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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

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F. B. I.
Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

August 15, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The following is the record disclosed through a search of our files, upon the basis of a lead contained in the Oklahoma City memorandum of August 10, 1933, relative to Catharine Kelly:

As Dolores Whitney, alias Katherine Thorne (true name), alias Dolores Cannon, #5025, arrested Police Department, Fort Worth, Texas, November 30, 1929, charge shoplifting.

The names given above are quoted as they appear on the Fort Worth print.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

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224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 10, 1933

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Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
1420 Enquirer Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects.
Charles F. Urschel - Victim
Kidnaping

I am attaching two copies of an office memorandum relative to one George Kelly and his wife. You are requested to exert every effort to have Kelly and his wife apprehended at Indianapolis or wherever located and held incommunicado, notifying this office and the St. Paul Office immediately by telephone.

If located, they should be thoroughly searched and all their effects subjected to like process for evidence which may be helpful in this case.

I am attaching a photograph of Kelly and his wife. It is my information that Mrs. Kelly is a more becoming woman than this photograph indicates. For your further information and use in detaining Kelly it is stated that he is wanted in several places for bank robbery, the details of which are known to the Fort Worth, Texas Police Department.

Very truly yours,

F. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Bureau ✓
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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Oklahoma City, Okla.
August 10, 1933

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Re: Unknown Subjects
Charles F. Urschel - Victim
Kidnaping

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An investigation by the Dallas Office relative to the Kansas City Union Station murders developed that one George E. Kelly, Tulsa, Oklahoma Sheriff's Office #2332, married at St. Paul or Minneapolis, Catherine Thorne, the widow of a deceased Ft. Worth bootlegger. The mother of Catherine Thorne married at some point in Oklahoma one R. G. Shannon, known as Boss Shannon, who lives at Paradise, Texas where he has resided for a considerable period.

Shannon, prior to his marriage to the mother of Catherine Thorne, bore a good reputation in the community, being a farmer and livestock raiser, but of recent years he has been under suspicion by reason of mysterious long distance telephone calls received at his home over a rural telephone number 1606F11 from Chicago, Oklahoma City, Wichita, Kansas and other places which messages were mainly in code, the meaning of which being undistinguishable to listeners on the party line. In addition Shannon occasionally became possessed of large amounts of money, the source of which he endeavored to explain with indifferent success.

Kelly has been seen in Paradise, Texas with three different automobiles - a Ford Sport Roadster - a Chevrolet Sedan and a 16 cylinder Cadillac Sedan, the latter being registered in the name of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, Park Lane Villa, Cleveland, Ohio and bears 1933 Ohio license plates 691-965 and cars of these make figure in the Urschel kidnaping case.

Mr. Urschel was kidnaped at Oklahoma City at about 11:30 P.M. July 22, 1933 and at about 10 o'clock Sunday morning Catherine Kelly phoned from Ft. Worth, Texas, where she has a residence at 857 East Mulkey Street, to a friend of hers in Ft. Worth and said she had just arrived from St. Louis, Mo. where she left George (Kelly). In the Cadillac Sedan was an Oklahoma paper carrying the story of the kidnaping. During the same day Mrs. Kelly made the remark that she expected to receive in a few days some money from George (Kelly) who she said would have plenty at that time.

Mrs. Kelly is known as a "locater" for a gang of outlaws and from her own statements has, with her husband, George Kelly, been associated with Frank Nash, Verne Miller, Francis Keating, Tom Holden, Harve Bailey, Bernard Phillips and others.

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She left Ft. Worth on July 10, 1933 for an unknown destination, returning on July 23, 1933. She remained in Ft. Worth all day July 24th but was at Paradise, Texas, at the home of her mother on July 25 where she remained until July 31, 1933, when she was seen leaving Paradise at about 2:00 P.M. with George Kelly and several other men, in the Cadillac Sedan.

Kelly was seen in Paradise about three weeks prior to July 31, 1933, and on July 5 and 7, 1933 he was in Ft. Worth, while Catherine was at Paradise.

During the morning of July 30, 1933 a long distance call came to Paradise 1608-F11 and George Kelly at Oklahoma City, talked to Catherine Kelly and said he was about ready to leave and would probably see her tomorrow (Monday) July 31, 1933. He said further that it was raining where he was. Catherine advised him to be careful and not go in a ditch.

In this connection a telephone call was received at a house near where Mr. Urschel was held on Sunday morning, July 30, 1933, relative to the negotiations and in which it was said they would return tomorrow, and the kidnapers did return to the shack at about 2:30 or 3:00 P.M., July 31, 1933.

Near the place where Mr. Urschel was held an airplane line evidently passes for he said he heard a plane every morning at about 9:45 A.M. and every evening at about 5:45 P.M. (This information should be guarded carefully as kidnapers will tape the ears of victims as well as the eyes, if they realize that what a victim hears is important.)

An airline passes over Paradise, Texas and on this line a plane passes at 9:45 A.M. and 5:45 P.M. near Paradise.

The Kellys have not been seen at Ft. Worth or Paradise since July 31, 1933, which is the date Mr. Urschel was released but on August 4, 1933, the date some of the ransom money showed up in St. Paul, Minn., an airmail letter addressed in the handwriting of Catherine Kelly was posted at St. Paul addressed to Mr. & Mrs. R. G. Shannon, Paradise, Texas and on August 10, 1933 a registered airmail letter, registry #1717, was received at Paradise, Texas addressed to R. G. Shannon, mailed from Madison, Wisconsin on August 7, 1933 with return address Catherine Kelly - General Delivery, Indianapolis, Indiana. A favorite hangout of the Kellys in Indianapolis is Antlers Hotel.

A letter addressed to Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, Paradise, Texas from Cadillac Motor Car Company, Cleveland Branch, Chester at Thirteenth Street, Cleveland, may be helpful in locating the Kellys if they are not located at Indianapolis.

In addition to the airline evidence pointing to Paradise, Texas it is known that no rain fell at the shack from the time of arrival on the night of July 24, 1933 until July 30, 1933 when it began raining early in the morning and continued until the middle of the afternoon. Weather reports show this condition at Paradise. On July 29, 1933 a strong south wind blew all day at the shack and this condition existed at Paradise.

Kelly is described as having very heavy black hair on his fore-arms and hands and one of the kidnapers is thus described, and this man wore a gold ring on his left hand in which was set a red stone and Kelly is said to wear such a ring.

Independent confidential information has been received by the St. Paul Office implicating George Kelly in the distribution of some of the ransom money at St. Paul:

Descriptions of George and Catherine Kelly:

Name	George Kelly	Catherine Kelly
AGE	35 (1932)	28 (1933)
Height	5' 9"	5' 9"
Weight	177	141 - probably heavier now
Hair	Black	Black
Eyes	Gray	Aub. tint
Complexion	Ruddy	
Build		Medium slender - probably heavier now
Peculiarities	Thick, round neck	
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Police number	Tulsa, Okla. P.D. #2232 U.S.P. #29352	Ft. Worth P.D. #5025
Aliases		Delores Whitney; Delores Cannon; Katherine Thorne

F. J. Flake,
Special Agent.

H. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

625 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit Michigan
August 15 1933

Mr. Clegg
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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
CHARLES F. GURSCHEL - Victim
KIDNAPING

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Victim 1933 A.M.

DIRECTOR NATHAN

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JUN 19 1933

Dear Sir:

With reference to my communication of the 14th instant it has been ascertained at the Police Department, Cleveland, Ohio, that on Sunday, August 13, a letter was received from the Chief of Police at Rochester, New York by the Cleveland Police requesting to be advised if that Department had any record on one Kelly and one Moe who allegedly were suspicious characters at Rochester. As yet the police have not been able to locate this letter and the information regarding the above was given by a member of the Department who recalled same. An effort is now being made to locate the original communication. In view of the fact that Kelly had indicated that he was proceeding East on June 8, 1933 when a forwarding address was left at the Post Office in Cleveland requesting mail to be forwarded to 320 E. Washington Street, Syracuse, it appeared quite likely that he might have occasion to go to Rochester and therefore it is probable that he was the person to whom the Chief of Police at Rochester referred. This information was immediately communicated by telephone to the New York City office with the request that the Rochester authorities be contacted.

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[Redacted] of the Cadillac Motor Sales Company, Cleveland, advises that upon thinking the matter over very carefully with regard to certain conversations which he had with Kelly on August 8 and 9, it has occurred to him that either Kelly or his wife made some mention of the Stevens Hotel, Chicago either stating that they were intending to stop there or that they could be reached there or something to that effect. This information was immediately telephonically communicated to the Chicago Bureau office and it was also suggested that perhaps box 631 referred to in the telegram received by Kelly at Cleveland on August 8 might be a room number at the Stevens or some other large hotel. This is assuming that it does not refer to a Post Office box number.

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[redacted] of the Cadillac Motor Sales Company, who became quite intimate with Kelly and his wife at Cleveland, has stated that in addition to Kelly informing him that he had \$36,000 in cash in his pocket, he [redacted] saw a big roll of bills in Kelly's possession, among which were many Ten and Twenty Dollar notes. This money [redacted] claims was seen prior to the departure of Kelly and his wife on August 9. He also stated that Kelly made a remark of being interested in several gambling enterprises and very frequently mentioned Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

It has also been determined that all of the cash paid to [redacted] at Cleveland by Kelly, which included the final payment of the 16 cylinder Cadillac Sedan and a \$500 down payment on a 12 cylinder Cadillac Coupe, was in denominations of a One Thousand Dollar bill and the balance in One Hundred Dollar bills. All of this money was immediately deposited by [redacted] and therefore no trace of same could be made through the banks without their serial numbers.

Copies of letter from this office dated August 14, 1933 have been furnished to the Oklahoma City and Dallas offices in addition to the points indicated on that letter.

Very truly yours,



Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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cc. Chicago
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

August 16, 1933.

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Mr. Clegg
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Mr. Egan
Mr. Hughes
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called from Kansas City and stated that he had noted, with some concern, the reports in the newspapers emanating from Dallas describing the means by which Agents were able to locate the house in the Urschel case. He had reference to the story appearing in yesterday's papers concerning the hearing of the aeroplane motor by Mr. Urschel while he was held and the deductions made therefrom which led to the location of the place of confinement. Mr. Nathan said it had been agreed that they would not release this information. I advised him that the information was first placed in the Division memorandum for release but when the Director read the same to Agent Blake, Blake suggested the advisability of eliminating that portion, and it was promptly eliminated and the story therefore did not come out of Washington.

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Mr. Nathan stated that upon reaching Kansas City he had ascertained that Special Agent [redacted] whom he would have to see today, would not be in until five. He felt that after talking with him he would be finished at Kansas City.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes

V. W. Hughes.

Of course this information was not given out by any man!

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August 16, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
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U. S. Department of Justice,
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

There are inclosed herewith photographs, description, and criminal record of Edward W. Bentz, aliases E. R. Richards, Ned Dewey, E. R. Ronaldson, Arthur Desmond, Jack C. Kearns, Francis K. Beckman, Ned Rowland Dewey, Edward Wilhelm Bentz, who, together with George Kelly and George Bates who have been identified as the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel, is wanted at Colfax, Washington in connection with a bank robbery on September 21, 1932. Although Bentz has not been identified as one of the Urschel kidnapers, it is believed that he is closely connected with Kelly and Bates, and it is possible that he is also implicated in this kidnaping and is likely traveling with Kelly at the present time.

For the further information of your office, Edward W. Bentz has a brother, Theodore Bentz, alias Ted Bentz alias Theodore Benz alias Frazier alias Rush alias Harry Bantz alias T. F. Binns, who was the subject of a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case, copies of reports of which are in the possession of the San Francisco, Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit, and Portland Division offices. Photographs of Theodore Bentz are also inclosed herewith. In December, 1932, Theodore Bentz gave his address as 1706 Steiner Street, San Francisco, California.

Other relatives of Edward W. Bentz, with aliases, are as follows:

Sister-in-law (wife of Theodore), Mrs. Anna Bentz alias Anna Gallows, Apartment 32, 1431 Steiner Street, San Francisco.

Daughter of Anna Bentz, Patricia Bentz, same address.

Mother, Mrs. Rose Byrom, 1706 Steiner Street, San Francisco.

Sister, Mrs. Gloria Johnson, same address.

Brother-in-law, G. W. Johnson, 1706 Steiner Street, San Francisco.

Sister, Mrs. Frank Keller, 816 South Grant Avenue, Tacoma, Washington.

Sister, Mrs. Edith Hall, 3717 South E Street, Tacoma, Washington.

Sister, Mrs. Rose Kelso, Seattle, Washington.

Sister, Mrs. Pauline Dryer, Governor Hotel, Seattle, Washington.

Brother, George Bentz, 7124 Belden Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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As of possible assistance to the field offices endeavoring to cause the apprehension of Kelly, who may be in company with his wife Catherine Thorne Kelly, alias Mrs. Ora L. Shannon alias Dolores Cannon alias Catherine Thorne alias Dolores Whitney, the following is a description of her:

Age - 28 (looks older)
Height - 5' 9"
Weight - 141 - probably heavier now
Hair - black
Eyes - brown
Build - medium slender - probably heavier now
Fingerprint classification: 9 17 W 0 11 Ref. 17 1 1
19 W 0 20 20 19
Police number - Fort Worth, Texas, #5025.
Reported to be wearing a beautiful marquise diamond dinner ring.

Photographs of Mrs. Kelly are not in the possession of the Division at the present time but will be forwarded to all field offices as soon as available.

