cannot convince high Government Officials that Bailey was an innocent man and a victim of circumstances.

She further advised that she was a lawyer and had carefully studied the case and that Bailey was the victim of mob psychology, and the Federal Courts were looking for the plaudits of men by sentencing to the penitentiary a man who was the victim of an unfortunate circumstance; that our Government by its Congress and its mechanical functions had caused an artificial social order to spring up in this country and that there was no use to argue

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with her further with reference to her "let-up" in this campaign; that she believed that God would give her sufficient power to convince the Government Officials that Harvey Bailey had been given into her keeping by an unseen hand and that she could not be convinced otherwise.

Mrs. Staples came to Tyler, Texas two years ago from El Dorado, Arkansas. She stated that she was born in Virginia and had been in Washington, D. C. quite a bit in years gone by and was fully conversant with the heartless procedure of Washington Officialdom. She appears to be 45 years of age, has been married, has no children. She appears to be rather intelligent and can converse intelligently on other subjects, but seems to go into a trance or seance, weeps copiously, and begs pitifully on behalf of the one being so unjustly treated - Harvey J. Bailey.

Mrs. Staples is not in active practice at Tyler, Texas, doing only copy, typing and stenographic work for Attorneys in the building in which she offices.

She implored the writer to not report that she was a demented woman, advising that she had all of her faculties and that she was sanely and studiously working in her unseen friend's behalf.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois.

December 16, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al,
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim,
Chicago File No. 7-26.

Attached hereto is a photostatic copy of a letter dated December 2, 1933, from Mathers & Mathers, Attorneys-at-Law, Oklahoma City, in which the attorneys request automobile title papers and any other personal property belonging to George R. Kelly, which are in the possession of the Government at this time, to be forwarded to them, charges collect, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

For your information, there is in the Chicago Office at this time the following personal property belonging to the Kellys:

- 1 Shirt, size 16 - laundry mark, RGS.
- 1 Ladies green scarf.
- 1 Pair ladies white shoes, size 7 1/2.
- 1 Ladies white felt hat with name, Kerr Dry Goods Co., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, sewed on lining.
- 1 Birchbark waste paper basket.
- 1 Birch bark sewing basket.
- 1 Indian blanket.
- 1 Key ring with miscellaneous keys.
- Original and photostatic copy of receipt for two thousand dollars signed by [redacted] of the Levinson Loan Bank, 738 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, dated August 7, 1933, paid for 1 ladies platinum diamond bracelet set with 234 round diamonds, value \$1150.00, and a ladies diamond platinum ring set with 8 round and 2 baguette diamonds, value \$850.00, sold to R. G. Shannon, Frances Apartment, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 1 Black leather brief case.
- 1 Empty metal lock box.

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- 1 Cadillac Automobile Operator's Manual.
- 1 Card case containing an Ohio Motor Vehicle Registration Certificate, showing license No. 691-965, issued at Cleveland, Ohio, to Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, Park Lane Villa, Cleveland, Ohio.
- 1 Map of the State of Kentucky.
- 1 Leather writing portfolio containing 2 memorandum books. In one is the notation, "East Hotel". In the other is the name, "Briggs-Stratton Corporation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin"; also a notation as to the Ohio license number of the Cadillac Sedan, its motor number and number of keys for its trunk, ignition, door and spare tire.
- 2 Black silk pillows.
- 1 Men's suit, Oxford gray color with name "P & A, The Model Tailors, Dallas, Texas", sewed in lining of coat. The name "Shannon" appears in the lining of the pants.
- 2 Pair Rayon silk pajamas purchased at Juster Bros., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The following soiled wearing apparel:

- 1 Pr. pink step-ins.
- 1 Men's undershirt.
- 3 Men's handkerchiefs.
- 1 Pr. Men's socks.

There was also found in this Cadillac Sedan a duplicate of the bill of sale from the Cadillac Motor Car Company at Cleveland, Ohio, to Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, which describes the car according to motor number, model, etc. There was also a copy of the statement for this car from the Cadillac Motor Company and two receipts showing that on August 8, 1933, the Cadillac Motor Car Company had received from O. L. Shannon \$1,422.25, and a receipt dated August 9, 1933, showing that they had received from R. G. Shannon \$500.00 on a new deposit.

I am also attaching a photostatic copy of the billhead of Levinson's Loan Bank, Chicago, Illinois, showing that on July 25, 1933, several diamonds had been purchased by the Kellys. Photostatic copy of a loan receipt of the Levinson Loan Bank, dated August 7, 1933, is also attached, showing that Kelly pawned this same jewelry for the sum of two thousand dollars.

Attached hereto you will find duplicate bill of sale of the Cadillac Motor Car Company, Cleveland, Ohio, for the Cadillac automobile, in question, and also a bill of the Cadillac Motor Car Company showing the amount paid by Mrs. Ora L. Shannon. I am also enclosing Certificate of Registration for the year 1933 in the State

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of Ohio for Cadillac Sedan, motor #1400268, showing that Ohio tags, 1933, #891-985, were issued to Mrs. Ora L. Shannon. Original receipts of the Cadillac Motor Car Company, Cleveland, Ohio, showing that the Kellys paid \$1,922.25 to that concern on August 8 and 9, 1933, are also attached. You may turn over these title papers to Mathers & Mathers, Attorneys-at-Law, Equity Building, your city.

Kindly advise these attorneys that the personal property of the Kellys, as listed herein, which is now in the possession of the Chicago Division Office, will be turned over to any person properly authorized to represent them at Chicago, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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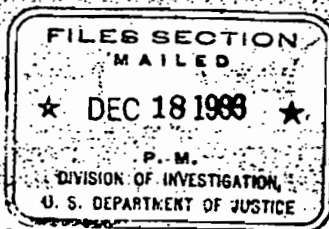
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to Division letters
dated November 9th and December 2, 1933 in the case entitled,
"George R. Kelly, with aliases, et al, Kidnaping".

