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"I immediately went downstairs and called Messrs. [redacted] and [redacted] Deputy Sheriffs, who were on duty, to my office, and asked them why a man was permitted to sit on the 6th floor with a machine gun when no one else, including myself, ever as much as carried a pistol above the first floor in the jail. The reason for this is that there are never more than two jailers on duty on the 6th floor at any one time. As a rule there are from 5 to 20 trustees going in and out of this office on the 6th floor. When meals are served all of the trustees enter in and out of the jail through this office. It is the only way that they can get to the dummy elevator or to the passenger elevator or to the freight elevator. Meals are served at 7 AM, 12 noon and 5 PM.

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"After talking to the above named deputies, we concluded it was a dangerous arrangement to have a man on the 6th floor with a machine gun, under these circumstances. I immediately went back up to the 6th floor and called Mr. [redacted] who informed me at that time that he was a Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and asked him what were his instructions. He informed me that he was sent down to the Dallas County Jail by his superior officer to act as a guard over Harvey Bailey. At this time I suggested to [redacted] that in view of the fact that so many trustees had access to the quarters where he was located, that in my opinion he should be stationed on the first floor of the jail as the main jail could not be approached other than from the entrance to the jail on the first floor, which would indicate that a guard would be at a better advantage stationed at some strategic point on the first floor. At my suggestion [redacted] and I went down to the first floor and looked over the quarters, then went out and observed the jail from different points for the purpose of determining how Bailey could be best protected if anyone attempted to forcibly gain access, after which we determined that the most desirable position for a guard to occupy would be at the entrance to the corridor in which the elevator is located, which opens out into the main jail office at the first floor.

"At [redacted] suggestion I took the matter up with Mr. Nathan, Assistant Director, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who was at that time in the Dallas Division Office, who said that it was up to me to place him where I thought best. I hung up the receiver. At this time [redacted] informed me that it would be necessary for him to communicate with Mr. Nathan before he changed his position upstairs, which he did by telephone. We both then went upstairs and [redacted] brought his sub-machine gun down to the first floor and a seat was arranged for him on the first floor at the position previously decided upon. I may state here that Mr. Whitten heartily agreed with me that the new arrangement was more desirable.

"Up to the making of this statement I do not know who made the arrangements for placing a federal guard over Harvey Bailey at the Dallas County Jail.

[redacted] remained in the position above described, according to my best recollection, for a period of several nights and he then moved up to the deck of the 6th floor known as 6-M, outside of Harvey Bailey's cell.

b7C [redacted] day relief also, of course, assumed the new position during his period of duty. The first time I noticed Mr. Whitten, the day guard, on 6-M, there was a table on which the machine gun was placed. On whose instructions he was removed to 6-M I am not informed.

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b7D [redacted] The Federal Guards remained in this new position until we moved Harvey Bailey up to the death cell. After talking with [redacted] we decided to move Harvey Bailey from the cell in the Northwest corner of 6-M to death cell on the Northwest corner of the top of the jail, inasmuch as the death cells on the Northwest corner are practically inaccessible and are the only cells to which we have a solid steel door. [redacted] discussed with me that the lavatory up there was used by the negro trustees. I told him to take the negroes out of R-6 and put them in the other five cells, and to leave the door to that cell block open and not to go to R-6 to the lavatory. I might mention that there were also death cells located on the Northeast corner of the top floor of the building and on account of the roof of the Hall of Records Building being level with the 9th floor of the jail and more easily accessible from the outside of the jail, I deemed it safer to use the Northwest death cell inasmuch as the only building on that side is directly behind the jail and is only two stories high.

[redacted] informed me about 5:30 on the afternoon of August 26, 1933, that the Federal guards had been removed. For information, I may state here that during the time Bailey was confined in the Dallas County Jail I had two of my deputies on duty from 11 PM to 7 AM every night. These men were placed in a dark room opening off the lobby of the entrance to the jail and where a view of the lobby of the jail was had.

"At the close of school [redacted] the same as she has done for a number of years, took our two boys to her summer home at Cary, Illinois, and left the boys there with her mother, [redacted]. My wife returned to Dallas and inasmuch as the children were to return to school here, my wife and I left Dallas Monday morning, August 28, 1933, at about 5 o'clock, in my car, and proceeded to Cary, Ill. The first night we stopped at Springfield, Missouri, in the Ben Milam Hotel. I left Springfield, Missouri, 9:30 AM the next morning, Tuesday, August 29, arrived at Lincoln, Illinois about 10 PM that night. We stopped at the Commercial Hotel in Lincoln. I left Lincoln the next morning - Wednesday, about 10 o'clock and arrived in Cary, Ill., about 2:30 that afternoon on August 30. I remained at Cary, Ill., at my wife's summer home until 12 o'clock Monday, September 4, and while I was at the house at Cary I received notice that a telephone call from Dallas had come for me to the Cary Garage at Cary, Ill., notifying me about 11: X, Chicago time, that Bailey had escaped, carrying [redacted] with him. I immediately telephoned into Chicago with a view of ascertaining what time a train would leave there for Dallas and was informed the next train would be 6:45 PM. I also called about the airplane schedule and was informed that one left at 4:45 PM from Chicago to Kansas City, and one left from Chicago at 11:30 PM for Kansas City with connections to Dallas. I was unable to secure passage on the 11:30 plane but they assured me that I could have transportation on the 4:45 which would arrive in Kansas City at 8: PM and they would have a reservation made from Kansas City to Dallas which would get into Kansas City

at 2:55 AM, which I accepted. I accordingly drove the car with my wife to Chicago, left her there with the car which she drove to Dallas, and I took the plane at Chicago and arrived at Kansas City at 8: PM. Inasmuch as there was no connecting plane for Dallas until 3: AM I spent the intervening time at the Kansas City Police Station.

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"In this connection, I talked to an employee at the airport who told me he was a former Kansas City Police Officer and asked me if I wanted to talk to Detective [redacted] who knew of some of the activities of Bailey. [redacted] City Detective on the Pawn Shop Detail of the Kansas City Police Department, came to the airport in his car and took me back to the Kansas City Police Headquarters. I talked with [redacted] and the Chief of Police there about Bailey's activities, and [redacted] informed me, during the course of the conversation, that when he at one time arrested Bailey, Bailey offered him \$10,000 to turn him loose. I went with two of the reporters to the office of - I believe - the Kansas City Star, an afternoon paper, and talked to them and informed the newspaper men that upon my return to Dallas I would immediately start an investigation into Harvey Bailey's escape and cooperate in every way possible with the Federal Authorities.

"Since my return to Dallas I have tried every way humanly possible to endeavor to determine who was responsible for the escape of Harvey Bailey and, in this connection, I appeared before the Dallas Grand Jury and asked them to conduct a Grand Jury investigation into the matter which, at my request, has been conducting such investigation. I also have been in communication with Mr. F. J. Blake and [redacted] Special Agents of b7C the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas, and have furnished them with what information I have secured, and intend to continue the investigation until the matter is cleared up.

"I have read this statement over consisting of 6 pages, each of which page has been initialed by me and the same is true."

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Witnessed by: [redacted] b7C and [redacted] Special Agents, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas.

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[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, Dallas County, Texas, furnishes information relative to finding two witnesses who purchased 12 .44 calibre cartridges and three hack saw blades at J. E. Brower's Hardware Store at 831 Exposition Avenue, Dallas, Texas, on September 2, 1933.

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 13, 1933.

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"I [redacted] hereby make the following statement in the presence of [redacted] Deputy Sheriff, Dallas, Texas, to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, b7C Dallas, Texas, the same being made voluntarily.

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"I reside at [redacted] Dallas, Texas, and am engaged in the hardware business. I am employed by the firm of J. H. Brower, 831 Exposition Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

"On or about Sept. 1st or 2nd, 1933, on Friday or Saturday morning, a man whose name I do not know and who I never saw before to my best memory came into the store at 831 Exposition Avenue and asked me for some shells - I do not know whether or not he specified shells or pistol cartridges - I asked him what size he wanted and I think he answered 44 calibre shells, (or he might have volunteered the information that he wanted 44 calibre shells without being asked) and I showed him some 44 specials. He stated that they were too long. I then showed him some 44 calibre Winchester Colt Cartridges, and he said that they were the right size; that he would take a dozen of them. He then asked me about buying some hack saws. I asked him what size blades he wanted. He stated that he just wanted ordinary blades. I then informed him that we had 8", 10" and 12" blades. I then showed him some 8" blades, which had 18 teeth to the inch. He asked me what they were worth, and I informed him that they were 5¢ a piece. He stated that he would take three. He then gave me \$1.00 in currency, and I took out 65¢ and returned him 35¢ in change.

"The above referred to party appeared to be about 50 years of age and slightly above medium height. I am unable to give an accurate estimate of his weight, but he appeared to be of medium build. He had his hat on, but his hair appeared to be gray around the edges. I cannot say what color his eyes were, but I would state that he seemed to be a brunette type. He had on a light colored shirt and a light colored felt hat of the average shape, the exact color of which I am unable to state. I did not observe his trousers because the show case was in the way.

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"This morning, Sept. 13, 1933, while sitting on the steps at the entrance to the County Jail Lobby, Dallas, Texas, above referred to individual, whom I have since been told is Jack Beval, came into the jail in company with some man, known to [redacted] and was identified by me as being the same individual, to my best judgment, as the one who purchased the shells and hack saw blades above referred to. However, I can not positively identify him until I see him with the same hat on that he wore while at the store where I am employed.

"I have read above statement, and same is true."

(signed) [redacted] b7C b7D

Witnesses: [redacted] and [redacted] Special Agents, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas. b7C

Dallas, Texas,
Sept. 13, 1933.

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"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, without any threats or promises or hope of reward:

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"I reside at [redacted] Dallas, Texas, and at the present time am employed as a service man with the U Drive It Service, Inc., 1502 Commerce St., Dallas, Texas. I went to work for this company the 18th of October, 1932.

"I was born at Emit, Oklahoma [redacted] I went to the 8th grade in the Emit, Oklahoma Grade School. I was raised on a farm and until 1925 worked on a farm. I married [redacted] of Tishomingo, Okla., on October 19, 1922. I have a little girl, 8 years old and a little boy 5 years of age. I left Oklahoma February 20, 1930 for Texas. After I arrived at Dallas, Texas I obtained employment as manager of a service station and tourist camp outside Dallas City limits, about one quarter of a mile north of the MKT Railroad on highway 6 and 75, leading North out of Dallas. I went to Arizona, and worked on an Indian Reservation at Saritone, Arizona for about 5 months. I might state that I am one-eighth Chickasaw Indian. After that I returned to Dallas, and got employment with the U Drive it Service, Inc.

"On Saturday, September 2, 1933, about 10 AM, I went to the J. H. Brower Hardware Store located at 831 Exposition Street, Dallas, Texas to purchase some sand-paper and a screw driver. A man walked into the store just ahead of me. He is described as about 48 to 49 years of age, 6 feet or 6 feet one inch tall, about 175 lbs., grey hair, brown eyes, with a slim narrow face, long thin nose, ruddy complexion, looked to be somewhat tanned from working out-doors. He had on a light blue and white pants which appeared dirty, a light colored cream shirt, a light grey or cream old dirty felt hat, with a two or two and three quarter inch brim, which was turned down in the front. This man walked to the counter and he asked the man behind the counter who I later learned to be [redacted] whether he had any 44 pistol shells. [redacted] said I think so I will see, and opened a box about half full containing 44 Colt shells made by Winchester Arms Co.

"The man looked at one of the cartridges and then asked if [redacted] had any Smith & Wessons. [redacted] replied that this was the only 44 shells that he had. [redacted] stated that this was a kind of an odd caliber and they did not sell very many of these. The man says these will do, and asked what they were worth. [redacted] replied 50 or 55 cents per dozen. The man says well give me a dozen. [redacted] put the shells in a paper sack and says what else. The man then says have you any eight inch hack saws. [redacted] stated yes I think so and I noticed the hack-saws were right near where the ammunition was kept on a shelf. [redacted] first got down a box of 10 inch blades. The man looked at them and says they won't do as he had to have eight inch blades as his frame would not take longer than an 8 inch blade. [redacted] got out a box containing 8 inch hack saw blades. The man looked at them and said he wanted as fine a teeth as he could get. [redacted] reached back and got the other box of 8 inch blades they were coarser teeth than the first box he got down. The man looked at them and asked what they were worth. I don't remember what [redacted] asked for the blades. The man purchased 3 of these blades and gave [redacted] a one dollar bill from which he received some change.

"After purchasing the 44 shells and 3 hack saw blades the man went out of the store. I don't recall what direction he went. I might state that I was standing close to this man waiting my turn to be waited on, and I could smell liquor on the man's breath. However this was not noticeable, and one could not tell unless you were close up to the man.

"I made my purchase of some sandpaper and a screw driver and went out of the store, got into my model T Ford and returned to my home.

"Monday morning, September 4, 1933, about 9 AM, a boy came past the place where I worked shouting Extra - Bailey escaped from the County Jail. I bought a paper. I continued to follow the newspaper accounts and the next day or two I learned that Bailey had used a .44 caliber pistol in making his escape after sawing the bars of the jail. I then recalled the man buying the hack saw blades and 44 calibre shells at Brower's Hardware Store, I went back to Brower's Hardware Store Wednesday or Thursday after the escape, viz.: September 6 or 7, and saw [redacted] because the man who had sold the shells and blades was not in at the time. I told [redacted] to ask [redacted] if he remembered selling some 44 calibre shells and hack saws Saturday before to a man. [redacted] told me he would talk to [redacted] when he came back to the store. I went home and again returned to Brower's Hardware Store on Monday, September 11, 1933. While I was talking to [redacted] came in, and he and I talked about the matter. [redacted] recalled having sold the dozen 44 calibre shells and the 3 hack saw blades to the man already described in this statement. He told me that he did not know the man's name and believed he never saw him before. I was trying to find out whether the man lived in Dallas, because I had never seen him before.

"I forgot to mention above that when the man asked for 44 calibre shells [redacted] first showed him some long special shells, which he said wouldn't do the man asking for the short shells.

"Besides [redacted] and [redacted] I talked about the hack saw blades and shells with [redacted], a neighbor of mine who works on East Grand and the street (unknown) on which the car line goes Northwest. In talking about the Harvey Bailey escape with [redacted], he remarked don't you think it is an inside job, and I said I didn't think so because I saw a man, who did not look like an officer buy some shells 44 calibre and hack saw blades at Brower's Hardware Store.