While neither Edward nor Theodore Bentz has been identified as a participant in this kidnaping, Edward is, in fact, wanted by the authorities at Colfax, Washington for a bank robbery, and it is requested that in the event Edward Bentz is located he be held and thoroughly questioned concerning the whereabouts of George and Catherine Kelly and the Urschel kidnaping case. In the event Theodore Bentz is located he should be thoroughly questioned concerning the whereabouts of George and Catherine Kelly and his brother, Edward. Mrs. Kelly should be taken into custody. In the event George R. Kelly, Catherine Thorne Kelly, or Edward W. Bentz is located the Division should be notified immediately.

Copies of this letter, together with inclosures, are being forwarded to all field offices of the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Inclosure #668981
AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Copy for Birmingham

August 16, 1933

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

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 16, 1933

The following is our record in the case of Arthur Desmond, with aliases:

Notation: "Monroe, Wash., #614, transferred to Wash. State Pen., Walla Walla, Wash., as #6373." Subject as Ed Bentz, #6373, received S.P., Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 27, 1912, from Pierce Co., crime burglary 2nd degree - (held for attempting to break out of prison by force - a felony); sentence 1 to 5 years.

As Ed Bentz, #2293, arrested PD, Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 5, 1916, charge grand larceny.

As E. W. Bentz, alias E. N. Benz, E. R. Richards and Ed Ronaldson, #6894, arrested PD, Seattle, Wash., Sept. 9, 1916, charge grand larceny (warrant).

As E. W. Bentz, alias George Fairchild, #2208, received S.P., Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 6, 1917, from Pierce Co., crime forgery 1st degree; sentence 18 months to 20 years.

As Jack C. Kearns, alias Francis E. Beckman, #17194, arrested PD, St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 11, 1920, charge suspicion - violation of Mann Act. Notation: "Jack C. Kearns, #17194, PD, St. Louis, Mo., 12-11-20, suspected of being a yeggman."

As Arthur Desmond, #10496, arrested PD, Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 12, 1921, charge investigation - impersonating an officer; fined \$100, Feb. 17, 1921.

As Ned Dewey, #17712, arrested PD, Detroit, Mich., Jan. 23, 1922, charge store booster - larceny from store (day-time).

As Ned Dewey, #14134, received S.P., Jackson, Mich., Feb. 10, 1922, from Detroit, crime larceny; sentence 1 1/2 to 5 years.

As Ned Bowland Dewey, #---, 50, Paw Paw, Mich., arrested June 15, 1924, in Antwerp Township by Deputy Sheriff, charge possession of Jordan touring car stolen from Aurora, Ill. 1933 A.M.

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August 16, 1935,
Arthur Desmond.

As Ned R. Dewey, #650, arrested PD, Aurora, Ill., June 20, 1924,
charge burglary and larceny.

As Ned Dewey, #16712, received SF, Waupun, Wis., Sept. 4, 1925,
from Waukesha Co., crime burglary; sentence 1 to 3 years.

As Edward Bentz, alias E. R. Donaldson, #9744, received SO,
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 19, 1931, charge fugitive from justice.

As Edward Wilhelm Bentz, #10536, arrested PD, Dallas, Texas,
Nov. 7, 1932, charge bank robbery - at Colfax, Wash.;
transferred.

As Edward W. Bentz, #6371, arrested PD, Fort Worth, Texas,
Nov. 7, 1933, charge fugitive - Colfax and Fort Orchard,
Wash. - bank robbery; released to County on fugitive warrant.

Additional notations:

"Ed Bentz, served 1½ years Wash. Ref. School, Chehalis,
Wash., for incorrigibility.
Wanted in North Dakota for stealing an auto. (Appearing
on print #2293, PD, Tacoma, Wash.).
Chicago, Ill., speeding; released.
Chicago, Ill., parking car in Loop; released.
London, drunk; fined. (Appearing on print #16712, SF,
Waupun, Wis.).
Tacoma, Wash., 1918, escaped from jail; 1 to 5 years.
Escape Act - parole violator, 11-29-18; returned 12-2-18.
(Appearing on print #6894, PD, Seattle, Wash.).
12-26-20, wanted as parole violator, Wash. St. Pen.
(Appearing on print #6894, PD, Seattle, Wash.).
#6894, PD, Seattle, Wash., 2-24-31, investigation -
robbery; 2-25-31, released.
#3938, DP, Walla Walla, Wash., no longer wanted.
3-12-32, dropped from role as inactive violator.
E. M. Benz, #6894, PD, Seattle, Wash., fugitive - bank
robber - Madison, Ind.; 3-25-32, dismissed."

The description of this person is as follows, according to our files:

Present age, 30 years; color-white; height-5'11½";
medium stout build; 160½ lbs.; light chestnut hair;
blue eyes; florid complexion.

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Dallas, Texas, Aug. 14, 1933.

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CLARENCE H. MACKAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
A. H. GRISWOLD, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

CLASSES OF SERVICE

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FAST TELEGRAMS. A full-rate expedited service.

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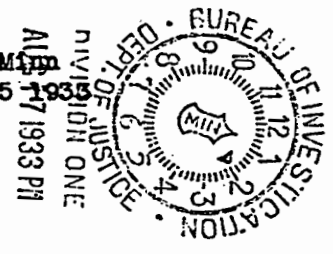
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the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to Form 2,

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August 15 1935



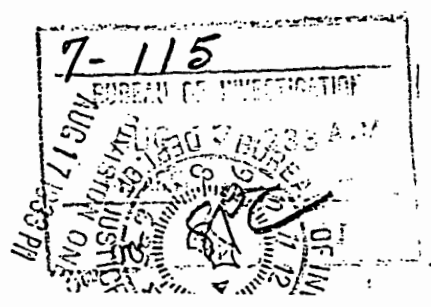
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Division of Investigation
U S Department of Justice
313 Old Post Office Bldg
Portland Oregon

URSHEL KIDNAPING NO RECORD ADDRESS GIVEN OF SHELLY STOP IF LATTER ARRIVED ALASKA SINCE SIXTH INSTANT UNDOUBTEDLY PERSON SOUGHT

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Off. Bus. U.S. Govt. Rate
Chg. Div. of Inv., U.S. Dept. of Justice,
203 P.O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.
CC Bureau

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.**

FILE NO. **7-12**

REPORT MADE AT: PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE: 8/16/33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8/1,2,4,7/33	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS CHARLES F. OUSCHEL - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

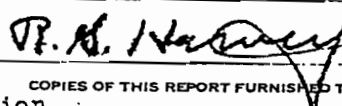
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Personal contact made with all leading banks in Philadelphia, Pa., August 1, 1933, and, on same date, form letter forwarded to all banks located in investigative jurisdiction this office, asking to be furnished all information concerning deposit or exchange of unusual amounts of used \$20 bills. Lists of Federal Reserve notes in question have been received from Division and released to banks in this district.

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REFERENCE: Telegram from Oklahoma City Office, August 1, 1933

DETAILS: AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.
In response to reference telegram, which requested that all banks in this jurisdiction be contacted immediately for the purpose of securing all information with reference to the exchange or deposit of large amounts of \$20 Federal Reserve notes of the 10th Federal Reserve District since the morning of July 31, 1933, and continuing thereafter until further notice, this office immediately called on all principal banks in the city of Philadelphia and advised the banks that this office was interested in securing all information with reference to the exchange or deposit of used \$20 bills of unusual amounts, and that, should the banks receive any information, they should communicate with this office by telephone at once.

Special Agent **[REDACTED]** contacted the following banks:

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-115-247 UNITED STATES AUG 18 1933 A M BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: [REDACTED] FILE	RECORDED AND INDEXED: AUG 18 1933 CHECKED OFF: JACKETED:
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North Philadelphia Trust Co. [REDACTED]
North City Trust Co., [REDACTED]
North Broad National Bank, [REDACTED]
Industrial Trust, Fern Rock Branch, [REDACTED]

Special Agent [REDACTED] contacted the following:

Philadelphia Saving Fund Society, 7th and Walnut Streets.
Western Saving Fund Society, 8th and Walnut Streets.

Special Agent [REDACTED] contacted the following:

Beneficial Saving Fund, 1200 Chestnut Street. (Also covering branches at Broad and Snyder and 826 East Allegheny Avenue.)
Philadelphia National Bank, [REDACTED]
Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities, [REDACTED] Including following branches of same bank: 5th and Bainbridge Streets; 7th and Girard Avenue; 7th and Wolf Streets; 10th and Lehigh Avenue; 49th and Baltimore; 45th and Walnut; 49th and Woodland; South Penn Square; 517 Chestnut Street; 307 Chestnut Street; and Ardmore, Pa.
Central Penn National Bank, 15th and Sansom Streets, [REDACTED]
Corn Exchange National Bank, [REDACTED]
Commercial National Bank, 1515 Chestnut Street Branch, [REDACTED]
Provident Trust Company of Philadelphia, 17th and Chestnut Streets, [REDACTED] (Also covering branches at 12th and Chestnut and 4th and Chestnut.)

Agent [REDACTED] was advised by [REDACTED] of the Provident Trust Company, that, under date of August 1, 1935, [REDACTED] both residing at Garden Court Plaza, 47th and Pine Streets, Philadelphia, deposited \$1,000 in \$20 bills; that the bills were mixed with other deposits and it was, therefore, impossible to secure the serial numbers of these \$20 bills. [REDACTED] further advised Agent [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] have maintained a large account with his institution since 1916 and are reputed to be wealthy, and that, from his contacts with them, he feels that they are reliable people and would not be involved in any crime. Inquiry by Agent [REDACTED] at Garden Court Plaza established that the [REDACTED] had lived there for several years and that [REDACTED] who is in his 50's, is retired.

Agent [REDACTED] contacted the following:

Tradesmens National Bank, 1520 Walnut Street, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] telephone Kingsley 1254. Later, [REDACTED] called back

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and said that the only unusual deposit was made by the Scott Powell Dairies of \$1,500 in \$20 bills; that this customer is a regular depositor and makes large cash deposits, often consisting of \$20 bills. This call was received by Agent [REDACTED] of this office.

First National Bank, 15th and Walnut Streets, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] telephone Lombard 8300.
City National Bank, 1505 Walnut Street, [REDACTED]
Rittenhouse 7500.
Integrity Trust Company, 16th and Walnut Streets, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Kingsley 0700.
E. W. Clark & Co., private bankers, 16th and Locust Streets, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Kingsley 4000.
Battle & Co., Inc., private bankers, 1518 Locust Street [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Pennypacker 9500.

Special Agent [REDACTED] contacted the following:

Beneficial Savings Society
Provident Trust Company
Penn Central Bank
Integrity Trust Company
Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities
Philadelphia National
Provident Trust Company (downtown bank)
Tradesmens National Bank
Pennsylvania Warehouse & Safe Deposit Co.
Corn Exchange Bank

Special Agent [REDACTED] contacted the following:

First Camden National Bank & Trust Co., 2d and Market Streets, Camden,
N.J. [REDACTED]
Philadelphia Saving Fund Society, 12th and Market Streets, [REDACTED]
Market Street National Bank, North Penn Square, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Mitten Men & Management Bank & Trust Co., South Penn Square, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Guardian Bank & Trust Co., 22d and Market Streets, [REDACTED]

Special Agent [REDACTED] contacted the following:

Girard Trust, [REDACTED]
Real Estate Trust Company, a savings teller.
Real Estate Land Title & Trust, [REDACTED]
Fidelity Philadelphia Trust Co., [REDACTED]

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Southwestern National Bank, [REDACTED]
Banca Commerciale Italiana Trust Co., Broad & Wharton Branch,
[REDACTED]
Sonsitaly Bank & Trust Co., [REDACTED]

Special Agent [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] of the firm of Laird, Bissell & Meeds, duPont Building, Wilmington, Delaware, who had previously telephoned Special Agent in Charge R. G. Harvey of this office and advised that his firm had received 158 \$20 bills, and [REDACTED] advised that his firm had made its deposit, shortly before Agent [REDACTED] arrived, at the Wilmington Trust Company. Agent [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] at the Wilmington Trust Company, who advised that the deposit was still intact. This deposit was examined by Agent [REDACTED] and only one Federal Reserve note of the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank was found. The others were notes mostly of the 3d Federal Reserve District. These notes had been received by the firm of Laird, Bissell, & Meeds from [REDACTED] Wilmington, who is, according to [REDACTED], a cripple who walks with a crutch, and who is a former taxicab owner who sold out his interests several years ago and is at present operating a farm near Wilmington. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] has a good reputation around Wilmington and is a valued customer of the bank and always pays his debts with cash.

All of the above mentioned banks interviewed by the above agents agreed to cooperate with this office and immediately call, should any unusual amounts of \$20 bills be exchanged or deposited with their institutions.

Under date of August 1, 1935, a form letter was sent to all the banks located in the investigative jurisdiction covered by this office, asking to be furnished immediately by telephone all information concerning the exchange or deposit of large amounts of used \$20 Federal Reserve notes since the morning of July 31, 1935, and asking that the tellers of the banks watch for the exchange or deposit of used \$20's in the future until notified to discontinue this watch.

In response to telegram received from the St. Paul Office, dated August 6, 1935, with reference to cashier's check issued to S. H. Peters of Minneapolis, Minn., by the Hennepin State Bank of Minneapolis, another form letter was immediately sent out to all banks in this district, asking the various banks to maintain a careful watch for this check and to notify this office at once should any information be received; also, to notify the local Police to detain the person cashing this check.