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Special Agent in Charge,
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224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

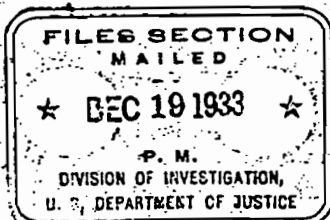
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled GEORGE R. KELLY,
with aliases, et al, KIDNAPING.

A review of the Division's file in this case fails to
disclose that parole reports have been submitted by the Oklahoma City
office for the defendants who were convicted in this case.

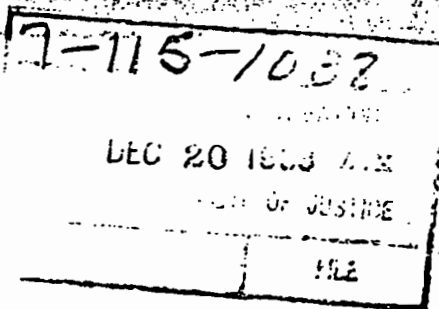
Kindly give this matter your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

December 18, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 2, 1933, with attached papers consisting of a letter from Mr. Nathan dated October 24, 1933, and statements submitted by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted], all of which have reference to several apparent derelictions on the part of the Chicago Office during the search for George and Katherine Kelly. I have delayed making reply to your letter, for the reason that I have made every effort to determine the information desired.

With regard to the apparent failure to cover the Cadillac Motor Sales Company at Chicago on August 12, 1933, when this office received information concerning this automobile, an organized search was made by all of the Special Agents attached to the Chicago Office, together with several police squads, which were split up among and with the Special Agents. Certain Agents were assigned to cover the north side from given points to other given points, and the matter was covered in like fashion all over the entire city. Parking lots and garages were searched, to no avail at that time. It is apparent that this Cadillac automobile belonging to George Kelly was stored at the Cadillac Motor Sales Company at Chicago on August 19th, which was the date on which an inquiry was made at this place, and I am unable to determine why the Cadillac Motor Sales Company had no record, or if they had a record, why they failed to inform Special Agent [redacted] of this fact, which would have led to the recovery of the automobile then.

With reference to the failure to properly cover the Special Delivery addressed to 1150 South Michigan Boulevard from Oklahoma City, I received information from Mr. Nathan, who was then in Oklahoma City, to the effect that this letter would probably leave that point on the midnight Air Mail Plane and would probably arrive in Chicago on the following morning. I recall that upon receipt of this information I omitted making a memorandum, which was possibly due to the fact that at that time there were so many important developments, which precluded my making a memorandum. Apparently the instructions were not delivered to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] until the morning after the information had been received by long distance telephone by me. I regret that I am unable to determine now just when instructions were issued.

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With reference to the covering of the South Michigan Boulevard address, after receiving this information from Oklahoma City, please be advised that Special Agent [REDACTED] states that he was instructed to proceed to this address at about 2 P.M. on September 22, 1933. This was the date on which Kelly is said to have left Chicago in the morning. I do know that several Special Agents were assigned to maintain a surveillance on this address, but their records indicate that all of these assignments took place subsequent to the date of September 22nd. It is obvious that the address was not covered at the time when Kelly arrived there, or he would undoubtedly have been recognized.

I have made every effort to determine the exact facts concerning these three matters and have examined all of the records pertaining to the same, but have been unable to determine any information that would throw any more light on the subject than that which is stated above. I, of course, regret that the matters were not covered properly and if they were covered properly, I am sorry that the records of checking in and checking out, and the recording of the activities of the Agents, were not proper at that time. I have, several weeks ago, instructed each employee as to their responsibilities in this regard and I assure you that steps of this kind in the future will be taken more properly and recorded in a more efficient fashion.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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| REPORT MADE AT Kansas City | DATE WHEN MADE 12-19-1933 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-6-1933 | REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] |
| TITLE GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al | | | CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [REDACTED] is a highly respected citizen, who resides at Stockton, Mo., and is a man of considerable financial means. Through [REDACTED] attorney at Springfield, Mo., it was learned that [REDACTED] rented a safety deposit box at Dallas, Texas, to deposit some Government bonds, as he did not want it known to his business associates he had them. | | | |
| REFERENCE: Letter from Dallas office 11-24-1933. | | | |

DETAILS:

[REDACTED] the law firm of Neale, Newman and Turner, 701 Woodruff Building, Springfield, Missouri, advised that [REDACTED] who resides about eight miles southwest of Stockton, Missouri, is a highly regarded farmer and a leader in his community. [REDACTED] also advised that [REDACTED] resides with his wife and has but one child, a grown daughter; that he is the son of [REDACTED] who died a few years ago at Stockton and was considered the second wealthiest man at Stockton and vicinity. At the death of his father, [REDACTED] as his share of the estate, was given 300 acres of valuable farm land, on which he resides; approximately \$15,000. in cash; stock in the former Stockton Exchange Bank at Stockton and other assets. [REDACTED] a few years ago, was reputed to be worth \$70,000.00, but, due to the depression, his assets have decreased. [REDACTED] during his lifetime had been president of the Stockton Exchange Bank and owned controlling interest. [REDACTED] advised that about two years ago, the Stockton Exchange Bank was in bad shape, and the assets were sold to the Sac River Valley Bank of Stockton, which is the only bank there at this time. The principal stockholders, one of whom was [REDACTED], were obliged to sign a guarantee in favor of the Sac River Valley Bank that they

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would make up any losses incurred of failure of the assets. Since [redacted] and the other principal stock holders have signed the guarantee, it has become evident, the Sac River Valley Bank has suffered heavy losses through failure of the farmers and business men, to meet their notes. Therefore, in the near future the guarantors will be called on to make up the deficit. [redacted] advised that nearly all the guarantors in some way or other have transferred their assets to avoid paying their share of the guarantee. [redacted] is considered the best off financially of the stockholders, and will ultimately be forced to stand a heavy loss. Because of [redacted] interest in the old Stockton Exchange Bank, [redacted] he even pledged his farm of 300 acres to secure the deposits.

