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**SUBJECT: GEORGE BARNES**

**(AKA "MACHINE GUN KELLY")**

**FILE: 7-115**

**PART 19 OF 23**



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Office Memo. *mm* • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

DATE: 6-4-48

FROM : A. Rosen

*ms* SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY, was, et al  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
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Mr. Nease  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

It is noted that the incoming communication was transmitted to the Supervisor for attention, and his explanation which is attached indicates that the information furnished to him by the Files Division did not contain any information referenced to the 94- file. This 94- file is a research file and contains serials indicating that Kirkpatrick was addressed as "Dear Kirk" instead of "Mr. Kirkpatrick". The letters in the Urschel case file addressed to this gentleman are all addressed "Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick".

For the above reason, it was not brought to my attention.

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From

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*✓*  
*EAT*  
*✓*  
*R*

*The original letter & answer were atrociously handled. Not*

See Me \_\_\_\_\_  
 Note and Return \_\_\_\_\_  
 For Your Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_  
 What are the facts? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

*only was the letter inadequate*

*I can't find why didn't James & Roscoe catch it on review. Again I fear it is another case of "executive" - leaving it to the "42 and Roscoe".*

*memorandum*  
*6-4-42*  
*UK*

ENCLOSURE 7-115-2170

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. C. Tolson ✓

DATE: May 28, 1948

FROM : *Rpt.* Rosen ①SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY, was, et al  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
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With regard to the reply directed to Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick on April 30, 1948, I wish to advise that the Supervisor did check the files and in requesting the indices check pointed out to the Records Section employee that Mr. Kirkpatrick would undoubtedly be referenced in the Urschel kidnaping case. The Supervisor does not recall that the 94-4-2747 main reference on Mr. Kirkpatrick was furnished him by the Records Section and, at any rate, he did not see this file prior to preparing the reply. The Urschel file was examined and when it was apparent that Mr. Kirkpatrick was a relative of the Urschels, acted as the intermediary in the case, and cooperated to the fullest extent with the Bureau, a warm and friendly reply was prepared. However, the failure to use the proper salutation and close is regretted and every effort will be made to avoid such an error in the future.

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Mr. Ernest A. Kirkpatrick  
1209 Atlas Life Building  
Tulsa 3, Oklahoma

Dear Kirk:

Upon returning to my desk after an extended absence from the city, your letter of April 23, 1948, was brought to my attention and I noted that a formal reply was sent to you on April 30. I do want to express my personal appreciation for writing as you did concerning the matter you mentioned. I am most heartily in accord with the views you set forth but, of course, the action to be taken rests within the discretion of the United States Board of Parole.

It was good to hear from you again and I hope you will drop by to see me the next time you are in Washington.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Mr. Clegg
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Mr. Nease	
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WASHINGTON FROM SFRAN S13

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4-44 PM

G. I. R.

DIRECTOR

ROUTINE

GEORGE R. KELLY, WAS, ETAL, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VIKID. SUBJECT  
ALBERT L. BATES DIED IN PRISON HOSPITAL IN SLEEP APPROXIMATELY  
FIVE AM, JULY FOURTH, AT ALCATRAZ. WARDENS OFFICE ADVISES MADE  
NO STATEMENTS AT ANY TIME REGARDING UNRECOVERED RAMSOM MONEY.

TWO HOURS BEFORE DEATH WAS APPARENTLY IN GOOD HEALTH, ALTHOUGH  
HE HAS LONG BEEN SUFFERING FROM HEART CONDITION.

EX-19

37 JUL 1948

55 JUL 22 1948

cc: Mr. Rosen

July 22, 1948

Mr. Ernest E. Kirkpatrick  
1209 Atlas Life Building  
Tulsa 3, Oklahoma

Dear Kirk:

With reference to your telegram of July 16, we have now checked with both the parole Board in Washington and the Alderson Reformatory in West Virginia, and have learned that as yet Kathryn Kelly has not filed an application for parole.

The Parole Board advises us that she will not be eligible for parole until October 11, 1948, and that any application for parole which she might make would be filed at the Alderson Reformatory and the hearing would take place at the reformatory. According to the Parole Board, the hearing on an application for parole can take place at any time within three months prior to the date the inmate is eligible for parole, which in Kathryn Kelly's case, would be the period from July 11 to October 11, 1948. The hearing is held by a representative of the Parole Board, and according to the Board, members of the public cannot participate.

I thought you would be interested to know, however, that after I forwarded copies of your letter of April 23, 1948, and Kathryn Kelly's letter to you of March 18, 1948, to the Parole Board, I was advised by the Board that this correspondence was being made a part of the official record of the case and would receive the Board's careful attention should Kathryn Kelly submit an application for parole.

I was glad to hear from you again and will look forward to seeing you when you might next be in Washington.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_

11-10-AM EDST

**DIRECTOR**

**U R G E N T**

GEORGE KELLY, WAS ET AL., CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VIKID, BEURTEL

JULY NINETEEN. [REDACTED], WARDEN, FEDERAL REFORMATORY

FOR WOMEN, ALDERSON, INFORMED THAT KATHRYN KELLY IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FULL PAROLE UNTIL OCTOBER AND HAS NOT YET FILED APPLICATION. 117-2

THORNTON

END

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CORRECTION - DISREGARD FOURTH WORD

11-15 AM OK FBI WASH DC

NOT YET FILED APPLICATION.

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10 JUL 27 1948 ONE

Mr. Pittsman  
Mr. E. E. Kinkaid  
Mr. G. T. R.

cc: Mr. [REDACTED]

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July 2, 1948

SAC, Pittsburgh

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GEORGE KELLY, was, et al  
CHARLES F. VESCHEL - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Reur tel July 20. It is desired that you make the necessary arrangements with the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, so that you will be notified in the event subject Kathryn Kelly files an application for parole and to further be advised discreetly as to the results of such application for parole.

The Bureau should be advised by teletype in the event this subject does file an application for parole and the matter should be closely followed by your office thereafter until the outcome of the application for parole is known and reported to the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

JULY 19, 1948

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, PITTSBURGH URGENT

GEORGE KELLY, WAS, ET AL, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VIKID. REPORTED  
THAT SUBJECT KATHRYN KELLY WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE OCTOBER  
ELEVEN NEXT. IMMEDIATELY CHECK AT ALDERSON REFORMATORY AND SUTEL  
WHETHER APPLICATION FOR PAROLE HAS BEEN FILED BY KATHRYN KELLY  
AND IF ANY DATE SCHEDULED AT INSTITUTION FOR HEARING ON SAME.

HOOVER

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Mr. Rosen  
Mr. McCabe  
Mr. [redacted] b7c

SAC, Pittsburgh

August 10, 1948

Director, FBI

GEORGE KELLY, was, Etal  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim  
KIDNAPING

There are enclosed herewith two copies of a communication dated July 20, 1948, by Subject Kathryn Kelly. With her communication, Kathryn Kelly attached a newspaper clipping from an unidentified newspaper bearing a United Press dateline at Oklahoma City, July 14, 1948. This newspaper clipping indicates that efforts to parole Kathryn Kelly will be opposed by the Federal officers who participated in the investigation which resulted in her conviction.

The letter indicates that Former SA Gus Jones of San Antonio who resigned from the Bureau in 1943, was recently making inquiries into court records regarding the trial and conviction of Kathryn Kelly and the other subjects in this case.

For your information, Former Agent Jones has communicated with the Bureau and has advised that at the request of Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick, who is a relative of the victim, Urschel, and acted as intermediary in the kidnaping case, he, Jones, had conducted some inquiries in connection with his preparation of a petition to the United States Board of Parole protesting any possible parole for Kathryn Kelly.

You should designate a Special Agent to contact Subject Kelly at the Alderson Reformatory and advise her that her communication of July 20 has been received. The Agent should further advise her with regard to the newspaper release indicating that Former Agent Jones has been making inquiries regarding court records in the Urschel case that Former Agent Jones is no longer with the Bureau's service and that any action he might be taking in this connection is as an individual citizen and not for and on behalf of this Bureau. The Agent should further advise Kathryn Kelly that with regard to her request that we intercede in her behalf in connection with her parole that the Bureau is without authority to take any action in this matter inasmuch as the decision and authority with regard to the granting or refusing to grant a parole is solely that of the members of the U.S. Board of Parole.

The Bureau desires to be advised by mail when you have taken the above action.

For your further information, the Bureau has forwarded a copy of Kathryn Kelly's letter to the Parole Board at Washington, D. C.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
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Enclosure

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From: Kathryn Kelly  
Alderson, W. Va.

July 20, 1948

To: Mr. Edgar J. Hoover, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have for some time planned to write you, requesting your help in obtaining parole. Believing that you would assist me, it has been quite a shock to read items, similar to the enclosed newspaper clipping. I do not feel that you are aware of this late newspaper persecution as both you and your employees are fair minded and have been with me, and I am at a loss to understand this.

I will be eligible for parole on Oct. 11 and I feel that I merit and deserve parole, inasmuch as I have been incarcerated a full fifteen years, for my knowledge of the Urschel case, and if it is true that the Penal Rehabilitation system is a part of the United States Government, then it is true that this useful unit of Government has had fifteen years to aid me in a reformative manner. I am definitely not the so called glamour girl of fifteen years ago. I am a middle aged woman now, who has learned a lesson, whose entire principles of character, living and thinking has undergone a change. I have learned to work and to enjoy it, and to value all of the simple, ordinary beauties of an everyday mode of living.

I KNOW that I would do credit to the prison system and the Department if given the opportunity. I beg for only one chance to prove that statement. I want to re-establish myself on the farm in Texas far away from any form of publicity and to assist in earning a living with a loving family who have suffered greatly all of these years. You people, Mr. Hoover, are my only source of help and I assure you that no faith placed in me will ever be betrayed in the smallest manner.

Surely, after a complete study over one third of my life, my character speaks for itself.

May I hear from you and may I hope for you to stop unfavorable news items such as the enclosed?

May I also hope that I may be given the same opportunity to profit from a mistake in life as does others who violate the law?

Thank you.  
Sincerely

S/Kathryn Kelly

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From: Elizabeth J. Zilly  
Madison W. Va.

July 20 1948  
(Date)

To: Mr. Edgar J. Hoover, Washington D.C.  
(Name) (Address)

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From \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

(Address)

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Sincerely

13 Arthur J. Kelly

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NUMBER 5442NAME Gathie Seely

If written for one inmate by another enter name and number of the actual writer in space below:

WRITTEN BY \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Inmate's name and number must be signed at the bottom of this letter and correspond with that on this coupon.

NOTE: Do not write on reverse side of this coupon.

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## FBI Fights Parole For Kathryn Kelly Kidnaper's Spouse

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 14 (U.P.)—Efforts to parole Kathryn Kelly, wife of George (Machine gun) Kelly, will be opposed by the federal officers who put her behind bars for her part in the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, it was disclosed today.

Mrs. Kelly becomes eligible for parole in September after serving 15 years of her life sentence.

Gus Jones, of San Antonio, who headed the Federal Bureau of Investigation office here in 1933 during the hunt for Urschel's kidnapers, said he would fight the clemency action because she was "the brains" of the gang.

Jones has spent two days here checking court records on Mrs. Kelly's conviction for the kidnaping of the wealthy oilman.

Latest records here indicated Mrs. Kelly is held at the women's prison at Alderson, W. Va.

7-115-2176  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: July 22, 1948

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY, was, Etal  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim  
KIDNAPING

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Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
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Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. Pennington ✓  
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

The purpose of this memorandum is to attach a reply to an inquiry received from Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick of Tulsa, Oklahoma, relative to the possible parole of Subject Kathryn Kelly and to recommend that the Bureau make arrangements at the Alderson Reformatory to be notified in the event Kathryn Kelly does make application for parole.

BACKGROUND

Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick, a relative of the Urschels, and who acted as an intermediary in the kidnaping, is, of course, extremely interested in the possible parole of Kathryn Kelly, who is serving a life sentence and at the present time is incarcerated at the Alderson Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia. Mr. Kirkpatrick in April of this year transmitted a letter which Kathryn Kelly addressed to him relative to her possible parole. Copies of Mr. Kirkpatrick's letter and Kathryn Kelly's letter to him were transmitted to the Parole Board and thereafter the Parole Board advised the Bureau that this correspondence was being made a part of the official record in the case and would be carefully considered by the board in the event Subject Kelly made an application for parole.

On July 16, 1948, Mr. Kirkpatrick directed a telegram to the Director requesting advice as to the exact date in August when Kathryn Kelly would appear before the parole board. We determined from the parole board at Washington that no application for parole was on record with the board in Washington and we were further advised that such applications for parole are filed at the institution where the inmate is incarcerated. The board advised that Kathryn Kelly would be eligible for parole October 11, 1948.

[redacted] of the Parole Board further advised that any hearing on such an application could take place within three months prior to the date the inmate was eligible for parole, but, of course, if favorable action were taken the inmate could not be paroled before the effective parole date. [redacted] further advised that the hearings were confidential and members of the public could not participate and that the hearings were held by a representative of the parole board who visits the various institutions.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was so advised in a telegram of July 19 and we have subsequently received advice from the Pittsburgh Division that Kathryn Kelly has not as yet filed an application for a parole at the Alderson Reformatory.

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Mr. Ladd

BUREAU'S INTEREST IN ANY APPLICATION FOR PAROLE FILED BY KATHRYN KELLY

Of the \$200,000 ransom money paid in the case, \$123,394.50 in cash or its equivalent was recovered by the Bureau and other law-enforcement agencies leaving approximately \$76,000 in ransom which has never been recovered. George Kelly, Kathryn Kelly and the other subjects in the case have been continually uncooperative in assisting the Bureau in any respect in recovering the balance of the ransom money. However, it is interesting to note that in May, 1944 [redacted] warden at the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia, advised Mr. Tamm that in a conversation which she had with Kathryn Kelly, she told Kathryn Kelly that undoubtedly the Parole Board would never favorably consider any application for parole which she might make unless she and her husband were willing to furnish information concerning the balance of the ransom money which had not been recovered. [redacted] noted that subsequently in correspondence with her husband, Kathryn Kelly intimated without making any definite reference to the matter that it might be desirable for the two of them to disclose the whereabouts of the money and that thereafter, George Kelly in correspondence with Kathryn, severely criticized her for even suggesting that they divulge such information.

The file further reflects that [redacted] made the observation that Kathryn Kelly has no particular love for her husband and she believed that if it were to Kathryn's advantage she would not hesitate to furnish information concerning the location of this money if she definitely feels that such action on her part would be a determining factor in obtaining her release. A subsequent interview with Kathryn Kelly relative to the unrecovered ransom money, however, met with negative results.

RECOMMENDATION

In view of the above, while it is not a normal practice of the Bureau to concern itself with the parole of a particular inmate, under these circumstances, it is believed advisable that the Bureau be notified in the event Kathryn Kelly does make application for parole. While we cannot participate in the proceedings, it is recommended that the Pittsburgh Division make necessary arrangements to be notified in the event Kathryn Kelly does file an application for parole, when the hearing on such application will be held and to discreetly ascertain results of the hearing.