"Deputy Sheriff [redacted] was making inquiry about me to [redacted] and at his request [redacted] and myself went to the criminal courts building this morning - September 13, 1933 where I positively identified the man who purchased the 12 .44 calibre shells and the 3 hack saw blades, and whom I have since been told is Jack Beval. There is no question about this man's identity. When I saw him this morning he had his hat off, and his hair was greyer than it appeared when I saw him at Brower's Hardware Store with his hat on.

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"I have read this statement over consisting of two pages, each of which has been initialed by me and say it is all true."

(signed) [redacted] b7C b7D

Witnesses: [redacted] Deputy Sheriff, Dallas, Texas, and [redacted] Special Agents, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas.

"Dallas, Texas, Sept. 14, 1933.

b7C b7D "I, [redacted] hereby make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas. b7C

"I am at present confined in the Dallas County Jail on an aggravated assault charge. I was convicted on June 14, 1933, and sentenced to one year and cost. I have been a trusty for about one month and one half to two months.

b7C b7D "On the same night of the day Harvey Bailey escaped, Mr. Tom Manion approached me in the kitchen and asked me if I had any money for cigarettes. I told him that I did not have any at that time. He then said, "Take this", and threw me 50 cents. Then next night he called me over to the side in the kitchen and said, "I want to talk to you". He then asked me what [redacted] and [redacted] were saying about him; that [redacted] was trying to lay the jail break off on him, and he [redacted] had better watch his step, as he (Manion) would kill him. At this time I started to talking a little too loud and he, (Manion) called me down, stating that the matter was between him and myself, and he did not want the others over there to hear us, at which time he motioned towards the prisoners in the laundry. He then told me to get around close and try to find out what [redacted] and [redacted] were saying about him; that, if I would help him, maybe he could help me. He called me off again on the next Wednesday night and asked me what I found out. I told him that I had not been able to find out anything, since which time he has not again approached me about the matter, except that on the Sunday night after that he mentioned to me that he did not think Bailey liked him as he would not have anything to say to Bailey, or to be more exact in the wording of Manion's statement, I think he said, "Bailey don't like me very much, as I don't talk to him much."

"I have read the above statement, and same is true."

Witnesses: [redacted] and [redacted] Special Agents, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas. b7C b7D

"Dallas, Texas,
September 14, 1933.

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"I, [redacted] hereby make the following statement to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas, and same is being made voluntarily:

"At the present time I am confined in the Dallas County Jail on a charge of forgery, awaiting trial. I was committed on July 18, 1933, and have been a trusty in said institution with the exception of a few days since my committal.

"I have no personal knowledge of significance relative to the jail break of Harvey Bailey, as I was in the kitchen and it was all over when I learned about the break.

"However, I may state here for what it is worth that Mr. Tom Manion, who was in the habit of visiting me during the night before said break, has since made reference to the matter on his visits on several occasions. On the first visit to me since the jail break, he asked me whether I had heard his name mentioned in connection with the break. I told him no. He then said, "Are you sure that you have not heard my name mentioned in the jail by any of the officers or have not heard any of the inmates talking about me?" I answered, - "No, Tom - I have not heard anyone talking about you at all." He then said, "What would you do, if you were in my shoes now?" I then answered that I would go to the man who hired me and, if I had anything on my mind, I would lay my cards right on the table. He then walked off without saying anything more. On another occasion he questioned me again as to whether I had heard anyone talking about him, stating that the people on the outside were mentioning his name quite freely and that he thought, or was quite certain, that people on the inside also were. He then went on to say that he was working with a man in whom he had no confidence.

"On both of the above occasions he advised me that he was innocent of being connected in any way with the escape of Bailey, and that he had at all times done his duty as a jailer here.

"I have read the above statement, and same is true."

(signed) [redacted] b7C b7D

Witnessed By:

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

"Dallas, Texas,
Sept. 14, 1933.

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"I, [redacted] b7c hereby make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] b7c Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas:

"I now reside at Mesquite, R.F.D. #1, Dallas, Texas. I have been employed as a deputy sheriff of Dallas County, Texas since January 1, 1933, acting in the capacity of jailer, and my hours of duty are from 10 PM to 6 AM, said duty being confined to the jail office where prisoners are booked.

"I have no information which I regard as significant relative to the jail break of Harvey Bailey, other than the fact that about four or five days before the jail break of Bailey, Mr. Tom Manion, Deputy Jailer, approached me in the jail office, and made inquiry as to which keys opened the door with the bars to it, the main door, and the solid steel door to the alleyway at the rear of the jail, also if the same key fit the steel door that fit the main door, and how both keys were numbered. I told him that the keys had no numbers, and he suggested that I put them both together separate from the other keys so they would not be mixed up in the event I wanted to open both doors real quick. I told him that I did not think it was necessary to put them together because I knew each key, but that I would snap the key up on the ring above the other keys so as to distinguish it, the steel door key, from the others. I did this in his presence. He watched me do it, and said that that was all right.

"Mr. Manion also mentioned the fact to me several times that Bailey is a dangerous man, and stated on one occasion that if he got out of this jail he would not go out on our shift. I remarked that he might be a dangerous man but that I did not figure that he had any chance to get out on any shift. He then said you can't ever tell, as some of them are mighty careless. In this connection, he suggested that [redacted] was mighty careless and that I should go up with him when he gave Bailey his lunch. He also stated that Bailey might saw out of his cell and be in the end cell of the corridor of the death cell when [redacted] came in to bring his lunch, in which event he could cover [redacted] with a gun and bring him on down, then cover him, Manion, with said gun and make him open the door to the 6th floor office. He also mentioned the idea that Bailey might throw a string down to the street below and, in this manner, obtain a gun or some other object to effect his escape.

"For information, I might also mention here that on the morning of Sept. 4, 1933, the date of Bailey's escape, I went up with [redacted] to carry Bailey some lunch about 2: AM. Bailey was reading at this time. We did not notice anything irregular at this time. I did not observe the bars to Bailey's cell very closely, but I did notice that they were all in place at that time.

"I have read the above statement, and same is true."

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Special Agents, Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice.

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"Dallas, Texas,
Sept. 16, 1933.

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"I, CHARLES AYERS, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas, without any threats, promises or hope of reward:

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"My folks live in Long Beach, California - that is my mother and step-father, [REDACTED]. Since 1922 I have been in Texas and Oklahoma. I was committed to the Dallas County Jail, Dallas, Texas, on January 31, 1933 under the name of M. C. Norris, on a charge of burglary, on which charge I was tried and convicted and sentenced to two years in the Texas State Penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas. Pending my removal to the penitentiary I have been acting as a trusty since March 10, 1933. In this capacity I have been doing bookkeeping and clerical work on the 6th floor of the jail, and in this respect have charge of filing all State and Federal Passes issued to visitors. Such passes are taken by a Deputy Sheriff on the 6th floor and after examination, handed to me for filing purposes.

"On the morning of September 4, 1933, when Harvey Bailey escaped from the County Jail, I was at that time eating my breakfast. I do not know how he escaped and can furnish no information in regard to the escape.

"On the same morning I recall that the Federal men were making an investigation of the escape. In this connection, I remember that one of the jail officials came down to my desk on the 6th floor and requested that I give him all passes issued for Harvey Bailey. I got all the Federal Passes issued during Bailey's confinement in the jail and went through them thoroughly, finding two passes issued to [REDACTED], an attorney, one dated August 26, and the other August 30. At the same time I turned over to the jail official, four other Federal Passes - three of which were issued to visitors to interview R. G. Shannon, and one marked R. G. Shannon and family. Also, a jail pass authorized by telephone and initialed [REDACTED] (who is [REDACTED]), to allow [REDACTED] an attorney, to see R. G. Shannon. These were all the Federal passes that were on file. Later, [REDACTED] Special Agent, United States Division of Investigation, came down to the 6th floor and again requested me to make a further search to determine whether or not there was a pass issued to [REDACTED] on September 1, 1933. I again made a careful search and failed to find any such pass.

"I might also mention that three or four days before Bailey's escape Capt. [redacted] came to my desk and said, "[redacted] do you have a pass for [redacted] to see Bailey?" I said, "Yes, I have", and made a motion as if to get the Passes. I took the Passes down and started to look through them. [redacted] Deputy Jailer, said, "I can find out what you want from some prisoner, I don't know who it was. [redacted] went to the I-side of the jail, came back in a few minutes, at which time he spoke to [redacted] and I had not finished looking through the Passes. [redacted] said "That is O.K., I have found all I want to know". I then handed my Passes back up and filed them away. I later learned that [redacted] got some information from a Federal Prisoner named [redacted]

"On September 16, 1933, A Federal Pass issued by the United States Marshal's Office, dated September 1, 1933, to [redacted] and [redacted] for interview with Harvey Bailey, was exhibited to me. Prior to September 14, 1933, I never saw this pass before.

"A few days before September 14, 1933, [redacted] Deputy Sheriff and Bookkeeper at the jail, came up to see me on the 6th floor and asked me where the Passes were which were issued by the Federal Government during Bailey's time in jail, and he said "For my own curiosity I want to look over the list of passes to see if I can't find a pass issued to [redacted] for interview with Harvey Bailey. I got all my Passes and handed them to Mr. Peoples, and he sat down in my chair and looked through the Passes. "Well, he said, so many people have been bothering me about a certain pass issued to [redacted] for interview with Bailey, I just want to satisfy my own curiosity if such a Pass might have been overlooked." I was present all the time, and [redacted] did not find the Pass in question.

"During the afternoon of September 14, 1933, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, were on the 6th floor of the jail, and asked me to step out of the office. I noticed Special Agent [redacted] talk to Capt. [redacted] and then [redacted] brought Federal Prisoner [redacted] and had some talk with him. At that time I was asked to see if there was a Pass issued to [redacted] to interview [redacted] a Federal Prisoner. After Agents [redacted] and [redacted] left the 6th floor of the jail and went down the elevator, at the request of Capt. [redacted] I went through the same bunch of passes, looking for a Federal Pass issued to [redacted] to interview Federal Prisoner [redacted]. While I opened these Passes, the Federal Pass which was exhibited to me this morning, issued to [redacted] and [redacted], dated Sept. 1st for an interview with Harvey Bailey, fell out. I picked it up, unfolded it and said it looks like someone inside work, as it really surprised me because I went through these passes before, a couple of times; [redacted] went through them, and [redacted] advised me he carefully went over all these passes. I said to Capt. [redacted] "I expect you had better turn that over to [redacted] because he has been questioning me a number of times about this missing pass." [redacted] did not say anything but got on the elevator and went down. A few minutes later Capt. [redacted] came to the dining room, I picked up the pass and said "Look here what I found"

Don't you think you had better turn this over to [redacted] or [redacted]"
At that time the elevator came up while I was standing showing the pass to
Captain [redacted] Sheriff [redacted] Deputy Sheriff [redacted] Captain [redacted] and
Deputy Sheriff [redacted] got off the elevator and came to my desk. I handed
the Pass to Sheriff [redacted]. He got on the elevator and went down. Captain
[redacted] remained at my desk for a minute while I showed him where I found
the pass. This is the last I heard of the pass.

"I do not know where this pass came from and I have no knowledge as to who
placed it in the bunch of passes, and I definitely state that I did not file
this pass away; that when I saw it fall out of the bunch of passes this was
the first time I saw that pass. The six jailers on the different shifts,
Captain [redacted] and other employees of the jail as well as trustees,
have access to the desk where the passes are filed away, and it is possible
that this pass was slipped in among the bunch of passes filed during my
absence.

"As I stated before I do not know anything about the plans that might have
been made in connection with Harvey Bailey's escape. If I had such informa-
tion I would gladly give it to the Government because since Bailey's escape
the trustees have been deprived of certain privileges, and trustees
(particularly myself) have been placed under suspicion, principally
because I did some entertaining around the jail and I went up to Bailey's
death cell on several occasions and played for him.

"When Bailey was in R-6-M Cell - the balcony cell - overlooking the office
in which I worked, [redacted] Special Agent, Division of Investigation,
was Government Guard on duty. [redacted] heard me entertaining
in front of L-1, close to my desk one afternoon. When I came through
the office with my guitar [redacted] asked me to play a number or two, which
I did. I went on with my entertaining and a few days later Bailey was moved
up to the death cell. One afternoon [redacted], who was guarding Bailey,
came to the office on some business, stopped at my desk in the presence of
Capt. [redacted] and said, "Norris, why don't you bring your guitar and play for
Bailey and me sometime?" I said, "With your permission I will be glad to."
He said, "Sure, come up any time."

"In the past I have been permitted to go to different parts of the
jail, and felt as long as he was up there there would be no harm in it so
the next evening shortly after 6: o'clock I said to Captain [redacted] "I
believe I will go upstairs and play a while for Bailey." Another inmate in
the County Jail - [redacted] barber - and I went up to the death cell
where [redacted] was on duty. He saw me as I came at the door. I hollered
first and told him who I was and he said: "Well, that is fine, come on."
[redacted] and I went in and stood at the opposite end of the corridor from the
cell in which Bailey was confined, and stood next to the chair of [redacted]
I played a couple of numbers; Bailey seemed to be pleased and requested me to
sing 'Birmingham Jail'. While I was playing a negro trusty standing there
among several other trustees who had gathered inside the outer run-around of
the death cells, tried to dance a few steps. There is no lavatory or bath
in the department where the negro trustees sleep, so they were allowed to

come up on this death cell deck to use the lavatory and bath. While I was singing several of them came in to use the shower and lavatory. I sang, I guess, about 30 minutes, and [redacted] relief came on duty - [redacted] I was playing the guitar while the negro danced, and when [redacted] relieved [redacted] I came down from the death cell with [redacted]

A few days later Department of Justice men were moved from guard - about August 26, 1935 - and as it was my custom on various occasions to make the rounds with the night captain checking up on the men, we looked into Bailey's cell to see how he was. From the far end of the corridor Bailey said "Hello, guitar picker, why don't you come up again some time and play me a tune?" Nothing more was said then except [redacted] said, "Well, we will come up sometime and play for you, it is too late tonight." The next night - about Monday or Tuesday before Bailey's escape, as near as I can remember - [redacted] said, "Come on Norris, get your guitar, let's go up and play Bailey a few tunes." It was about 7: o'clock in the evening and we played about 20 minutes. At that time the inner run-around in the corridor where Bailey's cell was, was locked. I stood with my foot on the bench that Capt. [redacted] was sitting on in the outer end of the corridor directly in front of Bailey's cell. At that time he also requested 'Birmingham Jail'. That was all that he said. He asked me what I was in for and I told him.