[redacted] advised that he wanted the following information to be kept strictly confidential, for if it became known at Stockton, it would cause [redacted] serious embarrassment:

Around August 1, 1933, [redacted] came to [redacted] and informed him that he had three or four thousand dollars in Government bonds, and, as it appeared he would no doubt lose his farm, he desired to put the bonds some place, where they would be safe from attachment by the Sac River Valley Bank. [redacted] suggested that he rent a safety deposit box, at some bank located in Kansas or Oklahoma. [redacted] advised [redacted] to give his address as P O Box 435, Southside Postal Station, Springfield, which box is rented by Neale, Newman and Turner. This was done so the notices of future payments on the box would not go to Stockton, as this town has a population of six hundred, and news travels fast.

Further, [redacted] advised that when he learned from [redacted] that he and his wife had gone to Dallas, Texas, and rented a safety deposit box at the First National Bank, it surprised him that [redacted] had gone so far. However, [redacted] explained that he felt it was better to rent a box as far away from Stockton as possible. [redacted] stated that only the Government bonds are in the Safety Deposit box, and no cash or other assets are in same.

In order to verify the statements of [redacted] and further determine the reputation of [redacted] Agent interviewed [redacted] at Stockton. The town of Stockton is sixty miles from Springfield. [redacted] advised that he has known [redacted] all his life, and that few people to his knowledge stand as high in any community as [redacted] does at Stockton.

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8. [REDACTED] advised that he has never known [REDACTED] to make a false step, and it was through the efforts of [REDACTED] that the depositors of the old Stockton Exchange Bank will be paid the full amounts of their deposits; that it has been estimated that [REDACTED] will have to pay to the Sac River Valley Bank about \$15,000.00, as a lot of the paper of the Stockton Exchange Bank is worthless.

[REDACTED] further advised that [REDACTED] seldom leaves Stockton, except to go to Springfield, as his farm and business interests demand his presence at Stockton.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 16, 1933



MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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| Mr. Locke | |

I conferred with Kathryn Kelly Barnes at the Federal Penitentiary at Milan, Michigan, on Sunday, December 10. Kathryn's first statement was that she knew she could be of value in the location of Verne Miller. She was surprised when I told her that Verne Miller was dead.

Her principal offer of assistance involves the suggestion that she be allowed to escape ostensibly, and in an "escape status" she could contact many fugitives in whom the Division is interested. She said, of course, this could not be done by Division Agents inasmuch as it is necessary to go to a certain place and leave word to have the fugitives call, etc. She said that a parole status would not give her the opportunity she desired because she would be looked upon with suspicion. I indicated to her that her suggestion was wild and that while I had absolute confidence in her good faith and the fact that she would return or permit herself to be re-captured, and also realized fully the great value she could be, yet, at the present time the "fake escape" idea could not be met.

She complained bitterly relative to herself and her mother being in solitary confinement. They are allowed no mail privileges and take no exercise. Incidentally I am personally of the opinion that along the rather heavy lines of Governmental red tape too much is being done to these prisoners along this line. They should be kept in solitary confinement but there would appear no reason, after their safety has been established, why they should not be permitted to correspond with known relatives and why they should not be accorded proper exercise privileges. As a matter of fact, I think they would be in a better mental trend of mind to be interviewed at a later date when or if this is done.

Kathryn spoke of certain bank robberies in which her husband was interested, more particularly that of the bank at Tupelo, Mississippi, in which she said there were involved Keating, Holden, Kelly Bailey and one **b7C**

I, of course, talked to her in general about the Urschel ransom money. She said they are extremely eager to have it returned inasmuch as she knew the "heat" would be taken off all of them to a great extent at least if it was returned. She said I made a mistake in not permitting her

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to talk to Bates in Oklahoma City. I agreed with her that I did. She stated that Bates had previously told her that of the \$100,000 ransom money he received he had taken \$40,000 of it to St. Paul and Kathryn believes it was left with Tom Banks there. The remainder, she understood from Bates, was to be taken to Denver and there buried.

Kathryn again spoke, in reply to questioning, about Tom Banks, stating that Tom Banks was the leading "fence" in that part of the country and whatever stolen money or property he could not dispose of the Caplans at Chicago had disposed of. She claimed again that she could not locate the Caplans in Chicago and could give no details as to the assistance they rendered George Kelly when the latter was there. Information as to Tom Banks was secured from her husband, her husband having gone out of the hotel in Minneapolis and at one time telephoned from the hotel, and telling her thereafter that he had communicated with Banks.

It might be well to see Mrs. Kelly again at a later date but I feel that as time goes on her value as an informant will become less and less.

Certain information which she gave relative to bank robberies in the State of Michigan was turned over to [REDACTED] b7C

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

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December, 3rd, 1933.

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J. Edgar Hoover,
Director
Department of Justice;
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

I desire to obtain the pistol that was taken off of
Harvey Bailey at the time we captured him here.

I wrote the Atty. at Dallas, Texas, he advised me that
the gun was now in Washington, in your possession.
Being one of the officers that captured Bailey I would
like to have the pistol if possible.

I would appreciate it very much if I could gain possession
of this gun.

Thanking you in advance,
Your very truly,

Ardmore, Police
Ardmore, Oklahoma.



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Police Department,
Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of December 3, requesting possession of the pistol used by Harvey Bailey in effecting his escape from the Dallas County Jail.

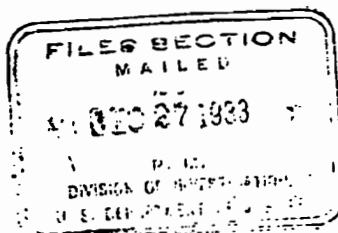
In reply thereto I regret very much to state that it will be impossible to comply with your request. Recently so many requests of this type have been received for various paraphernalia of this kind that it has been necessary to promulgate a rule to the effect that all material taken during the course of investigations to be used as evidence in Federal Court shall remain in the custody of the Division pending such legal steps as might possibly be taken at some time by the original owners to secure possession thereof. I have no doubt that you will realize the necessity for the promulgation of this rule in view of the danger of adverse prosecutive action should the Division release articles of this kind to other law enforcement agencies or officials.