Many replies have been received from the various banks in this district, No information has as yet been obtained, but all banks have agreed to cooperate.

On August 9, 1935, this office received from the Division form letters, to which were attached the list of the numbers of the Federal Reserve notes for which it is desired the banks make special efforts to watch. These letters and lists of currency were immediately forwarded to all banks in this district.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD: PHILADELPHIA OFFICE will keep in touch with this case and give appropriate attention to all information received from the banks with which this office has communicated as outlined above.

- PENDING -

U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

625 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit Michigan
August 16 1933

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. E.A. Tamm	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Carson	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Mumford	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....



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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Charles F. Urschel - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

It was determined from [redacted] of **b7C b7D**
the Cadillac Motor Car Corporation, Detroit, Michigan
that there are 140 Cadillac distributors and 400 dealers
throughout the United States and Canada.

With the use of stencils furnished by
the Cadillac Motor Company, 540 envelopes were addressed
to these distributors and dealers who were furnished
a copy of the attached circular regarding the 16 cylinder
Cadillac Sedan now in possession of George R. Kelly.

Very truly yours,

Wm Larson

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

WL: [redacted]
Encl.

cc - All Bureau Offices

1 Encl.
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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

AUG 18 1933 A.M.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan

August 16, 1933.

TO ALL DISTRIBUTORS AND DEALERS OF CADILLAC AUTOMOBILES:

This Division is seeking to apprehend one GEORGE R. KELLY alias R. G. SHANNON in connection with a recent kidnapping. It has been definitely determined that this man, accompanied by his wife who frequently uses the name of Ora L. Shannon, is travelling in a 16-cylinder blue-black Cadillac Sedan, 1932 model, purchased in June 1933, motor #140C263, and was last seen bearing Ohio 1933 license plates 691-965, which plates were issued for this car. There is a possibility that he has now changed those plates and is using a Texas 1933 license F 24-752. He also at this time may be accompanied by another man and another woman. Following is description of Kelly and his wife:


NAME	GEORGE R. KELLY	MRS. GEORGE R. KELLY
AGE	about 35 years	about 33 years
HEIGHT	5 ft. 9½ in.	5 ft. 9 in.
WEIGHT	177 lbs.	about 145 lbs.
EYES	gray or blue	brown
HAIR	dark brown	black
COMPLEXION	ruddy	
BUILD	muscular	
REMARKS:	Is probably wearing octagon shaped rimless glasses	

Kelly will undoubtedly stop at a Cadillac agency whenever it becomes necessary to have this car serviced or repaired and it is, therefore, requested that you be on the lookout for him. In the event he should appear at your place, please immediately notify your local police for the purpose of taking him into custody. All law enforcement agencies have been notified regarding this individual.

Your cooperation and assistance in this matter will be most heartily appreciated.

Kelly is a very dangerous man and all precaution should be used in the event you come in contact with him.

Very truly yours,



WM. LARSON,
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan

August 16, 1933

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
CHARLES F O URSCHEL - VICTIM
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Within the last day or two this office has had several calls from local banks requesting additional lists of numbers of bank notes paid as ransom in the instant case.

We have exhausted our entire supply which was furnished by the Division, and it is respectfully requested that an additional supply of about thirty be forwarded to this office.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

WLS

sent 8/21/33

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August 23, 1933

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AUG 28 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated August 16, 1933, requesting additional lists of numbers of bank notes paid as ransom in the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping case, please be advised that the number requested by you was forwarded to your office August 21, 1933.

The Division should be advised if these lists do not reach your office in due time.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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August 17, 1933.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Before leaving last evening, Mr. Hughes advised that he had learned from SAC Quinn that Agent [redacted] would proceed to Dallas via aeroplane, arriving there 4:40 P.M. this afternoon; that Agent [redacted] of the New Orleans Office would arrive in Dallas sometime this morning; that both Agents were taking with them the "special equipment".

Mr. Hughes had previously ascertained that no Agent from the St. Louis Office could make the trip to Dallas in any better time than the above.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
AUG 18 1933 P.M.	
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
Mr. Tolson	FILE

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

VWH:

Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hughes.....
Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
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August 14, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I talked to Mr. Nathan at St. Paul on two occasions today. In the morning Mr. Nathan called while you were out of the office and was very much disturbed over the Associated Press dispatch identifying the Cadillac automobile with the Urschel case. He stated that this dispatch had played the deuce with their negotiations at Minneapolis. I explained the circumstances to him and stated that it could not be helped.

The second time I called Mr. Nathan and advised him of the language of the release which had been given out by [redacted] to the press.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes
V. W. Hughes

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Div. One	

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

WESTERN UNION

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

DALLAS TEXAS AUGUST 15 1933

J CONELLY
 c/o POST OFFICE INSPECTOR
 INDIANAPOLIS INDIANA

BURKBURNETT TEXAS SAYS [REDACTED] ITINERANT JEWELRY SALESMAN
 AND LETTER WAS WRITTEN TO OBTAIN CATALOGUE

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Official Bus:
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 CHG: Div. of Inv.
 FJB [REDACTED] 4:35 PM
 cc Bureau
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 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

August 16, 1933.

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

Dear Sir: Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
Charles F. Urschel -
Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File #7-8.

Please forward to this office 200 additional
copies of Identification Order No. 1203 regarding
George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly, alias R. G.
Shannon, in order to cover our entire mailing list.

Very truly yours,



WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Sent 8/21/33

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August 23, 1933

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AUG 26 1933

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated August 16, 1933, requesting 200 additional copies of Identification Order No. 1203, please be advised that they were forwarded to your office on August 21, 1933.

The Division should be advised if this shipment does not reach your office in due course.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

August 15, 1933.

Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hughes.....
Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....

7-115-254

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

AUG 18 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AUG 18 1933

Mr. Keith called from Salt Lake City. He stated he had arrived there this morning and found there was no one in the office excepting the stenographer. The necessity for this situation he, of course, understood. He stated that he had been acting as Agent in Charge as well as interviewing applicants; that because of the number of applicants he had to interview it would be impossible for him to get away today and he would be forced to remain at Salt Lake through tomorrow and would then leave for Butte. He stated that he had obtained some information concerning the Urschel case; that he had talked with Chief of Police [redacted] at Colorado Springs, who knows all about the Kelly-Bates gang, in fact was expecting they would endeavor to kidnap [redacted]. He also stated that he had received word from Spears at Portland to the effect that he had discovered a file on Bates at the American Railway Express Company, which furnished some possible information of value. He says that this file shows that for a long time Kelly and Bates had associated with one E. W. Bentz; that Bentz has a brother, George Bentz, who lived at 7124 Belden Avenue, Chicago, and it is possible that Bentz is involved in the case. He further stated that he had ascertained that in addition to the Blackstone Avenue address at Chicago, Bates had an address at 4706 Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, in 1932. He thought this might prove of value to the Chicago office. I suggested that he immediately call Chicago and give them that information.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes
V. W. Hughes.

make certain Chicago follows these leads up.
8/16/33 J. C. H.

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This lab case of letter to [redacted] 9/16/33

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PATRONS ARE REQUESTED TO FAVOR THE COMPANY BY CRITICISM AND SUGGESTION CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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VICE
This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

WESTERN UNION

SIGNS	
DL =	Letter
NM =	Night Message
NL =	Night Letter
LOC =	Deferred Cable
NLT =	Cable Night Letter
WLT =	Week-End Letter

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

The filing time as shown in the date line on full-rate telegrams and day letters, and the time of receipt at destination as shown on all messages, is STANDARD TIME

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, WASHDC=

REFERENCE DALLAS WIRE GEORGE BATES RECORD SO COLFAX

WASHINGTON OF ALBERT L⁰ BATES AGE THIRTY NINE FIVE FEET

ELEVEN ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY SLIM HAIR LIGHT EYES BLUE

RESIDENCE FIVE FIVE NINETEEN BLACKSTONE CHICAGO FPC

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SIXTEEN STOP AS JAMES C KING EIGHTEEN SIX EIGHT RECEIVED

SP CARSONCITY NEVADA MARCH TWENTY EIGHT NINETEEN SIXTEEN

FROM ELKO COUNTY BURGLARY FIRST DEGREE SENTENCE ONE TO

FIFTEEN YEARS PAROLED NOVEMBER THIRTEEN NINETEEN SEVENTEEN

AS ALBERT L BATES EIGHT SIX ONE ARRESTED PD SALT LAKE CITY

UTAH APRIL FOUR NINETEEN NINETEEN PETTY LARCENY SIX MONTHS

COUNTY JAIL AS GEORGE⁰ DAVIS ARRESTED SO OGDEN UTAH APRIL

TWENTY TWO NINETEEN TWENTY AT SALT LAKE CITY BY CHANGE OF BURGLARY

DISPOSITION NOT GIVEN AS GEORGE HARRIS THREE AUGUST 1933 AIVE

RECEIVED SP SALT LAKE CITY AUGUST THREE NINETEEN TWENTY ONE

FROM SALT LAKE COUNTY BURGLARY SECOND DEGREE SENTENCE NOT

GIVEN (WANTED FOR ESCAPE AUGUST TWENTY=

AUG 18 1933

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
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Mr. Gurnea	
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SEVENTH NINETEEN TWENTY SIX AS ALBERT L BATES INQUIRY BY SO
 GRANDJUNCTION COLORADO (AUGUST) TWENTY SEVEN NINETEEN TWENTY
 SIX AS ALBERT L BATES FOURTEEN THOUSAND RECEIVED SP
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 MAMESA COUNTY BURGLARY AND LARCENY THREE TO FIFTEEN YEARS
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 AS ALBERT L BATES ARRESTED STATE POLICE PAWPAW MICHIGAN
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 ? (ALSO SUPPOSED ARRESTED PAWPAW MURDER AND ESCAPED STOP) ?
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 THREE SEVEN NINE TWO UTAH SP INDETERMINATE AS KIMBALL
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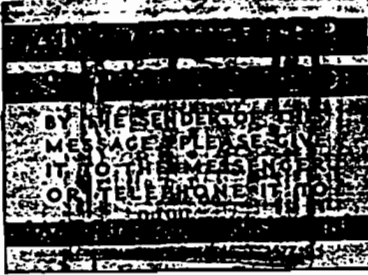
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NOTIFY PD SALT LAKE CITY STOP COLFAX SO HOLDS WARRANT ✓

CHARGING BATES BANK ROBBERY STOP BATES WOUNDED IN SHOULDER

AND HAS SILVER BLADE THEREIN STOP PHOTO FOLLOWS=

SPEARS.



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REFERENCE CHARLES F URSCHEL NOTHING HAS DEVELOPED
 INDIANAPOLIS REGISTERED RECEIPT CARD RECEIVED FRIDAY
 ELEVENTH FOR LETTER MAILED MADISON WISCONSIN SEVENTH NO
 OTHER MAIL STOP REFERENCE LETTER FOR J H SHANNON RECEIVED
 MONDAY FROM BURK BARNETT TEXAS DALLAS ADVISES NO CONNECTION
 STOP ADVISE IF FURTHER OBSERVATION GENERAL DELIVERY HERE
 DESIRED IN ABSENCE FARTHER DEVELOPMENTS=

CONNELLY HOTEL SEVERIN.

Mr. Clegg
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hubber
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson

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HOTEL SEVERIN
INDIANAPOLIS INDIANA

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Bureau of Investigation
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August 18th
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Charles F. Urschel - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 13, 1933, transmitting photographs and description of George R. Kelly, with aliases. Also the description of an automobile in which he was presumed to be traveling.

In view of the information in your letter that this was to be treated in the strictest confidence, I communicated with Special Agents [redacted] Baltimore, Maryland, and [redacted] Richmond, Virginia, and instructed them to advise the local and state police forces that George R. Kelly was wanted by this Division in connection with an important case, and furnishing them the information in your letter that the name of the case should not be disclosed. Agents [redacted] and [redacted] advised me that they made arrangements with the local police departments and state police forces whereby special confidential bulletins were issued to all of the officers to apprehend George R. Kelly and any persons accompanying him should they appear in that vicinity.

I also made arrangements with the Metropolitan Police Department, District of Columbia, to confidentially instruct their officers to be on the alert for an automobile answering this description.

After all of the above authorities had been notified it was noticed that an article appeared in the paper revealing the identity of the case in which George R. Kelly was wanted. Also describing

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his car in detail. I then notified Agents [redacted] and [redacted] to disclose to the police at Baltimore and Richmond the nature of the crime for which Kelly was wanted. I also notified the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington.

On August 15th a telegram was received from the Dallas office that the Cadillac Sedan in which Kelly was thought to be traveling might be carrying Texas license plates 24,752. This information was also furnished to the police departments at Baltimore, Maryland, Washington, D. C., and Richmond, Virginia; also to the state police forces of Maryland and Virginia.

Since this information has been conveyed to the above authorities, they have been very cooperative in this matter, publishing the information daily in their bulletins.

Further reference is made to your letter of August 16th furnishing photographs, description and criminal record of Edward W. Bentz, with aliases, who is possibly implicated in this kidnaping and likely to be traveling with Kelly at the present time. This information has also been furnished the police authorities of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Very truly yours,



T. N. STAPLETON,
Acting Special Agent in Charge

TNS: [redacted]
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cc-2 Oklahoma City
1 Dallas

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August 14, 1933

An early morning raid by Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, on August 12, 1933, upon a house in a remote section of Texas, about seven miles south of the town of Paradise, resulted not only in a solution of the kidnaping case of Charles F. Urschel, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, but in the apprehension of the principal in the murder of a Special Agent of this Division and three police officers by machine gun fire at the Union Station at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933.