"Friday night, before Bailey's escape, I went up again with Capt. [redacted] - about 7: PM, and played about 15 minutes, standing in the outer corridor of the run-around of Bailey's cell, directly in front. We then came directly downstairs.

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"I have no personal knowledge of any significance regarding the manner in which the saws and gun were smuggled into Harvey Bailey's cell with which he effected his escape. However my personal opinion is that it was an inside job and like many others, suspect the Deputy Jailer - Mr. Thomas L. Manion, on account of his departure from his usually strict inspection of various cell bars for indications that they had been sawed. The first two or three nights after the Federal Guard was removed, Mr. Manion was particular about having someone accompany him to check Bailey in. He was also particular that the guard who relieved him accompanied him up to Bailey's cell in the mornings to see that Bailey was there and everything was O.K. However the last three or four nights preceding Bailey's escape he was not particular about checking Bailey over to his relief, but on the morning of Bailey's escape - I understand from Captain [redacted] - Mr. Manion was unusually persistent for Captain [redacted] to accompany him to Bailey's cell and upon arrival at Bailey's cell he requested [redacted] to crawl up Bailey's cell and examine things. Capt. [redacted] said after coming down from the top of the cage, he walked around in the outer corridor of the death cell and he said he thought he saw a towel hanging on the bars but he was not sure. Also, that Captain Manion was anxious to leave the death cell and did not fool around and examine the bars as was his usual custom. Captain Manion also made a remark at the time that they removed the Federal Guards that they could run the County Jail without the assistance of the Government. His attitude indicated he was somewhat relieved. During the conversation with several trustees and myself, after Bailey's escape,

Mr. Manion made the statement he respected Bailey; that he was a man to be respected.

"I might also state here at variance with Mr. Manion's usual custom of taking his coat off when he first came into the office to relieve the guards on duty a few nights before Bailey's escape and two nights prior to his escape, he kept his coat on in the office for quite a few minutes - at any rate for about 10 minutes, until I left. I did not think anything about this at the time but since Bailey's escape it has struck me as being peculiar.

"I might also state here that for a period of about a week prior to Bailey's escape, Mr. Manion would arrive about an hour early and let one jailer go one night and one the next. Upon his arrival the jailer due to go off duty was generally in the office on the 6th floor and the other jailer on duty was generally making his rounds, and would find Mr. Manion in the office upon his return. I will state here for information, that my office hours are from 7: in the morning until 10: PM; that I stayed on duty as a rule until 10: 00 PM to make sure that the count is correct. Count of the prisoners is usually finished between 8:30 and 9: PM. I did not stay around the office after Mr. Manion and his partner came on unless I was particularly requested to do so.

"In addition to my sentence of two years to the Texas State Penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas, referred to above, I have also had three prior penitentiary sentences, having served time in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas; the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Okla., and the Texas State Penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas.

"I have read the above statement, consisting of 5 pages, each page having been initialed by me, and the same is true."

(signed) CEAS. AYERS,,
alias Nelson C. Norris.

Witnessed by:

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[redacted], and [redacted] Special Agents, Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas.

Attention is invited to the fact that the evidence which was developed against Thomas L. Manion during the course of this investigation, is supported by various statements made by him to Deputy Jailers and inmates of the jail before and subsequent to the escape of Harvey Bailey on September 4, 1933. It will also be noted that another matter of significance is the fact that Manion apparently endeavored to establish the belief that he was particularly afraid of the possible escape of Harvey Bailey, and indicated that he was taking no chances in that connection. He made significant remarks, as reflected in statements quoted above, and his actions were designed to mislead his fellow deputies and other persons who observed such actions; whereas, he was apparently, as the evidence developed indicates, plotting Bailey's release during that time.

Inasmuch as evidence adduced thus far strongly involves Thomas L. Manion, and the fact that information has been received from various sources during the course of the investigation to the effect that Manion has a questionable reputation in Dallas on account of political activities - being generally known as a go-between, fixer and grafter - and for which reasons he failed to qualify for the position of Deputy Prohibition Administrator in this district, [redacted] Personnel Examiner, assigned to the Prohibition Department, Division of Investigation Post Office Building, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed, and advised that Thomas L. Manion was investigated for Deputy Prohibition Administrator and Senior Prohibition Investigator at Dallas, over two years ago, and failed to qualify; that information regarding investigation of Mr. Manion is on file in the office of [redacted] District Manager, 10th United States Civil Service District, New Orleans, Louisiana.

In view of the fact that Mr. Manion made the application, above referred to, for a position in the Prohibition Department, the information developed during investigation of him at that time, deemed of interest to this investigation, will be obtained from the Division at Washington.

The facts in this case were presented to Assistant United States Attorney, Joe Jones, who authorized the issuance of complaint against Thomas L. Manion and Grover C. Bevill.

On September 15, 1933, complaints were filed before United States Commissioner Lee R. Smith at Dallas, Texas, charging Thomas L. Manion on or about the 4th day of September, 1933, at Dallas, Texas, did in violation of Section 244, Title 18, U.S.C., did unlawfully and voluntarily suffer Harvey Bailey, a prisoner then and there in custody of [redacted] United States Marshal for the Northern District of Texas, to escape. And, Grover C. Bevill, alias Jack Beval, on or about the 4th day of September, at Dallas, in violation of Section 246, Title 18, U.S.C., unlawfully rescue from the custody of [redacted] United States Marshal for the Northern District of Texas, one Harvey Bailey, a prisoner, then and there being held on warrant issued under the Laws of the United States; and did then and there aid, abet and assist the said Harvey Bailey in escaping from the custody of such officer.

On September 15, 1933, Thomas L. Manion and Grover C. Bevill were taken into custody by United States Marshal, [redacted], and the same day brought before United States Commissioner, Lee R. Smith, at which time they waived hearing and, in default of bonds of \$10,000.00 each, were committed to the Dallas County Jail pending action of the Grand Jury convening at Dallas, Texas.

Thomas L. Manion, upon interview at the Dallas Division Office, emphatically denied any knowledge in connection with the release of Harvey Bailey.

Grover C. Bevill, upon interview at the Dallas Division Office, likewise, denied any complicity in the release of Harvey Bailey. However, an unsigned statement in this connection was obtained from Bevill as follows:

"Dallas, Texas,
Sept. 16, 1933.

b7C "I, GROVER C. BEVILL, in the presence of [redacted], Sheriff of Dallas County, Texas, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas, because same is true, after first having been informed that this statement may be used as evidence in any Court of common jurisdiction:

"I reside at 1008 Fletcher Street, Dallas, Texas [redacted] where I operate a grocery and meat business. I am 49 years of age, I was born at Horse Creek, Brown County, Texas, in 1884. I have resided in the City of Dallas, Texas about 21 years. When I first came to Dallas I worked for the City of Dallas, being so employed for four or five years operating a steam roller on the streets, since which time I have engaged in the butcher and cattle business practically all the time up to date.

b7C "I have known Mr. Thomas L. Manion for 12 or 15 years, some of the time being associated with him in connection with his political activities, and have also assisted him while he was investigating the Nick Raspasky Murder Case. Our personal relations have always been very friendly. On numerous occasions he has requested me to drive him to certain places in my car, which I did, in view of our friendship and the fact he was unable to drive a car.

"Either the Sunday before Labor Day - September 3 - or the Sunday prior to that date, Mr. Manion requested me to drive him out into the country 15 or 20 miles from Dallas. We left Dallas somewhere between four and five PM and from Mr. Manion's house we drove out to a little town Northeast of Elam, the name of which I do not recollect, where Mr. Manion stopped at the home of a [redacted]. There were three or four women there and some children present when we arrived. Immediately after we stopped Mr. Manion instructed me to go down to a shed in the house and see what was in it, which I did, and upon my return I reported to him that same contained some empty fruit jars, empty whiskey bottles, mattress and bed and something that looked like a camping outfit. At this time the man above referred to was seen by me for the first time. I talked to this man a short time and Mr. Manion talked to the women. When we left Mr. Manion shook hands with the man and called him [redacted].

"We remained at this house 10 or 15 minutes. At this point I might mention that Mr. Manion previously stated he was going out to an unmentioned place in the country on official business. He directed me to the above mentioned place by referring to his small book in his pocket which he consulted once or twice. From the point above described as [redacted] house we proceeded a distance of about two or three miles and he then told me to turn around. I turned up into a driveway and Mr. Manion noticed a man and two women on the porch of a house setting to the right of the driveway. Manion here said, "Wait a minute, I want to see these people, I think I know that man." He walked over to the house which is best described as a box-like house with an L in the back and a side porch on the West side of the house. There was a large tank resting

on a tower on the East side of the house from where I sat in the car. There was a barn located a little Northwest from the house and East of where I sat in the car. Mr. Manion went up to the house and stood there about five minutes and conversed with the man and two women for about five minutes. Mr. Manion did not mention the name of this man but stated he was a Federal Prisoner at one time in the Dallas County Jail. I never paid much attention to the man but he appeared to be a rather heavy-set man. One of the women was a rather large, light-haired woman; and the other was small and slender. I do not remember whether she was a blond or brunette. When Mr. Manion finished his conversation with these people he returned to the car and directed me to back up and to continue in the direction in which we were first headed which I did, and we proceeded about two miles to a small town, the name of which I do not know. There was a school or a gin on my left as we entered the town. We immediately turned around in front of this building and returned in the direction from which we came. I may mention here that we made the turn at the above mentioned town about 50 yards before we came to the railroad crossing. There were several other roads entering the town at this point. As we turned around Mr. Manion asked me if there was any road we could travel in order to avoid [redacted] house, and I informed him there was a road - a cross road that we had passed on our way out which would take us back to the Kaufman Pike.

"We went back to the same gravel road as far as a point one and one half miles on the other side of the house where Mr. Manion talked to the man and two women, and then turned North on a cross road which took us to the Kaufman Pike from which point we proceeded direct to Col. Manion's home in Dallas.

"I forgot to state above that on our way out we passed an old model car which I think was a model T Ford, right after we crossed a river bridge on the other side of Hutchins, and Mr. Manion directed me to stop the car and he went back and talked to the people in this car. I remember there were two people - one man and one woman in this car, but there might have been more, anyhow two people got out of the car and Mr. Manion talked to them for two or three minutes. When he returned to my car he stated "That is the grandmother of the baby in the case on which I am working."

"The trip above described is the last time I saw Mr. Manion prior to September 4, 1933, on which date he telephoned me at my home and requested me to come get him in my car as he wanted me to drive him in an effort to locate Bailey who had broken jail. I told him I had a butcher shop which needed my attention and that I was pretty busy. Manion then said "Jack, I will sure appreciate it if you will bring your car and come and drive me for [redacted] (referring to Sheriff [redacted], is out of town and he will appreciate it, also. I said, "Well, Col., if you have time to wait for me to get out my restaurant order I will be right down and pick you up." I said, "where are you at?" And he said, "I am at home". He said, "Well, hurry up Jack and I will look for you." I would say I left home about 8:00 o'clock and went by Mr. Manion's house where I picked up Mr. Manion and [redacted] In view of the fact that I did not have a gun, Mr. Manion drove over to a house on Pine S

He had his six-shooter. We drove back by Col. Manion's home, stopped a few minutes, returned to the car, at which time we proceeded to the jail. He got out of the car, went into the jail where he remained 10 or 12 minutes. When Mr. Manion returned to the car Mr. Army walked up and spoke to him. Under Mr. Manion's instructions I proceeded out on the Commerce Street Viaduct in a Western Direction. Mr. Manion then asked me if I knew the road to Grapevine, and I answered him in the affirmative, stating that we should have gone by way of Industrial Boulevard, but that we could get there in the direction in which we were traveling. We continued on out the cement road in the direction of Irving and about two or three miles this side of Irving we came to a man working with a team along side the road. Mr. Manion instructed me to stop, called the man over to the car and asked him if he had noticed a car with two men - one wearing overalls and one who looked like an officer. He said there had been a car of that description in which there were two men, which had passed about an hour or hour and a half previous, and that he had pulled his team across the highway and one of the men cursed him for having his team across the road. Then Col. Manion asked him if any officers had passed. The man stated then that a car had passed containing some men whom he would judge to be officers, and that their car had run off the pike at that point on account of his team being across the road; that he had had to pull this car out of the sand.

"We proceeded on to Irving where either Mr. Manion or myself asked a man in a filling station as to where the road turned off to go to Grapevine. On the information obtained we proceeded to Grapevine where Mr. Manion again made inquiry as to whether a car containing two men, above described, had passed in that direction. From Grapevine we proceeded to Rhome, Texas, where Mr. Manion made further inquiry regarding the car and the occupants thereof. He also asked a lady at a filling station at a cross road, where the road running North lead to, and she answered him, saying same was the Denton Road. Then Manion said "Let's go to Denton". We proceeded on to Denton where Mr. Manion and myself went to the sheriff's office and Mr. Manion identified himself officially, as a Deputy Sheriff of Dallas County, and informed the man in the office that he was trying to locate Harvey Bailey, who had escaped, and one of these men had informed him that they had sent deputies out and that they had worked all around Lake Dallas; also, that ever since they had received notice of Bailey's escape they had guarded all roads in that direction. He then asked Mr. Manion if he had heard anything. Mr. Manion informed him he had not heard anything except he had been informed that men in a car fitting the description of the one Bailey was supposed to have left Dallas in, had been seen East of Irving, Texas. We left the sheriff's office and I suggested to Mr. Manion that he phone back to the jail and see if any information had been obtained relative to Bailey's whereabouts. We went over to a telephone booth located in a place where I think may have been a drug store, and Mr. Manion telephoned the sheriff's office in Dallas and he was informed that Bailey had been caught at Ardmore, Oklahoma. I remember that the telephone message amounted to \$5¢, 10¢ of which I furnished as Mr. Manion only had 25¢. We then left Denton and proceeded to Dallas where we arrived about 3:30 PM, and went direct to the jail where I left Mr. Manion, and I proceeded home where I arrived between 4 and 5 PM.

"I forgot to mention that before we left the jail Mr. Manion took out his watch and asked me if we could go to Sherman, Texas and return to Dallas by 6 PM. I said, "I don't know, Col., but if you want to go we will go."