With expressions of my best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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COUNTY OF DALLAS
SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

R. A. (SMOOT) SCHMID,
SHERIFF

DALLAS, TEXAS.

December 8th, 1933

Mr. Harold Nathan,
Department of Justice,
Division of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: Gun used in Harvey Bailey's
escape from the Dallas County
Jail

Dear Mr. Nathan:

Relative to our last conversation in Mr. Blake's office when we were ready to arrest Tom Manion and Bevill: I am making request that you allow me, if possible, possession of the pistol that Bailey used in his escape from this jail. I think you will also remember that I broke the evidence of Manion and Bevill's guilt, and I shall be grateful if you see fit to send me this gun for my collection.

If at any time either I or this department can serve you, it will be a privilege.

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Very truly yours,

R. A. SCHMID, SHERIFF

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Mr. E. A. Schmid,
Sheriff, Dallas County,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

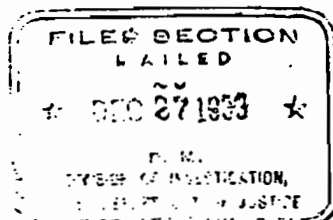
I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of December 8, addressed to Mr. Nathan, requesting possession of the pistol used by Harvey Bailey in effecting his escape from the Dallas County Jail.

In reply thereto I regret very much to state that it will be impossible to comply with your request. Recently so many requests of this type have been received for various paraphernalia of this kind that it has been necessary to promulgate a rule to the effect that all material taken during the course of investigations to be used as evidence in Federal Court shall remain in the custody of the Division pending such legal steps as might possibly be taken at some time by the original owners to secure possession thereof. I have no doubt that you will realize the necessity for the promulgation of this rule in view of the danger of adverse prosecutive action should the Division release articles of this kind to other law enforcement agencies or officials.

With expressions of my best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
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326½ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
December 27, 1933.

Mr. George P. Money,
United States Commissioner,
Biloxi, Mississippi.

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter of December 23, 1933, requesting information concerning the search warrant which was issued in connection with the kidnaping case of GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al.

You are advised that the search warrant in question, upon authority of the United States Attorney at Meridian, Mississippi, was issued under Title 18, Section 612, United States Code Annotated. (Act of Congress, June 5, 1917, c. 30, Title 11, Paragraph 2, 40 stat. 228).

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
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Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, et al
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

The Kansas City office has obtained information through the Sheriff's office at Kansas City, Missouri, that two girls by the names of [REDACTED], who are presently residing at [REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri, are alleged to be relatives of Mrs. Katherine Kelly and are in Kansas City, Missouri, for the purpose of obtaining a portion of the ransom money in this case. This information was furnished to the Sheriff's office by [REDACTED] who in turn had obtained the same from a confidential informant. This informant's information is to the effect that he was out with [REDACTED] and that one of the girls became intoxicated and began talking about the Urschel ransom money, and that she was in Kansas City to obtain it, at which point, the other girl insisted that she keep her mouth shut. Investigation by Agent [REDACTED] and former Special Agent [REDACTED] of this office made at the Beetle Dance Hall elicited the information that [REDACTED] are employed there as dancers. As only guarded inquiries could be made at this time, the only information concerning them was that they had been at this place for only a few weeks.

[REDACTED] is described as being about 18 years of age, 5 ft. 5 in. tall, weight 120 pounds and has auburn hair.

[REDACTED] is described as being about 17 years of age, 5 ft. 6 in. tall, weight 120 pounds and has blonde hair.

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This information is being submitted to you with the request that you advise this office if there is any probability of these girls being related to the Kellys and Shannons, and whether it would be worth while to place these two girls under surveillance. It appears that these girls are working at the dance hall for a very small salary, which would appear to be inconsistent with the fact that they might be in Kansas City, Missouri, to collect a large portion of the Urschel ransom money.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

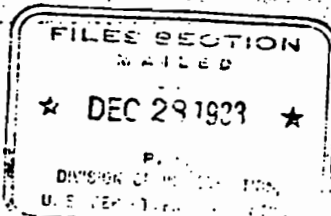
There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter addressed to the Director of the Bureau of Prisons by Warden Zerket of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, dated December 12, 1933, together with copies of a letter addressed to George Kelly, who is serving a life sentence at Leavenworth, by [redacted] Knoxville, Tennessee, dated December 4, 1933, wherein it is proposed that [redacted] will obtain a pardon for Kelly for the sum of \$8,000.00.

It is desired that you make some inquiry concerning [redacted] at Knoxville, Tennessee, after which an interview might be had with [redacted] for the purpose of ascertaining from him the details of his plan for the pardoning of Kelly.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #681776.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS

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I desire to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum, with attached letter addressed to you by Warden Zerbst of the Leavenworth Penitentiary, dated December 12, 1933 and its enclosure, an original letter addressed to George Kelly, who is serving a life sentence at Leavenworth, by [redacted] of Knoxville, Tennessee, dated December 4, 1933, proposing to obtain a pardon for Kelly upon the payment to Ray of \$8,000.00.

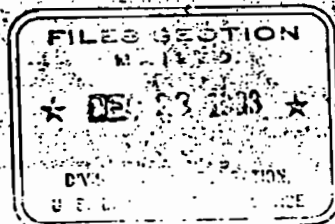
I have directed my Birmingham Office to conduct an investigation to determine something concerning [redacted] at Knoxville, Tennessee, and thereafter to interview [redacted] for the purpose of ascertaining the details of this proposal.