After days of painstaking search by aeroplane, automobile and other means, this rendezvous was discovered and careful plans laid to close in upon it in the early morning of August 12. Coming upon the house before the occupants were awake, the Agents entered and found Harvey Bailey, who has been identified by several eye-witnesses as the machine gun slayer at Kansas City, with a machine gun and two automatic pistols beside him. He was captured before he had an opportunity to use these arms. On his person was discovered a large sum of the ransom money paid in the Charles F. Urschel case. R. G. Shannon, apparently the owner of the house, his wife Ora Shannon, Shannon's son, Arman Shannon and his wife, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] the father of [REDACTED] were taken into custody along with Harvey Bailey.

Charles F. Urschel was kidnaped by two armed men as he sat playing cards on the porch of his home at Oklahoma City on July 22, 1933. He was held until July 31, when released at Norman, Oklahoma, after the payment of a substantial ransom by his family. The Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice had been notified at the time of the kidnaping and had the cooperation of the Urschel family throughout the entire investigation. Upon the return of Charles F. Urschel the inquiry was pursued with all the facilities of the Division and despite the apparent blocking of every lead of promise the Agents persevered until word was received of the passage of some of the money which had been paid as ransom in a section of the country long distant from Oklahoma City. Inquiry was then, for a time, centered at that point. Many other of the currency notes were found and traced. Three persons are now under arrest and held because of their possession of large sums of this ransom money.

At Oklahoma City the Agents possessed one lead which, while ordinarily would seem indefinite, was pursued day after day until it developed to the point where this raid in Texas was made possible.

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It was necessary to scour the country by aeroplane, using binoculars, day after day in an effort to locate the spot where Mr. Urschel had been held prisoner. Through this process such a spot was located, the house discovered, careful preparations laid for an approach which would be undetected, and the raid heretofore described consummated. This house has been identified as the place where Mr. Urschel was held during the time that he was confined. ~~Fingerprints left by Mr. Urschel in the room where he was a prisoner definitely determine this fact.~~ In addition, confessions have been obtained from three individuals who took part in the kidnaping.

In addition to the persons now in custody it should be stated that George Kelly, alias R. G. Shannon, who possesses a criminal record, having served time in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth and in the State Prison at Santa Fe, New Mexico, has been absolutely identified as one of the kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel. It is known that he has been traveling through the middle western section of the country in a 16-cylinder, blue-black, Cadillac Sedan, 1933 model, bearing a large black trunk on the rear. All law enforcement agencies have been notified and requested to arrest Kelly upon sight. In addition, it is also known that one George Bates, aliases Albert L. Bates, James O. King, George Davis, George Harris, Roy Harris, Bernard McLaughlin and Bernard Hughes, has been identified as one of the kidnapers. While it is not known definitely that Bates is one of the occupants of the car with Kelly, it is possible that he may be traveling with Kelly. Bates is wanted in the states of Washington, Nebraska, Nevada, Utah and Michigan, for escape, burglary and bank robbery. Law enforcement officials likewise have been notified of the fact that Bates should be arrested on sight. Bates is described as age 39, weight 170 pounds, light hair, height 5'11", slim build, blue eyes, wound in shoulder where silver plate has been inserted. Kelly is described as age 35, height 5'9", 177 pounds, eyes blue or grey, dark brown hair, medium ruddy complexion, rather muscular build, expert machine gunner.

It will be recalled that Frank Nash, escaped Federal prisoner and desperate gunman, was captured by Special Agents of this Division at Hot Springs, Arkansas, on June 16, 1933; that in being transported to the Leavenworth Penitentiary and as the party of Special Agents and police emerged from Union Station at Kansas City, Missouri, at eight o'clock on the morning of June 17, they were met by a murderous machine gun fire, without warning of any kind, and as a result Special Agent R. J. Caffrey, of this Division, and Chief of Police Otto Reed, of McAlester, Oklahoma, and police officers William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, of Kansas City, Missouri, were slain. In addition Special Agent F. J. Lackey, of this Division, was seriously wounded and Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, of the Kansas City office, received a flesh wound.

The Division has statements from several witnesses of this massacre who have positively identified Harvey Bailey as the wielder of one of the machine guns used in this attack. Others of the murderers are known and exhaustive efforts are now being made by the Division to bring about their early apprehension.

It is interesting to note that Harvey Bailey was apprehended by Special Agents of this Division, along with two desperate escaped convicts from Leavenworth, namely Francis Keating and Thomas Holden, on the Old Mission Golf Course at Kansas City, Missouri, on July 7, 1932. As a result of this arrest Bailey was identified as a participant in the robbery of the Citizens Bank at Fort Scott, Kansas, on June 17, 1932. He was tried, convicted, and sentenced to from ten to fifty years in the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas. On May 30, 1933, together with ten other desperate criminals, he escaped from Lansing and apparently has been the leader of the more desperate characters of this group who since have been identified as participating in bank robberies, kidnappings and other crimes.

Subject as George Kelly, #1968 U. S. J., received State Prison, Santa Fe., N.M., March 14, 1927, from U. S. Court, crime violation Prohibition Act; \$250 fine.

As George Kelly, #5298, arrested PD, Tulsa, Okla., July 24, 1927 charge state vagrancy; released - \$250 bond.

As Geo. Kelly, #2332, arrested SO, Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 13, 1928, charge National Prohibition Act; disposition not given.

As George Kelley, #29362, received U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kans., Feb. 11, 1928, from Tulsa, Okla., crime possession of liquor (Indian Cy); sentence 3 years.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
August 14, 1933.

Mr. Clegg
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Hughes
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called New York with reference to the Associated Press item appearing this morning under Buffalo date line, advising of the activities of the Division in endeavoring to intercept the Cadillac car in connection with the Urschel case. Agent [redacted] stated that the New York office had no information as to how this information was obtained because Mr. Cullen, in issuing instructions the day before to all Agents and to the Customs and Immigration officials had refrained from mentioning the Urschel case in any manner; in fact he had told practically all agencies that he did not know the identity of the case but only knew that he had received instructions from Washington to intercept this car. I instructed Agent [redacted] to have Mr. Cullen get in touch with the Agents at Buffalo to ascertain whether they had given any such information. Agent [redacted] subsequently called back and stated that he had talked to both Agents [redacted] and [redacted] at Buffalo; that they both denied that they had ever mentioned the Urschel case at any time; that the Buffalo papers, from which the Associated Press dispatch was taken recounted the request of the Division to intercept this car and then added that the activity was probably in connection with the Urschel case; however the Associated Press dispatch eliminated the qualification. Agent [redacted] further stated that it had been ascertained by inquiry at Buffalo that the police reporter who read the notice on the teletype at the Police Department apparently assumed that it was in connection with the Urschel case.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes
V. W. Hughes.

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Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hucker..... ✓
Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
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Kidnap Suspects Miss Police Trap

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 13 (AP).—Department of Justice agents, immigration and customs men and police waited in vain at the Peace Bridge tonight for a 16-cylinder automobile containing a man and woman said to be wanted in connection with the recent kidnaping in Oklahoma of Charles F. Urschel, wealthy oil man.

Word had come from the New York office of the Department of Justice that the pair, on the way to Buffalo, would seek today to cross the bridge leading to Canada. The names of the occupants of the car were given and later the Ohio license which the car bore was provided.

The Urschel kidnaping was one of the most sensational of the last two years.

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Phone N.Y. & ascertain how this reached the press in Buffalo.

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Director
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 proceeding
 Dallas 10:15 pm
 tonight as per
 instructions to
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 Arriving not
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 12 noon Thursday

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Clyde Tolson, S.S. K.M.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Washington, D. C.

August 17, 1933.

SPC:

Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Carson	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Pennington	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Quinn called last night and advised that an Agent from the Birmingham office could not arrive in Dallas before 4:40 P. M. today. Mr. Ladd at St. Louis was then contacted to determine if an Agent could reach Dallas before that time from the St. Louis office and it was ascertained that he could not. Mr. Quinn was then again contacted by Mr. Hughes and told to have Agent [redacted] leave this morning at 10:10 A. M. by plane, which arrives at Dallas at 4:40 P. M. The Dallas office was so advised.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

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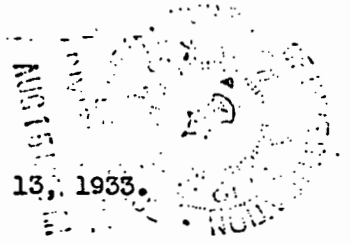
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Bureau of Investigation

420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.



August 13, 1933.

Director,
U.S. Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

RE: George Kelly, et al.
KIDNAPPING
Charles F. Urschel-Victim.

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith 2 samples of typing taken on the Remington typewriter at the home of R.G. Shannon near Paradise, Texas, for comparison with the original typewritten ransom note in the Urschel case.

Please wire your findings to this office and the Oklahoma City office.

SAC R.H. Colvin suggests that if the typing is found to be identical that the originals be returned to the Oklahoma City office to be used in evidence.

Very truly yours,

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

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This is a sample of the typewriting done on this machine.

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party.

THIS IS THE LAST COMMUNICATION YOU WILL HAVE FROM US, AS WE HAVE NEITHER THE TIME NOR PATIENCE .

YOU WILL PLACE FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES USED

You will place Federal Reserve Notes used.

ASDFGHJKL:QWERTYUIOP

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REMINGTON TYPEWRITER IN THE HOUSE OF R. G. SHANNON.

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A YOUNG MAN BY THE NAME OF BABE EASON (17 Yrs.)
accompanied by a young lady by the name of Miss Ruth Howell,
who reside West of the Shannon place came to the Shannon
home shortly afternoon and were detained.

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

Dear Sir:

Confirming telegram in the case of GEORGE KELLY, et al, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM - KIDNAPING, specimens of typing of the Remington typewriter found in the home of R. G. Shannon were compared with the original ransom notes in the Urschel case and found not to be identical. The specimens which you forwarded were incomplete, and inasmuch as this typewriter may have been used in connection with various crimes you were requested in the telegram to forward additional specimens.

As indicated in the telegram, the typewriter used for the ransom notes has a defective large "X", in that the legs are worn so that no portion of the horizontal lines extends to the left of the crossed ones. This may be of assistance in locating the machine actually used because this defect should be easily noted. This particular type of typewriter was manufactured as early as 1923 and was equipped with type which included among the symbols a "3" sign. While many machines are equipped with such symbol, later Remingtons were not so equipped unless specially ordered. After examining the original ransom notes, the Division forwarded to the Oklahoma City office photographic copies of its standard impressions of the particular type with which this machine is equipped, for the use of agents in searching for the typewriter. The fact that the note written to the Governor of Oklahoma by members of the Nash gang was typed on a Remington machine of the same model found in the home of the bank robbers at Oklahoma, that the Urschel ransom notes were written on a similar model machine, and that a similar model machine was found in the Shannon house, indicates that this gang may have a number of these machines or that a number of it may have a decided liking for this particular type of machine. It will be remembered that the note in regard to the bank robbery, written by Brady, Bailey and others to the Governor of Oklahoma, indicated a defect in the space bar, which the owner of the typewriter found to be caused by a loosened screw. It may be that in the use of these machines the gang has followed a scheme designed to disguise their writing involving changing them before or after using them or getting rid of them completely in some way.

Very truly yours,

cc Oklahoma City

Director.

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Bureau of Investigation
318 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
 JAMES F. JURSHEL - Victim.
 Kidnapping.

With further reference to the list showing numbers of bank notes paid as ransom in the above matter, this office, on August 11, 1933, telegraphed requesting that two hundred and sixty five additional lists be forwarded immediately. A total of one hundred and forty five lists were forwarded and received at this office on August 16, 1933.

*Do 10 bank notes
there - and add.
original and was
forwarded with
copy.*

It is requested that one hundred and twenty lists be forwarded immediately, in order that all banks in this district may be in possession of same.

*No req. as this and
was forwarded -*

Very truly yours,

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

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August 17, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MALLOY.

In connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, of Oklahoma City, on July 22, it has been ascertained by investigation that Mr. Urschel was transported to Texas and held for a period of days in a house six miles south of the town of Paradise. Information obtained to date indicates that the actual kidnaping was accomplished by George R. Kelly and George Bates, perhaps assisted by others. Bates is in custody at Denver, Colorado. Kelly is a fugitive from justice.

On August 12, Agents of the Division located the house in which Mr. Urschel had been held and discovered on these premises Harvey J. Bailey, a notorious outlaw and wielder of a machine gun in the Kansas City shooting resulting in the death of four law enforcement officers on June 17, R. G. Shannon and his wife, Ora Shannon, Shannon's son, Arman Shannon, and his wife, [redacted] and the father of [redacted] namely [redacted] R. G. Shannon and his son, Arman, are admitted guards over Urschel. Apparently the only part played in the case by [redacted] and the Shannon women is that they had knowledge of the kidnaping. Harvey J. Bailey was found in possession of \$700.00 of the money which had been paid as ransom. This was identified by serial numbers. It is believed that Bailey is probably the directing genius in the kidnaping, although he has made no admissions whatever.