Attached is a letter to Pittsburgh so instructing them and also there is attached a communication to Mr. Kirkpatrick advising him of the results of our inquiries relative to Kathryn Kelly's possible parole.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

JULY 19, 1948

Transmit the following message to:

MR. ERNEST E. KIRKPATRICK  
1209 ATLAS LIFE BUILDING  
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

FURTHER REFERENCE YOUR WIRE JULY SIXTEEN. PAROLE BOARD, WASHINGTON, D.C. HAS NO RECORD OF ANY APPLICATION FOR PAROLE FILED BY KATHRYN KELLY. THEY ADVISE THAT SUCH APPLICATIONS ARE FILED AT INSTITUTION WHERE INCARCERATED AND ANY HEARING WOULD BE HELD AT INSTITUTION. AM CHECKING AT ALDERSON REFORMATORY AND WILL ADVISE YOU FURTHER VIA AIR-MAIL. SINCERELY,

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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██████████ of Parole Board advised no record at Parole Board of any application for parole filed by Kathryn Kelly. ██████████ advised that such applications are filed at institution where incarcerated and that any hearing on same would be held at institution. She stated that at approximately three-month intervals a traveling member of the parole board visits each institution and holds hearings at the institution on pending applications. If application filed a hearing may be held any time within three months before the date prisoner is eligible for parole. Kathryn Kelly will be eligible for parole on October 11, 1948. ██████████ advised that hearings are confidential and that members of the public cannot participate. Attached is teletype to Pittsburgh requesting that check be made at institution to determine if Kathryn Kelly has filed application for parole.

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MR. ERNEST E. KIRKPATRICK  
1209 ATLAS LIFE BUILDING  
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

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**J. EDGAR HOOVER**

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[REDACTED] - Katherine Kelly not eligible for parole until Oct 11, 1942 - no  
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PLEASE WIRE ME COLLECT QUICKLY THE EXACT DATE IN AUGUST

KATHRYN KELLY WILL APPEAR BEFORE PAROLE BOARD

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CC-Mr. Rosen  
Mr. McCabe  
Mr. Lague

July 2, 1948

Honorable Daniel M. Lyons  
Parole Attorney  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dan:

I have been informed by Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick of Tulsa, Oklahoma, that recently, subsequent to your leaving the Parole Board and appointment as Parole Attorney, a number of letters were addressed to you as Chairman of the Parole Board by various citizens and organizations in Oklahoma, who desired to protest any parole for Ethryn Kelly who is serving a life sentence at the Alderson Reformatory.

While I am confident that you have already forwarded these letters on to the members of the Parole Board, I am writing you this letter to confirm that this has been done, as Mr. Kirkpatrick and his associates are very concerned at having mistakenly addressed these letters to you and are vitally interested in insuring that their letters are brought to the attention of the Parole Board.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

DATE: July 29, 1948

FROM : *Re. Rosen*

SUBJECT: **GEORGE KELLY with aliases; ET AL**  
**CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim**  
**KIDNAPING**

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Mr. Tolson  
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Reference is made to the attached communication dated July 21st from Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick, wherein Mr. Kirkpatrick claims that he has been advised by the United States Attorney that Mr. Daniel M. Lyons is Pardon Attorney and has nothing to do with parole matters, although on April 30th, in reply to his letter, the Bureau advised Mr. Kirkpatrick that we were referring his letter to the Honorable Daniel M. Lyons, Chairman, United States Parole Board, Washington, D. C.

We have determined from the Personnel Office of the Department that on May 17, 1948, Mr. Daniel M. Lyons resigned as Chairman of the Parole Board and was appointed Pardon Attorney. On the same date, Dr. George G. Killinger was appointed as a member of the Parole Board replacing Mr. Lyons. Accordingly, the Bureau's letter to Mr. Kirkpatrick on April 30th was factually correct when we then indicated that Mr. Lyons was Chairman of the Parole Board.

## ACTION

Attached is an acknowledgment of Mr. Kirkpatrick's letter of July 21st, advising him of the circumstances, and a letter to Mr. Daniel M. Lyons.

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July, 21, 1948

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Mr. Clegg ✓  
Mr. Glavin ✓  
Mr. Ladd ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tracy ✓  
Mr. Egan ✓  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for the information you have given me in your last two telegrams concerning the Kathryn Kelly parole matter.

On April 23, 1948, I wrote you a letter of protest concerning Kathryn's parole. On April 30th someone in your office answered my letter and said, "I am taking the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter and the communication addressed to you by Kathryn Kelly to the Honorable Daniel M. Lyons, Chairman, United States Parole Board, Washington, D. C."

Upon this information that Mr. Lyons was Chairman of the Parole Board, several letters of protest from citizens, jurors and organizations in Oklahoma have been addressed to Mr. Lyons.

A few days ago the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City received a letter from Mr. Lyons signed as Pardon Attorney and advising that he had nothing to do with Parole matters. While I am confident Mr. Lyons will pass all these letters to the Parole Board, I was wondering if we should attempt to explain to the Board why these letters were addressed to Mr. Lyons. In the future all letters will be addressed to "Chairman, U. S. Board of Parole".

Could your office furnish me with the names and addresses of the membership of the Parole Board?

Sincerely,

*E. E. Kirkpatrick*  
E. E. Kirkpatrick

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July 21, 1948

Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick  
1209 Atlas Life Building  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Sirs:

I have received your letter of July 21st, advising that a number of citizens, jurors and organizations in Oklahoma have addressed letters to Honorable Daniel M. Lyons, Chairman of the United States Parole Board, Washington, D. C., and that you have been recently advised by the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City that a letter has been received by him from Mr. Lyons, signed as Pardon Attorney, and stating that he had nothing to do with parole matters.

For your information, on May 17, 1948, Mr. Lyons resigned as a Member of the Parole Board and was appointed as Pardon Attorney, and on the same date Dr. George G. Killinger was appointed as a Member of the Parole Board to replace Mr. Lyons. It certainly is unfortunate that this change took place so soon after our letter to you of April 30th, which resulted in the citizens and various organizations of Oklahoma directing their communications to Mr. Lyons as Chairman of the Parole Board. However, I am writing a letter to Mr. Lyons calling his attention to the fact that these various letters protesting any parole for Kathryn Kelly were addressed to him subsequent to his appointment as Pardon Attorney, so as to insure that he will have forwarded them to the members of the Parole Board.

At the present time, the Members of the United States Parole Board are Dr. George G. Killinger, Fred S. Rogers and Boleslaus J. Monkiewicz, each of whom may be addressed as Member, United States Parole Board, Washington, D. C.

I am indeed sorry for any inconvenience which this change in the Membership of the Parole Board may have caused you and your associates in communicating with the Board. I am looking forward to seeing you again soon.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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THANKS A MILLION FOR YOUR THOROUGHLY INFORMATIVE LETTER  
CONCERNING THE KATHERINE KELLEY CASE. WILL SEE YOU IN  
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JULY TWENTYTWO, LAST. KATRYN KELLY HAS FILED APPLICATION FOR  
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FOR WOMEN, ALDERSON, W.VA. TO BE PRESENTED TO PAROLE BOARD WHICH MEETS  
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CC: MR. ROSEN, [REDACTED]

MR. LADD

Board of Parole  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Director, FBI

August 10, 1948

KATHRYN KELLY

There is enclosed herewith one copy of a communication addressed to me by Kathryn Kelly, Inmate No. 5442 at the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, West Virginia. For your information, attached to the original of this communication there was a newspaper clipping indicating that Federal Officers who participated in the original investigation which resulted in the conviction of Kathryn Kelly and other members of the George Kelly gang which kidnapped Mr. Charles F. Urschel were conducting inquiries in an effort to oppose any parole for Kathryn Kelly. For your information, no representative of this Bureau conducted any such inquiries whatsoever. We are informed that a former Special Agent of this Bureau in his capacity as a private individual has made some inquiry into the court record and has prepared and forwarded to the Parole Board, Washington, D. C., a petition outlining the circumstances in this case. However, this was not done as any official inquiry for or on behalf of this Bureau.

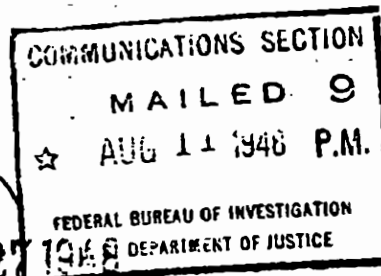
We are making arrangements to orally advise Kathryn Kelly that the inquiries outlined in this newspaper release were not official inquiries by this Bureau, that this Bureau has no jurisdiction or authority with regard to the granting or refusing to grant a parole and that such jurisdiction rests solely within the United States Board of Parole.

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Enclosure

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Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick  
1209 Atlas Life Building  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

I wanted to drop you this short note to let you know we have just received information that Kathryn Kelly has filed an application for parole, which is in the hands of the parole officer at the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia. It is expected that the application will be considered by the Parole Board at its meeting sometime this month.

I also thought you would be interested to know that I have received information from the office of the Pardon Attorney advising me that the various letters from peace officers and citizens of Oklahoma protesting the parole of Kathryn Kelly, which were directed to Mr. Daniel M. Lyons subsequent to his appointment as Pardon Attorney, have been referred to the United States Board of Parole for its consideration in connection with this matter.

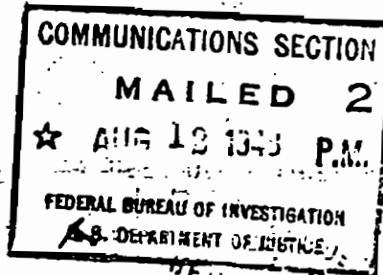
With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: August 10, 1948

TO: MR. LADD

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY, was Etal  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim  
KIDNAPING

PURPOSE

The Purpose of this memorandum is to bring to your attention the receipt of a letter dated July 20, 1948 from Subject Kathryn Kelly, wherein she indicates she will be eligible for parole on October 11, 1948, and requests the Bureau to recommend favorably in connection with such parole. Her letter also complains that the activities of Former SA Gus Jones who at the request of Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick conducted some investigation and forwarded a petition to the parole board protesting any possible parole for Kathryn Kelly.

FACTS

You will recall that recently the Bureau has received several communications from Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick, who acted as intermediary in the above case wherein Mr. Kirkpatrick expressed his concern over the possibility of Kathryn Kelly being paroled this October. We recently made inquiries both at a parole board and the Alderson Reformatory where Kathryn Kelly is incarcerated and have established that while Kathryn Kelly will be eligible for parole on October 11, 1948, as of the end of July she had not yet filed an official application for parole.

The Pittsburgh Division has been instructed to maintain liaison with the Alderson Reformatory so as to be informed and likewise for the Bureau in the event Subject Kathryn Kelly does make application for parole and the outcome of same.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

A communication dated July 20 addressed to the Director has been received from Kathryn Kelly. The letter is well-worded and very self-serving. In her letter she requests that the Bureau intercede in her behalf in obtaining her parole. She attaches a newspaper clipping from an unidentified paper bearing a United Press dateline of July 14, indicating that Former SA Gus Jones of San Antonio had been checking court records relative to Kathryn Kelly's conviction for the kidnaping of Mr. Urschel. In her letter, Kathryn Kelly, under the belief that Former Agent Jones is still associated with the Bureau, complains that we are persecuting her in attempting to block her parole.

AS a matter of fact, Former Agent Jones did conduct some inquiries in Oklahoma recently in connection with his presentation of a petition to the parole board protesting any possible parole for Kathryn Kelly. In a letter to the Director dated July 21, 1948, Former Agent Jones indicates that he has taken this action at the request of Mr. Kirkpatrick, and forwarded to the Director a

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Mr. Ladd

copy of the brief which he prepared outlining in substance the Urschel case and Kathryn Kelly's participation therein and also enclosing copies of numerous pieces of correspondence addressed by citizens and peace officers in Oklahoma to the parole board protesting any parole for Kathryn Kelly. Mr. Jones letter was acknowledged by Miss Gandy in the Director's absence.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that copies of Subject Kathryn Kelly's letter be forwarded to the Pittsburgh Division with instructions that that office designate an Agent to contact Kathryn Kelly at the Alderson Reformatory and advise that her letter has been received, that Former SA Jones is no longer with the Bureau and any recent activity which he might have engaged in in connection with the Urschel kidnaping case was not for and on behalf of the Bureau and further advise the Kelly woman that we will be without authority to take any action whatsoever with regard to her parole since such matters are solely within the discretion of the U. S. Parole Board.

It is recommended that we furnish a copy of Kathryn Kelly's letter to the Parole Board, and a separate memorandum enclosing such copy to Parole Board is attached.

In view of the publicity contained in the unidentified newspaper which erroneously indicates that the FBI in investigating the possible parole of Kathryn Kelly, it is recommended that this memorandum be routed to Crime Record Section for consideration.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 14, 1948

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: <sup>①</sup>GEORGE KELLY, was; etal  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Rebulet 8/10/48.

Subject KATHRYN KELLY was contacted on August 30, 1948, by SA [REDACTED] at which time she was advised in accordance with the Bureau instructions as to the inquiry made in her letter dated July 20, 1948.

With reference to the application of KATHRYN KELLY for parole, contact at the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia, indicates that the personnel of that institution are very reluctant to give out any information regarding parole matters as a result of the publicity given to the parole of the members of the Capone Gang. However, it is the opinion of the officials at Alderson that KATHRYN KELLY stands a poor chance at this time of being given a parole and [REDACTED] Warden, has been overheard to make a remark to that effect. When KATHRYN KELLY was interviewed, the Parole Board had not yet been to Alderson. Unless contrary advice is received, efforts will be made in the future to determine if KATHRYN KELLY is granted her parole.

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September 23, 1948

Director, FBI

GEORGE KELLY, was. et al  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Current news articles indicate that subjects George Kelly and his wife, Kathryn Kelly, will be eligible for parole October 11, next, and that subjects Ora Shannon and Harvey Bailey will become eligible for parole October 6, 1948. The female subjects are presently incarcerated in the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, and the two male subjects are presently in custody at Alcatraz.

The Pittsburgh Office has been previously instructed by the Bureau to perfect arrangements so as to be notified as to the results of the hearing on the application for parole of Kathryn Kelly. The Pittsburgh Office is likewise instructed to make similar arrangements regarding the parole of Ora Shannon.

The San Francisco Office should through the Alcatraz Penitentiary determine whether subjects George Kelly and Harvey Bailey have filed applications for parole and advise the Bureau in this connection. That office should also make suitable arrangements to be notified as to the results of any hearing on such applications for parole and likewise advise the Bureau in this connection.