There are returned herewith the original communications forwarded with your memorandum.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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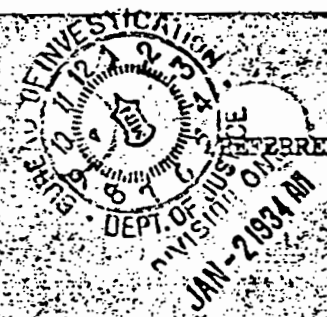


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| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: A review of the file in this matter indicates all undeveloped leads for the territory allocated to the Cincinnati office have been covered. H.U.C. | | | |
| DETAILS: AT CINCINNATI, OHIO The pending files in this matter at the Cincinnati Office have been reviewed and indicate that there are no further undeveloped leads in the territory allocated to the Cincinnati Division Office; therefore, this matter is being considered as | | | |
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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. Urschel, Victim
Kidnaping.

Relative to the Division's instructions that I compile a brief of the Urschel Kidnaping case and forward a copy of same to each field office, please be advised that I have not had time up to now to compile such a brief and inasmuch as I feel I know more about the case than any other Agent attached to this office I desire to prepare it myself. At the present time I am sick and not sufficiently alert mentally to prepare a brief with any degree of satisfaction. I trust that the Division will bear with me a few days longer in this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin
R. H. Colvin, /r.g.
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of 12/27/33 concerning
[redacted] you are advised that these names
have never heretofore been mentioned in connection with
the investigation of the Urschel matter.

I have taken the matter up with officers in Fort
Worth, Texas, who were well acquainted with KATHRYN KELLY,
and they advise me that [redacted] are
unknown to them.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case of GEORGE E. KELLY, with
aliases, KIDNAPING.

For your information, there are enclosed herewith
photostatic copies of an anonymous letter received by the
Department on December 26, 1933, concerning the above entitled
case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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When the beer and whiskey rulers in this town were dealing with Bainbridge before his election and when fixing the deal, they supplied him with the name of everybody in the WHO's WHO — who would pay the money, who would have charge of the graft, who would supply the alcohol, and who would do everything else.

As soon as Bainbridge was in power, the first thing they did was to doubt cross the administration and furnished the Chief of Police with \$11,000 of the Urshel kidnapping money which Lehmyer still holds. or so it is understood.

The boys are not being turned in as fast as possible, and the Federal Agents have found out the whole story as Bainbridge and Lehmyer have opened up and told the whole story, and there is no protection being ordered in Minneapolis at the present time.

Silverman, formerly a prohibition agent is a Jew related to Jews in the alcohol business.

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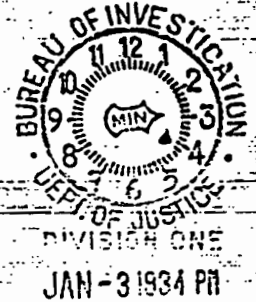
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
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Washington, D.C.

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

Dear Sir:

Attention is directed to Division letter of the
18th instant in the above case which calls attention to Division
letters dated November 9 and December 2, 1933. These letters were
answered by my letter dated December 4, 1933, a copy of which is
attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer
W. A. RORER
Special Agent in Charge.

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201 Liberty National Life Bldg.,
Birmingham, Alabama

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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:

As instructed in Division letter of November 9, 1933, I directed Special Agent [redacted] to contact the police officers at Memphis, Tennessee, who assisted in the apprehension of George Kelly Barnes and to confidentially inform them as to the attitude of Mr. Charles F. Colcord, of Oklahoma City, with reference to the reward offered by him and his associates, and as to the Division's attitude in the matter.

Agent [redacted] advises me that he has contacted the interested officers at Memphis and confidentially advised them that the Division has taken absolutely no action which would cause Mr. Colcord to withdraw his offer, and that the Division stands ready to furnish Mr. Colcord, or any interested person or committee, with the facts in so far as they are known to the Division, concerning the part played by each claimant for the reward. Agent [redacted] advises further that apparently the officers at Memphis do not feel that the Division is in any way responsible for the decision of Mr. Colcord and do not have any ill feeling toward the Division, but do feel that Mr. Colcord and his associates have been unfair in the matter of the reward.

Very truly yours,

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W. A. RORER
Special Agent in Charge.

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S. E. CONROY
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
SUITE 1, FEDERAL BLDG
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

RE GEORGE KELLY BARNES MEMORANDUM MENTIONED YOUR LETTER DECEMBER
TWENTY NINTH NOT RECEIVED PLEASE EXPEDITE

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your telegram of even date, there is being trans-
mitted herewith a copy of the memorandum of Special Agent [redacted]
dated at Kansas City, Missouri December 8, 1933, which was inadvertently
not enclosed with letter from this office to you dated December 29, 1933.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

MCS- [redacted]

cc - Division

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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January 2, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

There is attached hereto in an appropriately labeled manila envelope one leather money belt which was found in the car of George (Machine Gun) Kelly.

This belt is to be incorporated in the Division's exhibit of interesting material when appropriate exhibit cases are available.

In the meanwhile, the belt should be forwarded to the vault at the Identification Unit to be there placed with the other exhibits awaiting exhibit cases.

OK
mr/s

T. F. Baughman
T. F. Baughman.

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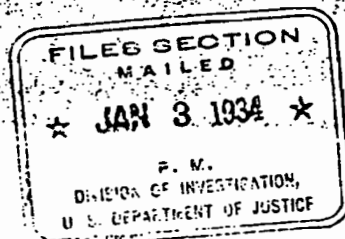
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
900 Ezra Thompson Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

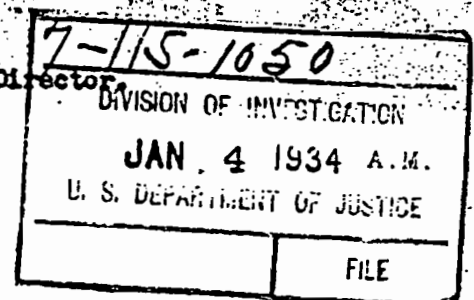
In a confidential communication received from a source, the value of which is uncertain, the statement is made that during the incarceration of Bates in the Oklahoma City Jail at the time of the Urschel kidnaping investigation, a man named [redacted] was arrested in Oklahoma and also incarcerated there. [redacted] was said to be arrested in connection with counterfeiting operations and was further said to have been asked by Bates whether he, [redacted] had any connections for the disposal of "hot money". [redacted] is said to have told Bates that he did have such on the West Coast. Bates is said to have asked [redacted] after telling him that he had buried \$120,000 in cash and also a large sum in bonds, but part of the \$120,000 in cash was not Urschel money, how much it would cost to exchange the money and [redacted] was said to have told Bates he would handle it for fifteen percent. Bates is alleged to have replied that he would watch the papers and when he, Bates, saw that [redacted] was out of jail, would write the following: "The deal is off. I don't want to buy your horses", and that from this [redacted] would know that Bates was going to send the money to him.