"I also wish to state that before we left Dallas on the hunt for Bailey, during the telephone conversation I asked Mr. Manion where he was and he said he was at home; that he had received a message from ██████████ that Bailey had escaped; however I won't be positive it was ██████████. He said someone had called and I think he said ██████████. I do not recall having talked to Mr. Manion either personally or by telephone since the day of the jail break. b7C

"In regard to the hack saw blades and shells which were purchased at the Brower Hardware Company, I wish to state that I have no knowledge of any such purchase by me or anyone else. I also state positively that I did not furnish any hack saw blades or shells to Mr. Manion or anyone else for use in effecting the escape of Harvey Bailey. I also deny that I possess a hacksaw frame. I have a small kitchen saw, the saw blade of which - according to my best memory - is riveted into the frame and cannot be adjusted into the frame. I also have two meat saws, one of which is a rub saw, the other a steak saw, the blades of both of which can be changed. I have never had any occasion to use hack saw blades. Neither do I possess a pistol or revolver; and would have no occasion to purchase pistol bullets or cartridges. The last shells purchased by me were for a shot gun - which was something over a year ago.

"On Saturday, September 2, 1933 - the date I understand three hacksaws and some pistol shells were supposed to have been purchased by myself from the Brower Hardware Store, 831 Exposition Avenue - I pursued my daily routine of business at my butcher shop located in my home at 1008 Fletcher Street. However, about 9:00 AM on the date - to the best of my memory - I went to the cooler (cold storage) to obtain a supply of meat, which occupied about 30 or 40 minutes of my time. My activities during the course of the day other than above mentioned, were as usual. I do not remember any other trips which were made away from my place of business, or any other activities on my part outside of the general course of business.

"I have read the above statement, consisting of 5 pages, which was made by me of my own free will and accord, and without any promises or threats having been made to or against me, and the same is true."

(refused to sign)

In view of the fact that it was late at night when the above statement was taken and it was necessary to remove Bevill to the County Jail before the statement was typed, said statement was submitted to him the following morning for his signature, at which time he stated he was excited when he made this statement and that he had decided on second thought not to sign it.

"Dallas, Texas,
Sept. 20, 1933.

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"I, [redacted], in the presence of Deputy Sheriffs Bill Decker and [redacted] Dallas County, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agent [redacted] Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas:

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"I reside at [redacted] Dallas, Texas; I am now engaged in the retail drug business at the above address. I have been a resident of this city for about 25 years.

"I have known Mr. Thomas L. Manion about 15 years. I resided in the same community in which he lived, for about eight years, and have contacted him occasionally since that time.

"I have known [redacted] for a period of about ten years. I met him through my contacts with him at the time he delivered ice cream to my place of business when he was employed by the M. B. Ice Cream Company.

"On or about the 15th of December, 1932, a small neighborhood negro who hangs around the neighborhood in which my drug business is situated, appeared at my place of business and borrowed \$2.50, or some such sum, from me and promised to pay me back within a week. At this time I distrusted this negro and in order to guaranty the payment of the debt, he left an old-style .44 calibre Smith & Wesson Revolver, equipped with a breach-loading cylinder, rusty looking, which was either a blue steel or a nickel-gun, on which the nickel had worn off. I kept this gun for a period of about two months.

"On or about the 10th of February, 1933 the party above referred to [redacted] - came to my place of business, being informed that I was in possession of the above-described gun, and wanted to know if I wanted my money back. I informed him I would be glad to get \$2.50, which he gave me and I turned the gun over to him.

"The next time any question arose about the above-mentioned gun was when [redacted] Chief Deputy Sheriff, appeared at my place of business and questioned me as to the origin of same and the disposition which I had made of the gun. I advised him in substance as above.,

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"On September 20, 1933, .44 calibre Smith & Wesson, old-style, with breach loading cylinder, serial #5728, was exhibited to me by Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake and Special Agent [redacted] at the office of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, room 420 Federal Building, Dallas, Texas, in the presence of Sheriff [redacted] Chief Deputy Sheriff [redacted] Deputy Sheriff [redacted] and I identified the same as being the gun which I obtained from the negro referred to above.

"I have read the above statement, and the same is true."

(signed) [redacted] b7c b7D

Witnessed by:

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[redacted], Sheriff, Dallas County, Dallas, Texas.
[redacted], Chief Deputy Sheriff, Dallas County, Dallas, Texas.
[redacted], Deputy Sheriff, Dallas County, Dallas, Texas.
[redacted], Special Agent, Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas.

"Dallas, Texas,
Sept. 20, 1933.

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"I, [redacted], in the presence of Sheriff [redacted] Chief Deputy Sheriff [redacted], Deputy Sheriff [redacted] hereby make the following statement to Special Agent [redacted], Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas: b7c

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"I reside at [redacted] Dallas, Texas; I am at present unemployed; however, I am a boiler maker by trade.

"I have known Mr. Thomas L. Manion since about 1909 or 1910. Most of the time I have known Mr. Manion he has been a peace officer in some capacity. I have been in a position to furnish him information on several occasions about the activities of criminals which have aided him in their apprehension. My associations with him have always been agreeable and friendly.

"I have known Mr. [redacted] since a little while after the War - about 13 or 14 years ago - since he owned the drug store on Elm Street. My acquaintance with him has been mostly through my delivery of ice cream to his place of business.

"On or about the last part of January, 1932, while I was present at [redacted] Drug Store at 2521 Bryan Street, Dallas, a negro came into his place of business and borrowed \$2.00 from [redacted] and left an old style Smith & Wesson Revolver with him as security. I noticed that this gun appeared to have once been nickel-plated, and the nickel plate was peeling off of same, apparently. At this time I kidded [redacted] about the gun, mentioning the fact that he just had a gun on his hands.

I also stated to him that if the negro did not come back Saturday night as he promised, to redeem the gun, I would give him \$2.00 for the gun. The following Saturday night I was at [redacted] Store and asked him about the gun. He stated that the negro had failed to redeem the gun as promised. At this time I gave him \$2.00 for the gun which I carried with me to Sweetwater, Texas, the following day.

"While at Sweetwater, in company with my brother [redacted] employed at Fitzpatrick Nursery at Sweetwater, I endeavored to purchase some cartridges for this revolver at some drug store - name not remembered. We tried 32's, 38's, 41's and 45 calibre cartridges in the gun, but none of them would fit; of course we knew the smaller calibre would not fit, at a [redacted]

"At the time I obtained this gun there were two cartridges in the cylinder, the calibre of which I do not remember. I shot those two cartridges in a dirt embankment alongside the railroad track at Sweetwater. A few weeks after my return to Dallas I was assisting [redacted] moving contractor, [redacted] Dallas, move an old trunk out of his garage which was nothing but junk, and was burned at the time. While handling this I found six cartridges which fit the gun which I purchased from [redacted]. I shot three of these cartridges and left three in the gun [redacted]

"During the early part of June, Mr. Thomas L. Manion, who was then Deputy Constable under [redacted] Precinct #7, asked me where I knew I could get hold of an old gun which he was wanting for the purpose of delivering to one negro to kill another. I said, "I have one in my car which is probably the kind of gun you want." The next morning I was driving Mr. Manion to work at the St. George Hotel and he said, "Where is that gun?" I felt in the pocket of the car for the gun and realized I left it at home. I then told him I would bring it down to the St. George Hotel in about 40 minutes. I returned to the house, wrapped it up in a piece of newspaper and returned to the St. George Hotel. The lobby was full of people, in view of which Mr. Manion glanced at it and stuck it in his overcoat pocket. I owed Mr. Manion \$5.00 and prior to that time I let him have a .41 Deringer to have fixed for me. He claimed the same was lost. I told Mr. Manion that he could just let the old Smith & Wesson which I delivered to him, go on the \$5.00 that I owed him. He said he would not buy the old Smith & Wesson but just let the \$5.00 go on the Deringer he had lost.

"This is the last time I saw the old Smith & Wesson Revolver until an old style .44 Smith & Wesson, top brake, breach loading cylinder, serial 5728, was exhibited to me in the office of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Room 420 Federal Bldg., Dallas, Texas, in the presence of Sheriff [redacted] Special Agent in Charge Blake, Chief Deputy Sheriff [redacted] Deputy Sheriff [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted] which gun I am reasonably sure, is the same identical gun; and if this gun exhibited to me is the gun that [redacted] Hiltbrand got from the negro above mentioned, I am positive same is the identical gun that I turned over to Mr. Thomas L. Manion.

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"On September 5, 1933, while at my place of employment at the Angel Dip Ice Cream Company, 4008 Commerce Street, Dallas, some time during the afternoon - two men approached my place of business - both of whom appeared to be in the neighborhood of six feet tall - maybe a little under, and introduced themselves to me by stating that they were Agents from the Department of Justice. One of them said his name was either Drake or Blake; the other man's name was not mentioned. I never paid much attention to the appearance of these men and I am unable to describe them further, except that they both were young and appeared to be between 25 and 30 years of age. The man who was doing the talking stated to me, "You have known Col. Thomas Manion for quite a while?", and I replied "Yes". He said "About how long?" and I said "About 20 or 25 years - as long as he has been in Dallas." He then said, "You know the Col. has been in quite a bit of trouble?" and I said "Yes". He then said "Did you all ever make any money together?" and I said, "What do you mean?" and he said, "Donniving around." I said, "Well, we have recovered some automobiles together and I put him in line with some fellows who robbed some interstate shipments." He then said, "Is that the only way you all have ever made any money?" and I said, "Yes." Then we had some casual conversation about the ice cream business, after which he asked me if I worked here steady all the time and I said no, I only work here extra, and the men then said, "Well we will know where to get in touch with you, we might want to talk with you or question you again", after which they made their departure.

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"I called up Mr. Manion that evening and informed him I had something to tell him. I made an engagement to meet him that night before 8:30 PM at his home, at which time I would drive him down to the jail. During our ride to the jail I told Mr. Manion about the incident above mentioned. Several conversations transpired during the next few nights while I was driving Mr. Manion to the jail, during the course of which I informed him about the men who represent themselves as Department of Justice Agents, and also of the fact that I had run across [redacted] on the street while I was coming out of [redacted] place located next to Lang's Restaurant on Main Street; that I spoke to [redacted] and he casually spoke to me and walked about 20 steps and then looked back, and Mr. Manion remarked that [redacted] was the one who sent the Agents out to see me. I do not remember the exact dates the above mentioned conversations occurred. However during one of those conversations I said "Tom, if you didn't do it, who did?" Then he said, "As crooked as I am I would not do anything like that as the Sheriff has been a good friend of mine." However I might mention here that also during the course of one of these conversations Mr. Manion asked me if I remember the old gun he got from me, besides the Deringer, and I said, no, and he said, "Well, it was a .38 Iva Johnson". I did not remember at the time what calibre the gun was so I did not think much of the matter. I saw the picture of the gun in the paper but I did not recognize it.

"I forgot to mention above that Mr. Manion did state also that he was of the opinion that his partner [redacted] - helped frame this escape as he was smuggling dope into the jail, and if he would do that he would certainly do the other.

"Mr. Manion said to me the last time we talked about the matter, "If these men come back to see you, tell them you gave me a Deringer and a .38 Iva Johnson". I asked him how much money should a man get out of a job like that, and he said, "Well, if it was me it would be \$10,000.00 on the barrel head. I said, "I would like to have that myself", and he said "I owe \$1000 in doctor's bills and I borrowed \$400.00 off of a loan shark up here - address not mentioned."

"Mr. Manion said, "Somebody is going to be picked up about this matter as there has to be a fall guy, and if I am arrested I don't want my family to come to see me, and neither do I want you to come to see me; "but he said, "I want you to go see Mr. Foot at the St. George Hotel and tell Foot the condition I am in, bills I owe and I am about to lose my place out there." I told him that I would. In accordance with Mr. Manion's request, I called the St. George Hotel as requested, and attempted to get in touch with Mr. Foot and the hotel said he was not there and I asked if he still lived there and what were his initials as I would probably find it in the phone book and they said he did not live there and his initials were unknown.

"I forgot to mention above that when I asked Mr. Manion about who he thought pulled the job, he stated - before mentioning [redacted] - that two lawyers had been up at the jail to see Bailey, one of them was [redacted] and the other man, a lawyer from Oklahoma. The lawyer from Oklahoma had left his coat down in the lobby of the jail; that no one would suspect them and that would be a good opportunity to take the gun up as no one would suspect him with a coat on. He then went on ahead and named [redacted] and then [redacted], and then stated he would not be a bit surprised if Bill Decker didn't do it.

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"For information, I might mention here that I loaned the S & W Revolver above referred to, to a friend of mine by the name of [redacted], sometime just before his arrest, in connection with an interstate theft at Grand Saline the middle of May, 1932, on March 29, 1932; at that time he resided at Edgewood, Texas; that I loaned him this gun for a period of two or three days. He stated he wanted to make a night drive home and needed a gun for protection. He returned the gun within two or three days thereafter. I understand that [redacted] subsequently was convicted and sentenced to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas in connection with the violation referred to above.

"I have read the above statement, which was made by me to Special Agent [redacted] because same is true and same was made without any promise or threats having been made to or against me."

(signed) [redacted] b7C
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Witnessed by:

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[redacted] - Sheriff, Dallas, Texas
[redacted] Chief Deputy Sheriff, Dallas County, Dallas, Texas.
[redacted] Deputy Sheriff, Dallas County, Dallas, Texas.
[redacted] Special Agent, Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas.

In view of the fact that Manion positively denied any connection with the escape of Harvey Bailey and the further fact that the above statement of Manion had already been obtained, no further effort was made to obtain an additional signed statement as Manion indicated by his attitude that he would like to be questioned in order to learn what the Government had against him; therefore, it was not deemed advisable to interrogate Manion further at this time.

EXHIBITS

Exh. A.

Smith & Wesson, .44-calibre, 6-shot revolver, No. 5723, round 6-inch barrel, round butt, black rubber handles, breach-loading cylinder, used by Harvey Bailey in effecting his escape, recovered by Chief of Police [redacted] Ardmore, Oklahoma, from Bailey, on September 4, 1933, same date turned over to [redacted], United States Marshal, Dallas, Texas, who delivered the same to Special Agent in Charge Blake. This revolver at the time it was recovered, contained 5 cartridges, viz. 2 Smith & Wesson, .44-calibre, 1 Winchester, .38-calibre, 2 .44-calibre Colt. This revolver at the present time is being retained in the Dallas Division Office. //

Exh. B.