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Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick of Tulsa, Oklahoma, a relative and the individual who acted as intermediary in the Urschel kidnaping has communicated with the Bureau on several recent occasions concerning the possible parole of Kathryn Kelly. Mr. Kirkpatrick has at all times been very cooperative with the Bureau. In view thereof and since this case was one of the very first important kidnaping cases handled by the Bureau subsequent to the passage of the Federal Kidnaping Statute, it is believed advisable that in this instance we make arrangements to be notified of the results of any application for parole made by the principal subjects.

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## in Urschel Kidnaping To Come Up for Parole

By the Associated Press

Four persons serving life sentences for the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma oil man, will become eligible for parole next month.

They are George R. (Machine Gun) Kelly, his wife Cathrine, her mother, Ora L. Shannon, and Harvey Bailey.

In announcing the four soon will become eligible for parole, Federal Parole Board officials emphasized yesterday that this does not necessarily mean they will be released from prison.

Life-term prisoners automatically become eligible for parole after serving 15 years, the officials said. This merely gives the four kidnapers the right to file applications for parole and to be heard. If applications are filed, the prisoners then will be heard by a parole board official on his regular rounds of Federal prisons.

R. G. Shannon, husband of Ora Shannon, also was convicted in the

Urschel kidnaping. He received a 20-year sentence and has been paroled.

Ora Shannon and Bailey will become eligible for parole October 6, the Kellys October 11. These dates are 15 years from the time they began serving their sentences.

Kelly and Bailey are in Alcatraz prison. Ora Shannon and Cathrine Kelly are in the women's reformatory at Alderson, W. Va.

It normally is a matter of months after hearings on parole applications before the board takes any final action.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

DATE: September 30, 1948

SUBJECT: GEORGE R. KELLY, was., etal  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

AIR MAIL

Rebulet dated September 13, 1948.

The files of the Alcatraz Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California, were reviewed and a copy of a letter bearing the date of August 11, 1948, addressed to the United States Board of Parole, Washington, D. C., and bearing the signature of GEORGE R. KELLY, was found. The content of this letter is set forth as follows:

"Gentlemen:

"I do not wish to make application for parole at the present time for the following reasons stated below:

"See Paragraph 14, page 76, of Prison Service Code of Procedure; you will find the following:

PAROLE POLICY CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY AT ALCATRAZ:

"The Penitentiary at Alcatraz, California is reserved for the more difficult type of prisoner -- those who show a tendency to make trouble in the institutions or who present escape problems. But it is not necessarily intended that men should stay there forever. It is hardly consistent with the purpose of the institution and the operation of the parole law, however, that men should be paroled directly from the Alcatraz Penitentiary.

"The Board of Parole will visit the institution and give hearings in accordance with its regular policy. If in its judgment an inmate at Alcatraz is deserving of parole consideration, the Board shall report that fact to the Director of the Bureau of Prisons who shall, if advisable, arrange for the transfer of the inmate whose parole is contemplated to another penitentiary where arrangements can properly be made for the preparation of the parole plan.

"In the light of the preceding restrictive parole policy, I wish to defer filing for parole until I have been transferred to another institution whose policy permits successfully filing for parole.

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Respectfully,

(Signed) Geo. R. Kelly  
Geo. R. Kelly

Eligible Date - Number 117  
Oct. 12, 1948<sup>n</sup>

[REDACTED] Alcatraz Penitentiary, advised the Special Progress Report was prepared for KELLY under date of May 26, 1948 and that KELLY subsequently applied for a transfer to another institution. However, this request was not approved by the Bureau of Prisons. A notation was placed in the file of GEORGE R. KELLY, Alcatraz 117, and should KELLY either apply for a parole or subsequently be transferred to another institution, the San Francisco Office will be immediately advised.

Of interest to the Bureau, it was learned by Alcatraz officials from correspondence between KELLY and his wife, KATHERYN, now at Alderson, West Virginia, that KELLY had decided against filing an application for parole for fear that his notoriety as "MACHINE GUN KELLY" and the fact that he was still incarcerated in Alcatraz Penitentiary, would cause newspaper comment and thereby jeopardize the success of any application which his wife KATHERYN or her mother, ORA SHANNON, might later file. The letters between KELLY and his wife failed to indicate when or if KELLY would file an application for parole other than that he would wait until effecting a transfer from Alcatraz.

Alcatraz file number 139, which is HARVEY BAILEY, revealed BAILEY was transferred from Alcatraz Penitentiary on September 8, 1946. It was further noted BAILEY will be eligible to file an application for parole on October 6, 1948.

For the information of the Kansas City Office, the Bureau by letter dated 9-13-48, advised current news articles indicate that Subject GEORGE KELLY and his wife KATHERYN KELLY would be eligible for parole October 11 next and that subjects ORA SHANNON and HARVEY BAILEY will become eligible for parole on October 6, 1948. The Bureau requested that it be determined whether Subjects GEORGE KELLY and HARVEY BAILEY have filed applications for parole and to advise the Bureau in this connection. The Kansas City Office should make suitable arrangements at Leavenworth to determine if HARVEY BAILEY has filed an application for parole and to be notified as to the results of any hearing on such an application for parole and to likewise advise the Bureau immediately in this connection.

No further action is being taken by this office.

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cc: Kansas City (Air Mail)  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: October 6, 1948

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY

AIRMAILSUBJECT: GEORGE R. KELLY, was., etal  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Re San Francisco letter dated September 30, 1948.

The Bureau letter dated 9-13-48 to San Francisco requested that it be determined whether subjects GEORGE KELLY and HARVEY BAILEY have filed application for parole. [REDACTED] U. S. Penitentiary, advised that HARVEY BAILEY was transferred from Alcatraz Penitentiary on September 8, 1946 to the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. [REDACTED] stated that BAILEY will be eligible to file an application for parole on October 6, 1948. [REDACTED] further advised that BAILEY had made application for parole and his hearing before the Board at the U. S. Penitentiary would be some time during the month of October or November this year. [REDACTED] stated that he would furnish this office information concerning the outcome of BAILEY's hearing.

Upon receipt of this information, the Bureau will be immediately notified.

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San Francisco

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Bureau of Prisons

October 13, 1948

Director, FBI  
KATHRYN KELLY

At the present time one Kathryn Kelly is incarcerated in a Federal penitentiary pursuant to her participation in the Grachal kidnapping case. Will you please advise whether this individual has conducted any correspondence with a person by the name of [REDACTED] or anyone by the last name of [REDACTED]. Your assistance in this connection will indeed be appreciated.

NOTE: It is believed advisable to request any correspondence between Kathryn Kelly and the person by the last name of [REDACTED] as general files reflect numerous references to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and she might be communicating with other members of the [REDACTED] family as an intermediary.

Follow-up made 10-23-48.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director

DATE: November 9, 1948

FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY, was, etal  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
Bureau File #7-115

Rebulet to San Francisco 9/13/48.

[REDACTED] Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, W. Va., advised that during the period of September 23 to 25, 1948, the Chairman of the Parole Board was at Alderson, and at that time he met the inmates, KATHRYN KELLY and ORA SHANNON. He informed them since their sentences were over five years, and because of the wide-spread publicity, their requests for parole would be continued until a time when the entire Parole Board at Washington, D. C. could consider their applications.

[REDACTED] subsequently advised that she had heard nothing further with reference to the applications for parole by inmates KELLY and SHANNON, and suggested that since the action is to be taken at Washington, D. C., that contact be made with the Board of Parole at the seat of Government.

[REDACTED] does not want her name used outside of the Bureau, stating that because of the parole of members of the former CAPONE Gang that personnel of the Bureau of Prisons were reluctant to give out any information. She did say she would advise this office of the decision of the Parole Board at Washington, D. C. at such time as she might be informed of their decision.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, F. B. I.

DATE: November 19, 1948

FROM : SAC, Kansas City

SUBJECT: GEORGE R. KELLY, was., et al  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Re Kansas City letter dated October 6, 1948

[REDACTED] U. S. Penitentiary,  
Leavenworth, Kansas, advised that HARVEY BAILEY, USP #63400,  
appeared before the Parole Board at Leavenworth Penitentiary  
on October 19, 1948, and his parole was denied on November 15,  
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San Francisco

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: December 17, 1948

TO : Director  
FROM : SAC, Pittsburgh  
SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY, was... et al  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
Bufile #7-115

An article appearing in THE WASHINGTON POST, Washington, D.C., Wednesday, November 10, 1948, revealed that the Federal Parole Board had refused to grant paroles for KATHRYN KELLY and ORA L. SHANNON, inmates at the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia, who were prosecuted in connection with the above captioned matter. HUC.

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SAC, Oklahoma City

December 16, 1948

Director, FBI

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GEORGE E. KELLY, KATHRYN KELLY, ET AL  
CHARLES P. BURSCHEL - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Re: Bureau letter to Mr. Ernest E. Kirkpatrick, 1209 Atlas Life Building, Tulsa, Oklahoma, dated October 15, last, a copy of which was designated for your office.

For your information, advice has been received from the Bureau of Prison to the effect that the records of the Alderson, West Virginia Reformatory do not reflect that Kathryn Kelly corresponded or attempted to correspond at any time with any individual by the name of [REDACTED] b7C

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: December 16, 1948

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: GEORGE R. KELLY, KATHRYN KELLY, ET AL  
CHARLES F. OURSCHEL - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
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PURPOSE:

In connection with Kathryn Kelly's application for parole, Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick furnished information that Kathryn Kelly might be communicating with one [REDACTED], an ex-convict of Dallas, Texas. Information received from the Bureau of Prisons that Alderson Reformatory has no record whatsoever of the Kelly woman having corresponded or attempted to correspond with anyone by the name of [REDACTED]

BACKGROUND:

You will recall that in connection with the application of Kathryn Kelly for parole, Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who is a relative of the Urschels and acted as intermediary in the kidnaping case, became vitally interested and on a number of occasions corresponded with the Director. Mr. Kirkpatrick was vitally interested in opposing any possible parole for the Kelly woman to the extent that he even visited the Parole Board at Washington and expressed his views in the matter.

Since the parole of Kathryn Kelly was not a matter within our jurisdiction, we conducted no active investigation but did make arrangements with the necessary offices to be notified if and when the application was filed. In a letter dated October 4, 1948, to the Director, Mr. Kirkpatrick indicated that the Chief of Detectives of Dallas, Texas stated that one [REDACTED], an ex-convict, is one of the most dangerous criminals in America and that he took a seven year rap for Kathryn Kelly in connection with a fur robbery, was infatuated with Kathryn Kelly and accordingly, Mr. Kirkpatrick assumed that possibly Kathryn Kelly was in correspondence with [REDACTED]. In our acknowledgment to Mr. Kirkpatrick dated October 15, 1948, we indicated that we appreciated his bringing this information to our attention and assured him that appropriate inquiries would be made with regard to any correspondence which might have taken place between Kathryn Kelly and [REDACTED]. At the same time the communication was directed to the Bureau of Prisons making inquiry as to whether any such correspondence had taken place.

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

A communication has been received from the Bureau of Prisons advising that the Warden for the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, has advised that Kathryn Kelly has not corresponded or attempted to correspond with anyone by the name of [REDACTED] while serving her present sentence. It is noted that Kathryn Kelly's application has since been denied by the Parole Board.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Inasmuch as we have developed no affirmative information to substantiate Mr. Kirkpatrick's suspicions that [REDACTED] may have been in correspondence with Kelly it is not believed that we need direct a letter to Mr. Kirkpatrick at this time in [REDACTED]

Mr. Ladd desires that an a.s.h. be sent to Mr. Kirkpatrick. Done 12-17-48

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Memo to Mr. Ladd

this connection.

For reference there is attached file #62-29924, serial 32 of which contains copies of the correspondence mentioned above.

Since a copy of the Bureau's acknowledgment to Mr. Kirkpatrick was designated for Oklahoma City, it is suggested that the attached communication be directed to the Oklahoma City Office advising of the results of the inquiry by the Bureau of Prisons.

Attachment

cc - Mr. Acker  
Mr. Rosen

December 17, 1948

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Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick  
53209 Atlas Life Building  
Tulsa, Oklahoma  
7-115-2198  
Dear Kirk:

You will recall that in your letter to me of October 4, 1948 you furnished information to the effect that Kathryn Kelly might possibly be in communication with one [redacted] an ex-convict around Dallas, Texas. I thought you would be interested to know that the authorities at the Alderson Reformatory for Women where Kathryn Kelly is confined have reported that there is no record of Kathryn Kelly having corresponded or attempted to correspond with anyone by the name of [redacted]

I am sure you were pleased to learn of the Parole Board's action in denying Kathryn Kelly's application for parole. I am indeed looking forward to our next meeting.

With kind personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO : MR. ROSEN

October 31, 1949

FROM : F. H. SCHMIDT

SUBJECT : CHAPLAIN JOSEPH M. CLARK  
U. S. PENITENTIARY, ALCATRAZ

*George - A. Kelly*

In connection with the current efforts of Chaplain Clark to obtain a parole for Machine Gun Kelly a review has been made of the Bureau's files and the following references have been located concerning Father Clark, who is the Catholic Chaplain at Alcatraz.

On June 25, 1940, Chaplain Clark and another Chaplain from the Milan Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, were given a special tour of the Bureau. The Fathers, who were attending a conference of Chaplains being held in the Department at that time, expressed great interest in the Bureau's work and stated that the Bureau was doing an unusually important job. (94-2-19661X4, 19668X3, 94-6-5835, 5836)

On April 1, 1949, Chaplain Clark was interviewed by the Director, the appointment having been made by Judge Matthew F. McGuire. Father Clark stated that he was interested in the case of John Paul Chase and was desirous of learning what the Director's attitude would be of a commutation of Chase's sentence to twenty-five years. Father Clark further indicated that it was his understanding that Baby Face Nelson actually fired the shots which killed Inspector Cowley and Agent Hollis rather than Chase.

By letter of April 6, 1949, Chaplain Clark was furnished a brief summary of the true facts concerning Chase's participation in the cold-blooded murder of Inspector Cowley and Agent Hollis. He was further advised that the Director would vigorously oppose any official effort to commute the sentence of John Paul Chase. (62-29777, serials 7112, 7113, 7114)

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Director's notation — Watch closely and endeavor to thwart efforts of this priest who should be attending to his own business instead of trying to turn loose on society such mad dogs.

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cc-Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Rosen  
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SAC, San Francisco

November 7, 1949

Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

CHAPLAIN JOSEPH M. CLARK  
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY  
ALCATRAZ

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Father Joseph M. Clark, who is the Catholic Chaplain at Alcatraz, in April, 1949, called at the Bureau and stated that he was interested in the case of John Paul Chase. Father Clark indicated that it was his understanding that "Baby Face Nelson" actually fired the shots which killed Inspector Cowley and Agent Hollis, rather than Chase, and further indicated that he was desirous of ascertaining what the Bureau's attitude would be of a commutation of Chase's sentence to twenty-five years. At that time Chaplain Clark was furnished a brief summary of the true facts concerning Chase's participation in the cold-blooded murder of Inspector Cowley and Agent Hollis, and was advised that the Bureau would vigorously oppose any official effort to commute the sentence of John Paul Chase.