The foregoing, of course, sounds rather weird. For your information it is not believed that Bates has seen any newspapers recently. However, the information is transmitted to you for such value, if any, as it may possess.

Very truly yours,



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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Nathan ☒
Mr. Tolson ☐
Mr. Clegg ☐
Mr. Edwards ☐
Mr. Egan ☐
Mr. Hughes ☒
Mr. Quinn ☐
Mr. Lester ☐
Mr. Locke ☐

December 9, 1933.

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

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:-

I went to the R.G. Shannon farm near Paradise, Texas on December 8, 1933, and talked with R.G. Shannon about his knowledge of the activities of George and Kathryn Kelly concerning which he had not previously informed us.

The attitude of Mr. Shannon, as expressed by him, is that he will readily and gladly assist in the solution of the Kansas City Massacre and the Lindbergh cases, but he is exceedingly concerned lest the information that he is assisting be conveyed to those implicated, and for that reason I have assured him that the source of the information he furnishes will be known only to you and to me, and to carry out this assurance I am not advising direct the offices which should have the information, as - in my opinion - to do so would render it susceptible of determining the source.

Mr. Shannon says that he is convinced that George and/or Kathryn Kelly can tell us the names of the persons implicated and present at the massacre at Kansas City. That he knows that neither George nor Kathryn was there, because on the afternoon before the killings at Kansas City, George and Kathryn came to his place and spent the night and some time during the morning of the day of the shooting George left the place in his automobile and returned late in the afternoon (about four or five o'clock), bringing with him two extra editions of newspapers in which were accounts of the Kansas City killings. Mr. Shannon says he does not remember the names of those papers, but he is inclined to think one of them was a Wichita Falls, Texas paper - though both could have been Ft. Worth papers. He said George was absent long enough upon that occasion to go either Ft. Worth or Wichita Falls and return.

He said that subsequent to the date of the killings at Kansas City, George Kelly told him that Verne Miller, Wilbur Underhill, and another man whose first name is Verne - and Shannon is disposed to believe it was Verne Sankey, though he is not positive about the last name - were present at the Union Station shooting in Kansas City. Mr. Shannon said Kelly described this Verne (Sankey) as weighing about 135 pounds, slim build, light complexion, and light hair.

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Director.

Mr. Shannon said that these three names are the only ones he ever heard mentioned by Kelly in connection with the Kansas City matter, although he has heard Kelly say a man named Davis was connected with his gang, as was Gus Winkler.

Concerning the Lindbergh case: Mr. Shannon said he was convinced that George and/or Kathryn Kelly could tell the names of those who actually did the kidnapping, basing that statement upon a conversation between himself and Kelly about the time the body of the Lindbergh baby was found.

Mr. Shannon said that George Kelly had just come to his place from Chicago, and in discussing the matter Mr. Shannon says that he expressed to Kelly a doubt as to whether the body found was in reality that of the Lindbergh baby, and that the Lindbergh child was still alive; and Kelly said, "No, the baby is dead. I know the men who got it and it is dead. They did not intend to kill it, but dropped it as they were bringing it down the ladder."

I asked Mr. Shannon whether he had any information or opinion as to what was done with the balance of the Urschel money, and he said he believed that Bates had it buried somewhere, the location not known to him. He bases this upon a conversation he overheard in the Oklahoma City jail after he and Bates had been removed to Oklahoma City but prior to the arrival of Bailey. He said that a man named [REDACTED] was arrested in Oklahoma and incarcerated in the jail in which he and Bates were. That [REDACTED] was arrested in connection with counterfeiting operations, and that he heard Bates ask [REDACTED] whether he [REDACTED] had any connections (for the disposal of hot money) and [REDACTED] told him that he did have such on the West coast. Bates asked [REDACTED] after telling him that he had buried \$120,000.00 in cash and also a large sum of bonds, but the \$120,000.00 was in cash part of which was not Urschel money, what it would cost to exchange the money and [REDACTED] told him that he would handle it for fifteen percent. Bates said, "All right, I'll tell you what I will do. I will watch the papers and when I see that you are out of jail I will write you the following: "The deal is off. I don't want to buy your horses." And from this you will know that I am going to send the money to you."

Mr. Shannon said that he believed all that part of the money received by Kelly had been exchanged or recovered.

I suggest that you cause the above information to be forwarded to the respective offices handling these cases, doing so in such a manner that insofar as possible the source be protected.

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Chas. A. Lindbergh, Jr.

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Director.

My reaction to Mr. Shannon was favorable, and I feel he would tell us more if he knew more and will tell us more if he learns it.

He furnished me an interesting sidelight on the Arnolds, who are threatening suit for the reward offered by Mr. Colcord and associates. He said that Kathryn Kelly told him that she had known L.W. Arnold and his wife eleven years - ever since GERALENE was one year old. That the Arnold statement about being picked up on the road was a fabrication; that she went to the Arnold home to see them and got them to go with her as a blind. Kathryn gave Arnold \$1,600.00 - of which he was to give [redacted] of b7C Enid, Oklahoma \$600.00, and which he did not do.