At St. Paul four persons have been in custody for some days. These persons were found in possession of large sums of the ransom money. They are Sam Frederick, Peter Valder, Sam Kronick and Charles Albert Wolk. I am today in receipt of a telegram from my St. Paul office stating that these four persons have been released today on advice of the United States Attorney at Oklahoma, who stated that he would not prosecute. While I am not in possession of all of the information obtained concerning these persons I believe that they should be considered as part of the conspiracy at least for the present and until definite evidence is at hand that they were not in league with George Kelly and others of the kidnapers.

George Bates, when apprehended at Denver, had in his possession \$660.00 of the ransom money. He likewise has made no statement.

It is entirely probable that other persons whose identities are now unknown may be later connected with the kidnaping.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Mr. Glavin
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Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

August 15, 1933.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL - MR. BLAKE.

Mr. Blake advised that at the time of this call Mr. Gus Jones was talking with Harvey Bailey. I requested that Mr. Jones call me just as soon as he finished with Harvey Bailey as there was a matter in his own district I wanted him to personally handle as soon as possible by telephone. Mr. Blake said they had sent bullets fired from the machine gun in the possession of Harvey Bailey to Kansas City for comparison with the bullets fired in the Kansas City massacre.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL TO [REDACTED]
Houston, Texas - Telephone, [REDACTED]
Capitol 2151.

I advised [REDACTED] that with regard to the attempted kidnaping of young Rockefeller, about which [REDACTED] spoke to me this morning, I was having an Agent of this Bureau call upon him at Houston, with whom he could feel free to discuss the matter freely. I suggested that it might be well for the party coming North to proceed via a southern route rather than via Chicago, as planned, and probably could take a plane from Atlanta to New York.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL - MR. JONES

Mr. Jones advised it was impossible to make Harvey Bailey talk.

I instructed Mr. Jones to leave immediately for Houston for a day or so, to see [REDACTED] the Humble Oil Company at Houston, Texas; that the son of Mr. Rockefeller, Jr. is at Houston. Mr. Jones stated that one [REDACTED] a former Ranger, who is helping guard young Rockefeller had telephoned him a few minutes previously to this conversation from Houston and had advised there was a rumor that there was a plot at hand to kidnap young Rockefeller, and gave him the names of five men the Police at Houston arrested several days ago at the Rice Hotel on suspicion as they had in their possession a number of \$100 bills; namely, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] believes that the reason the kidnaping did not take place as planned was because these five men were picked up by [REDACTED]

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the Police Department on suspicion. [REDACTED] also advised they had an undercover informant in Houston, and were given the following names: [REDACTED] of Houston; [REDACTED] of Houston, and [REDACTED] Mr. Jones stated he advised [REDACTED] to contact Agent [REDACTED] in Houston immediately and give him all the details and have [REDACTED] telephone Mr. Jones. I instructed Jones to proceed to Houston immediately and contact [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had advised Jones they were day after tomorrow taking young Rockefeller to New York, and I advised Jones of the suggestion I had made to [REDACTED] about taking a southern route. I requested that Jones secure for me the itinerary of young Rockefeller, in order that the local office at the point where he changes planes can be on the job to see that he is thoroughly protected. I requested that I receive a confidential report tomorrow morning on this matter.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

August 15, 1933.

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Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Tolson.....

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Parrish called and stated he had received a reply to his telegram of this morning requesting that the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City give immediate attention to the possibility of an indictment in the Urschel case; that the reply was from the Chief Clerk in the United States Attorney's office, who stated that the United States Attorney was away for three days on a fishing trip; that he was trying to reach him by telephone; that the Judge of the district had just left for a ten day trip to Arizona. Mr. Parrish stated that he expected there would be no further reply until later this evening or possibly tomorrow morning when the United States Attorney was contacted, and even in that event, in view of the absence of the Judge, it is improbable that an indictment could be obtained until his return, ten days hence. Mr. Parrish suggested the advisability of seeking an indictment in Texas. He thought that that would obviate any removal proceedings, which might possibly be contested by the parties in question and in any event it would do no harm. I told him I would discuss this proposition with you.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes

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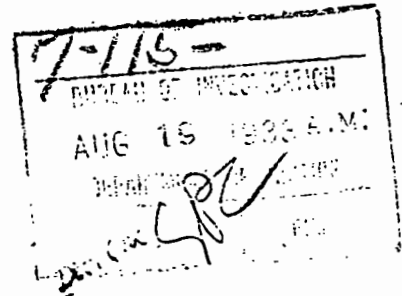
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311 Hurley-Wright Building,
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August 18, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
Charles F. Urschel, Victim.
Kidnaping.

Referring to your letter dated August 15, 1933,
requesting that the identity of the person or persons pos-
sessing, or receiving mail through Post Office Box 631
be obtained, you are advised that Agent [REDACTED] of this of-
fice contacted the Superintendent of the general post office,
Washington, D. C., and learned that there is no such box
number in use at the present time. It appears that boxes
numbers 508 to 611, inclusive, do not exist, and further
the Post Office Department advises that there is no post
office box rented under the name of R. G. Shamon or George
Kelley.

Very truly yours,

T. N. Stapleton,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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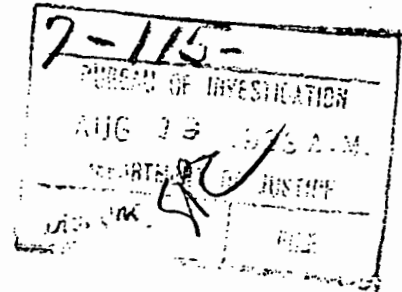
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOSEPH B. KEENAN,
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

I am attaching hereto a copy of a report prepared by Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Kansas City office of the Division, under date of August 14, constituting a resume of the facts concerning the implication of Harvey J. Bailey with the machine gun attack upon, and murder of, Special Agent R. J. Caffrey, of this Division, and three police officers at Kansas City on June 17, 1933. I directed that this report be prepared in order that the Department would be furnished with the evidence available to bring about the prosecution of Harvey J. Bailey, who was recently captured by Agents of this Division in north Texas in connection with the Urschel kidnaping case, for these murders at Kansas City.

I believe that in connection with the prosecution of Bailey, a representative of the Department should be assigned to cooperate with the authorities of the State of Missouri. You can be assured, of course, that every facility of this Division will be at the service of such a representative and, of course, the service of the State of Missouri in connection with this prosecution.

Bailey, as you know, is now held at Dallas, Texas, having been apprehended in a house south of Paradise, Texas, which had been used as the place of confinement of Charles F. Urschel, of Oklahoma City, who had been kidnaped. It will be necessary to extradite Bailey from the State of Texas to the State of Missouri and there may be serious difficulties encountered in connection with his transportation between these states. Also I think that the state authorities would welcome the assistance of representatives of this Department in the trial of Bailey on a charge of murder. In view of the fact that the Special Agent of this Division and the police officers who were killed were engaged in transporting a Federal prisoner to the penitentiary at Leavenworth it would seem that the Federal Government would be fully justified in assisting the state in every possible way in the prosecution of Bailey and of such others of the members of the gang who committed this cowardly deed, when apprehended.

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Very truly yours,

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IN HIS AGGRESSIVENESS AND ENTHUSIASM I WISH TO SUGGEST ADVISIBILITY OF HAVING
MR PARISH INSTRUCT MR SALTER TO REMAIN HERE TO ASSIST UNTIL INDICTMENT
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

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[redacted] of the AP telephoned to inquire whether the Urschel kidnapers were to be tried in Oklahoma City, whether the government would resist efforts upon the part of Shannon to get bond, and whether Kansas officials have asked for custody of Bailey. I advised that the matter of prosecution is under consideration now, but it might possibly be decided that the case should be tried in Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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F. J. BLAKE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

In view of certain delays occurring in connection with the handling by the offices of several United States Attorneys of urgent developments in kidnaping cases, it occurred to me you would be interested to know something of said matters and may desire to have Mr. Stanley look further into the same in order to insure the presence of some responsible official in each of the several judicial districts at all times for the purpose of handling emergency cases arising from time to time.

I have in mind particularly the fact that following the raid by Special Agents of this Division on the house in north Texas last week, which resulted in the apprehension of Harvey Bailey and others connected with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, of Oklahoma City, an effort was made to contact the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City for the purpose of seeking his advice and immediate action in placing these people under proper process, representing the Government and arranging for prompt indictment. It was found that the United States Attorney had left Oklahoma City on a fishing trip and probably could not be reached for several days. When I received this advice, I communicated with Mr. Parrish, Acting Head of the Criminal Division, who immediately sent a telegram to the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City advising of the imperative necessity for prompt action and requesting information as to when he expected to return. A reply was received the following day from the Clerk of the Court at Oklahoma City stating that he was endeavoring to reach the United States Attorney, who was off on a trip. In view of this situation, no definite information could be obtained as to when a Grand Jury might be available and, in fact, I have been informed by my Agent in Charge that the presiding Judge of that district is in another judicial district at the present time. In the meantime, of course, the Special Agents made a proper complaint before the Commissioner and the Dallas office of the Division filed fugitive complaints based on that action.

I received word yesterday that on advice of the Assistant United States Attorney at Oklahoma City four persons held at St. Paul, Minnesota, who had been found in possession of large sums of money bearing the serial numbers of the ransom paid in the Urschel case, were ordered released and

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Memorandum for the Attorney General

I am in serious doubt as to the propriety of this action at this time. In the meantime, of course, Mr. Parrish, the Acting Head of the Criminal Division, I understand, has arranged to assign a Special Assistant to the Urschel case and Mr. Slater, the Special Assistant selected, has reported at Oklahoma City this morning.

At Denver, Colorado, where George Bates, one of the kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel, was apprehended, difficulty was encountered in arranging to insure the production of \$600.00 in currency taken from Bates' person bearing the serial numbers of the Urschel ransom money, and it was only after telephonic communication with the United States Attorney by Mr. Parrish that the matter was properly adjusted. Likewise, I understand that in St. Paul, Minnesota, no proper process has yet been issued to insure the production of the money, approximately \$5,000.00, taken from a number of persons in that city bearing the serial numbers of the Urschel ransom. Mr. Parrish states that he has taken this matter up with Mr. Salter, who will endeavor to evolve an appropriate measure for this problem.

It has occurred to me that in view of your desire for vigorous, prompt and effective prosecution of kidnapers, you might wish to have Mr. Stanley give some thought to these problems.

Respectfully,

Director

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August 18, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MILLOY
ATTENTION: MR. FARRISH.

In view of the most recent developments in the efforts to promptly and vigorously prosecute the kidnapers in the cases of Charels F. Urschel, of Oklahoma City, and [redacted] of St. Paul, Minnesota, I desire to urge your consideration of the question as to whether such matters should not be assigned to Special Assistants to the Attorney General rather than entrusted as routine prosecutions to the several United States Attorneys.

You of course, are aware of the difficulty encountered in contacting the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City when immediate action in the Urschel case was required. Of course, that situation seems to have been remedied at the present time by the designation of a Special Assistant to assist the United States Attorney in the prosecution of the Urschel case and his arrival at Oklahoma City today. However, at St. Paul, because of the fact that the United States Attorney has submitted his resignation to take effect upon the appointment of his successor, I strongly doubt whether an important case such as that involving the kidnaping of [redacted], and the prosecution of the Tohy gang, four of whom are now held under indictment, should be entrusted to an official who is about to leave the service of the Government. Then, too, I have in mind the action of the Assistant United States Attorneys at St. Paul and Oklahoma City in releasing the four persons held at St. Paul who had been found in possession of large sums of the ransom money used in the Urschel case. I am firmly of the opinion that Special Assistants ought to be placed in charge of these prosecutions. These investigations are developing from day to day, the connections of the Tohy gang in the Hamm case are powerful in the underworld, prompt prosecution is required, and I believe that Special Assistants should be assigned to devote their full time to these cases until they have been carried through the Courts.

This recommendation, of course, is merely confirmatory of our conversation and I merely desire to go on record as indicating my deep conviction that special attention should be given to these cases.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Mr. Carson
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

August 18, 1933.

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

RE: George R. Kelly, with aliases;
et al.
Charles F. Urschel-Victim.
KIDNAPPING.

Dear Sir:-

Transmitted herewith are copies of
statements signed by the following persons, relative
to the above captioned matter:

Robert G. Shannon
Mrs. Ora L. Shannon
Armon Crawford Shannon
Oleta Brown Shannon
H.E. Brown

Very truly yours,

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

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This is a voluntary statement made by me to R.H. Colvin and F.J. Blake, Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, on August 12, 1933, at Dallas, Texas.

My name is Mrs. Ora L. Shannon and I reside with my husband R.G. Shannon near Paradise, Texas. I married Mr. Shannon in September 1927 at Weatherford, Texas. Previous to my marriage to Mr. Shannon my name was Ora L. Brooks. I divorced my former husband J.E. Brooks at Coleman, Texas. By that marriage I have one daughter, Mrs. Katherine Kelly, the wife of George Kelly. I have lived at Paradise ever since I have been married to Mr. Shannon.

On Sunday 23 George Kelly and George Bates came to our house with a man who Kelly said was one of his friends who was drunk. I fix this date by reason of the fact that I returned on the Saturday previous from a trip to Levelland, Texas. They brought this man into the house after dark and kept him there all the next day. That night they took him out of the house and departed in the Ford roadster. About Wednesday or Thursday, the 26th or 27th of July, Katherine returned to our house from Ft. Worth where she had taken Oleta Shannon, Pauline Fry who is Katherine's daughter, aged 14 years, and Ruth Shannon; the daughter aged 12 years, of Mr. R.G. Shannon. Katherine frequently took Pauline and Ruth with her but never had before taken Oleta with her. George Kelly came to the house while Katherine was there but I am not sure whether he remained for the night. During the time Mr. Urschel was at Arman Shannon's house, Harvey Bailey came to our house and talked to Kelly and Bates. Shortly afterwards, in about 30 minutes, Kelly and Bates left. They were absent until the day that Mr. Urschel was released when Kelly came in and got a clean shirt. Then Kelly went up to Arman's house and I did not see him or Bates anymore.