The Bureau has now received information that George Kelly Barnes, better known as George E. Kelly or "Machine Gun Kelly", his wife, Kathryn Kelly, and her mother, Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, all of whom are presently serving life terms for their participation in the kidnaping of Charles F. Wessell, Oklahoma City oil man in 1933, are endeavoring to obtain paroles. The Bureau has been confidentially advised that Chaplain Clark has made various trips from San Francisco for the purpose of assisting the Kellys in their efforts to obtain paroles, and has allegedly stated that the family of John Paul Chase is financing his attempts to have the Kellys paroled. Chaplain Clark is reported to have recently appeared before the United States Board of Parole and, in addition, has indicated his intention of contacting the Attorney General and Cardinal Spellman on behalf of the Kellys.

The above information is being brought to your attention in order that you may be particularly alert for any information indicating that Chaplain Clark is attempting to secure paroles or reduced sentences for Kelly, Chase or other subjects of major Bureau cases who are now confined in Alcatraz. Any such information received by you should be immediately brought to the Bureau's attention. In addition, it is desired that you forward to the Bureau any information contained in your files with respect to Chaplain Clark, particularly with respect to any undue efforts on his part to obtain paroles for convicts at Alcatraz.

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The Attorney General

November 1, 1949

Director, FBI

GEORGE E. KELLY, with aliases,  
KATHRYN KELLY, with aliases,  
MRS. ORA L. SHANNON, ETAL  
CHARLES F. URSCHAL - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

7-115-2199

RECORDED. It has been brought to my attention that George Kelly Barnes, better known as George E. Kelly or "Machine Gun Kelly", his wife, Kathryn Kelly, and her mother, Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, all of whom are presently serving life terms for their participation in the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City oil man in 1933, are endeavoring to obtain paroles.

You will recall that Kelly, a convicted liquor runner, robber and gangster, and Albert L. Bates on the night of July 22, 1933, forced their way into the Urschel home armed with a machine gun and pistol and abducted Mr. Urschel, thereafter removing him to the farm of Mrs. Shannon near Paradise, Texas where he was held chained to a chair and under armed guard until July 31, 1933, when he obtained his release by the payment of \$200,000 in ransom.

Kathryn Kelly assisted in the abduction by driving one of the automobiles used, prepared the Shannon home as a place to hold Mr. Urschel captive, was active in the ransom negotiations, and reportedly played a prominent part in the planning of the kidnaping. Our investigation revealed that Mrs. Shannon actively participated in holding Mr. Urschel prisoner on the farm and further indicated that she probably influenced her husband to engage in this enterprise and received approximately \$10,000 as her share of the ransom money.

Following the location of the hide-out farm and the apprehension of the Shannons, they were removed to Oklahoma City for trial. George and Kathryn Kelly, who at the time were the subjects of a nationwide man hunt, sent a series of threatening letters to Mr. Urschel and U. S. District Court officials at Oklahoma City threatening the lives of these individuals if the Shannons were convicted. The Kellys were apprehended by Bureau Agents and local officers at Memphis, Tennessee on September 26, 1933, and were convicted in the U. S. District Court at Oklahoma City on October 12, 1933, and sentenced to life.

Of the \$200,000 ransom which was paid by a representative of Mr. Urschel to George Kelly on July 30, 1933, at Chicago, Illinois, \$123,394.50 in cash or its equivalent has been recovered by the Bureau and other law enforcement agencies. George Kelly, Kathryn Kelly and the other subjects in this case have been continuously uncooperative in assisting in any respect in recovering the balance of the ransom money.

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**The Attorney General**

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DLW*

DATE: October 27, 1949

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

SUBJECT: MACHINE GUN KELLY

Mr. Tolson	_____
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██████████ who was developed as a contact of SA ██████████ in 1946 while in Washington Field, called Agent ██████████ on October 26, 1949, and advised him that ██████████ was now a member of the U.S. Board of Parole, Washington, D.C. He stated that he had a very important matter that he wished to discuss with Agent ██████████. An appointment was made for the morning of October 27.

At this time, ██████████ advised that there was a definite move afoot to grant parole to Machine Gun Kelly, Katherine Kelly, and Katherine's mother, Ma Shannon.

By way of background, Kelly is presently in Alcatraz serving a life sentence in connection with the kidnapping of Charles F. Urschel. Catholic Chaplain Clark of Alcatraz has been making trips to various parts of the country for the past year in behalf of Kelly. Clark appeared before the U.S. Board of Parole, October 26, at which time he was asked who was financing him in his attempts to have Kelly paroled. Clark stated that the family of John Paul Chase, a former pal of Baby Face Nelson, was furnishing the money. Chase is also in Alcatraz serving a life sentence. After a discussion with the Chairman of the U.S. Board of Parole, Clark went to see Attorney General McGrath on October 26. He also told the Board he had an appointment to see Cardinal Spellman in New York regarding this matter. The Board was also advised that Clark had recently visited Katherine Kelly and Ma Shannon in the Federal Women's Penitentiary in West Virginia. He had also contacted the Urschel family in Oklahoma regarding a parole for Kelly. ██████████ pointed out that on one occasion Warden Johnson of Alcatraz had stated to the Parole Board, "You must be careful of Chaplain Clark."

A formal application for parole was made some months ago by Kelly. Kelly has now served 15 years of his life sentence and is eligible for parole. This formal application was denied by the Board. ██████████ pointed out that ██████████ a member of the Parole Board, is agreeable to the parole of Kelly, his wife Katherine, and Ma Shannon. According to ██████████ is the individual responsible for the recent paroling of the various members of the Al Capone Gang which resulted in so much adverse newspaper publicity. ██████████ felt that Clark, being a Catholic Chaplain, was attempting to influence the Attorney General because of his religion and pressure which he might be able to bring to bear from Cardinal Spellman.

██████████ stated he was furnishing this information to the Bureau on a highly confidential basis since he felt the Bureau should know of this action

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in the event further efforts were made to obtain paroles for these individuals. He stated that as long as he was a member of the Parole Board he would do everything in his power to prevent this parole.

██████ did not know the full name of Clark, but stated he would obtain this information and advise Agent ██████. At that time a file check will be made of the Bureau's indices.

ACTION:

This is furnished for your information.

██████ has also advised, if any further action comes to his attention regarding this matter, he will get in touch with Agent ██████ immediately.

Upon the receipt of the information regarding Clark's full name, the Bureau files will be checked and you will be advised.

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The Attorney General

Director, FBI

GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases,  
KATHRYN KELLY, with aliases,  
MRS. ORA L. SHAMMON, ETAL  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

It has been brought to my attention that George Kelly Barnes, better known as George R. Kelly or "Machine Gun Kelly", his wife, Kathryn Kelly, and her mother, Mrs. Ora L. Shammon, all of whom are presently serving life terms for their participation in the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City oil man in 1933, are endeavoring to obtain paroles.

You will recall that Kelly, a convicted liquor runner, robber and gangster, and Albert L. Bates on the night of July 22, 1933, forced their way into the Urschel home armed with a machine gun and pistol and abducted Mr. Urschel, thereafter removing him to the farm of Mrs. Shammon near Paradise, Texas where he was held chained to a chair and under armed guard until July 31, 1933, when he obtained his release by the payment of \$200,000 in ransom.

Kathryn Kelly assisted in the abduction by driving one of the automobiles used, prepared the Shammon home as a place to hold Mr. Urschel captive, was active in the ransom negotiations, and reportedly played a prominent part in the planning of the kidnaping. Our investigation revealed that Mrs. Shammon actively participated in holding Mr. Urschel prisoner on the farm and further indicated that she probably influenced her husband to engage in this enterprise and received approximately \$10,000 as her share of the ransom money.

Following the location of the hide-out farm and the apprehension of the Shammons, they were removed to Oklahoma City for trial. George and Kathryn Kelly, who at the time were the subjects of a nationwide man hunt, sent a series of threatening letters to Mr. Urschel and U. S. District Court officials at Oklahoma City threatening the lives of these individuals if the Shammons were convicted. The Kellys were apprehended by Bureau Agents and local officers at Memphis, Tennessee on September 26, 1933, and were convicted in the U. S. District Court at Oklahoma City on October 12, 1933, and sentenced to life.

Of the \$200,000 ransom which was paid by a representative of Mr. Urschel to George Kelly on July 30, 1933, at Chicago, Illinois, \$123,394.50 in cash or its equivalent has been recovered by the Bureau and other law enforcement agencies. George Kelly, Kathryn Kelly and the other subjects in this case have been continuously uncooperative in assisting in any respect in recovering the balance of the ransom money.

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MR. HOWELL  
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matter will take  
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situation. But I  
must not lose sight  
of the fact that  
this is a very  
serious matter and  
I must take  
the proper  
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From  
**THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**Memorandum**

November 3, 1949

**Mr. Hoover:**

I have been in touch with the Chairma of the Parole Board for the past several weeks re this matter and feel that they will take no action on appli cation. I, of course, can't direct their action. But have made clear what our position is on the applicati

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 10, 1950

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE

SUBJECT: GEORGE R. KELLY Et Al;  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to Bureau File #7-115.

[REDACTED] Kingsport, Tennessee, has recently afforded an Agent of this office the following information:

[REDACTED] Johnson City, Tennessee, has contacted [REDACTED] and confidentially requested his assistance and advice regarding [REDACTED] knowledge of a portion of the ransom money not yet recovered in the Urschel Kidnaping Case.

[REDACTED] stated he served time with ALBERT L. BATES, one of the subjects convicted in this case, at Alcatraz. During their incarceration, [REDACTED] and BATES became close friends and [REDACTED] nursed BATES during the illness which resulted in his death at Alcatraz. During this period, BATES advised [REDACTED] of the location of a reported \$83,000.00 of the Urschel ransom money which BATES informed he understood the URSCHEL family had stated they would give twenty percent of this sum for its recovery.

[REDACTED] pointed out to [REDACTED] that he does not desire to become involved in this matter and personally fears relatives and friends of GEORGE R. KELLY, some of whom he suspects may also have knowledge that all of the Urschel ransom money has not been recovered. He informed KELLY and BATES were known to be enemies at Alcatraz, and is of the opinion BATES "held out" the above sum on KELLY, which caused this antagonism. [REDACTED] further advised [REDACTED] that none of the gang responsible for the abduction of URSCHEL are aware where BATES concealed this money. [REDACTED] stated BATES described this \$83,000.00 as being in denominations of five, ten, and twenty dollar bills. He stated he had been near the spot where BATES had this money concealed, but decided in view of his [REDACTED] extensive criminal record and his desire to stay out of the penitentiary, that it was advisable to have [REDACTED] ascertain whether or not the URSCHEL family is willing to give him twenty percent of this sum for its recovery.

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A review of I. C. #7-115, captioned "KIDNAPING OF CHARLES F. URSCHER", which appears to be the only information on this case in the Knoxville Division, reflects the recovery of approximately \$147,000.00 of the \$200,000.00 ransom money secured by the subjects. It is noted also that the money was paid by the URSCHER family in denominations of twenty dollar bills only.

██████████ states ██████████ has been known to him for more than twenty-five years, during which time ██████████ has served numerous penitentiary sentences on charges including manslaughter and armed robbery. He states ██████████ is an intelligent and harden criminal, and advises he believes ██████████ is sincere and may be reliable regarding the above information.

The Agent who received this information was advised that ██████████ has told ██████████ he does not desire to discuss this matter with an Agent of the F. B. I. at this time and only will cooperate if the URSCHER family will agree to give him a portion of this money for its recovery.

██████████ is described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	45-48 years
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	150 pounds
Eyes:	Gray
Hair:	Brown

His last conviction is believed to have been at Washington, D. C. on a manslaughter charge.

The Bureau is requested to advise if the information furnished by ██████████ appears to warrant further investigation and to apprise the Knoxville Division of the action desired in this matter.

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**Mr. ROSEN**

~~SAC, San Francisco~~

~~March 17, 1950~~

**Director, FBI**

CHARLES F. KELLY, et al  
CHARLES F. BRIDGEMAN - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

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The letter continues that [redacted] has told [redacted] that he does not desire to discuss this matter with an agent of the FBI at this time and only

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cc: Knoxville  
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will cooperate if the Urachel family will agree to give him a portion of this money. The letter describes [redacted] as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	25-28 years
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Weight:	150 pounds
Eyes:	Gray
Hair:	Brown

San Francisco should make immediate inquiry at Alcatraz to obtain background data on [redacted] and to determine what contact [redacted] did have or could have had with Bates and George H. Kelly. The inquiry must be discreetly handled. San Francisco should airtel the results and follow with an AED letter containing all details. Knoxville and Oklahoma City should take no action at this time. However, in the event that Knoxville should receive further information it should be immediately referred to the Bureau. Upon receipt of the results of the San Francisco inquiry appropriate instructions in this matter will be issued.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, San Francisco

DATE: March 23, 1950

SUBJECT: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al  
 CHARLES F. DURSCHEL - VICTIM  
 KIDNAPING  
 (Bufile 7-115)

Rebulet to San Francisco dated March 17, 1950, and mytel to Bureau dated March 22, 1950.

The file at Alcatraz Penitentiary for former inmate [redacted] and [redacted] was reviewed and it was determined that [redacted] was sentenced at Washington, D. C., on April 2, 1943, to serve a sentence of two years six months to seven years six months for manslaughter. [redacted] was received at Alcatraz on March 19, 1944, from the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, and on December 17, 1948, [redacted] was conditionally released directly from Alcatraz.

The work record report for [redacted] reflects that he had the following work assignments during his confinement at Alcatraz. It should be noted from the dates that [redacted] remained on the one assignment until the succeeding date reflecting a change.

March 19, 1944	Idle in cell
April 1, 1944	Laundry
February 20, 1945	Idle in cell
September 13, 1946	Laundry
April 1, 1947	Model shop
November 17, 1947	Laundry
June 10, 1948	Idle - sick (hospital)
June 19, 1948	Laundry
July 25, 1948	Hospital
August 7, 1948	Laundry
November 3, 1948	Hospital
December 11, 1948	Idle - cell house

The above work sheet for [redacted] shows that he was in the hospital from June 10 to June 19, 1948; July 25, 1948, to August 7, 1948; and from November 3, 1948, to December 11, 1948. It is noted that the last two dates are after the death of BATES, who died July 4, 1948.

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Associate Warden [redacted] advised, however, that [redacted] was also confined in the Penitentiary Hospital from May 11 to May 17, 1948. According to [redacted] the period of June 9 to 18, 1948, when [redacted] was in the hospital, BATES was particularly in a critical condition and it is possible that during this time [redacted] in some manner assisted BATES and possibly was given some information regarding instant money by BATES. [redacted]

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was never assigned to work in the hospital as an attendant.