Mr. Shannon will be at Paradise until about January 10, 1934, and if there is anything about which you would like for me to question him further, if you will so indicate I will comply with your wishes.

Very truly yours,

F. 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,
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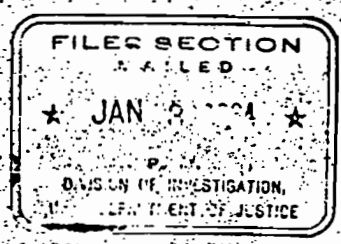
Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of your personal and confidential communication of December 9, setting forth the result of a conference by you with R. G. Shannon, and the contents thereof have been carefully noted. The Division feels certain that no action will be taken on your part in any conference with Shannon to in any way give any authorities, judicial or otherwise, reason to feel that because of the information given you by Shannon his sentence will be further stayed.

The Division will communicate such portions of your letter which appear to be of value to the offices interested.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
January 4, 1934



United States Penitentiary Annex
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases,
et al
Charles F. Urschel - Victim
KIDNAPING

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication, dated
January 3, 1934, relative to letter received from [redacted]
[redacted] General Delivery, Brockton, Massachusetts, to convict
Albert L. Bates, Register #5179.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Division

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Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
January 4, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1002 Post Office and Court House Building
Boston, Massachusetts



Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases,
et al
Charles F. Urschel - Victim
KIDNAPING

The Warden of the United States Penitentiary Annex, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, is in receipt of a letter, dated at Brockton, Massachusetts, December 26, 1933, and signed [REDACTED] care General Delivery, in which she requests permission to correspond with convict Albert L. Bates, Register #5179.

It is respectfully requested that you make investigation for the purpose of ascertaining who this party may be and obtain any other information that might be of value in this case. For your information an effort is being made to ascertain what has become of Bates' share of the ransom money in this case which has not as yet been recovered.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR,
Acting 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, Okla.

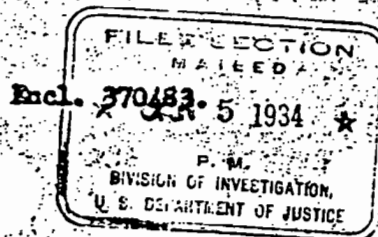
Dear Sir:

I am transmitting, attached hereto, copies of correspondence between James Mathers and George Kelly, consisting of a letter to Kelly by Mathers dated December 21, 1933, a letter to Mathers from Kelly dated December 28, 1933, a letter to Mathers from Kelly dated December 18, 1933 and a letter from Mathers to Kelly dated December 13, 1933.

These are for your confidential information and such matters as might be of interest therein may be conveyed by you confidentially to the Judge and the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City. Strict confidence, however, should be observed by them.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KECHAN,

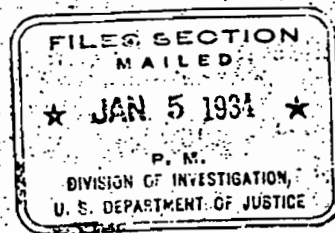
I am returning, attached hereto, the correspondence between George Kelly and his attorney, Mathers.

Many thanks for transmitting it to me.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. 370482.



From *Mr. Keenan*
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN

To
OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hughes
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Lester
Mr. Locke

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Hoover:

Will you please note
the attached letters from George
H. Kelly to his attorney and also
letters from attorney to Kelly, and
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201 Liberty National Life Building,

Birmingham, Alabama,

January 5, 1934.



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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled George R. Kelly, with aliases, et al, Kidnaping, and to your letter of November 9, 1933.

Please be advised that Special Agent [redacted] contacted [redacted] a night club operator at Memphis, Tennessee, and interviewed him for any information he might have as to the Urschel ransom money and that [redacted] advised that he has no information whatever concerning this money; that he does not know Kathryn Kelly and did not see George or Kathryn Kelly when they were in Memphis. [redacted] advised that he knew Kelly several years ago as George Barnes, but had not seen or heard of him until Kelly was apprehended at Memphis, Tennessee.

Agent [redacted] also contacted [redacted] who is a professional gambler at Memphis, with reference to this same matter, and he advised that he does not know George or Kathryn Kelly and that he has never seen them to his knowledge, and has no information whatever as to the Urschel ransom money. He stated that he remembers returning from New Orleans, Louisiana, to Memphis on the morning that the Kellys were apprehended; that he had been at New Orleans for about three days for the Dixie baseball series and therefore could not have been at the Peabody Hotel with [redacted] and some woman on the day before the arrest of the Kellys.

[redacted] of the Memphis Police Department advised that he knows [redacted] and [redacted] very well and is sure that neither would take any part in any kidnaping affair; that he feels sure that should they have obtained any information of value, they would have furnished it to him.

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Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Oklahoma City.

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224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
January 6, 1934



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Federal Judge Edgar S. Vaught of Oklahoma City has expressed his desire to obtain editorials containing comments in connection with the Urschel kidnapping trial.

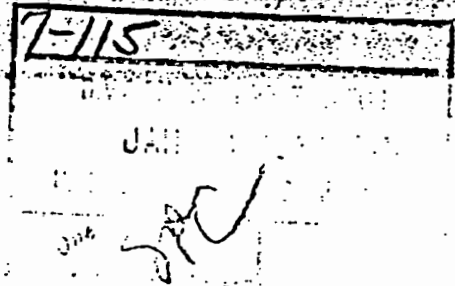
As a matter of courtesy to Judge Vaught, will you kindly obtain any editorials which appeared in the New York papers during the trial of the Urschel case, containing favorable comments on same, and furnish this office with clippings so that same can be given to Judge Vaught.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Chicago office, and it is requested that editorials which appeared in the Chicago papers be obtained and forwarded to this office.

Very truly yours,

O. A. STEVENS,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

cc Chicago
Division ✓



U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

January 6, 1934.



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

Dear Sir:-

In compliance with instructions contained in Division letter of 12/19/33, I delivered to Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] of the Ft. Worth, Texas Police Department, 45 calibre Thompson sub-machine gun #4907.