Katherine was at our house except for a few hours at the time during the time Kelly and Bates were away just prior to the release of Mr. Urschel.

About an hour or so after Kelly went up to Arman's house Katherine left. I am not sure whether she left alone, tho she left the garage alone.

Bailey did not leave the house until about the Wednesday after Mr. Urschel was released when he left alone. I don't remember the kind of car he had but I believe it was a Ford V-8 coupe. He returned about eleven o'clock Friday night August 11, 1933.

I heard Bailey say something to Bates about a man called Verne and Kansas City.

A few nights before Mr. Urschel left I cooked some friend chicken, mashed potatoes and cake and took up to the house and gave it to Mr. Shannon. I never did see Mr. Urschel.

On the Sunday before Mr. Urschel was released someone called on the phone and Katherine talked to him and shortly thereafter she went out of the house in the rain and when she came back she was wet and I asked her where she had been and she said "you don't need to know everything."

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I have read this statement consisting of four pages and have affixed my initials to each page and also affixed my initials to corrections made herein.

George Kelly or George Bates told me just before leaving the last time "if anyone comes here you don't know anything." I said "I don't know anything," One said "You had better not."

Mr. Shannon wanted to kill Bates and Kelly and release Urschel but I dissuaded him.

We did not receive one penny of money from Bates or Kelly in connection with the Urschel matter. I knew nothing about it until my husband went over to help guard the man being held.

(Signed) Mrs. Ora L. Shannon.

WITNESS:

F.J. Blake, Spcl.Agt. in Chg., Div. of Inv., U.S.Dept. Justice, Dallas, Tex.
R.H. Colvin. " " " " " Oklahoma City,
Okla.

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This is a voluntary statement made by me to F.J. Blake, who has told me that he is a Special Agent of the United States Department of Justice

My name is Oleta Brown Shannon. I am now 18 years of age. My father's name is Earl Brown. I was born and raised near Paradise, Texas.

On September 9, 1930 I married Arman Shannon, with whom I am now living.

We live on the property of R.G. Shannon, the father of Arman Shannon. We have been living there since last December. We live in a five room house, consisting of two bed rooms on the South, a dining room on the West, a kitchen on the North and West and a little room on the North-East which is used as a storage room.

There is a corn patch to the Southwest of the house, a well at the Northwest corner, from which water is drawn by means of a bucket and rope To the East about a hundred yards is a house occupied by [REDACTED]

On the East of the dining room is a small porch and a door leads from the dining room onto the porch. About fifty yards to the Northwest of our house is a pig pen, in which are two fairly large pigs and two smaller pigs.

The corn crop is not going to be good due to the drought.

There is a road to the East of the house in which we live which is approximately 100 yards from the house. There is a gate to the East of the house, and almost in front of [REDACTED] house. The road on the East runs North and South and at a point about 150 yards South of McBride's house, the road turns West to a point near the house occupied by my father, Earl Brown, where it again turns South. At a point North of [REDACTED] house there is a place in the road where cars get stuck when it rains.

In the dining room is a bench about five feet long. In the East bed room is an old fashioned, round top trunk. In the dining room is a high chair used by my little girl, 14 months old. The bed rooms are ceiled and rats infest it.

On Sunday which will be three weeks ago tomorrow (August 13, 1933) Katherine Kelly, the daughter of Mrs. R.G. Shannon, invited me to go with her to her home on Mulkey Street in Ft. Worth for a week. I accepted the invitation and Katherine took me and my baby in her (Katherine's) Cadillac sedan to Ft. Worth, arriving 1 PM

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Katherine Kelly is the wife of George Kelly. I remained at the Kelly home in Ft. Worth until the second Tuesday after my arrival when my husband, Arman Shannon and Mrs. R.G. Shannon came for me traveling in a Ford sedan.

Mrs. R.G. Shannon is a step-mother to Arman Shannon.

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Mrs. R.G. Shannon never told me anything about what happened during my absence from my home but Arman, my husband, told me that Mr. Urschel, the man who had been kidnapped in Oklahoma City, had been held at our house.

He did not say who held Mr. Urschel prisoner. Arman told me that Mr. Urschel had been brought to our home by George Kelly and George Bates. Arman told me that Kelly and Bates promised him \$10,000. for letting them use the house for the purpose of keeping Mr. Urschel there.

I last saw George Kelly at R.G. Shannon's place about one month ago and I have not seen him since. I never did hear Kelly say what his business was but most of the time he had plenty of money.

Katherine Kelly left Ft. Worth alone, driving her Cadillac sedan, on the Thursday after my arrival at her home. It was about one thirty in the afternoon when she left. She told me she was going to Dallas and would be back the next day or the next. I have not seen her since.

So far as I know Arman Shannon was never paid anything for letting the men use the house. He told me that he had not been paid.

I have read this statement, consisting of six pages, and it is correct. I have affixed my initials to each page.

(Signed) Oleta Brown Shannon.

WITNESS:

F.J. Blake, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice,
made at Dallas, Texas, August 12, 1933.

D.L. McCormack, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice,

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stated that time she and [REDACTED] were at R.G. Shannon's home was on Wednesday, nearly 3 weeks before they sold their milk cow on Monday, a week ago (Aug. 6th); that was about the middle of July; that the last time she saw Geo: Kelly and Katheryn Kelly was about 6 months ago; that she never saw any strange men at the Shannon home; that she stayed at home all day yesterday, but her husband heard in Paradise yesterday that [REDACTED] R.G. Shannon and [REDACTED] Armand had been arrested for kidnapping a man; that she hasn't been to Armand's house for more than a month; that R.G. Shannon and Armand could have kidnapped a man and held him in Armand's house for three weeks and she wouldn't have known it.

Made voluntarily at R.G. Shannon's house to Special Agent [REDACTED]
August 13th, 1933.

(Signed [REDACTED])
Paradise, Tex.
(Arkansas community).

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This is a voluntary statement made by me to F.J. Blake, who has advised me that he is a Special Agent of the United States Department of Justice.

I am 43 years of age and live on the farm of [REDACTED] which adjoins the place of Mr. R.G. Shannon about six miles from Paradise, Texas.

Oleta Brown Shannon is my daughter. I know nothing about what transpired at the house in which my daughter resided during the time she was on a visit to Ft. Worth the latter part of July.

I only went near the house one time and that was when I went there to see about a hog. Arman met me near the pig pen and I talked to him about five minutes and left.

Arman was at the well drawing water when I approached the house. He did not act as if anything unusual was happening.

So far as I know my daughter, Oleta, had never visited Katherine Kelly at Ft. Worth before her visit with Katherine the latter part of July, 1933.

I did not know when Oleta left to go to Ft. Worth with Katherine Kelly but her (Oleta's) husband told me that she left on a Monday. It was the latter part of the week of her return before I saw Oleta.

I know nothing about George Kelly or Katherine Kelly. The last time I saw Katherine was about a month ago when she was passing in the road in front of my house.

I know [REDACTED] and know that he has a white face bull.

I know that R.G. Shannon has a flock of guineas.

(Signed) H.E. Brown.

WITNESS:

F.J. Blake, Special Agent in Charge,
United States Division of Investigation, Department of Justice,
Dallas, Texas, August 12, 1933.

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Dallas, Texas,
Aug. 16, 1933.

In connection with the signed statement which I voluntarily furnished to Edward J. Dowd, Special Agent of the United States Division of Investigation, I desire at this time to make a supplemental statement which is being made by me freely and voluntarily to Special Agent Edward J. Dowd:

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On Sunday afternoon, about 4: o'clock, July 23, 1933, I was up near the lot gate or at the lot gate; the lot is west of my house at Paradise, Texas. I saw a car drive around and go into the garage, with Geo. Kelly and George Bates in the car. In my previous statement I was under the impression that this was a Chevrolet Coach or Chevrolet Sedan but when I have thought it over it might have been a Buick Car; however, I can positively state at this time that it was not a Cadillac closed car. They drove the car they were in into George Kelly's Garage, which is southeast of the dwelling house, and closed the door after them. This garage, I believe, is closed by means of a snap lock. From my observation, I only saw two men in the car and, to the best of my knowledge, George Kelly was at the wheel. I judge they remained in the garage about an hour. I went to my house and while I was in the house George Bates came in and, without saying anything to me, he proceeded to Katharine Kelly's room, which is located in the northeast part of my house. I went out to feed the horses, mules, hogs and cows.

About 5: o'clock that day there were light showers. When I returned to the house that night I noticed both the south door and the door on the west side of the room, closed. I mention now that I did not see George Kelly come out of the garage after he entered it. I did not see George Kelly or George Bates that night and did not know who was in the room with them. This Sunday night - July 23, 1933 - I retired about 8: or 9: o'clock, as usual. The next morning I arose about 5: o'clock and before I had my breakfast I fed my stock and returned to the house about 5:30 A. M. I then had breakfast and went to work plowing my field. At noon I came back to the house for dinner and at the table with me sat George Bates. George Kelly was not there but I suppose he was in the closed room. I suspected that something was wrong in the closed room and I told my wife that those fellows - George Bates and George Kelly - had to get away from there. I also spoke to George Bates at noon and told him that he had to get away from my house. He said they would leave that night. I went back to the field to plow. I generally work up until about 7: o'clock. I came on home, did the chores up and while I was out on the north gallery sitting on the settee on the west side of the hall door I saw George Kelly and George Bates taking a blind-folded man, as referred to in my previous statement, out of my house. I did not see them take him from the room, but when I first

saw the man he was coming out of the hall in my house and George Bates had a hold of his left arm while George Kelly walked along on the right side of this man. They were both carrying machine guns and, if I am not mistaken, they did not have stocks on them.

I saw George Kelly and George Bates place this blind-folded man between them in the Ford Roadster which I have already referred to in my previous statement. The car started west toward the school house. At that time I did not know where they were going. I knew something was very wrong then but I made no attempt to talk to them because I was just afraid to say anything. I did not talk to anyone about this except my wife. We carried on some kind of a conversation and like myself, she knew something was wrong.

On Wednesday night, July 26, 1933, about 8: or 8:30 P.M. Katharine Kelly asked me to go with her to my son's house and take a jug of ice water in a thermos jug. I believe she filled the jug with ice water and cracked ice. She did not tell me why she wanted me to accompany her to the house but I thought at the time it was to carry the thermos jug. She carried this water inside the house. I did not go into the house because I had ideas of my own that something was wrong there because Monday night I had seen George Kelly and George Bates carry the blind-folded man from my house and place him in the Ford Roadster. Katharine Kelly took the thermos jug full of water into the house. I waited on the west side of the house for her to come out. She did not remain long, came out and I accompanied Katharine back to my house across the field going northwest. The distance from my son's house I judge is about half a mile. On the way home I talked to Katharine and said there was something wrong and she up and told me that George Bates and George Kelly had a kidnapped man in the house.

After I returned to my house my wife and I retired; I told her that George Kelly and George Bates had a kidnapped man in our son's house. We talked it over and I told her that I was going to kill George Kelly and George Bates for the condition in which they had things in with my son. She pleaded with me not to do it because she said "You are going to get us all killed". I did not go over to this house again until Friday night, July 28, about 8: o'clock, and only did so because, as I told you in my previous statement, George Bates demanded that I go and help guard Urschel with my son. I went over to my son's house that night and there found my son Armon, George Kelly and the blind-folded man whom they called Mr. Urschel, about whom I told you in my previous statement. George Kelly told me that he was leaving and wanted me to pilot him across the bottom from my son's house for fear he would get lost.

He wanted to get to my house. At the time he was carrying a brown brief bag in his left hand and a machine gun in his right hand. He gave me a flash light and when he started said, "Let's not have no conversation". We did not say anything, about half way we crossed a ditch and told him to be careful or he would fall into a ravine. We went on further to a gate to where I knew he knew the way from there on to the house. I opened the gate and he went through the gate and I closed the gate, gave him the flash light and he told me for me and my son to guard this man, to not let "no heat get out", if we did he would kill us both. I went back to the house where my son and the kidnapped man was and remained there guarding Urschel with my son until Monday afternoon, July 31, 1935, about 3: o'clock. As stated in my previous statement, on Sunday morning about 10: o'clock while it was raining pretty hard, Katharine came to my son's house walking, and told me the boys have been delayed and won't get in that day or something to that effect. Katharine came from my house and in her conversation with me she told me that she had received a telephone call from, I think, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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On Monday afternoon, July 31, 1935, about 3: o'clock, as related in my previous statement, George Bates came to my son's house in a Chevrolet closed car. He drove around the west side of the house, called for my son Armon while I was in the room guarding Urschel. He went out of the room and went into the kitchen where George Bates was. He told me I could go home and I asked him "Did you got the money", and he said "We got what we asked for". I did not know how much they asked for. At the time he told me they were going to give my son \$1500.00. I told him it was a dirty shame the way you fellows have been doing this boy. He did not say anything and I walked out.

The chain referred by me in this statement which was used to chain Urschel to the bed, the last time I saw it it was lying northwest of my house on the grass between the well and the fence. It was there when the officers came to my house and, if it has not already been found, it should be at this place.