(1) .44-calibre Colt Cartridge and .44-calibre Smith & Wesson Cartridge, taken from the same revolver when it was delivered by [redacted] to Special Agent in Charge Blake at Dallas.

(2) .44-calibre Colt Cartridge, taken from the same revolver by Chief of Police [redacted] Ardmore, Oklahoma, and turned over to Deputy Jailer [redacted] who in turn delivered this cartridge to Special Agent in Charge Frank J. Blake, Dallas, Texas.

(3) 1, .38-calibre Winchester Cartridge and 1, .44-calibre Colt Cartridge obtained by [redacted] Chief of Police, Ardmore, Oklahoma, from the revolver of Harvey Bailey and sent by express to the Dallas Division Office on September 14, 1933.

The 5 cartridges referred to are being retained in the Dallas Division Office.

Exh. C.

(1) Letter from Harvey Bailey, dated at Dallas, Texas, August 31, 1933, addressed to the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation, Federal Building, Dallas, Texas, attention: Mr. Blake, requested that the Dallas Office turn over to [redacted] Deputy Sheriff of Dallas County, Bailey's .45-automatic pistol and automatic rifle

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which were taken from him at the Shannon Farm in Wise County, Texas.

(2) Letter dated at Dallas, August 31, 1933, from [redacted] Deputy Jailer, Dallas County, Texas, to the United States Department of Justice, Federal Building, Dallas, Texas, attention: Mr. Blake. This letter advises that Harvey Bailey, a prisoner, confined in the Dallas County Jail, has given his new .45 Automatic Pistol and Automatic Rifle to [redacted]

(3) Letter dated at Dallas, Texas, August 31, 1933, from Harvey Bailey, addressed to Mr. Blake, Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation, Federal Building, Dallas, Texas, requesting that Bailey's clothes, toilet articles, etc., which were taken from him when he was arrested at Paradise, Texas, be turned over to one of the jailers.

(4) Letter dated at Dallas, Texas, 8-31-33, addressed to Mr. Blake, United States Department of Justice, from Harvey Bailey, alias R. G. McDonald, requesting delivery of his 1933 V-8 Ford Coach and papers on the car to [redacted] Deputy Sheriff, Dallas County, Texas.

Exh. D.

2 small pieces of hack saw blades purported to have been taken from the bowl in the toilet in the death cell - No. 7 - of Harvey Bailey, Dallas County Jail, Dallas, Texas. These two pieces of hack saw blades were turned over to the Dallas Division Office by [redacted], Sheriff.

Exh. E.

- (1) Photographs of pistol taken from Harvey Bailey which was used in effecting his escape, the photograph being made by [redacted] Dallas, Texas.
- (2) Photograph of outside door and lever box to R-Death Cell.
- (3) Photograph of the inside corridor of death cell.
- (4) Photograph of outside R-Death Cell, taken from East corner of the run-around.
- (5) Photograph of Bailey's cell and towel hanging over sawed bars.
- (6) Photographs of Bailey's cell from outside taken from the run-around with towel over sawed bars.
- (7) Bailey's cell showing three bars sawed out.
- (8) Bailey's cell from outside taken from run-around.
- (9) Photograph of revolver taken in position in the rear of the compartment of the desk occupied by the lower right hand drawer
- (10) Photograph of desk in Deputy Jailer's Office as viewed from Cell #10 from L-1 Corridor.
- (11) Photograph of cell #10 as viewed from Deputy Jailer's Office
- (12) Photograph of desk in Deputy Jailer's Office as viewed from L-1 Corridor in front of cell #10.

Photographs numbers 2 to 12 inclusive, were taken by [redacted] Superintendent of the Bureau of Identification of the Dallas Police Department, and his Assistant - [redacted]

Exh. F.

- (1) Pass issued by United States Marshal, Dallas, Texas, to [redacted] to interview Harvey Bailey on August 26, 1933.
- (2) Pass issued by United States Marshal, Dallas, Texas, to [redacted] to interview Harvey Bailey on August 30, 1933.
- (3) Pass issued by United States Marshal, Dallas, Texas, to [redacted] and [redacted], dated September 1, 1933.

Exh. G.

- (1) Hack saw blade, Victor Brand, 1/2 by 8 inches long, containing 18 pitches to the inch. This blade which was purchased by [redacted] Deputy Sheriff, Dallas County, Texas, is supposed to be similar to the two pieces of hack saw blades found in the bowl of the toilet in Bailey's cell.
- (2) Extra fine hack saw blade which was also purchased by [redacted] at the time of the first-mentioned saws were purchased and left at the Dallas Office.

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Exh. H.

Stilson Wrench, No. 10, with 5/8th inch jaws found by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] in the lower left hand drawer of the desk in the Deputy Jailer's Office of the Dallas County Jail.

Exh. I.

Pair of dividers used in comparing distance between the teeth in the jaws of the No. 10 Stilson Wrench with the tooth indentation marks on the three sections of bars which were sawed and removed from Bailey's cell.

Exh. J.

Three sections of machine-milled bars sawed and removed from the door of Harvey Bailey's cell.

These three sections of sawed bars were turned over to the Dallas Division Office by Sheriff [redacted] where they are now being retained.

All of the exhibits mentioned above are being retained in the Dallas Division Office pending further prosecution in this case.

Descriptions of Manion and Bevill as obtained from personal observation and interviews by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] are as follows: b7c

Name	Thomas L. Manion
Age	59
Height	5' 9"
Weight	180
Hair	light brown
Eyes	steel gray
Complexion	medium ruddy
Occupation	Deputy Sheriff, acting as Jailer in Dallas County Jail, Dallas, Texas.
Scars:	appendectomy scar on right side of abdomen
Residence	1627 Poplar Street, Dallas, Texas.
Marital Status:	married - wife, Mary; 5 children
Nationality	American
Born	St. Louis, Missouri, April 4, 1874.
Glasses	Wears shell-rim for reading
Army and other record and business history:	

March 1896 - Jan. 1899	U. S. Army. Honorable discharge.
" 1899 - July 1899	Motorman, \$75.00 mo., City Electric Railway, LaSalle, Illinois, under supervision of J. P. Burroughs, Pres., and J. R. Corry, V. Pres.
July 1899 - Sept 1899	Unaccounted for.
Sept. 1899 - Feb. 1901	U. S. Army. Honorable discharge.
Feb. 1901 - Sept 1901	Sergeant of Police, \$150.00 mo., under George Curry, Chief of Police, Manila, P.I., under supervision of Capt. J. R. Burt.
Oct. 1901 - Mar. 1903	Chief Secret Service, \$200.00 mo., Army Transport Service Manila, P.I., under Col. J. B. Alshire, Chief, and Capt. T. J. Grant, Supt.
Apr. 1903 - Mar. 1908	Agent and Chief Secret Service, \$200.00 mo., Customs Service, under Col. Geo. A. Colton, Collector of Customs Manila, P. I., and H. B. McCoy, Deputy Collector.
Mar. 1908 - June 1908	Unaccounted for.
June, 1908 - Sept. 1909	Physical Culture and Athletic Director, \$200.00 mo., all schools, high and graded, LaSalle, Illinois, under John J. Vehs, Pres., Board of Education, and J. J. McCormick, Supt. of Schools.
Sept. 1909 - Nov. 1909	Unaccounted for.
Nov. 1909 - Aug. 1911	Patrolman and Capt. Plain Clothes, \$145.00 mos., Dallas, Texas, under H. W. Holland, Mayor, and John Ryan, Chief of Police.

Aug., 1911 - May 1918 Assistant to President, \$300.00, mo., Dallas Railway, Dallas, Texas, under J. F. Strickland, President, and W. B. Head, Vice-President.

May, 1918 - Nov. 1918 Lieut. Col., \$325.00 mos., Texas Cavalry, Camp Stanley, San Antonio, Texas, under Gen. R. H. McDill and Col. T. H. Barton, Kirby (?) Bldg., Dallas, Texas.

Nov. 1918 - Apr 1923 Assistant to President, \$300.00 mo., Dallas Railway, Dallas, Texas, under J. F. Strickland, President, and W. B. Head, Vice-President. Due to death of Col. Strickland, different companies in this organization each elected their own presidents; Dallas Railway would not continue applicant's contract at same salary so he resigned.

May, 1923 - May 1927 Special Investigator, Civil and Criminal, \$250.00 mo., law firm, Nelms & Puckett, Dallas, Texas.

May, 1927 - Oct 1930 Special Investigator, \$200.00 mo., City of Dallas, Texas, (date of application) under W. R. Burt and J. W. Tate, Mayors.

ANSWERS IN APPLICATION:

Intoxicants: Present use - none. Past use - "Drank beer in the Philippines 1900 to 1908."

Removals: None.

Arrests: None.

References:

W. H. Atwell, U. S. District Judge, Federal Bldg., Dallas, Texas (4900 Gaston Ave.
 E. Crippen, U. S. District Attorney, Federal Bldg., Dallas, Texas (816 $\frac{1}{2}$ Center St.
 Morris Sheppard, U. S. Senator, Washington, D. C. (Texarkana, Texas)
 Tom Connally, U. S. Senator, Washington, D. C. (Marlin, Texas)
 Hatton W. Summers, U. S. Congressman, Washington, D. C. (Western Indemnity Bldg.,
 Dallas, Texas).

Specimen of Manion's signature on statement in Dallas file
 Fingerprints and photo of Manion not taken
 Criminal record: unknown.

At the time of the interview, when description of Mr. Manion was obtained, he mentioned at one time he was at Juarez, Mexico, during an insurrection, date of which was unknown.

Name	Grover C. Beville, alias Jack Beval
Age	49
Height	5' 11"
Weight	180
Eyes	brown

Hair gray
Complexion ruddy
Occupation butcher
Residence 1008 Fletcher St., Dallas, Texas.
Glasses Wears shell-rim glasses for reading
Marital Status: married; wife Rosa; one child -
a girl 6 years old
Nationality American
Born October 14, 1884, Horse Creek, Texas.
Handwriting specimen not available.
Photo and fingerprints as yet not taken
Criminal record: unknown.

b7c Arrangements will be made with the United States Marshal at Dallas, Texas, to have subjects Manion and Bevill photographed and fingerprinted by [redacted] Superintendent of the Dallas Identification Bureau, Dallas Police Department, in order that their criminal records may be obtained from the Division.

A letter is being addressed to the Washington Field Office requesting that the Army Record of subject Manion be verified at the War Department, and any criminal record which he may have, obtained. Also relevant information which may be disclosed by the report of the investigation which was made of Manion at the time he made application for Deputy Prohibition Administrator and Senior Investigator at Dallas, Texas, should be obtained from the Division files at Washington.

Further investigation in connection with this case is being conducted in the Dallas District.

PENDING.

420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

September 26, 1933.

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

RE: George R. Kelly,
with aliases - FUGITIVE; etal.
KIDNAPPING.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of a letter from the Division re-
questing that handwriting specimens of Kathryn Thorne
Kelly be submitted to the Division.

All known specimens of handwriting of Kathryn Kelly
have been forwarded to the Oklahoma City office and it is
suggested that the Division be supplied with such specimens
as are no longer necessary in the trial at Oklahoma City.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB: [redacted] b7c
cc Division
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1903 Bankers Bldg.
Chicago, Illinois
September 27, 1933

b7c [redacted]
Postmaster,
Homewood, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

In connection with a recent request made from this office that a mail cover be maintained on all first-class mail addressed to the residence of [redacted], Homewood, Illinois, you are advised that the party whose apprehension was desired, has been taken into custody, and it is unnecessary to continue this cover.

Thanking you for your splendid cooperation in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

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

b7c [redacted]
CC Division 6
GEORGE R KELLY, with aliases, Fugitive, et al,
Charles F Urschel, Victim,
Kidnaping
Chicago File 7-26

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

September 28, 1933.

SEP 30 1933 PM

Postmaster
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin Re: GEORGE R. KELLY with aliases,
I. O. 1203, -Fug., et al.
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the request from this office on September 5, 1933, that mail covers be maintained on all mail received for [redacted] South Milwaukee, Wisconsin; [redacted] and family at [redacted] South Milwaukee, and [redacted] South Milwaukee.

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In this connection, you are advised that the party whose apprehension was desired has been taken into custody, and it is unnecessary to continue these mail covers.

Thanking you for your splendid cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

D. O. SMITH
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
SEP 30 1933 A.M.

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1420 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

September 29, 1933
AIR MAIL

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

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to your telegram of even date relative to the telephone call made to the Dallas Police by one [REDACTED] of Cincinnati, Ohio, please be advised that [REDACTED] was interviewed at her residence, [REDACTED] Cincinnati, Ohio, and advised that she had no information in connection with the instant case.

She stated, however, that she had recently read where Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Division of Investigation had participated in the investigation of the Bailey Kidnaping case and as she was an old friend of Agent [REDACTED] she was desirous of communicating with him, strictly for personal reasons, and not in connection with any official matter. [REDACTED] was reluctant to state why she desired to communicate with Agent [REDACTED] other than it was a strictly personal matter.

[REDACTED] is a middle aged woman and appears to be of good character. Therefore, the address of the Dallas Division Office was furnished to [REDACTED] and she was advised that Agent [REDACTED] could probably be located by addressing a letter to him in care of the Dallas Office.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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CC: Division

[REDACTED]

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1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

September 27, 1933.

[REDACTED] b7C
Postmaster,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: George R. Kelly, with aliases,
I. O. #1203 Fugitive, et al;
Charles F. Urschel, Victim.
Yichaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of the 25th inst., re-
questing that a mail cover be placed on all first class mail received
for 1150 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and to my recent
request that a mail cover be placed on mail received for George Bentz,
7124 Belden Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

In this connection you are advised that the party whose
apprehension was desired has been taken into custody and it is unneces-
sary to continue these covers.