It should be noted at this time that ALBERT L. BATES, Alcatraz No. 137, last entered the prison hospital on March 24, 1948, and died July 4, 1948. BATES' work sheet shows that he had the following work assignments during the time [redacted] was assigned to Alcatraz:

August 10, 1943	Yard cleaner
September 19, 1947	Brush shop
October 10, 1947	Yard cleaner
March 24, 1948	Hospital

① With regard to [redacted] association with ALBERT BATES and GEORGE KELLY, it was ascertained that [redacted] was congenial and got along very well with most all of the prisoners. [redacted] work sheet indicates he was never assigned to work with either BATES or KELLY, thus indicating that his only opportunity to talk with either KELLY or BATES would have been during his time spent in the prison yard or at the hospital. It was stated by various officials at Alcatraz that [redacted] associated and was friendly with both BATES and KELLY while he was confined. The work sheets of KELLY and BATES reflect that neither of them were assigned to work together in the same work at the penitentiary.

Associate Warden [redacted] stated further that when KELLY and BATES were first received at Alcatraz, they appeared to be friendly and often played cards and talked with one another. However, about eight years prior to the death of BATES, BATES and KELLY stopped speaking with one another and did not speak again until approximately six weeks prior to BATES' death. One possible reason given for the falling out between KELLY and BATES was that KELLY's wife CATHERINE and CATHERINE's mother, ORA SHANNON, presently confined at Alderson Penitentiary, put pressure on KELLY to learn of the location from BATES of the money, and when he was unsuccessful, he stopped associating with BATES. When it was learned that BATES was very ill, KELLY began visiting BATES at the hospital whenever possible and on several occasions when BATES was very sick, KELLY was allowed to sit up with BATES all night long. It was believed at Alcatraz that though KELLY was generally assisting BATES, KELLY was trying to get him to tell of the hiding place of the rest of the URSCHER money. However, it is the belief that BATES did not tell KELLY anything about this money.

[redacted] Prison Doctor, advised he recalled [redacted] well and said [redacted] in his opinion, though of average intelligence, was above average so far as the general run of convicts went. [redacted] said he could not

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Director, FBI

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Kidnaping

recall [REDACTED] or BATES being overly friendly while together in the hospital but said the two were in the hospital at the same time on more than one occasion.

An admission summary report dated January 10, 1944, prepared while [REDACTED] was confined at the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, contains the following information regarding [REDACTED]

"Subject is an asthenic, middle-aged, white male. He appears to be under some tension, and his mood is characterized by mixed anxieties and suspiciousness. Speech is low and in a low monotonous tone. He gives a history of drinking to excess at intervals but denies hallucinatory experiences. Examination of the thought content reveals a number of paranoid projections. His comprehension and memory are fairly good, reasoning, insight and judgment are considerably impaired. Personality studies show him to be introverted, emotionally unstable, paranoid and aggressive."

A special progress report prepared at Alcatraz bearing the date March 10, 1948, has the following statement regarding [REDACTED] mental condition:

"Not considered psychotic. He is friendly and properly oriented and he is adjusted to routine. Emotionally instable. Low average mentality."

"He is free from psychotic manifestations of any kind and expresses no delusional ideas although he is inclined toward paranoid interpretations and is able to rationalize his antisocial conduct. Emotionally unstable."

On March 15, 1948, the file shows [REDACTED] exhibited average interest, was good as a worker, exhibited a cooperative attitude and had a quiet and pleasant disposition.

It was also learned that when the various inmates at Alcatraz learned that BATES was probably going to die, he had many visitors, one of whom was EDDIE BENTZ, FBI No. 15279, former big-time bank robber and now an inmate at Massachusetts State Penitentiary, Charleston, Massachusetts. It was learned that BENTZ and BATES were very friendly and Alcatraz officials believe that the information as to the whereabouts of the remainder of the URSCHEL money, if given to anyone, was possibly given to BENTZ or [REDACTED]

Director, FBI

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Kidnaping

[REDACTED] at Alcatraz, has advised he is of the personal belief that during the six weeks prior to BATES' death and while KELLY was with BATES so often, KELLY learned of the hiding place of the remainder of the URSCHER money. [REDACTED] could give no positive reason as to why he believes this. [REDACTED] also stated that he believed if KELLY was approached and told that his wife and mother-in-law would be paroled on the condition that he reveal the hiding place of the remainder of the URSCHER money, KELLY, if he does know, would reveal the hiding place. [REDACTED] requests that the above information be held in the strictest of confidence.

A profile photograph of [REDACTED] taken March 19, 1944, at Alcatraz was obtained and is being forwarded to the Bureau for whatever assistance it might be.

The files at Alcatraz reflect [REDACTED] to have the following description:

Name	[REDACTED]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birthdate	[REDACTED]
Birthplace	Tennessee
Height	5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	Not listed
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown and receding
Build	Medium
Father	[REDACTED] Johnson City, Tennessee
Scars and marks	Mole on right forearm; scar on right thumb; hollow cheeks.
Alcatraz No.	[REDACTED]
FBI No.	[REDACTED]

Unless advised to the contrary, no further action is being taken by this office.

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SAC, Washington Field

March 20, 1950

Director, FBI

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

GEORGE R. KELLY, was., et al  
CHARLES F. BURSCHEL - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

The Knoxville Office has advised the Bureau that they have received information that [REDACTED] who presently resides at [REDACTED] Johnson City, Tennessee, may have learned of some information while confined in Alcatraz relative to the unrecovered ransom money in instant case.

Enclosed herewith for the Washington Field Office is one copy of the Identification Record of [REDACTED] who has FBI [REDACTED] Copies of this Record have previously been submitted to Knoxville and Oklahoma City. The Identification Record, it will be noted, reflects that on April 2, 1943, [REDACTED] was sentenced in Washington, D. C., to two and one-half to seven and one-half years and was transferred to Lorton Reformatory on April 15, 1943. It will also be noted that [REDACTED] was granted a conditional release from Alcatraz on December 17, 1948.

It is requested that you contact the Board of Parole and obtain all background information available relative to this individual. It is also requested that you contact appropriate sources and obtain the facts surrounding his conviction for homicide (manslaughter). Any other background data available concerning [REDACTED] should also be submitted to the Bureau.

The inquiry concerning [REDACTED] should be handled in a most discreet manner. This should be given immediate attention and the facts submitted to the Bureau as expeditiously as possible.

Enclosure

cc: Knoxville  
Oklahoma City

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Mr. Glavin ☒  
Mr. Nichols ☒  
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GEORGE R. KELLY, ET AL, CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM, KIDNAPING. BUFILE  
SEVEN DASH ONE ONE FIVE. REBULET DATED MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST. RECORDS  
ALCATRAZ PRISON REFLECT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WAS SENTENCED TWO YEARS SIX MONTHS TO  
SEVEN YEARS SIX MONTHS AT WASH., D. C., APRIL TWO, FORTY THREE FOR  
MANSLAUGHTER. WAS RECEIVED AT ALCATRAZ FROM ATLANTA MARCH NINETEEN,  
FORTY FOUR, AND WAS CONDITIONALLY RELEASED DIRECTLY FROM ALCATRAZ DEC-  
EMBER SEVENTEEN, FORTY EIGHT. [REDACTED] ALCATRAZ, HAS ADVISED [REDACTED]  
IN HIS OPINION WAS MENTALLY QUOTE O. K. UNQUOTE UPON DISCHARGE, WAS  
COOPERATIVE, OF AVERAGE INTELLIGENCE AND ABOVE AVERAGE SO FAR AS ALCATRAZ  
CONVICTS WENT. ALCATRAZ PROGRESS REPORT INDICATES [REDACTED] WAS AVERAGE,  
GOOD, COOPERATIVE, QUIET, AND PLEASANT. [REDACTED] GOT ALONG WELL WITH ALL  
PRISONERS. IT WAS DETERMINED BATES ENTERED PRISON HOSPITAL LAST TIME ON  
MARCH TWENTY FOUR, FORTY EIGHT, AND DIED JULY FOUR, FORTY EIGHT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WORK RECORD REFLECTS HE WAS CONFINED IN THE HOSPITAL JUNE TEN TO  
JUNE NINETEEN, FORTY EIGHT, THOUGH ASSOCIATE WARDEN [REDACTED] RECALLS

[REDACTED] CHECKED IN THE HOSPITAL MANY TIMES IN ADDITION TO ABOVE PRIOR  
TO THE DEATH OF BATES, AND DURING THIS TIME WOULD HAVE BEEN CLOSE TO  
BATES. A COMPARISON OF THE WORK SHEETS OF [REDACTED] BATES, AND KELLY  
INDICATES THESE MEN NEVER WORKED TOGETHER AND THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO  
VISIT WOULD HAVE BEEN DURING THEIR YARD TIME OR WHEN BATES WAS IN

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HOSPITAL. OFFICIALS STATE THAT BATES AND KELLY WERE FRIENDLY WHEN THEY FIRST ARRIVED AT ALCATRAZ, THOUGH THEY SUBSEQUENTLY STOPPED SPEAKING. HOWEVER, ABOUT SIX WEEKS PRIOR TO BATES DEATH KELLY VISITED BATES NEARLY EVERY DAY AND SAT UP WITH HIM A FEW NIGHTS. IT WAS FURTHER LEARNED KELLY AND [REDACTED] WERE FRIENDS. IT WAS RECALLED BY OFFICIALS THAT EDDY BENTZ, FORMER BIG-TIME BANK ROBBER AND NOW INCARCERATED AT CHARLESTON, MASSACHUSETTS, STATE PRISON, AMONG OTHERS, OFTEN VISITED BATES. IT WAS GENERALLY ACCEPTED AT ALCATRAZ THAT THE MAIN REASON OF THESE VISITS WAS TO FIND OUT FROM BATES WHERE HE HID THE URSHCEL MONEY. IT IS THE GENERAL BELIEF THAT BATES DID NOT TELL ANYONE AT ALCATRAZ WHERE THIS MONEY WAS HIDDEN, PARTICULARLY KELLY. HOWEVER, IT IS BELIEVED POSSIBLE THAT BATES, DURING HIS SICKNESS, MIGHT HAVE TOLD [REDACTED] ABOUT THE MONEY AND WHERE IT WAS HIDDEN. A COPY OF THIS TELETYPE IS BEING FORWARDED TO OKLAHOMA CITY AND KNOXVILLE AMSD. AMSD LETTER FOLLOWING.

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*cc: Mr. Rosen*  
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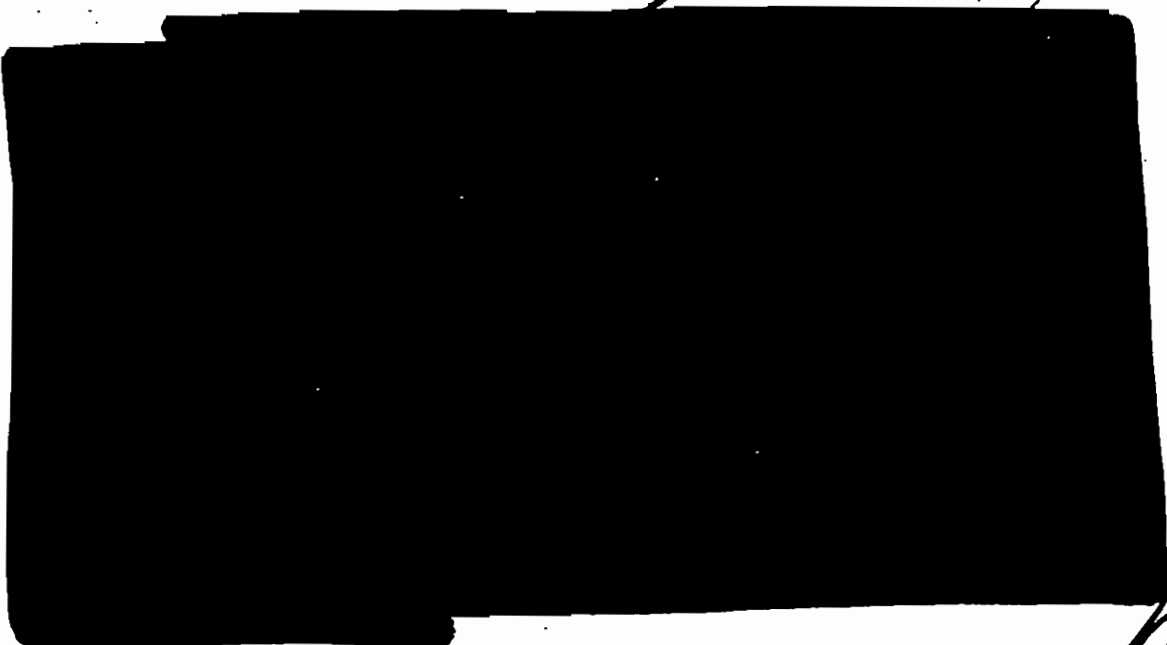
TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 27, 1950

FROM : SAC GUY HOTTEL, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

SUBJECT: GEORGE R. KELLY, was., et al  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING  
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Rebulet March 20, 1950.



\_\_\_\_\_ was first convicted of second degree murder and was subsequently granted a second trial and pled guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced on April 2, 1943, to 2½ to 7½ years.

The records at the U. S. Board of Parole reflect that \_\_\_\_\_ after his sentence, was committed on April 15, 1943, making his full term expire on October 1, 1950. He was released on Conditional Release on December 17, 1948. While incarcerated at Lorton, Virginia, under this offense, on November 14, 1943, he attempted to escape from Lorton. He was subsequently tried for this attempted escape, but the indictment was dismissed as faulty in the Eastern District of Virginia, and \_\_\_\_\_ was not re-tried.

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cc: Knoxville (AMSD)  
cc: Oklahoma City (AMSD)

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[REDACTED] was transferred to the Atlanta Penitentiary on January 8, 1944, and subsequently transferred to Alcatraz on March 19, 1944. During the time he was incarcerated, a detainer was placed against him as a parole violator from Nashville, Tennessee. However, prior to his release, this detainer was lifted. He is presently under the jurisdiction of the United States Probation Officer, [REDACTED] Federal Building, Knoxville, Tennessee. Since his release from the penitentiary, he has regularly reported to the Probation Officer, and his reports reflect that he has been doing contracting work in Johnson City, Tennessee. The file further reflected that the Probation Officer at Knoxville, Tennessee, has had no trouble with [REDACTED]

The records further reflect that he was born on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]; that he formerly resided with his mother and father at [REDACTED] Johnson City, Tennessee, and that his relatives were listed as three brothers and five sisters. The latest probation report reflects that [REDACTED] now resides at [REDACTED] Johnson City. The file reflected further that during [REDACTED] incarceration at Alcatraz, he was considered a good prisoner and did his work properly with the proper attitude.

There was no further information which would be of assistance in this matter in the files of the Metropolitan Police Department or the United States Board of Parole. RUC

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SAC, Knoxville

March 31, 1950

Director, FBI

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

GEORGE KELLY, was., et al  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM  
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Re Knoxville let, 3-30-50.