I will comply with instructions contained therein relative to notifying the personnel of this office not to commit the Division concerning disposition of firearms or other exhibits seized in connection with cases under investigation.

Very truly yours,

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

FJB: [redacted]

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Birmingham, Ala.**

FILE NO. **7-10 BM**

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| REPORT MADE AT: Birmingham, Ala. | DATE WHEN MADE: 1-8-34 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12-18-33 | REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] |
| TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al. | | CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnapping. | |
| SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: U. S. Attorney, Memphis, Tenn., advises counsel for Ramsey and Tichenor have advised him that they do not intend to appeal their conviction; that he will request authority to enter a nolle prosequi as to Travis. | | | |
| REFERENCE: Report of Sp. Agt. [REDACTED] Birmingham, Ala., 10-28-33 | | | |
| DETAILS: At Memphis, Tenn. | | | |
| <p style="text-align: right;">All b7C</p> <p>United States Attorney William McClanahan advised Agent that counsel for Ramsey and Tichenor have advised him that they do not intend to appeal the conviction of these two men. He advised that he will request authority to enter a nolle prosequi as to Travis.</p> | | | |
| UNDEVELOPED LEAD: | | | |
| DETAILS: BIRMINGHAM OFFICE, at Memphis, Tenn., will ascertain and report date that nolle prosequi is entered as to Seymour Travis. | | | |
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| <small>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</small> | | | |
| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | 7-115-1055 | RECORDED AND INDEXED: JAN 10 1934 |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 2 Division 2 Birmingham 2 Oklahoma City 1 U.S. Atty. Memphis, Tenn. | | UNITED STATES JAN 10 1934 A M BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>[Signature]</i> FILE | CHECKED OFF: JAN 10 1934 JACKETED: |

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January 8, 1934

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

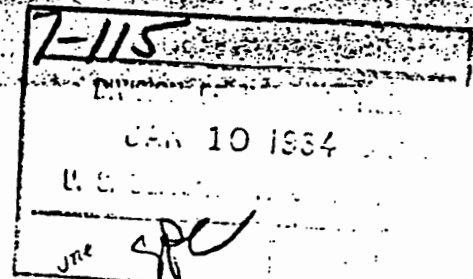
RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with
aliases et al - CHARLES Y.
URSOSHEL, Victim - KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letters from your office dated Dec.
29, 1933, and January 2, 1934, in connection with the above entitled
matter, requesting that a record of all long distance telephone
calls from the residence and business place of the late GUS WINKLER
be obtained, and that if possible records also be obtained from the
telegraph company from August 1 through August 9, 1933.

In this connection you are advised that it was ascer-
tained that between August 1 and 9, 1933, Winkler was living at 3300
Lake Shore Drive, in Apartment 15 C, at which time there were assign-
ed to him telephone numbers BITTERSWEET 5794, and BITTERSWEET 5818.
It was ascertained from the Illinois Bell Telephone Company that
no calls were made from that address over telephone number Bitter-
sweet 5794 between those dates. However, the following telephone
calls were made between those dates over line Bittersweet 5818:

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| 8/4/33 | Euclid | 5309 |
| 8/5/33 | Village | 8020 |
| 8/5/33 | " | " |
| 8/6/33 | Cicero | 5373 |
| 8/7/33 | Burnham | 9871 |
| 8/7/33 | Brookfield | 2912 |
| 8/8/33 | Burnham | 9871 |
| 8/9/33 | Euclid | 5309 |
| 8/9/33 | DesPlaines | 1100 |
| 8/9/33 | Cicero | 5373 |



It was also learned that Winkler was connected with the 225 Club, a gambling joint located at 225 East Superior St. and that assigned to that place of business were telephone numbers DELAWARE 8136 and DELAWARE 0467, and the telephone company's records indicate that the following calls were made from those numbers:

From Delaware 8136:

8/2/33 Belvidere 1275-R, at 10.32 P.M.
 8/7/33 Morton Grove 1717, at 8.42 P.M.
 8/8/33 Cr. Rapids 81622, George Welch, 12.51 A.M.
 8/8/33 From Atlantic City 4-7151, booth, Mrs. Levinberger, to Delaware 8136, at 6.41 P.M.

From Delaware 0467:

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| 8/1/33 | to Milwaukee-Lakeside 1432 | at 7.58 P.M. |
| 8/2/33 | " Morton Grove 1601 | 9.04 P.M. |
| 8/4/33 | " Kenilworth 4240 | 11.40 P.M. |
| " | " Majestic 4270 | 9.03 P.M. |
| " | " Morton Grove 1717 | 7.59 P.M. |
| " | " " 1919 | 6.54 P.M. |
| " | " " 1686 | 12.30 P.M. |
| " | " " 1717 | 12.26 A.M. |
| 8/5/33 | " " " | 2.52 A.M. |
| 8/7/33 | " " 1686 | 8.18 P.M. |
| " | " Cin. - AVON 6622 | 9.11 P.M. |
| 8/8/33 | " Euclid 7284 | 11.08 P.M. |
| " | " Kenilworth 4240 | 10.27 P.M. |
| " | " Wilmette 3382 | 8.03 P.M. |
| 8/9/33 | " Kenilworth 4240 | 11.25 P.M. |

With reference to the request that all telegraph records be checked for the purpose of locating if possible copy of a telegram from Winkler to Ferris J. Anthone of Kansas City, you are advised that this matter was taken up with the Western Union Telegraph Co. and they advised it would be practically useless to make a search without more information than that furnished in your letter. They advised that it would be necessary to know something about the possible wording of the telegram, or the approximate date on which it might have been sent, the signature of the sender, and the address of the person to whom the telegram was to be directed. Under those circumstances no further check with reference to the telegraph records

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could be made, and it is suggested that if possible you furnish this office with more definite information with respect to this matter, and if necessary this office will again make efforts to obtain this information.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

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