Thanking you for your splendid cooperation in this mat-
ter, I am

Very truly yours,

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

[REDACTED] b7C
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CC Division ✓

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[REDACTED] b7C . S/C ✓

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

224 Federal Bldg.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

September 21, 1933

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
SEP 21 1933 PM

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

Dear Sir: Re: George R. Kelly - FUGITIVE, et al
Kidnaping

There is transmitted herewith a photostatic copy of a letter purportedly written by Kathryn Kelly, concerning which Mr. Nathan telephoned to you this afternoon.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

New Orleans, La., September 21, 1933.
HW:cw. 1:15 PM cc-Division

F. J. BLAKE
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
POST OFFICE BUILDING
DALLAS TEXAS

[REDACTED] OF WILMOT ARKANSAS REPORTED CUSTODY GLADEWATER TEXAS USA SHREVEPORT ADVISES INFORMATION FURNISHED FEDERAL JUDGE DAWKINS MONROE THESE PARTIES HAVE BEEN MAKING FREQUENT TRIPS TO MEXICO WITH LARGE SUMS OF GOLD AND CURRENCY STOP REFER MY LETTER AUGUST TWENTY EIGHTH LAST TO DIVISION CONCERNING [REDACTED] COPY FURNISHED YOU

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SEP 22 1933

Unit One

SEP 26 1933 AM

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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RW: [redacted]
62-0: [redacted]

326 1/2 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
September 21, 1933.

Hon. Philip H. Mecom,
United States Attorney,
Shreveport, Louisiana.

SEP 21 1933 AM
DIVISION ONE
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:-

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of even date relative to information furnished Judge Dawkins regarding [redacted] of Wilmot, Arkansas, who have been arrested at Gladewater, Texas, as suspected accomplices of "Machine Gun" Kelly.

You are advised that the information contained in your telegram has been furnished to the Dallas office for appropriate attention, and I desire to thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division ✓

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311 Hurley-Wright Building
Washington, D. C.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DIVISION ONE
SEP 26 1933 AM

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

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, with
aliases, et al.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a memorandum prepared by Special Agent [redacted] of this office, dated September 13, 1933, pertaining to information concerning the military record of Albert L. Bates. This information was furnished you in brief by telegraph on September 11, 1933 and this memorandum is to complete your files.

Very truly yours,

L. P. OLIVER, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

[redacted]
Encls.
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cc-Division ✓

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

9-25-1933

TO DIVISION 6...

There are attached hereto the following fugitive index cards:

Name	Number	Record
<i>Matheson, Thorne Kelly</i>	<i>5407</i>	<i>yes</i>

file 7-115

VICE

Please indicate hereon whether the fingerprints on these individuals have been located in your files.

V. W. Hughes-
Room 419.

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311 Hurley-Wright Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

September 25, 1933.

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

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
SEP 26 1933
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Lair One [initials]

Dear Sir:

This is in confirmation of the telephone conversations had on the night of September 24, 1933 between Special Agent in Charge R. H. Colvin at Oklahoma City and Special Agent [redacted] of this office, and later between Special Agent [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted] of the Oklahoma City Office.

For the information of the New York and Charlotte Division offices, it is stated that on the night of September 24, 1933, the Oklahoma City office requested the Washington Field office to obtain all available information concerning [redacted] Washington, D. C., and to ascertain in whose name District automobile license plates D. C. F-8836, were registered. [redacted] were thought to be driving a Pontiac sedan bearing said license plates.

Agent [redacted] immediately contacted [redacted] Police Headquarters, Washington, D. C., who advised that license tags D. C. F-8836, were issued to [redacted] Chastleton Hotel, Washington, D. C. for Chevrolet coach, motor #2853557. [redacted] advised Agent [redacted] that no further information could be obtained until Monday morning, September 25, 1933.

[redacted] Chastleton Hotel, 16th and R Sts., N. W., was contacted by telephone and advised Agent [redacted] that [redacted] had registered at the Chastleton Hotel on December 20, 1930 and upon checking out had given the following forwarding address:

[redacted] New York City.

[redacted] Chastleton Hotel, recalled stopping there two or three years ago on several different occasions. She stated that he registered alone; that he was a travelling man and she believed him to be single at that time.

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Special Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted] next door neighbor of [redacted]. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had married [redacted] in the summer of 1932 and that they had returned some time in July of 1933 for a visit. [redacted] stated she thought that they came from the South but did not know where. At this time [redacted] was driving a greenish sedan, make unknown, but [redacted] stated it was larger than the Chevrolet type of car. [redacted] described [redacted] as about 30 years of age; 5' 11"; 175 lbs.; large build; dark hair and complexion; neat dresser; occupation travelling man.

Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted] and [redacted] verified the statements made by [redacted] under pretext. [redacted] and his wife were driving a new green Pontiac sedan when they last visited the [redacted] shortly after July 4, 1933. They also stated that [redacted] formerly had a smaller car. [redacted] advised that [redacted] visited them in Washington about twice each year but he is constantly travelling throughout the country, principally in the South, although she does not know what firm or concern he represents. She last heard from [redacted] about three weeks ago, at which time she received a card from [redacted] somewhere in Tennessee. She has no idea where [redacted] are at the present time.

On the morning of September 25, 1933, Special Agent [redacted] visited the Department of Vehicles and Traffic, Washington, D. C., and there examined the records pertaining to [redacted]. These records reflect that [redacted] Chastleton Hotel, received D. C. license tags #F-8836 on December 18, 1931 for a Chevrolet coach, motor #2853557, serial #3-AE-84241. On March 6, 1933 a new registration certificate was issued to [redacted] permitting him to place the above mentioned tags on a new Pontiac sedan, motor #903394, serial #786462.

Agent [redacted] also examined the applications for D. C. title certificates for the two above mentioned cars. The first is an application for D. C. title certificate #82598, dated 9/23/31, for a used 1931 Chevrolet coach, motor #2853557, which [redacted] had purchased from the Pollard Chevrolet Company, Houston, Tex. for cash. At that time [redacted] gave his address as Texas State Hotel, Houston, Texas. The second application is certificate of title #213047 and is dated March 6, 1933. This application gives [redacted] address as [redacted] and his business address as 315 Jay St., Brooklyn, N. Y. This application is for a 1933 new Pontiac sedan,

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motor #903394, serial #786462, purchased October 25, 1932, from the Marion Buick Company, Marion, N. C. A bill of sale of the Marion Buick Company is attached to this application reflecting that [redacted] in the name of the American Safety Razor Company, Brooklyn, N. Y., purchased instant car at a total cost of \$928.50, and that on 2/25/33 there was a balance due on said car of \$505.45.

The New York City office which is being furnished with a copy of this letter is requested to conduct an appropriate investigation at the American Safety Razor Company, Brooklyn, N. Y. and at 315 Jay St., Brooklyn, N. Y. for the purpose of ascertaining any information concerning [redacted] particularly with reference to his present occupation, whereabouts and background.

The Charlotte Division office is being furnished with a copy of this letter at this time although no lead is being set forth.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Hanson,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

[redacted]
cc - Division ✓
Charlotte
New York City

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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
September 22
1953

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

Re: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, I.O. 1203, et al.
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telegram from your office on the 29th instant advising that Chief of Police Joseph Lehmyer of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Prisoner Stanley Shirclif were en route via American Airways from New York to Chicago, and suggesting that a surveillance be made of the movements of these persons while in Detroit.

Pursuant to this telegraphic instruction Agents [redacted] and [redacted] proceeded to the local airport and conducted proper surveillance of these persons. The plane in question was one hour and ten minutes late. It arrived at Detroit at 2:50 P. M. and departed at 3:00 P. M. Chief of Police Lehmyer and his prisoner left the plane and waited in the general waiting room while the plane was being refueled during this ten-minute interval. They were carefully watched and were not contacted by anyone and made no efforts to communicate with anyone in any manner.

Upon their departure at 3 P. M. the proper telegram was dispatched to the Chicago office advising of the probable arrival of the plane in that city.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

[redacted]
cc Division
Chicago
St. Paul
Oklahoma City

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

September 20, 1933.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Hughes	✓
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Locke	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called and stated that immediately after lunch he attended a conference in [redacted] office when there were present Mr. Keenan and several of the Urschels and Kirkpatrick; that the letters were discussed and they called upon Mr. Nathan, who recommended that the letter to the Urschels be published after the trial. However, the consensus of opinion seemed that they should be published immediately. The Urschels were very anxious that they be published immediately and the thought seemed to be that if they were not published the gangsters would feel that the law enforcement officials as well as the Urschels were afraid of them. [redacted] then stated that there were two things which required immediate attention; 1, the capture of the Kellys and 2, the protection of the Urschel family. Mr. Nathan said he sat mute at this suggestion as he is opposed to any protection of the Urschel family by Agents of the Division. He had previously taken the position that the Agents are for investigative purposes and cannot do guard duty, however he said nothing at this time. [redacted] stated he would call the Director some time this afternoon. Mr. Nathan thereupon advised him that he had talked to the Director this morning and that the Director, in turn, had advised all offices in the middle west and southwest of the letters and directed that every possible effort be made to bring about the apprehension of the Kellys. Mr. Nathan concluded by stating that he did not believe it would be advisable to oppose the publication of the Urschel letter because the Urschels had made up their minds that they wanted it published. They stated it is partially in the papers already and they would prefer to have it all printed.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Hughes
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Locke

Sept 21, 1933

Dear Mr. Hoover:

attached are the identification cards on
Kelly and Harmon

Thanks a lot for letting me use them
If I can ever be of service to you
please let me know.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature area]

Charles F. W...
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August 29, 1933

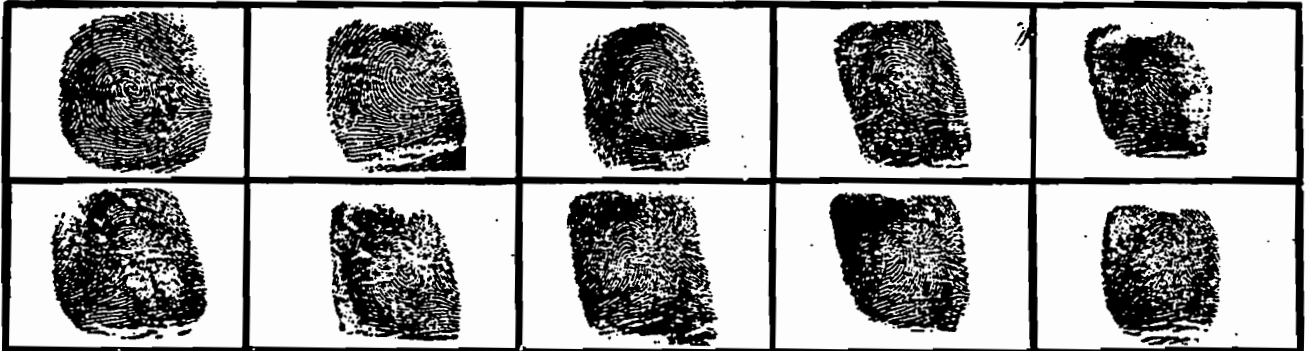
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WASHINGTON, D. C.**

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WANTED

KATHRYN THORNE KELLY, aliases CATHERINE THORNE KELLY, CATHERINE THORNE, DOLORES CANNON, DOLORES WHITNEY, MRS. ORA L. SHANNON.

KIDNAPING



DESCRIPTION

Age, 28 years (looks older)
Height, 5 feet, 9 inches
Weight, 141 pounds
(probably heavier now)
Build, medium
Hair, black
Eyes, brown
Complexion, ruddy
Remarks: Wears expensive jewelry.

CRIMINAL RECORD

As Dolores Whitney, No. 5025, arrested Police Department, Ft. Worth, Texas, November 30, 1929; charge, shoplifting; dismissed.



RELATIVES:

George R. Kelly, aliases George Kelly, R. G. Shannon, husband, Fugitive, Identification Order No. 1203, Former resident address, 857 East Mulkey, Street, Ft. Worth, Texas
Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, mother,
Robert G. Shannon, stepfather,
Armon Crawford Shannon, stepbrother,
All residents on a farm, Rural Route, Paradise, Texas.

Dolores Whitney

Kathryn Thorne Kelly was indicted in the Federal Court at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on August 23, 1933, together with her husband George R. Kelly, and others, and charged with kidnaping Charles F. Urschel at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on July 22, 1933, and transporting him to Paradise, Texas, where he was held for ransom in violation of the Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to nearest office, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof, which is nearest your city.

(over) Issued by: J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR.

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Katherine Thorne alias Dolores Whitney
alias Dolores Cannon (nee); alias
Katherine Kelly alias Mrs. George R.
Kelly

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GEORGE R. KELLY
alias R. G. Shannon

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

224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Okla.,
Sept. 22, 1933.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Carson.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Gurnea.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Jones.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Nease.....
Mr. Lester.....

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

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted and enclosed herewith letter and envelope which Mr. Keenan directed be sent to you for perusal, for such expert analysis as may be possible. The letter, it will be noted, is purported to be from Kathryn Kelly, now a fugitive in the Urschel kidnaping case.

Your special attention is called to a letter, alleged to have led to the apprehension of [redacted] and [redacted] which Kathryn Kelly claims to have written to the Department prior thereto.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan,
Assistant Director.

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Mr. Joseph B. Keenan.

Dear Mr. Keenan:

I came to Oklahoma City, last week for the sole purpose of meeting and talking with you, but after reading of the unjust, unfair way, you and your associates have and are treating my innocent parents, (The Shannon Family) I came to the conclusion that what I have heard about your fairness heretofore was all bosh and that I would not get justice from you or the government, no matter how innocent I might be, but I do intend to see you immediately after this trial, at your hotel in Okla. City as I am leaving here, tomorrow, to stay with friends there until the trial is over and if my innocent people get a fair deal, and justice, they will be freed and I will at once confer with you and you alone, as I have lots I want to discuss. I know, Mr. Keenan, you can with a clear conscience see that my parents are freed. They are not criminals, altho you people have treated them as desperadoes. They never harmed anyone in their life, and if Mr. Kelly ever told you, to do something, like he has others, you would be only to glad to comply, and just why you and Mr. Hyde will not release the innocent for a criminal I do not know. Thro' an attorney I made you a proposition to give you Kelly, for the release of my people, as for myself it really doesn't matter. I can prove to your satisfaction I had no part, or did not have any knowledge, beforehand, of the Urshell kidnaping. I would step into the electric chair now to save my loved ones, even undergoing a trial with unfair people like you. I know their honesty and goodness, and the two little girls need them at home, and the whole community needs them, yet, Mr. Keenan, you are willing to let the Big Shots go, and let the innocent suffer. Do you really, and truly, believe you are doing your duty by your country in prosecuting the Shannons? Now, just between you and I, think it over, would their imprisonment stop any crime? No -, and if they were released they would go home, raise their kiddies, plow their fields, and be assets in their community, and be a help. They welcomed G. R. K. because he was my husband, but all I am interested in Sir is my people. I love them more than the whole world and I would have seen Mr. Kelly surrendered, regardless, if you had really had the worlds sake at heart and interested in the criminal element enough to have released the innocent. I expect society as you call it could be aided immensely if you had a few of the right ones. I would have told you plenty, not that I ever doublecrossed friend or foe in my life, but I will do anything for my people and here's one thing I'll tell you right now, I've heard Kelly and his associates laughing over you being too dumb to figure out the finger man and I heard them say who he was, and why you and Mr. Urschel don't know by now is beyond me. Well, it is Jarrett, and if you'd watched him you'd probaly have caught on. I don't believe you know about it, and if certain parties would break their "gmg lan" code of not talking I expect it could be proven easily. Why didn't you arrest him.