Enclosed herewith are copies of the following reports in this matter:

Report of Special Agent John A. Dowd, 8-24-39, Salt Lake City.

Report of Special Agent C. C. Spears, 11-23-34, Portland.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 12-19-34, Denver.

These reports should be returned to the Bureau at the conclusion of the investigation requested below.

The Bureau files in this matter reflect that of the \$200,000.00 in \$20 bills paid as ransom in instant case, \$123,394.50 of ransom money had been obtained in exchange for ransom notes has been recovered. Bates received as his share \$94,250.00 and \$49,257.00 of this amount has been recovered. Relative to Bates' share, he at one time indicated that over \$90,000.00 of it was left in a locked bag in a clothes closet in the apartment where he had been staying in Denver up until the time of his arrest. This bag was recovered by Mrs. Clara Feldman. However, there appears to be an excellent chance that Bates had knowledge of the whereabouts of the outstanding unrecovered ransom money in instant case.

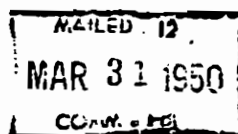
It is therefore requested that through [REDACTED] you arrange to interview [REDACTED]. He should be interviewed very thoroughly relative to this matter and should be advised of the provisions of Section 1202, Title 18, USC, commonly referred to as the "money changers violation". If [REDACTED] raises the question of a reward he should be advised that any gratuity or reward forthcoming shall be entirely a matter for Charles F. Urschel, the victim, to decide.

It is obvious that the interview of [REDACTED] should be handled in a very discreet manner. You are instructed to have two completely experienced and mature agents handle this interview. The Bureau should be immediately advised of the results.

Oklahoma City should make no contact with Charles F. Urschel or any other interested party in this case until so directed by the Bureau.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: March 29, 1950

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY, was., et al  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

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PURPOSE

To advise that information has been received from the Knoxville Office indicating that one [REDACTED] may have learned of some information relative to the whereabouts of the unrecovered ransom money in this case from the late Albert L. Bates, subject of instant case, while both were incarcerated at Alcatraz.

DETAILS

The Knoxville Office has advised that [REDACTED] Kingsport, Tennessee, recently advised an agent of that office of the following information: [REDACTED] of Johnson City, Tennessee, has contacted [REDACTED] and confidentially requested his assistance and advice regarding [REDACTED] knowledge of a portion of the ransom money not yet recovered in instant case. [REDACTED] advised that he had served time with Albert L. Bates, one of the subjects of this case, at Alcatraz. During their incarceration they became close friends and [REDACTED] nursed Bates during the illness which resulted in his death at Alcatraz. During this period Bates advised [REDACTED] of the location of a reported \$83,000 of the Urschel ransom money which Bates informed he understood the Urschel family would give 20% of, for its recovery. [REDACTED] pointed out to [REDACTED] that he does not desire to become involved in this matter and personally fears relatives and friends of George R. Kelly.

[REDACTED] informed that Kelly and Bates were known to be enemies at Alcatraz and he is of the opinion that Bates "held out" the above sum on Kelly which caused this antagonism. [REDACTED] continued that none of the gang responsible for the abduction of Urschel are aware of where Bates concealed this money. He described the sum as being in denominations of five, ten, and twenty dollar bills. He also stated that he had been near the spot where Bates had this money concealed but decided that in view of his, [REDACTED] extensive criminal record and his desire to stay out of the penitentiary, that it was advisable to have [REDACTED] ascertain whether or not the Urschel family is willing to give him 20% of the sum for its recovery.

[REDACTED] has advised that he has known [REDACTED] for more than twenty-five years and considers him to be an intelligent and hardened criminal; however, he believes [REDACTED] is sincere and may be reliable regarding the above information.

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[redacted] reportedly told [redacted] that he does not desire to discuss this matter with an agent of the FBI and will only cooperate if the Urschel family will agree to give him a portion of the money for its recovery.

#### INQUIRY AT ALCATRAZ

The San Francisco Office, upon receipt of this information at the Bureau, was directed to make immediate inquiry at Alcatraz in order to obtain background data on [redacted] and further to determine what contact [redacted] did have or could have had with Bates and George R. Kelly. This inquiry reflected that [redacted] was received at Alcatraz from Atlanta Penitentiary on March 19, 1944. At that time he was serving a two and one-half to seven and one-half year sentence for manslaughter committed at Washington, D. C. He was given a conditional release from Alcatraz on December 17, 1948. Alcatraz authorities advised that [redacted] was mentally all right upon discharge, was cooperative, of average intelligence and above average so far as Alcatraz convicts went.

b7c The inquiry reflected that Bates entered the prison hospital the last time on March 24, 1948, and died on July 4, 1948. [redacted] work record reflected that he was confined in the hospital from June 10, to June 19, 1948; however, an Associate Warden recalled that while Bates was in the hospital [redacted] checked into the hospital many times in addition to the above confinement and that during this time he would have been close to Bates. A comparison of the work sheets of Bates, [redacted] and Kelly indicated that they never worked together and that the only opportunity to visit would have been during their yard time or when Bates was in the hospital.

Bates and Kelly reportedly were friendly when they first arrived at Alcatraz though they subsequently stopped speaking. However, commencing about six weeks prior to Bates' death, Kelly visited Bates nearly every day and sat up with him a few nights. The inquiry further reflected that Kelly and [redacted] were friends. It was also recalled by Alcatraz officials that Edy Bentz, former notorious bank robber now incarcerated at Charlestown, Massachusetts State Prison, often visited Bates. It was generally accepted at Alcatraz that the main reason for these visits was to find out from Bates where he hid the Urschel money. It is the general belief at Alcatraz that Bates did not tell anyone at Alcatraz where this money was hidden, particularly Kelly; however, it was suggested that it is possible that Bates, during his sickness, might have told [redacted] of the whereabouts of the money.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF BACKGROUND DATA ON [redacted] BY THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

The Washington Field Office was directed to obtain background data surrounding [redacted] conviction for manslaughter and also to obtain available information from the U. S. Board of Parole, [redacted]

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The Board of Parole records showed that [REDACTED] was committed on April 15, 1943, and indicated that his full term would expire on October 1, 1950. He was given a conditional release on December 17, 1948. While incarcerated at Lorton, Virginia, under this offense he attempted an escape on November 14, 1943. [REDACTED] was transferred to the Atlanta Penitentiary on January 8, 1944, and subsequently transferred to Alcatraz on March 19, 1944. During the time he was incarcerated a detainer was placed against him as being a parole violator from Nashville, Tennessee. This was lifted, however, prior to his release. He is presently under the jurisdiction of the U. S. Probation Officer in Knoxville. His record in this regard apparently is satisfactory.

IDENTIFICATION RECORD ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has [REDACTED] His Identification Record reflects convictions as far back as 1929. His record indicates that he later was involved in a burglary, an attempt to commit murder, an attempt to commit robbery and an escape. He was received at the Brushy Mt. Pen at Petros, Tennessee, on February 7, 1931, on a sentence of from nine to fifty-seven years; however, he was paroled on November 28, 1939. The above is in addition to the manslaughter conviction committed in Washington, D. C. [REDACTED] has not been the subject of a Bureau investigation.

BACKGROUND

Of the \$200,000 in twenty dollar bills paid as ransom in instant case, \$123,394.50 of ransom money and money obtained in exchange for ransom notes has been recovered. It is noted that \$73,337.50 was recovered from George Kelly and his wife Katherine. In addition, \$10,000 of Kelly's share of the ransom was reportedly given to Mrs. Shannon and \$12,000 more of the ransom was given to unnamed individuals at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Kelly was supposed to have received \$10,000 in "good money" for this \$12,000.

The above accounts for \$95,337.50 of Kelly's share of the ransom money. It is noted that the Bureau has recovered \$49,257 of Albert Bates' share of the ransom. It is noted that of Bates' share, \$200 of unrecovered money was paid by his alleged wife, Mrs. Clara Feldman, to an individual who advised her of Bates' arrest at Denver. This was done at the instructions of Bates. \$10,000 of unrecovered money was also paid by Mrs. Feldman to Attorney Ben B. Laska to defend Bates at his trial. Considering all of the above, there remains outstanding \$45,205.50 which has never been accounted for.

Bates has stated that he, as one of the kidnapers, received \$94,250 of the ransom money and that Kelly was given \$11,560 for expenses in connection with the kidnaping, plus his share of \$94,250. Consequently, it appears from the above that there is an excellent chance that Bates had knowledge of the unrecovered ransom

money and that he possibly advised [redacted] of its location during his, Bates, illness. However, it is noted here that [redacted] information indicates that the bills are in \$5, \$10 and \$20 denominations, whereas the ransom money was all in \$20 bills.

Pertaining to the understanding of [redacted] that the Urschel family is willing to pay 20% for information as to the whereabouts of the unrecovered money, the file reflects that Katherine Kelly was interviewed on July 5, 1944, by Special Agents at the Alderson Reformatory. She explained at that time that around 1935, while she was an inmate at the U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, she was personally contacted by E. E. Kirkpatrick, intermediary in instant case, and was advised by Mr. Kirkpatrick that she could have 30% of all money, the recovery of which resulted from information she might have, with the understanding that this 30% would be used for the education of Katherine's daughter. She denied any knowledge whatsoever of the whereabouts of the money but stated that George Kelly and Bates were the only ones to her knowledge who could give information as to its whereabouts. She also explained that in 1943 she had written to George Kelly at Alcatraz suggesting the desirability of disclosing the whereabouts of the money. She continued that Kelly responded by severely criticizing her for even suggesting such a thing.

It is to be noted that according to the file, no reward has ever been offered for information leading to the recovery of the ransom money; however, a private reward of \$15,000 was offered for the apprehension of George and Katherine Kelly.

#### ACTION RECOMMENDED

It is felt that the Knoxville Office should make every effort through [redacted] to arrange for an interview with [redacted]. He should be interrogated very closely on this matter and advised of the provisions of Section 1202 of Title 18, U. S. Code, which is commonly termed the "money changers violation". [redacted] during the course of the interview should be advised that the question of a gratuity or reward will be a matter entirely for Charles F. Urschel to decide.

It is felt that any contact with Charles F. Urschel and Ernest E. Kirkpatrick, the intermediary in instant case as well as close contact of the Bureau over a period of years, should be held in abeyance pending the results of the interview with [redacted].

Attached hereto is an AMSD letter to Knoxville and Oklahoma City directing Knoxville to arrange for the interview of [redacted] by Bureau Agents and advising Oklahoma City to make no contact with the Urschels or anyone else relative to this matter until so instructed by the Bureau. Appropriate serials are enclosed for Knoxville.

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April 21, 1950

SAC, Knoxville

Director, FBI

GEORGE KELLY, was., et al;  
CHARLES F. OURSCHEL, VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Rebulet 3-29-50. Immediately advise status of this matter.

cc: Oklahoma City

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: May 1, 1950

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY, was., et al  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_PURPOSE

To advise that [REDACTED], who nursed subject Albert W. Bates just prior to Bates' death at Alcatraz, has been interviewed and indicates that he may have received information from Bates which would assist in the location of the unrecovered ransom money in instant case but that he will not divulge this information unless there is a reward in it for himself. He also indicated that he plans to contact victim, Urschel, through some means to determine his attitude concerning a reward.

DETAILS

The Knoxville Office has advised that [REDACTED] has been interviewed by Special Agents and advised that while incarcerated in Alcatraz subject Bates came to feel kindly toward him because of [REDACTED] nursing him in the hospital during the last three or four months of Bates' life. It is noted that Bates died on July 4, 1948. During this period Bates told [REDACTED] that he wanted him to have the unrecovered portion of the Urschel ransom money which Bates described as being \$83,000 in \$5, \$10 and \$20 denominations. [REDACTED] is not certain that Bates specifically stated all of the sum was from the Urschel case but that that is his impression.

He advised that George Kelly during the last couple of months of Bates' life visited Bates frequently and that on one occasion Bates told [REDACTED] that Kelly's purpose in these visits was to secure from Bates the location of the unrecovered money. Bates informed [REDACTED] that he did not intend to disclose this information to Kelly. However, [REDACTED] related that from time to time Bates gave him, [REDACTED], information as to the location of the money. He stated that it appeared to be Bates' plan to use the money in the event he was released from Alcatraz and that Bates only gave him this information when he realized his heart condition was such that he probably would die. Several days prior to his death, according to [REDACTED] Bates told him that there was one more thing that he wanted to tell him and that on the night of Bates' death he sent word for [REDACTED] to see him; however, he was unable to see him on that night and upon his arrival at the hospital during the following morning he learned that Bates was dead. He stated that he believes if he had had an opportunity to see Bates one more time Bates would have told him something further regarding the hidden money.

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██████████ stated that he clearly recalls that Bates said the amount of the ransom money was \$200,000, however, the Urschel family had paid \$210,000 of which he, Bates, got \$105,000. It is noted that the file indicates that \$200,000 was paid in ransom money and that Bates has previously stated that he personally received \$94,250.

██████████ indicated that he does not believe Bates gave any other individual information as to the location of the money and further that he feels that it may be possible for him to locate the money on the basis of the information supplied to him by Bates. He continued that he believes that his information together with certain data which he believes the Bureau possesses will enable him to locate this money. He refused to elaborate as to the Bureau's "data" that he had in mind.

██████████ raised the matter of what the Bureau would promise him for the information he possessed and was advised that the matter of a gratuity or a reward would be a matter for Mr. Urschel himself to decide. ██████████ then stated that while at Alcatraz it came to his attention from an unrecalled source that Urschel would pay 20 per cent of the recovered amount to any person responsible for its recovery. ██████████ was advised of the provisions of the Money Changers Violation and stated that he did not plan on attempting to recover the money for himself and remarked that he has spent 18 years in custody and is trying to go "straight". He indicated that he is on parole until October, 1950, however, a previous inquiry at the Board of Parole in Washington reflected that ██████████ was given a conditional release on December 17, 1948, and that his full term will expire on October 1, 1950.

██████████ continued that, since the Bureau will not promise him a reward, he preferred to contact Mr. Urschel and determine his attitude relative to a reward. ██████████ did not indicate how he planned to contact Urschel. In this regard it is noted that ██████████ Kingsport, Tennessee, the original informant to the Bureau concerning this matter, indicated that ██████████ probably would advise him of his plans in this connection and ██████████ has been instructed to promptly contact a Knoxville agent should any information relative to this come to his attention.

Knoxville observed that ██████████ appeared cooperative during the interview but near the outset indicated that he would not divulge any information until he was certain that there was a reward in it for himself.