In my previous statement I overlooked to tell you that Harvey Bailey came to my house on Friday night, August 11, 1935, when we returned from the reunion at Paradise, Texas to my house. My wife and I were in the dining room eating watermelon when Harvey Bailey entered. We asked him to have some melon and he joined us. After we finished eating the melon I told him it was getting late and bed time. My wife and I got up to go to bed and he gave me \$50.00 in one dollar bills. He said, "Well, I have stayed here some and I am giving you this to pay for the trouble I have been to you. This is the same \$50.00 in one dollar bills which an officer found in my pants pocket in my sleeping room.

The small pocketbook containing the two \$20.00 gold pieces, one \$5.00 gold piece, one \$2.50 gold piece, one Chinese coin with a hole in it, three pennies, four nickels and two one dollar bills which were found on the premises in my house, are also my personal property.

There is also in my house a large, upright typewriter. It might be a Remington, but I am not sure. The last time I saw this typewriter it was in the northwest corner of the dining room on a sewing machine. This typewriter is the property of Katharine Kelly and, to my knowledge, has been her property before I married her mother. The first time I saw this same typewriter was in Katharine's house on Kulkey Street in Ft. Worth, Texas. As far as I can recall, this typewriter has been at my house for about two years and on several occasions I saw Katharine Kelly write letters on this typewriter. She seems to operate it pretty well. My wife, Ora Shannon, also uses this same typewriter. It seems to me that Katharine Kelly and her mother can operate the typewriter equally as well. I heard my wife say that she at one time was employed in a bank in Oklahoma and, I believe, this is where she learned how to use the typewriter.

I have no knowledge of any ransom notes being written on this typewriter and if the same was used I knew nothing of it because during the day I was at work plowing my fields. As I said before, Katharine Kelly and her mother, Ora Shannon, are the only two persons I have ever seen use this typewriter.

I have read this statement over, consisting of four pages, each of which has been signed by me, and I now say that it is all the truth.

(SIGNED)

R. G. Shannon

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Special Agent, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice,
Dallas, Texas.

Special Agent, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice,
Dallas, Texas.

Dallas, Texas,
August 12, 1935.

I am making this statement of my own free will to Edward J. Dowd, knowing him to be a Special Agent of the United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; after being advised that whatever I say can be used against me in subsequent Court proceedings:

My full name is Armon Crawford Shannon. I was born in Wise County, Texas 9/19/11 and will be 22 years of age my next birthday. My father's name is Robert G. Shannon and my step-mother's name is Ora Shannon; her name before marriage to my father was Ora Brooks - I think she came from Missouri but I am not sure, as I don't know much about her. I have an own brother Oather Shannon who lives at Paradise, Texas; and an own sister Ruth Shannon who lives with my father at Paradise. I have a [REDACTED] who lives at Levelland, Texas; she is the daughter of my father's first wife. (I am the son of his second wife). I also have a [REDACTED] who lives at Bridgeport, Texas and who is the son of my father's first wife. Katherine Thorne Kelly is my step-sister, being a daughter of my present step-mother.

Katherine Thorne Kelly is married to George Kelly. I don't know their exact address, as they travel about together; if they do live at some place I don't know where.

On 9/9/29 at Duncan, Oklahoma I married Oleta Brown, whose father Earl Brown resides at Paradise, Texas. I have a 14 months old baby girl named [REDACTED] and at the present time my wife is confined and expected to give birth to a baby in about 2 months.

My father Robert G. Shannon is the owner of 3 farms in Wise County, Texas, one of which I rent on a one-third corn and one-fourth cotton production basis. The farm in question is located about 2 miles around the road Southeast of my father's place at Paradise, Texas. I moved on this farm I believe in November, 1932. Prior to that time I was living on another farm owned by my father located about 1 1/2 miles West of my father's place.

On Monday, I think it was 7/17/33, my father and step-mother went to Levelland, Texas to see my father's daughter [REDACTED]. They remained away until Saturday 7/22/33 - I think this is about the right date. During their absence I remained at their home and attended to the necessary work around the farm. During that time, the exact date I cannot recall, George Kelly (my step-sister's husband) - accompanied by a man whom I later knew as George Bates - came to the house and remained there one night.

Armon Shannon

They arrived at the house in what I believe to be a 1932 Model A four cylinder Ford sedan; they arrived late in the evening just before dark. After dark the same evening while sitting on the porch with George Kelly and George Bates a conversation took place in which George Kelly and George Bates asked me if I would like to make some money; I said I would if I wouldn't get into anything; they both said, "We'll take care of you. All you have to do is keep your mouth shut and wait on us, and we will be back in about a week or some time, we don't know exactly. All you have to do is wait at your house and take care of us and watch and not let anybody come in while we are there." No mention was made at the time that they were going to hold a man in my house.

On Sunday morning 7/23/33 before 12 noon, Katherine Kelly came to my house in a Ford roadster which belongs to her daughter [redacted]. This car stays over at my father's place all the time. After Katherine arrived at my house she requested my wife Oleta to accompany her to Ft. Worth, Texas and remain with Katherine's father, who was sick. My wife asked me if I cared if she go and I said no. My wife and 14 months old baby girl went with Katherine Kelly in the Ford roadster to my father's house about 2 miles Northwest of my place at Paradise. At my father's place they changed to Katherine's large 1932 model Cadillac sedan - I think it is a 16 cylinder car, and picked up [redacted] and [redacted] and they all then went to Ft. Worth in the Cadillac sedan.

My wife remained at Ft. Worth - I do not know at what place, until Tuesday 8/1/33, at which time I went from Paradise with my step-mother in the same Ford roadster mentioned above. After reaching Ft. Worth I think we went Southeast to a place I think called Morningside, where we stopped at a corner red brick house, adjoining which I believe was a double garage. I drove the car all the way from Paradise to Ft. Worth. I cannot exactly describe the house but I think it was located on the Southeast corner. I drove up at the back of the house and we got out of the car and entered the house at the back door, and there I saw my wife and 14 months old baby, my sister Ruth Shannon, and Pauline Fry. There was a colored woman in the house, whose name I do not know but who seemed to take care of the house. Neither Katherine Kelly nor George Kelly was there.

Before we started to Ft. Worth from Paradise my step-mother 'phoned someone at Ft. Worth, telling them she would be there after [redacted], [redacted] my wife and baby. We all left this house in Ft. Worth and drove back to my father's house at Paradise; in the car was myself, my wife and baby, [redacted] and my step-mother who drove the car from Ft. Worth to Paradise.

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On Monday 7/24/33 George Kelly and George Bates came to my house in a Ford roadster after dark; the car came from the North. George Kelly came into the house and asked me "Can you fix room for all of us to sleep here?" I said yes I could. He then went out of the house and went back to the car and returned with George Bates and another man - this other man had his eyes covered with white tape, one strip going across both eyes, then one strip up and down over each eye. They came in with this man through the back kitchen door and brought him into the front Southwest room, where I took a mattress and put it down on the floor and fixed it with blankets; they told the man he could sleep there, and the man laid down on the mattress. George Kelly slept beside this man on the floor on a bed made out of quilts and blankets. I slept on a double iron bed in the Southeast room.

After the man was brought into the house George Bates left in the Ford roadster. I do not know where he went. George Kelly at the time had a machine gun without a stock; I heard him explaining the next ^{day} to the blind-folded man how stout the spring was on this gun. Before going to bed at night George Kelly would place a pair of handcuffs on the blind-folded man who was lying on the floor. After George Bates left the house in the Ford roadster he returned 2 or 3 days later with what I believe was a steel chain about 26 feet long, which was used for chaining the blind-folded man to the bed. The first night the blind-folded man was at the house George Kelly tied him to my baby's high chair with a pair of handcuffs. George Kelly did all the guarding of the man while he was at my house. The next time I saw George Bates was on Monday afternoon between 2 and 3 o'clock; he came to my house by himself in a black Chevrolet sedan and took the blind-folded man away in the same sedan. George Kelly was not there that day; he had left Saturday morning 7/29/33; he did not return - in fact I haven't seen him since.

During George Kelly's absence my father Robert G. Shannon and I guarded the blind-folded man. When George Kelly did not return to the house I did not know what had happened, and while I was fixing a meal I heard my father say that if George Kelly or George Bates had been arrested or killed we would have to turn the man loose. The only time that my father stayed at the house was when he was on guard with me all day Saturday and Sunday, and Monday until the time George Bates called for the blind-folded man.

The next time I saw the blind-folded man was when the officers came to my place at Paradise and took me from there to Dallas. The blind-folded man - whose name I now know is Mr. Urschel - talked to me about different conversations at my place, as well as the live-stock, and asked me what had become of one of the hogs, as he understood me to say that I had 3 hogs and 2 pigs. I immediately recognized him, and more so by his voice. I told him I had given the hog to my father-in-law Mr. Brown.

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My step-mother, Mrs. Ora Shannon, came to my house on one occasion in the morning and brought with her some chicken soup, tomatoes and cake, for all of us to eat. I don't believe at the time she saw the blind-folded man, because she came into the kitchen and left the stuff there, while the blind-folded man was in the Southwest room. In talking with me this morning the blind-folded man, whom I now know as Mr. Urschel, remarked about the good soup my step-mother made, and I agreed with him.

On Sunday morning 7/30/38 Katherine Kelly came to my house before noon. It was raining and I believe she walked over to the house because I did not hear a car. My father and I at the time were guarding the blind-folded man. Katherine came into the kitchen and told my father that a telephone message had been received, but "they had not connected," or something like that. My father said, "well, it looks like we will have to stay here a day or 2 longer."

George Kelly told me 2 or 3 times to keep watch so that no one would come near the house and said that I also should keep my mouth shut if anyone did come there. Outside of myself, my father, my step-mother and George Bates, no other person entered the house while the blind-folded man was in it. One time I remember that my wife's father came right down close to the house to get a hog, but never came near enough to see what was going on. I am sure my father-in-law, Mr. Brown, did not know that the blind-folded man was in the house, and he had nothing whatever to do with taking him there. My wife Oleta Shannon also did not know what was going on, as she was away visiting at Ft. Worth, Texas. I do remember that when she returned I told her all about George Kelly and George Bates bringing the blind-folded man to the house and how I watched him and fed him, telling her that George Kelly promised to give me some money. I told my wife that it might be as much as \$10,000.00, and she said "you'll get into it." I know I am in this thing now, but my wife had nothing to do with it and she is innocent.

The first time I ever met GEORGE BATES was when I talked with him and George Kelly at my father's house. As nearly as I can recall he is described as:

About 40 years old
5 feet 8 inches tall
Will weigh I guess 175 or 180 pounds
Pretty stocky build
Has light brown hair
I don't believe I know what color his eyes are
He has medium complexion
His neck looked kinda long and fat, having a
sort of lump in the back below his hair
He combs his hair straight back like George Kelly
and resembles George Kelly right smart except
his hair.
I believe I could identify George Bates if I saw
him again.

Armon Crawford Shannon

While at my father's house this morning I was able to see a man known to me as McDonald, sitting out on the grass with my father, and men guarding them. I identify McDonald as the same person wanted as HARVEY BAILEY, Identification Order #1189, United States Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C. McDonald, as I know him, was never in my house with George Kelly. The first time I saw McDonald - whom I now am told is Harvey J. Bailey - was at my father's house on Friday morning 8/4/33 - at which time he came there in a new 8 cylinder 1933 Ford sedan, with two other men, none of whom answer the description of George Bates.

McDonald, who was introduced to me by my father, together with the other two men introduced as Jim and Bob, were sitting on the back porch of my father's house. The two men with McDonald - as far as I can remember - are described as follows:

JIM - the shorter fellow
I judge to be about 30 years old
5 feet 8½ inches tall
Weighs about 150 pounds
Looked to have red face complexion
He had on a white shirt and dark trousers

After being shown Identification Order #1192 of JIM CLARK, wanted by the United States Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C., I believe this to be the man introduced to me as "Jim."

BOB -
Looked to be about 5 feet 10 inches tall
About 30 years old
Weighed about 175 pounds; fleshy
Had dark complexion
I paid no attention to his hair or eyes.

On being shown Identification Order #1150 of BOB BUDY, wanted by the United States Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C. - I cannot definitely identify this man but believe he is the same as the one introduced to me as "Bob."

He had on a white shirt and light trousers.

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This was the only time I ever saw the men introduced to me as Jim and Bob at my father's place. Of course McDonald (Bailey) and these men could have been there other times, as I only go to my father's house once a week to get groceries, which he buys for me.

The house I live in is described as follows: It is an "L" shaped house, has 2 bed-rooms - one Southeast and one Southwest, a kitchen with a small cook room adjoining, has a little side room on the Northeast and has 2 porches, one on the Southeast and one on the Northeast side. In the kitchen at the present time there is a wood cook stove; there is a light blue baby high-chair, a wooden bench about 5 feet long, under the window; a table with an oil-cloth cover, and a little table. In the Southeast room there is one double iron bed and a little table. In the Southwest room there is a large organ, a trunk and a little table. Both these rooms were used by us when the kidnapped man was in the house. When the sun would get hot on the Southwest room we would move the blind-folded man into the Southeast room.

The house is located back 300 yards from the Cottondale-Paradise road, which runs Northeast and Southwest. On the East side of the road there is [REDACTED] farm, where he has a white faced Hereford bull, and I believe 2 Jersey bulls. My father-in-law Mr. Brown, is located Southwest of my house, a distance of about one mile around the road.