Another thing, I want you to know I am not with Kelly and don't

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intend to be, and I don't want any more "bum" raps, on me, as I have a pretty good idea of what is going to happen right away, from me and his associates, and if I have to be in jail to prove an alibi I will, and I honestly don't believe they will be apprehended Mr. Keenan. They have too many worldwide connections and why you are not more interested in preventing a massacre than in aiding in prosecuting good citizens I do not know. I could find 25 criminals for you inside of three days if you would trust me in the least. You should know I don't want to be on the "law" I've never been and I need to be with my father and baby. I've had an awful hard time in my life, regardless of what you think and I've tried to raise my baby to grow up a good woman, and after I knew Kelly's activities I could not break with him. My poor parents are already ruined from this undue publicity and Mr Keenan, how you have the heart to imprision these innocent people, I cant understand. I know you can see that they are released. You are supposed to be an awfully smart man, and I'm ready to assist you in any way I can, Sir. Do something for them and I will come to you and Kelly and Miller will probaly wonder how it all happened if you are fair with me. Another thing, do you recall a typewritten letter mailed from Chicago via air mail Special to your Dept. of Justice in Wash. just before Keating, Holden, and Bailey were arrested in K. C. Well, I figured Kelly would be with them also Bernard Phillips but they happened to escape you. I wanted to get away from that bunch and I didn't dare for every time I tried to discuss it sensibly with Kelly he beat me up, and even threatened to kidnap my baby and hold her until I returned to him, if I did leave. You can't know how miserable my life has been, yet you indict me for something I am entirely innocent of. Those guys never let their wives know their business, none of them, and what I do know is from being smart enough to over hear them. I want a chance for my parents and I to live in peace. I would love to discuss a lot of things with you, but you've put me in a position to where I can't - someone has got to be out to provide for those two little girls and until my parents are home with them its up to me to do it and if you will see they are released I will see you at once and the first thing will be the apprehension of Kelly and his two companions. They were here yesterday from New York and returned there, where no doubt they are having a hilarious time. When I asked Kelly last week for cash to go to Okla. City on, he laughed at me and I had to borrow money on my diamonds to go and he also said he would kill me when I did get out, if I gave up but I don't care now, then I found out while I've been nearly crazy, he has been wiring and dining a N. Y. girl. That's the kind of a guy he is but I know at all times where I can locate him, thro' others there, and any way you will aid my people, I will do just what I say if not more, and if you ever talk to are meaner than either Kelly or any of the rest, and if you don't arrest the "finger man", I'll prove later on you are not trying to aid the government for I'm going to write Urschel and the newspaper the name of the finger, and I'll prove it. I want some of the guilty ones to suffer instead of the innocent. Please do something for my people, you can I know. You can talk to

My attorney Mr. Roberts, and if you want Kelly you'll have him if you'll release those people, and I will confer with you. Please I beg you, keep this letter secret or I'll be slaughtered.

Yours truly

Kathryn C. Kelly

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Mr. Nathan.....	✓
Mr. Tolson.....	✓
Mr. Clegg.....	
Mr. Edwards.....	
Mr. Egan.....	✓
Mr. Hughes.....	✓
Mr. Quinn.....	
Mr. Looke.....	
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Case: GEORGE R. KELLY, Fugitive, et al, Kidnaping.
Specimen: Letter to Oklahoma newspaper with envelope and letter to Charles F. Urschel with envelope; also letter written by Kathryn Kelly addressed to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon as normal specimen her handwriting.
Examination requested by: Oklahoma City office.

Number:

Date received: 9/22/33.
Examination desired: compare handwriting.

JRC

Date of Report: 9/23/33.
Result of examination:

Examination by: [REDACTED]

The handwriting on the letters to the Oklahoman and to Urschel is not identical with that of Mrs. Kelly. There are a great many similarities which on casual examination would lead one to think that these handwritings are the same. However, detailed analysis indicates that Mrs. Kelly did not write these letters. The handwriting in the letters is not to any great extent disguised or changed from normal as far as I can tell, and the same is true of the handwriting of Mrs. Kelly.

A comparison of the signatures of George R. Kelly on three fingerprint cards with those on these letters indicates that he may have written these letters. I do not consider the signatures sufficient to definitely state that he did write the letters but they are sufficient to indicate that he might have done so. If additional specimens of George R. Kelly's handwriting are obtained, further comparison may be made. The original letters are being examined for latent fingerprints.

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September 23, 1933.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALLS - Urschel Case.

I contacted Mr. Gates and advised him that a request had been made of this Division for permission to print photographic copies of the letters sent to Mr. Urschel and the Daily Oklahoman supposedly by George Kelly, by [redacted] of the Star. I advised that he further requests that he be allowed to photograph the men in the Division at work on these letters. Mr. Gates stated this would be satisfactory with him.

Keenan

Mr. Nathan advised by telephone this morning that Mr. Keenan was going to Austin, Texas.

I called to Mr. Nathan's attention that if Mr. Keenan is participating in the trial in any way, and has not had a special commission specifically authorizing him and directing him to act in this particular case, naming all defendants, the trial can be reversed on the grounds of error. Mr. Nathan said that Mr. Keenan is planning to cross-examine the Shannons, but he knows nothing about a special commission. I suggested that he inquire in this regard. I stated that Mr. Keenan should not even make a motion if he has no such commission, and Mr. Nathan advised he has done this already.

Mr. Nathan stated that all Mr. Keenan wants him to do is get in touch with Mr. Purvis and have him cooperate with the man in Chicago. I advised Mr. Nathan to tell Mr. Keenan this could not be done, and furthermore, that I am extremely disturbed that the information had been given to anyone, inasmuch as we had been so careful to have only three or four of our Agents in possession of the same. Mr. Nathan advised that in the first place the number was contained in the letter to the informant intercepted a day or so ago; that in this letter was instruction to communicate with the attorney, which the informant did, thus giving the attorney the number; that the attorney conferred with Mr. Keenan and gave to him the number; that the attorney wrote a letter to the number in Chicago, and gave the letter to Keenan to mail so that he, Keenan, could see the contents, and this letter was written by the attorney, not the informant; that about four or five hours later Keenan telephoned the party in Chicago and told him about the matter, and then asked Mr. Nathan to give him the number. I advised Mr. Nathan that I was very disturbed over the fact that the information had been given to an outside party in Chicago.

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I advised that he could tell Mr. Keenan that I absolutely refused to have our Agents in Charge working with a man like he suggested in Chicago.

Mr. Purvis later advised by telephone that the only [redacted] at that hotel is one who came in yesterday and is [redacted] from Buffalo, New York, but they are checking to see if the telegram was delivered to him last night.

Mr. Purvis said that this morning a Special Delivery Air Mail letter came to the same address in Chicago from Oklahoma City, and is as follows:

"Dear Sir: Tell K. that Mr. [redacted] showed me her letter. He is ready to deal and wants to meet her. Tell her to contact me direct at once. She will be absolutely protected. Phone or wire me at . . . room, the Skirvin Hotel.

John D. Roberts,
Attorney for the Shannons."

Mr. Nathan was advised by Mr. Purvis of the receipt of this letter.

I advised that I thought Mr. Keith could be of some use to him while in Chicago, and that I would wire Mr. Keith today that tonight when he finishes with applicants at Kansas City, to leave for Chicago so that he will be there tomorrow morning.

Mr. Purvis states he is to meet the man at the hotel, but apparently he is not at the hotel; that none of his contacts have ever heard of such an individual, and there is no way to contact Mr. Keenan.

I later contacted Mr. Keith at Kansas City by telephoned and instructed him to leave for Chicago when he finishes applicants at Kansas City, and he stated he would be in Chicago tomorrow morning.

Later, Mr. Purvis telephoned to state that [redacted] had received a telegram from the Chief of Police at Two Rivers, Wisconsin (on the lake about 200 miles above Chicago) saying that [redacted] of Two Rivers, just identified Verne Miller and George Kelly from pictures as having been in a restaurant there today; that he contacted [redacted] and Chief of Police, and that [redacted] said he was eating in the same restaurant; that the Chief of Police had called all the surrounding towns; that a waitress identified the photograph of Kelly; that they have no State Police.

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Mr. Purvis stated that if they had a car, [REDACTED] advised, it was not parked in front of the restaurant. Mr. Purvis stated that his nearest man to this place is [REDACTED] who is above Milwaukee, which is about 100 miles from that point. I instructed that he get a man there immediately.

Mr. Purvis requested that he be supplied with 200 I.O.'s on Kelly, 200 on Catherine Kelly and the same number on Verne Miller. I advised I would have them sent to him today.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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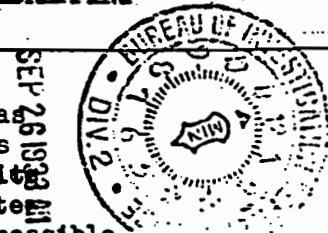
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TITLE: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases - FUGITIVE ET AL I.O. #1203 CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.	CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPPING
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informant [REDACTED] of Amarillo, Texas supplied information which she believes will assist in locating fugitives. Quite apparent her mind is affected; her statements so disconnected it is next to impossible to determine her line of reasoning; she is fearful of being molested if known she is revealing information.



REFERENCE: Division letter dated 9/13/33

DETAILS:

Enclosed with referenced letter was copy of a letter dated at Amarillo, Texas 9/5/33 addressed to the Director and signed [REDACTED] Amarillo, Texas.

[REDACTED] on being interviewed was unable to supply concrete facts relative to the information contained in her letter. It was quite apparent that her mind is affected and it was next to impossible to determine her line of reasoning from her disconnected statements. She has in her possession various newspaper clippings relating to crimes and criminals, extending back several years. It seems that her husband was in the Army at the time she married him in 1927 and the following year he was listed as a deserter - she blaming [REDACTED] who resides in Wichita, Kansas, as responsible for his desertion; and after hiding him out for the following year took him to the Wesley Hospital in Wichita, Kansas, where he died 5/20/29.

She claims [REDACTED] signed the certificate of death, listed him as a single man, and collected \$1,600.00 insurance. In retaliation she informs on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who she claims harbor the criminal class in their home in Wichita, Kansas, and is sure some of the Kelly gang could be located there. She further suggested the Ione Hotel [REDACTED] at Wichita, Kansas, be checked,

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stating he caters to the criminal element. She attempted to explain that [redacted] handles all the money obtained from bank robberies, which is deposited in her name, and those responsible for the robberies draw on her for funds as needed.

The Ora Shannon referred to by her in her letter, she claims associated with Eddie Adams, who was killed in 1925 during a bank at Wichita, Kansas; that she operated around Ft. Riley, Kansas during the war and believes this to be the same woman now the wife of Boss Shannon of Paradise, Texas.

[redacted] was positive that [redacted] came to her rooming house about 3 weeks ago begging for food and that there was a younger man with him - light complexion, large brown eyes and about 25 yrs. of age; that [redacted] mentioned the fact he once knew her husband, and that his old home was around Texarkana; however he did not tell her his name and she did not ask him.

[redacted] is extremely nervous and of an excitable disposition, is fearful of being molested should it be known she was imparting information in connection with the criminal element.

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OFFICE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

FILE

George R. Kelly and his wife, Kathryn Thorne Kelly, the remaining prominent figures in the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, millionaire oil man of Oklahoma City, on July 23, 1933, were apprehended in the early morning of September 26th by Agents of the Division of Investigation at Memphis, Tennessee. When these notorious kidnapers, who have flouted the law enforcement officials throughout the country for the past several weeks, and particularly have endeavored to intimidate by threats witnesses at the trial of Charles F. Urschel which is now in progress, were located by Agents of the Division, they were taken into custody through a surprise attack and while they were asleep, at the home of James C. Tichenor, who, with one S. E. Travis, apparently had harbored the Kellys with full knowledge of their identity.

Kelly had been identified by Agents of the Division as one of the chief kidnapers in the early stages of the investigation, even prior to the time that Harvey J. Bailey, notorious gunman of the Southwest, was apprehended by Agents of the Division at the home of R. G. Shannon, near Paradise, Texas. However, he and his wife, who also assisted in the kidnaping, have up to this time eluded capture, and while Harvey J. Bailey, the Shannons and others were on trial for the kidnaping at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Kelly sent a number of letters threatening the Government prosecutors, the kidnap victim, Charles F. Urschel, the Shannons and others, with death and destruction of their homes, obviously in an effort to silence the witnesses against Harvey J. Bailey and Albert Bates, the two other members of the criminal triumvirate. These letters, which bore not only the signature of George Kelly, but his fingerprint impressions, to make certain that he would be identified as the writer, served only to cause the Agents of the Division to make increased effort to bring about his early apprehension. It has been less than a week since the threatening letters were received, and Kelly and his notorious wife are now in custody. They have admitted their identity and will be held under strong guard pending their return to Oklahoma City.

Confidentially, the information which led to their location was received by Agents of the Division, who have known for some time that two weeks ago Kathryn Kelly, at San Antonio, Texas, requested

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that a twelve year old girl, the daughter of close friends, be permitted to visit her. When the little girl went to see Mrs. Kelly she did not return. Kathryn Kelly took the girl with her, and the child has remained with George and Kathryn Kelly since that time, apparently as a shield to throw law enforcement officers off suspicion. Efforts have been made to contact the girl, but each time a message was received from her, investigation at the point of origin of the message resulted only in ascertaining that they had moved on. However, yesterday a telegram was intercepted from the child to her father at Oklahoma City. The telegram had been sent from a train at Fort Worth, advising that she was coming home to Oklahoma City. The train was met by Division Agents, and through a circuitous route she was taken to the home of Agent in Charge Colvin and there carefully interrogated. Her itinerary for the past four or five days was ascertained. It was found that she had left Chicago with the Kellys last Thursday and had proceeded to Memphis. She generally described the house where she had been, but could not give the location. However, she stated that it was at the home of a man whose right side was paralyzed, although she did not know his name. She stated that she had come to Oklahoma City with a Memphis lawyer, who was going to act as a go-between to see just what the lawyers were doing at Oklahoma City.