#### BACKGROUND

The Knoxville Office previously advised that ██████████ told an agent of that office that ██████████ of Johnson City, Tennessee, had contacted ██████████ and confidentially requested his assistance and advice regarding ██████████ knowledge of the whereabouts of some of the unrecovered ransom money in instant

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Memo to Mr. Ladd

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case. [redacted] had advised that he had served time at Alcatraz with subject Bates and that he had nursed Bates during the illness which resulted in his death and that Bates had advised him of the location of a reported \$83,000 unrecovered Urschel ransom money concerning which Bates understood the Urschel family would give 20 per cent of, for its recovery.

b7C [redacted] criminal record indicates convictions as far back as 1929. He served time in Alcatraz as the result of a conviction for manslaughter in Washington, D. C. He was sentenced on April 2, 1943 to 2½ to 7½ years. As indicated above he was given a conditional release on December 17, 1948, and his full sentence will expire on October 1, 1950.

b7D Inquiry was made by the San Francisco Office at Alcatraz and the possibility of Bates having given this information to [redacted] was established. b7C The inquiry also reflected that [redacted] and Kelly were friends at Alcatraz. Inquiry at [redacted] and the Board of Parole also was made by the Washington Field Office relative to his conviction of manslaughter and the present status of his conditional release. This inquiry reflected that he is on conditional release as above stated and is presently under the supervision of the U. S. Probation Office in Knoxville. Thereafter, the Knoxville Office was instructed to arrange to interview [redacted] b7C

The ransom paid in this case was \$200,000 in \$20 bills. Of this amount Bates has previously stated that he received \$94,250. Of his share \$49,257 has been recovered.

b7C The file fails to reflect that an offer of reward was ever made for information leading to the recovery of the ransom money; however a private reward of \$15,000 was offered for the apprehension of George and Katherine Kelly. Pertaining to the understanding of [redacted] that the Urschel family is willing to pay 20 per cent for information as to the whereabouts of this money, the file reflects that Katherine Kelly was interviewed on July 5, 1944, by Special Agents at the Alderson Reformatory. She explained at that time that around 1935, while she was an inmate at the U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, she was personally contacted by E. E. Kirkpatrick, intermediary in instant case, and was advised by Mr. Kirkpatrick that she could have 30 per cent of all money the recovery of which resulted from information she might have, with the understanding that this 30 per cent would be used for the education of Katherine's daughter. She denied any knowledge whatsoever of the whereabouts of the money but stated that George Kelly and Bates were the only ones to her knowledge who could give information as to its whereabouts. She also explained that in 1943 she had written to George Kelly at Alcatraz suggesting the desirability of disclosing the whereabouts of the money. She continued that Kelly responded by severely criticizing her for even suggesting such a thing.

Memo to Mr. Ladd

ACTION RECOMMENDED

It is recommended that at this time the Oklahoma City Office arrange to confer with the victim, Charles F. Urschel, and to fully advise him of the information received from [REDACTED]. Concerning the reward, [REDACTED] desires should be fully explained; however, no opinion whatsoever should be given as to whether or not Mr. Urschel should offer a reward for information leading to the recovery of the outstanding ransom money. If he desires to offer such reward he should then be advised that the Bureau intends to question [REDACTED] again and during the interview he will be advised of Mr. Urschel's wishes. It should also be explained to Mr. Urschel that the Bureau desires to be advised of any contact by [REDACTED] or anyone acting in his behalf.

In view of the background of Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick, noting that he was the intermediary in this case and has been a close friend of the Bureau over a period of years, it is suggested that at the time Oklahoma City arranges to confer with Mr. Urschel the suggestion be offered that he may care to have Mr. Kirkpatrick present at the conference. If this suggestion meets with a favorable response and the situation is amenable to it, the Oklahoma City Office should personally advise Mr. Kirkpatrick.

Knoxville is being advised that at the conclusion of the above they will be advised of what further action is desired.

Attached is a teletype issuing the above instructions.

Attachment

Addendum:

Knoxville has advised that [REDACTED] on April 28, 1950, wrote a letter to Mr. Urschel at the request of [REDACTED] advising him of [REDACTED] story concerning the unrecovered portion of the Urschel ransom money. A copy of the letter has been furnished by [REDACTED] to the Knoxville Office and it reflects that the Bureau has been contacted relative to this matter but would not promise [REDACTED] a reward and that [REDACTED] desires to withhold this information pending the consideration of Mr. Urschel concerning a reward. It is recommended that the attached teletype is still in order.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. MAY 1, 1950

cc: Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Rosen

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Transmit the following message to: SAC'S, OKLAHOMA CITY  
KNOXVILLE

GEORGE KELLY, WAS., ET AL., CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM, KIDNAPING. RE KNOXVILLE  
LET APRIL TWENTYFIVE AND TEL APRIL TWENTYEIGHT LAST. OKLAHOMA CITY IS INSTRUCTED  
TO IMMEDIATELY ARRANGE TO CONFER WITH VICTIM, CHARLES F. URSCHEL. AT THAT TIME  
HE SHOULD BE FULLY ADVISED OF THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY [REDACTED]  
DESIRES CONCERNING A REWARD SHOULD BE FULLY EXPLAINED TO URSCHEL. HOWEVER, NO  
OPTION SHOULD BE OFFERED IN ANY WAY AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A REWARD OR THE  
AMOUNT THEREOF SHOULD BE OFFERED. IF URSCHEL DESIRES TO OFFER SUCH A REWARD, HE  
SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT THE BUREAU DESIRES TO REINTERVIEW [REDACTED] AND THAT DURING  
THIS REINTERVIEW URSCHEL'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE REWARD WILL BE EXPLAINED. URSCHEL  
SHOULD ALSO BE ADVISED THAT YOUR OFFICE DESIRES TO BE INFORMED OF ANY CONTACT  
BY [REDACTED] OR ANYONE ACTING IN HIS BEHALF IN THIS MATTER. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT  
ERNEST E. KIRKPATRICK WAS INTERMEDIARY IN THIS CASE AS WELL AS A CLOSE FRIEND  
OF THE BUREAU OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS, YOU ARE INSTRUCTED THAT AT THE TIME YOU  
ARRANGE TO CONFER WITH URSCHEL, THE SUGGESTION SHOULD BE MADE THAT HE MAY CARE  
TO HAVE KIRKPATRICK PRESENT. IF SUGGESTION RECEIVES FAVORABLE RESPONSE AND  
SITUATION IS AMENABLE TO IT, YOU SHOULD PERSONALLY ADVISE KIRKPATRICK OF THE  
CONFERENCE. THIS MATTER SHOULD RECEIVE MOST EXPEDITIOUS ATTENTION AND THE  
BUREAU IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF THE RESULTS. KNOXVILLE WILL BE ADVISED AT

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CONCLUSION OF ABOVE WHAT FURTHER ACTION IS DESIRED BY THE BUREAU.

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Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Nichols	
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FBI KNOXVILLE 4-28-50 4-26PM

DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY URGENT  
GEORGE KELLY, WAS., ETAL-- CHARLES F. URSCHER, VIKID. RE KNOXVILLE  
LETTER MARCH TWENTYFIFTH. [REDACTED] THIS DATE WROTE LETTER TO  
VICTIM CHARLES F. URSCHER AT REQUEST OF [REDACTED] ADVISING OF [REDACTED]  
STORY CONCERNING UNRECOVERED PORTION OF URSCHER RANSOM MONEY. COPY  
OF THIS LETTER FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] WHICH REFLECTS FBI HAS BEEN  
CONTACTED BUT WOULD NOT PROMISE [REDACTED] A REWARD IF MONEY RECOVERED  
THROUGH HIS INFORMATION AND [REDACTED] DESIRES TO WITHHOLD HIS IN-  
FORMATION PENDING CONSIDERATION OF URSCHER AS TO A REWARD.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR FBI (AMSD)

DATE: 4-25-50

FROM : SAC KNOXVILLE

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY, was., et al.  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL-VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Rebulet March 31, 1950.

Through the cooperation of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agents [REDACTED] on April 22, 1950 at the Johnson City Resident Agency. [REDACTED] reiterated to the Special Agents interviewing him substantially the same information regarding this matter as that which he had previously given [REDACTED] which is set out in Knoxville letter to the Bureau dated March 10, 1950. In addition, [REDACTED] related he was in no way connected with the URSCHEL kidnaping. He pointed out during 1933 and 1934, he was serving a sentence in the Brushy Mountain, Tennessee Prison. BATES, according to [REDACTED] felt kindly toward him for the reason [REDACTED] nursed him during the last three or four months of BATES' life, BATES having died during the Spring of 1948. During this period BATES told [REDACTED] he wanted him to have the unrecovered portion of the URSCHEL ransom money which BATES said was \$83,000 and which money is in denominations of \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills. In this regard [REDACTED] said he is not certain BATES specifically stated all of this sum was from the URSCHEL kidnaping but said it is his impression this entire amount resulted from the URSCHEL kidnaping. ~~DELETED~~

He said subject GEORGE KELLY during the last sixty days or so of BATES' life visited BATES frequently and on one occasion BATES told [REDACTED] that KELLY's purpose in these visits was to secure from BATES the location of the unrecovered portion of the URSCHEL ransom money. BATES informed [REDACTED] he did not intend to disclose this information to KELLY. [REDACTED] related from time to time BATES gave him information as to the location of this money. He stated it appeared to be BATES' plan to use the money in the event he was released from Alcatraz and BATES only gave [REDACTED] this information when he realized his heart condition was such that he would probably die. Several days prior to his death BATES informed there was one more thing he wanted to tell [REDACTED]. On the night of BATES' death, he sent word for [REDACTED] to see him, however [REDACTED] was unable to see him on this night and upon [REDACTED] arrival at the hospital the following morning he learned BATES was dead. In

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this regard, he stated he believes if he had had an opportunity to see BATES one more time BATES would have told him something further regarding this concealed money.

██████████ stated he clearly recalls BATES said the amount of the ransom money demanded of the URSCHER family was \$200,000, however the URSCHER family had paid \$210,000 of which BATES got \$105,000. (file 203-1000)

██████████ said he does not believe BATES told any other person at Alcatraz of the location of this money. He stated he feels it may be impossible for him to locate the money on the basis of the information given him by BATES. He added however he is of the opinion his information together with certain data which he believes to have been developed during the course of this investigation by the FBI and which he believes to be in the files of the FBI, will enable him to locate the money. ██████████ refused to elaborate further as to the "certain data" he had in mind in this regard.

At this point ██████████ raised the question of what the Bureau would promise him for information which would lead to the recovery of the remainder of the URSCHER ransom money. He was emphatically advised the Bureau is unable to promise him anything for it's recovery and was further informed any gratuity or reward would be a matter for CHARLES F. URSCHER, the victim, to decide. ██████████ went on to say, while at Alcatraz, it came to his attention Mr. URSCHER had promised 20% of the amount recovered would be paid to any person responsible for it's recovery. ██████████ advised he does not recall the source of this report. ██████████ was advised of the provisions of Section 1202, Title 18 USC. He said he did not plan to attempt to secure the money for himself and remarked he has spent a total of 18 years in custody, is under parole until October 1950, and is presently trying to go "straight".

██████████ stated since the Bureau will not promise to give him a reward for the money's recovery, he preferred to contact Mr. URSCHER and determine his attitude concerning the reward. He said if the Bureau should desire to further discuss the matter, he could be contacted through ██████████

██████████ did not state how he planned to contact Mr. URSCHER. Mr. ██████████ is of the opinion ██████████ will advise him of his plans in this connection. ██████████ has been instructed to promptly contact Agent ██████████ if he learns ██████████ has contacted or attempted to contact URSCHER.

b7C [REDACTED] during the course of this interview, appeared cooperative but near the outset of this interrogation remarked he would not divulge the information BATES had given him until he was certain there was a reward in it for himself.

No further action is being taken in this matter by the Knoxville Office until further instructed by the Bureau.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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FBI, SAN ANTONIO 5-2-50 6-21 PM CST  
DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC-S DALLAS, KNOXVILLE, OKLAHOMA CITY URGENT  
GEORGE KELLY, WAS, ETAL, CHARLES F. URSCHER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING. CHARLES  
F. URSCHER, MILAM BLDG., SAN ANTONIO, TEX., ADVISED THAT HE RECEIVED  
LETTER FROM [REDACTED] THIS DATE CLAIMING TO KNOW WHEREABOUTS OF UNRECOV-  
ERED PORTION OF RANSOM MONEY REQUESTING TWENTY PERCENT IF RECOVERY  
EFFECTED. MR. URSCHER STATED THAT HE WOULD PAY [REDACTED] <sup>NTY</sup> TWE PERCENT  
OF MONEY RECOVERED AND THAT [REDACTED] COULD BE SO ADVISED BY BUREAU  
AGENTS. HE STATED THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO HAVE AVAILABLE ERNEST  
E. KIRKPATRICK FOR CONFERENCES OR CONSULTATION AT THIS TIME BUT THAT  
SHOULD IT DEFINITELY BE DETERMINED THAT MONEY IS TO BE RECOVERED, HE  
THEN DESIRED TO HAVE MR. KIRKPATRICK ASSIST HIM. BECAUSE OF PRIOR COM-  
MITMENTS, MR. URSCHER REQUESTED TO BE CONTACTED AT ELEVEN A. M. TO-  
MORROW AT WHICH TIME HE WILL MAKE AVAILABLE CONTENTS OF LETTER FROM  
[REDACTED]

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CORR PLS FIFTH LINE SECOND FROM LAST WORD IS "TWENTY"

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FBI OKLAHOMA CITY 5-2-50 4-10 PM CST

DIRECTOR AND SACS, SAN ANTONIO, DALLAS AND KNOXVILLE- U R G  
GEORGE KELLY, WAS, ETAL, CHARLES F. URSCHER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING.  
FOLLOWING TELETYPE RECEIVED TODAY FROM BUREAU. QUOTE. RE  
KNOXVILLE LET APRIL TWENTY FIVE AND TEL APRIL TWENTYEIGHT LAST.  
OKLAHOMA CITY IS INSTRUCTED TO IMMEDIATELY ARRANGE TO CONFER WITH  
VICTIM, CHARLES F. URSCHER. AT THAT TIME HE SHOULD BE FULLY ADVISED  
OF THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY [REDACTED] DESIRES CONCERNING  
A REWARD SHOULD BE FULLY EXPLAINED TO URSCHER. HOWEVER, NO OPINION  
SHOULD BE OFFERED IN ANY WAY AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A REWARD OR THE  
AMOUNT THEREOF SHOULD BE OFFERED. IF URSCHER DESIRED TO OFFER SUCH  
A REWARD, HE SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT THE BUREAU DESIRES TO REINTERVIEW  
[REDACTED] AND THAT DURING THIS REINTERVIEW URSCHER'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE  
REWARD WILL BE EXPLAINED. URSCHER SHOULD ALSO BE ADVISED THAT YOUR  
OFFICE DESIRES TO BE INFORMED OF ANY CONTACT BY [REDACTED] OR ANYONE  
ACTING IN HIS BEHALF IN THIS MATTER. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT ERNEST  
E. KIRKPATRICK WAS INTERMEDIARY IN THIS CASE AS WELL AS A CLOSE  
FRIEND OF THE BUREAU OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS, YOU ARE INSTRUCTED  
THAT AT THE TIME YOU ARRANGE TO CONFER WITH URSCHER, THE SUGGESTION  
SHOULD BE MADE THAT HE MAY CARE TO HAVE KIRKPATRICK PRESENT.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
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IF SUGGESTION RECEIVES FAVORABLE RESPONSE AND SITUATION IS AMENABLE TO IT, YOU SHOULD PERSONALLY ADVISE KIRKPATRICK OF THE CONFERENCE. THIS MATTER SHOULD RECEIVE MOST EXPEDITIOUS ATTENTION AND THE BUREAU IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF THE RESULTS. KNOXVILLE WILL BE ADVISED AT CONCLUSION OF ABOVE WHAT FURTHER ACTION IS DESIRED BY THE BUREAU. UNQUOTE.