Due West of my house there is a board well with a bucket and pulley rope. In drawing water from this well I used a galvanized pail, which is quite rusty inside - I expect by the mineral iron in the water. I also used in taking the water from this pail an aluminum dipper with the handle broken off, which cup is also quite rusty from the water - this is the same pail and cup that were used by the blind-folded man. Back of the well there is a small chicken house, further back is another chicken house, and about 30 feet from there is a barn in which I have 2 hogs and 2 pigs, 5 milk cows. When the blind-folded man was at the house I had 3 hogs, but as I said before I gave one of them away to my father-in-law. My father's house is located Northwest of my house about 2 miles. His house consists of 5 rooms, a hallway and 2 porches, one on the North and one on the South side. The house he has is located on the Draco-Paradise road. There is a smoke house Southeast of his house, then a garage Southeast of the smoke house, and a garage Northwest of the house, where the Ford roadster which carried the blind-folded man is stored.

There is also a large barn located about 100 feet from the house - there is a hallway running East and West through the barn. Altogether my father owns 450 acres of land at Paradise.

When George Kelly left my house on Saturday morning 7/29/33 he told me that when he returned he would bring me some money; I supposed this was the

Armon Crawford Shannon

money for watching the man, but I swear that I have never received one penny from George Kelly or anyone else, for watching this man - although I have been hoping to receive some.

I do not know where George Kelly and his wife Katherine went; if I did I would tell you.

The foregoing is a full and complete statement of everything that I know about this matter; and after reading this statement consisting of 7 pages, each of which has been signed by me, I now say that it is all the truth.

Arno Crawford Shannon

WITNESSES:

R.H. Colvin

Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Oklahoma City, Okla.

E. J. Dowd

Special Agent, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas.

Dallas, Texas.
August 12, 1933.

I am making this statement of my own free will to Edward J. Dowd, knowing him to be a Special Agent of the United States Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, after being advised that whatever I say can be used against me in subsequent Court proceedings.

My full name is Robert G. Shannon. I was born in Faulkner County, Arkansas; I will be 55 years old 11/12/35. I am married to Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, who was Mrs. Brooks before we married; her maiden name was Coleman. Her father lives about 10 or 12 miles North of Stratford, Oklahoma. I reside about 4 1/2 miles South of Paradise, Texas with my wife, my own daughter and my step-grand-daughter. I am a farmer by occupation and own 523 acres of land, 73 acres of which are in the name of my wife.

Katherine Thorne Kelly is my step-daughter by marriage and she is married to George Kelly; they stay at my house some of the time and the rest of the time they live back some place in the North; Katherine has a home in Ft. Worth, Texas somewhere on Mulkey Street; this home is in my wife's name and was that way before I married her.

The first time I became acquainted with George Kelly was approximately 3 years ago, at which time I met him at Ft. Worth at Katherine's home. Since that time George Kelly and his wife Katherine have visited my place at Paradise regularly.

Sometime about Tuesday 7/18/33 my wife and I left Paradise to visit my daughter [redacted] who resides in the Western part of Texas; we remained away until Saturday 7/22/33, when we returned to our home at Paradise. On Sunday 7/23/33 about 4 o'clock I saw George Kelly and George Bates drive into George Kelly's garage on my place, in a Chevrolet coach or sedan. During the next day, which was Monday 7/24/33, I saw George Kelly and George Bates around my place. About dusk that evening I noticed George Kelly and George Bates carrying a blind-folded man from the Southeast room of my house to a car on the North side; the car being a Ford roadster. I did not see George Kelly and George Bates carry this man into my house, but as the room was closed I suspected they had someone in there they didn't want me to know about. When they left my house with the blind-folded man in the Ford roadster, they drove West of my house on the road out toward a school-house. The Ford roadster in which they took the blind-folded man is in the name of my step-grand-daughter Pauline Fry, who is the daughter of Katherine Kelly.

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On Friday 7/28/33 George Bates came to me and told me that I had to go over to my son's place and help the boy guard Mr. Urschel. Prior to that time I did not know who the blind-folded man was or where he came from. At the time George Bates made the request he had with him a machine gun without a stock. About dark that night I went over to my son's place and helped him to guard Urschel, who was being kept in the place with white tape over cotton on his eyes, the tape being one strip all the way across both eyes and then one strip up and down on each eye.

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George Kelly and George Bates left Paradise that Friday night, but I did not know where they were going. During their absence my son and I acted as guards and when it was about time to go to bed my son would chain Urschel to the bed, Urschel having a handcuff on his hand attached to the chain. My son and I gave Urschel the best attention we could, feeding him and giving him water. Urschel and I constantly talked right smart together, and on Sunday 7/30/33 Urschel appeared uneasy because George Kelly and George Bates did not return to the house. He said, "it may be possible they won't make connections, something might happen and they won't come in." I said, "Mr. Urschel, as long as I'm guarding you and if they don't get in I'll see that you get home if I have to take you in a car and take you home myself."

Sunday morning about 10 o'clock, while it was raining pretty hard, Katherine Kelly came from my house - walking, and told me "the boys have been delayed and won't get in today," or something to that effect. She stayed just a very short while and talked to me in the kitchen.

While Urschel was at the house he slept in both bed-rooms. During the night he used the Southeast room and slept on the double iron bed, and during the day in order to get him away from the heat, a bed was made in the Northwest room on the floor, where he stayed. Urschel and I got to talking about fried chicken and he told me he would like to have a good mess of fried chicken and I told him I would see that he got it. On Sunday evening 7/30/33, as well as I remember, my wife carried a chicken dinner from my house to my son's place and we all ate it.

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On Monday afternoon 7/31/33 about 3 o'clock George Bates came to the house in a Chevrolet closed car; he drove around on the West side of the house, stopped by the door, came in and told me to go home. I went in and told Mr. Urschel good-bye and wished ^{net} him good luck. I also told him if I could I would get Bates to let him take his whiskers off; when I left George Bates was fixing to shave Mr. Urschel; I then left and returned to my home. When I got to my house George Kelly and Katherine Kelly were there fixing to leave in a custom made Cadillac 16 cylinder car - this is a convertible 7 passenger car. I think the license plates on the Cadillac

were the original plates received in Cleveland, Ohio, where they bought the car. When they left my house Katherine and George Kelly were the only passengers in the car.

The first time I heard from George Kelly and Katherine Kelly was, I believe, from Paul, Minnesota; followed by a registered letter addressed to my wife in Katherine Kelly, which contained a cashier's draft made out to State Bank amount of \$1,500.00. I deposited this draft in the Peoples Bank at Paradise, Texas, where I have an account; this draft represented \$1,200.00 that I loaned Katherine to pay on this Cadillac 16 cylinder car, and the balance \$350.00 was money I had previously loaned George Kelly, and registered in my name, I believe, and is used by my wife.

The next day after the registered letter was received my wife sent one payment amounting over \$40.00 to the Universal Credit Company of Dallas, Texas. After making the payment of over \$40.00 the balance of the money remains in the Peoples State Bank at Paradise, Texas to the credit of my account, known as R.G. Shannon. At the present time I have approximately \$4,000.00 in this bank. With the exception of a bank account in the First National Bank at Decatur, Texas, which probably shows a balance between \$600.00 and \$700.00 in the name of R.G. Shannon, I have no other bank accounts in my own name or other names, nor do I have any deposit boxes in my name or any other names. My wife, however, has a safety deposit box in the First National Bank at Decatur, Texas in her own name.

On and off telegrams have been coming to my house addressed to R.G. Shannon; these telegrams were for George Kelly, who used my name; and if there have been any answers to these telegrams they have been made by George Kelly or his wife Katherine Kelly. I distinctly recall a telegram from Colorado signed "George" addressed to R.G. Shannon; the telegram was intended for George Kelly and was from George Bates. I do not know the nature of the telegrams and could never understand their contents; I never answered any of these telegrams. I paid no attention to these mysterious messages and knew it was no use to attempt to stop them, because George Kelly and George Bates have told me several times - and especially if my boy and I did not guard Urschel - that they would kill both of us, and if we ever told anything about the matter they would kill us both. I have been reluctant since my arrest in telling the truth about the matter because it places me in a position where I know I will be killed if George Kelly and his gang ever get a chance to do so.

When the officers came to my house this morning, 8/12/38, and one of them asked me who the man was sleeping on the bed in the yard on the Southwest side of my house, I did not hesitate to state that it was Harvey Bailey. About the first of July, this year, Harvey Bailey first came to my house - with George Kelly, and George Kelly introduced this man to me at that time as Harvey Bailey. They remained, I believe, over night and left the next day.

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Harvey Bailey returned to my house for about a week prior to 8/4/33 and remained there, going hunting during the day and fooling around the house, fixing the fence. On the day he left 8/4/33 two men came to my house in a new 1933 Ford coupe, to visit Harvey Bailey; they were introduced to me by Harvey Bailey as Jim Clark and Bob.

Upon seeing Identification Order #1190 of the United States Bureau of Investigation, of one Robert C. Brady, alias Bob, Brady, I positively identify this man as the one introduced to me by Harvey Bailey as "Bob." And, upon seeing Identification Order #1192 of the United States Bureau of Investigation, of James Clark, alias Jim Clark, I positively identify him as Jim Clark, who was introduced to me by Harvey Bailey.

I do not know how Harvey Bailey came to my house or who brought him there when he stayed with me for about a week. He departed on 8/4/33 in the Ford coupe with these two men and they put his baggage in the back of the car. I believe he had 2 grips and one small bag; these were the same 2 grips and bag that were found at my house when Harvey Bailey was arrested this morning.

I knew Harvey Bailey had a machine gun but I did not know that he had it concealed in one of the rooms in my house, where it was found by the searching officers. I found Harvey Bailey at my house after midnight on 8/11/33 when my wife and I returned from a reunion at Doctur, Texas; he arrived in a brand new 1933 Ford V-8 coach.

GEORGE BATES referred to above is described as follows:

35 to 40 years of age
5 feet 9 or 10 inches tall
Weights about 190 pounds
Has grayish-blue eyes
Sandy hair
Medium red complexion
Medium full face
Has ears that stand out from his head
Stout neck
Wears pin stripe pants and Panama hat
He has a scar on the back of one of his shoulders which looks like a deep knife cut; it is about 4 or 5 inches in length and runs across the shoulder
I believe he has a tattoo mark on one of his arms just below the elbow on the inside.
I think George Bates is from Colorado.

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I did not receive one cent of the ransom money, and furthermore I was not paid any money by George Kelly or George Bates for keeping guard over Mr. Urschel. As I said before, George Kelly and George Bates said they would kill me if I didn't help the boy guard. My son told me that he had been promised \$1,500.00 but I can say that like myself he never received one penny.

The foregoing is a full and complete statement of everything that I know about this matter; and after reading this statement consisting of 5 pages, each of which has been signed by me, I now say that it is all the truth.

R G Shannon

WITNESSES:

E. J. [Signature]

Special Agent, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice,
Dallas, Texas

R. H. [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, United States Department of
Justice, Oklahoma City, Okla.†

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August 17, 1933.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL - MR. COLVIN

With regard to the securing of indictments in the URSCHEL case, Mr. Colvin advised they had not as yet been able to get in touch with the United States Attorney who is on vacation. I advised Mr. Colvin that a Special Assistant to the Attorney General is leaving Chicago by airplane and will be in Oklahoma City some time tomorrow - Mr. Salter. I advised that Mr. Salter would immediately contact Mr. Colvin upon his arrival and will handle the entire Urschel case, and requested that Mr. Colvin work in close cooperation with him. I requested that first of all Mr. Salter be reminded to get out a grand jury subpoena for the Chief of Police at Denver, Colorado, with regard to the ransom money, as arrangements have been made with the attorneys of the Railway Express Company for us to intercede and to have their order amended so as to authorize the Chief of Police to respond to and honor a Federal subpoena. I advised that we will hold the money, ourselves, until it has served our purpose, at which time we will return it and the claimants can make their own arrangements. I advised that Mr. Salter will call a grand jury as soon as he can get the Judge there and proceed on the matter.

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REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 8-17-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8-15/16-33	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS Charles F. Urschel - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Letter written by Mrs. R. G. Shannon to [REDACTED] Asher, Okla., intercepted at the Dallas County Jail, asked for some help to be sent to them, presumably meaning Mrs. George Kelly, the daughter of Mrs. Shannon. All Post Offices in the vicinity of Asher, Okla. are cooperating to send the Oklahoma City Bureau Office information of any outgoing mail which is addressed to Mrs. George Kelly or any of her known aliases.

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REFERENCE: Report of R. H. Colvin, Oklahoma City, August 6, 1933.

DETAILS:

Pursuant to information received from the Dallas Bureau Office that a letter had been intercepted at the Dallas County Jail which had been written by Mrs. R. G. Shannon to [REDACTED] at Asher, Oklahoma, which letter asked that [REDACTED] communicate with some member of the family who could send help to them at the Dallas County Jail, presumably meaning Mrs. George Kelly, the daughter of Mrs. Shannon, the writer, in company with Special Agent [REDACTED] proceeded to the vicinity of Asher, Oklahoma and made arrangements with each of the following postmasters to watch all outgoing mail and if a letter is mailed to Mrs. George Kelly or to any of her known aliases to notify the Oklahoma City Bureau Office by telephone, collect, immediately, giving all information which could be obtained from the envelope. The following postmasters at their respective offices agreed to cooperate in line with what is stated above:

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