FOR INFORMATION DALLAS AND SAN ANTONIO, [REDACTED] REFERRED TO IN BUTEL IS IDENTICAL WITH [REDACTED] FORMER ALCATRAZ INMATE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH BATES UP TO TIME OF BATES DEATH IN ALCATRAZ SPRING, NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT. [REDACTED] PRESENT ADDRESS, [REDACTED] JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE. KNOXVILLE LETTER OF APRIL TWENTY FIVE, REFERRED TO IN BUTEL, REFLECTS RESULT OF INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] BY AGENTS OF KNOXVILLE OFFICE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERVIEW BY [REDACTED] [REDACTED] KINGSFORT, TENN. [REDACTED] STATED IN INTERVIEW HE PERSONALLY IN NO WAY CONNECTED WITH URSCHER KIDNAPING, POINTING OUT THAT DURING PERTINENT PERIOD HE WAS SERVING SENTENCE IN BUSHY MOUNTAIN, TENN. PRISON. [REDACTED] STATES BATES FELT KINDLY TOWARD HIM INASMUCH AS HE, [REDACTED] NURSED BATES DURING LAST THREE OR FOUR MONTHS OF BATES LIFE, DURING WHICH TIME, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] BATES EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR [REDACTED] TO RECOVER THAT PORTION OF THE RANSOM MONEY PAID BY URSCHER

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WHICH AMOUNTED TO, ACCORDING TO BATES, EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN FIVE, TEN AND TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS. [REDACTED] STATES THIS APPARENTLY WAS THE UNRECOVERED PORTION OF RANSOM MONEY FOLLOWING PAYMENT OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR RELEASE OF VICTIM URSCHER. [REDACTED] STATED, HOWEVER, BATES INFORMED HIM THAT SUBJECTS IN INSTANT KIDNAPING ACTUALLY RECEIVED TWO HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR RELEASE OF URSCHER, OF WHICH BATES RECEIVED ONE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT WHILE INCARCERATED AT ALCATRAZ HE HEARD, THROUGH A CHANNEL NOT RECALLED, THAT URSCHER HAD PROMISED TO PAY TWENTY PER CENT REWARD FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE RANSOM MONEY NOT PREVIOUSLY RECOVERED, AND IS INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THIS MATTER OR HAVING INFORMATION RELIABLY REPORTED TO HIM BY AGENTS PERTAINING TO ANY REWARD MR. URSCHER WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY FOR RECOVERED RANSOM MONEY. [REDACTED] WAS INFORMED BUREAU NOT IN POSITION TO PROMISE REWARD, AT WHICH TIME [REDACTED] STATED HE PREFERRED TO CONTACT MR. URSCHER TO DETERMINE HIS ATTITUDE CONCERNING REWARD. [REDACTED] IS OF OPINION [REDACTED] WILL KEEP HIM ADVISED OF HIS PLANS AND POSSIBLY MAKE EFFORT TO PERSONALLY CONTACT URSCHER RE REWARD. BUREAU FILES REFLECT SUM OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS PAID FOR RANSOM INSTANT CASE. ONE HUNDRED

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TWENTY THREE THOUSAND, THREE NINETY FOUR DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS OF RANSOM MONEY AND MONEY OBTAINED IN EXCHANGE FOR RANSOM MONEY HAS BEEN RECOVERED. BATES RECEIVED AS HIS SHARE NINETY FOUR THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY, OF WHICH AMOUNT FORTY NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN DOLLARS HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. [REDACTED] HAS STATED HE HAS BEEN NEAR SPOT WHERE BATES HID RANSOM MONEY, BUT DUE TO HIS CRIMINAL RECORD HAD NO DESIRE TO ATTEMPT TO RECOVER MONEY FOR PERSONAL USE, BUT IS INTERESTED IN REWARD FOR RECOVERY. KNOXVILLE BY TELETYPE APRIL TWENTY EIGHT LAST ADVISED [REDACTED] ON THAT DATE HAD WRITTEN URSCHEL THE REQUEST OF [REDACTED] ADVISING OF [REDACTED] STORY CONCERNING UNRECOVERED PORTION OF RANSOM MONEY. COPY OF LETTER WAS FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] TO KNOXVILLE AGENTS. THIS LETTER REFLECTED FBI HAD BEEN CONTACTED, BUT WOULD NOT PROMISE [REDACTED] REWARD IF MONEY RECOVERED THROUGH HIS INFORMATION, THEREFORE, [REDACTED] WITHHOLDING INFORMATION PENDING CONSIDERATION OF URSCHEL AS TO REWARD. SAN ANTONIO OFFICE WILL CONTACT CHARLES F. URSCHEL AT HIS OFFICE LOCATED MILAM BUILDING, SAN ANTONIO, AND COMPLY WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH HEREIN. DALLAS OFFICE BEING FURNISHED INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT ERNEST E. KIRKPATRICK, PRESENTLY AT HIS HOME, BROWNWOOD, TEXAS, CAN BE CONTACTE AS SUGGESTED IN BUTEL. NO CONTACT SHOULD BE MADE, HOWEVER, PENDING RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM SAN ANTONIO. OC ORIGIN.

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EN CORRECTION PAGE FOUR LINE TEN LAST WORD IS "STORY"

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SA OK FBI SA [REDACTED]

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cc: Mr. Green

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: May 9, 1950

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY, WAS., ET AL  
CHARLES F. URSCHER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

PURPOSE

To advise that [REDACTED] has been re-interviewed and states that Bates advised him that he buried some of the ransom money in the rear of an unidentified house where he resided between the time of the payment of the ransom and his apprehension.

DETAILS

Knoxville has advised that [REDACTED] has been re-interviewed and was advised that Mr. Urschel is willing to pay 20% of any ransom money recovered as a result of information which [REDACTED] might supply. Thereafter [REDACTED] gave the following information:

Subject Albert Bates told him that following instant kidnaping he was in Memphis, Tennessee and "doing well" until Kelly arrived in that city. Because of Kelly's presence in Memphis, Bates reportedly left that city and according to him, this resulted in his apprehension. From this conversation [REDACTED] is of the opinion that Bates concealed the unrecovered portion of the ransom money at a house in which he resided in Memphis. According to [REDACTED] Bates did not tell him the address where the money is buried but gave him the following information on at least three different occasions. Bates allegedly told him that the money, which he claims is \$83,000 in \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills, is concealed in three mustard jars which are buried in a hole made by a post hole digger at the rear left corner of a house, four feet from the corner of the house, one foot out from the house, and two to three feet in the ground. [REDACTED] believes that from the above information the ransom money can be recovered from one of Bates' residences between the time of the payment of the ransom money and his apprehension. [REDACTED] does not desire to participate in the search for this money and has requested that his identity be protected.

ACTION RECOMMENDED

Noting the nebulous nature of [REDACTED] information, the following action is recommended at this time:

Oklahoma City should thoroughly review its file in this matter for possible places where Bates may have resided between the time of the payment of the ransom money and his apprehension in Denver, Colorado on August 12, 1933.

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Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

The Bureau should then be advised as to what these leads entail and thereafter appropriate instructions will be issued by the Bureau. It is also recommended that the San Antonio Office advise Mr. Urschel at this time of the information received from [REDACTED] and pointing out that the Bureau at this time is making inquiry to determine the possibilities in regard to [REDACTED] information and that he will later be advised as to what action is going to be taken. Attached is a teletype to Oklahoma City and San Antonio setting out these instructions.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

MAY 4, 1950

SACS, KNOXVILLE  
SAN ANTONIO

7-115-2215  
GEORGE KELLY, WAS., ETAL; CHARLES P. URSCHEL, VICTIM, KIDNAPING.

RE SAN ANTONIO TEL YESTERDAY. KNOXVILLE IS INSTRUCTED TO ARRANGE TO REINTERVIEW [REDACTED] HE SHOULD BE ADVISED OF URSCHEL'S WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE AND HIS OFFER OF TWENTY PERCENT OF ANY MONEY RECOVERED. ALSO ADVISE HIM OF URSCHEL'S DESIRE THAT BUREAU HANDLE MATTER AND THAT HE WILL PERSONALLY PARTICIPATE IN ANY RECOVERY. HANDLE EXPEDITIOUSLY AND

SU TEL RESULTS.

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DALLAS (AIR MAIL)

Note: Mr. Urschel has been interviewed in San Antonio and advised that he had received the letter from [REDACTED] which was written at [REDACTED] request. The letter requested 20% of any money recovered as the result of information supplied by [REDACTED]. Urschel expressed a willingness to cooperate and will offer the requested 20%. Urschel desires that the Bureau handle the recovery and requested that [REDACTED] be advised of his willingness to cooperate and of his offer of 20%. Urschel states that he desires to participate in any recovery made. He is holding the acknowledgment of [REDACTED] letter in abeyance pending the above. Urschel expressed doubt as to the authenticity of the information received by [REDACTED] from Bates but believes that \$15,000 or \$20,000 may be involved. Mr. Ernest E. Kirkpatrick is reportedly presently at his home at Brownwood, Texas. It was suggested to Urschel that he may care to have Kirkpatrick present during our interview with him. However, he advised that such was not necessary but that should it be determined that any money was to be recovered, he would desire to have Kirkpatrick assist him.

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FBI SAN ANTONIO 5-3-50 2-20 PM CT  
DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS KNOXVILLE AND OKLAHOMA CITY

GEORGE KELLY, WAS, ETAL, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM, KIDNAPING.  
RE SA TEL MAY TWO INSTANT. CHARLES F. URSCHEL IN CONFERENCE TODAY  
DISPLAYED LETTER RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED] REFERRED TO IN  
OC TEL YESTERDAY. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD PAY [REDACTED] TWENTY PERCENT  
OF ANY MONEYS RECOVERED. HE INDICATED THAT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF  
[REDACTED] LETTER BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE BY HIM REQUESTING THAT BUREAU  
HANDLE RECOVERY, BUT SUGGESTED THAT SHOULD BE ASSURED OF HIS OFFER  
TO PAY TWENTY PERCENT OF MONEY RECOVERED AS WELL AS HIS WILLINGNESS  
TO COOPERATE. MR. URSCHEL WILL PERSONALLY PARTICIPATE IN RECOVERY  
ASSISTED BY MR. KIRKPATRICK, IF AVAILABLE, IF SOMETHING DEFINITE IS  
WORKED OUT WITH [REDACTED] EXPRESSED DOUBT AS TO AUTHENTICITY OF INFOR  
MATION RECEIVED BY [REDACTED] FROM BATES BUT BELIEVES FIFTEEN OR  
TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS POSSIBLY INVOLVED. KNOXVILLE  
SUTEL ANY DEFINITE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED] BUREAU  
CLEARANCE OBTAINED TO INTERVIEW, IN ORDER THAT MR. URSCHEL MAY  
MAKE APPROPRIATE PLANS.

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KX OK FBI KX [REDACTED]

OC OK FBI OC [REDACTED]

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cc Mr. Rosen

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GEORGE KELLY, WAS., ETAL, CHARLES F. UNSCHEL, VICTIM, KIDNAPING. RE KNOXVILLE  
TEL MAY SIX LAST. FOR INFORMATION OF OKLAHOMA CITY FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF  
REFERENCE TEL: QUOTE IN INTERVIEW TODAY [REDACTED] ADVISED SUBJECT BATES  
STATED HE WAS IN MEMPHIS, TENN., FOLLOWING UNSCHEL KIDNAPPING AND QUOTE DOING  
WELL UNQUOTE WHEN SUBJECT KELLY CAME TO MEMPHIS. BECAUSE OF KELLY'S PRESENCE  
AT MEMPHIS, BATES LEFT MEMPHIS, WHICH FACT HE STATED RESULTED IN HIS APPREHENSION  
FROM BATES ABOVE CONVERSATION, [REDACTED] BELIEVES BATES CONCEALED THE UNRECOVERED  
PORTION OF THE UNSCHEL RANSOM MONEY AT THE HOUSE IN WHICH BATES RESIDED IN  
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BURIED BUT GAVE HIM THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AT LEAST THREE TIMES AS TO ITS  
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IN A HOLE MADE BY A POST HOLE DIGGER AT THE BACK LEFT HAND CORNER OF A HOUSE,  
FOUR FEET FROM THE CORNER AND ONE FOOT OUT FROM THE HOUSE AND BETWEEN TWO AND  
THREE FEET DOWN IN GROUND. [REDACTED] SAYS HE BELIEVES THE FILES OF THE FBI WILL  
PROBABLY REFLECT THE ADDRESS WHERE BATES RESIDED AT MEMPHIS OR SOME OTHER CITY  
PRIOR TO HIS APPREHENSION WHERE BATES IS KNOWN TO HAVE RESIDED. HE BELIEVES  
FROM THE ABOVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MONEY THAT INSTANT MONEY CAN BE  
RECOVERED FROM ONE OF BATES PAST RESIDENCES. STATES HE DOES NOT PREFER TO

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PARTICIPATE IN THE SEARCH FOR MONEY AND REQUESTS HIS IDENTITY BE PROTECTED,  
BUREAU ADVISE WHAT FURTHER ACTION TO BE TAKEN. UNQUOTE. OKLAHOMA CITY AT  
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THIS TIME IS INSTRUCTED TO THOROUGHLY REVIEW ITS FILE IN THIS MATTER FOR POSSIBLE PLACES WHERE BATES MAY HAVE RESIDED BETWEEN THE TIME OF THE PAYMENT OF THE RANSOM MONEY AND HIS APPREHENSION IN DENVER, COLORADO. THE BUREAU SHOULD THEN BE ADVISED AS WHAT THESE LEADS REVEAL. APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS WILL THEN BE ISSUED BY THE BUREAU. SAN ANTONIO SHOULD ADVISE MR. URSCHEL OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [REDACTED] AND THAT THE BUREAU AT THIS TIME IS MAKING INQUIRY TO DETERMINE THE POSSIBILITIES IN REGARD TO [REDACTED] INFORMATION. MR. URSCHEL SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT YOU WILL THEREAFTER CONTACT HIM AND ADVISE HIM OF WHAT ACTION IS GOING TO BE TAKEN.

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FBI KNOXVILLE 5-6-50 6-13 PM EST

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cc: Mr. Griffith