Inquiry then switched to Fort Worth again, and Agents of the Division there intercepted a telegram from this lawyer to a party by the name of Tichenor, in Memphis, Tennessee. The little girl was asked if this was the name of the party in Memphis, Tennessee, at whose home she stopped, and she advised that it was. The information from the telegram was obtained only late yesterday evening. This information was flashed to the Division, and the Agent in Charge of the Birmingham Office of the Division, and other Special Agents, were promptly ordered by the Division to charter planes, if necessary, to proceed immediately to Memphis. Special Agent in Charge Rorer of the Birmingham Office of the Division was first to arrive at Memphis. He immediately located the home of Tichenor, and with other Special Agents of the Division, and calling upon the Police Department for the assistance of patrolmen, swooped down upon the Tichenor place and located the Kellys, Tichenor and Travis while they were all asleep.

Respectfully,

Director.

U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
224 Federal Bldg.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

September 14, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Re: George R. Kelly, et al
Kidnaping

Pursuant to my conversation with Mr. Hughes over the telephone today, I inclose herewith the original of a letter addressed to Mrs. R. G. Shannon, Oklahoma City, dated at Asher, Oklahoma September 6, 1933 and signed "Mrs. H. T. Hopkins".

It is desired that comparison be made of this letter with the photostats of the original Urschel ransom letters for the purpose of determining whether or not they were written on the same typewriter, or at least to determine the make of typewriter on which the inclosure was written.

This matter should be expedited and this office should be wired a brief summary of the results.

Very truly yours,

RHC

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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9/14/33 9 pm Feltz & [redacted]

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

Dear Sir:

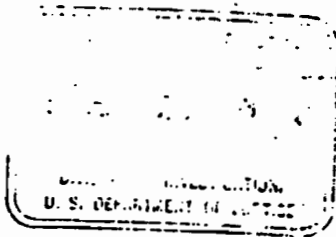
Reference is made to the case entitled GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, Identification Order #1203, Fugitive, et al, Kidnaping.

There is transmitted herewith a copy of the laboratory report on the letter dated September 6, 1933, addressed to Mrs. R. G. Shannon and signed by Mrs. E. T. Hopkins.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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VHE: [REDACTED]

September 25, 1933.

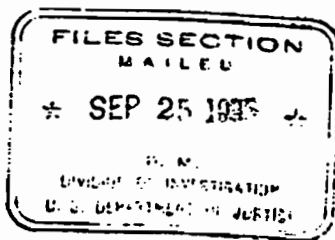
[REDACTED]
Fort Worth
Municipal Airport,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear [REDACTED]

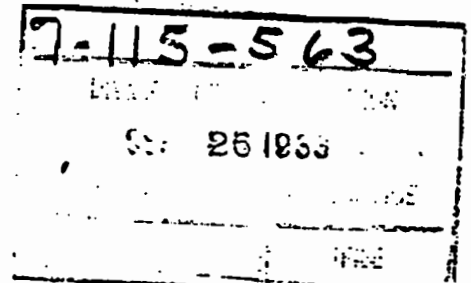
I have been advised by Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake, of my Dallas office, of the excellent cooperation which you rendered to him and to this Division in the investigation of the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, particularly that angle of said investigation which brought about the apprehension of Harvey J. Bailey, R. G. Shannon, and others, near Paradise, Texas, and I wanted you to know of my sincere appreciation of your wholehearted cooperation with this Division which contributed in no small manner to this splendid denouement.

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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VKHE [redacted]

September 25, 1933.

[redacted]

First National Bank,
Decatur, Texas.

Dear [redacted]

I have been advised by Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake, of my Dallas office, of the excellent cooperation which you rendered to him and to this Division in the investigation of the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, particularly that angle of said investigation which brought about the apprehension of Harvey J. Bailey, R. G. Shannon, and others, near Paradise, Texas, and I wanted you to know of my sincere appreciation of your whole-hearted cooperation with this Division which contributed in no small manner to this splendid denouement.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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VH[REDACTED]

September 25, 1933.

[REDACTED] Southwestern Bell
Telephone Company,
Ft. Worth, Texas.

Dear [REDACTED]

I have been advised by Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake, of my Dallas office, of the excellent cooperation which you rendered to him and to this Division in the investigation of the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, particularly that angle of said investigation which brought about the apprehension of Harvey J. Bailey, R. G. Shannon, and others, near Paradise, Texas, and I wanted you to know of my sincere appreciation of your wholehearted cooperation with this Division which contributed in no small manner to this splendid denouement.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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VH [REDACTED]

September 25, 1933.

[REDACTED]
Chief of Police,
Fort Worth, Texas.

My dear Chief:

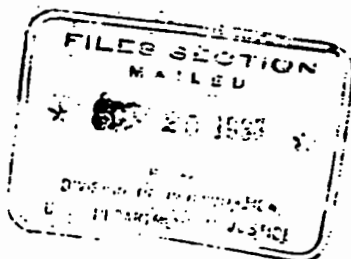
I feel that I have been remiss in not thanking you and your Department at an earlier date for your excellent and efficient cooperation with the Agents of this Division in the investigation of the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, which brought about the apprehension of Harvey J. Bailey, R. G. Shannon, and others, in the vicinity of Paradise, Texas.

It is needless for me to advise you of my gratification upon the receipt of the news of this important capture which was made possible largely through your efforts and the efforts of members of your Department. I am informed that Detectives [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] rendered particularly meritorious services and that Detectives [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] likewise contributed to this major development in that investigation.

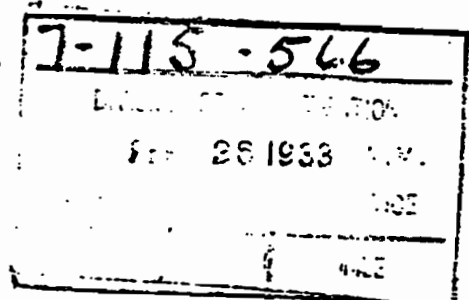
I would appreciate it if you will convey to these officers my cordial expression of thanks and my admiration for their efficient and courageous activity.

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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VAS [redacted]

September 25, 1933.

[redacted] U. S. Weather Bureau,
Dallas Airport,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear [redacted]

I have been advised by Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake, of my Dallas office, of the excellent cooperation which you rendered to him and to this Division in the investigation of the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, particularly that angle of said investigation which brought about the apprehension of Harvey J. Bailey, F. G. Shannon, and others, near Paradise, Texas, and I wanted you to know of my sincere appreciation of your whole-hearted cooperation with this Division which contributed in no small manner to this splendid denouement.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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VMS [redacted]

September 25, 1933.

[redacted]
Postmaster,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

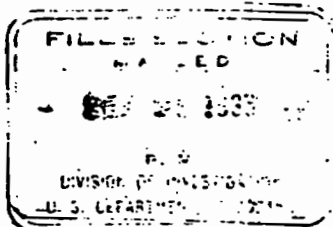
Dear [redacted]

I have been advised by Special Agent in Charge R. H. Colvin, of my Oklahoma City office, of the excellent cooperation which you and your [redacted] rendered to him and to this Division in the investigation of the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, particularly that angle of said investigation which brought about the apprehension of Harvey J. Bailey, R. G. Shannon, and others, near Paradise, Texas, and I wanted you to know of my sincere appreciation of your wholehearted cooperation with this Division which contributed in no small manner to this splendid denouement.

I would appreciate it if you would convey to [redacted] my cordial expression of thanks for his cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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VHE [redacted]

September 25, 1933.

[redacted]

Phillips Petroleum Company,
Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Dear [redacted]

I have been advised by Special Agent in Charge R. H. Colvin, of my Oklahoma City office, of the excellent cooperation which you rendered to him and to this Division in the investigation of the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, particularly that angle of said investigation which brought about the apprehension of Harvey J. Bailey, R. G. Shannon, and others, near Paradise, Texas, and I wanted you to know of my sincere appreciation of your wholehearted cooperation with this Division which contributed in no small manner to this splendid denouement.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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VNH [REDACTED]

September 25, 1933.

Mr. John Batt,
Chief of Police,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

My dear Chief:

I feel that I have been remiss in not thanking you and your Department at an earlier date for your excellent and efficient cooperation with the Agents of this Division in the investigation of the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, which brought about the apprehension of Harvey J. Bailey, R. G. Shannon, and others, in the vicinity of Paradise, Texas.

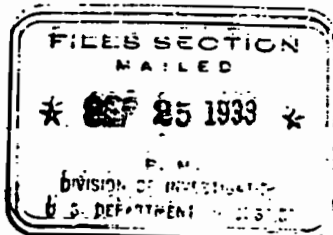
It is needless for me to advise you of my gratification upon the receipt of the news of this important capture, which was made possible largely through your efforts and the efforts of members of your Department. I am informed that Detectives [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] rendered particularly meritorious services in this investigation.

I would appreciate it if you will convey to these officers my cordial expression of thanks and my admiration for their efficient and courageous activity.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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VNH [REDACTED]

September 25, 1933.

[REDACTED]
Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.,
Ft. Worth, Texas.

Dear [REDACTED]

I have been advised by Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake, of my Dallas office, of the excellent cooperation which you rendered to him and to this Division in the investigation of the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, particularly that angle of said investigation which brought about the apprehension of Harvey J. Bailey, R. G. Shannon, and others, near Paradise, Texas, and I wanted you to know of my sincere appreciation of your whole-hearted cooperation with this Division which contributed in no small manner to this splendid denouement.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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September 25, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

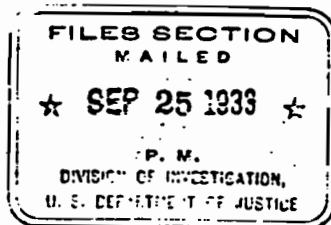
Reference is made to the letter recently transmitted by you to the Division, dated Asher, Oklahoma, September 6, 1933, addressed to Mrs. R. G. Shannon and signed by Mrs. H. T. Hopkins, allegedly Mrs. Shannon's sister.

An examination of this letter has disclosed some fragmentary latent fingerprints which have been examined and which have been found not to be identical with the fingerprint impressions of George Kelly and Dolores Whitney. The said fragmentary impressions may be palmar impressions.

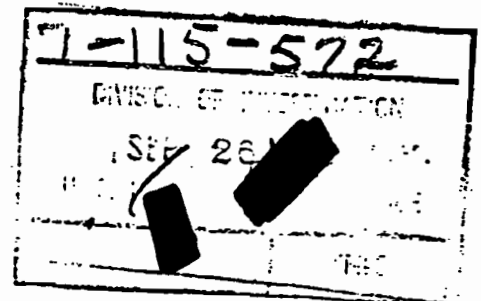
This letter is being retained here for further examination.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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September 25, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you and received
September 23, 1933, please be advised that
an examination of the fingerprint records of the United
States Bureau of Investigation fails to disclose any data
concerning the following:

~~—~~ Grover C. Bevil

Harvey R. Paine

(CC:Division)

All B7C

Very truly yours,

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Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
~~Bureau of Investigation~~
224 Federal Bldg.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Edwards	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Hughes	✓
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Locke	_____

RHC
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September 20, 1933

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

Dear Sir:

Re: George R. Kelly - FUGITIVE, et al,
Kidnaping.

Reference being had to Mr. Nathan's telephone conversation with you last night and this morning, I am inclosing herewith under cellophane cover a letter received by the Daily Oklahoman yesterday, mailed in Chicago at noon on September 18 by airmail and purportedly signed by George Kelly. I also inclose the letter addressed to Mr. Charles F. Urschel, also mailed in Chicago at 12 noon September 18 and purportedly written by George Kelly.

You are already familiar with the text of these letters, same having been read to you by Mr. Nathan over the telephone. We have had six photostatic copies of each of them and their containing envelopes made. I have had the original fingerprints of Kelly which appear on each letter examined by Mr. Douglas Walsh, Superintendent of the Bureau of Identification of the Dallas Police Department, who has expressed the opinion that there is little doubt but that they are the genuine prints of Kelly.

I also inclose herewith for comparative purposes an original letter written by Kathryn Kelly and addressed to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon, Paradise, Texas, the same having been mailed at Indianapolis, Indiana June 5.

I have had a brief examination of the Kathryn Kelly letter and the other two letters made by a local handwriting expert who has expressed the opinion that he is practically convinced that both the Urschel letter and the Daily Oklahoman letter are in the handwriting of Kathryn Kelly. He attempted no detailed analysis of the letters but merely made a cursory examination of them.

This office has been unable to develop any distinct prints on these envelopes or letters.

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Very truly yours,

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R. H. Quinn

Unit Dir
Ident. Unit

R. H. Quinn,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 20, 1933, in connection with the case entitled "George R. Kelly, Fugitive, et al, Kidnaping". The technical experts of the Identification Unit have determined that the inked fingerprints appearing on the letter addressed to Mr. Charles F. Urschel, as well as those appearing on the letter addressed to the Daily Oklahoman are identical with George R. Kelly, fugitive.

Efforts at the Identification Unit to develop latent fingerprints on these letters have been fruitless.

Under separate cover you are being advised of the results of examination of the handwriting appearing in these letters.

Very truly yours,

Director.



All b7C



September 25, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you and received
~~September 23, 1933.~~, please be advised that
an examination of the fingerprint records of the United
States Bureau of Investigation fails to disclose any data
concerning the following:

— Thomas L. Manion

CC-Division ✓

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
Very truly yours, 25 1933 A.M.
[Signature]

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Director.

THE [REDACTED]

September 25, 1933.

[REDACTED]
Postmistress,
Paradise, Texas.

Dear [REDACTED]

I have been advised by Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake, of my Dallas office, of the excellent cooperation which you rendered to him and to this Division in the investigation of the kidnaping of Charles R. Urschel, particularly that angle of said investigation which brought about the apprehension of Harvey J. Bailey, R. G. Shannon, and others, near Paradise, Texas, and I wanted you to know of my sincere appreciation of your whole-hearted cooperation with this Division which contributed in no small manner to this splendid denouement.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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YHR [REDACTED]

September 25, 1933.

[REDACTED]
Ticket Agent,
Paradise, Texas.

Dear [REDACTED]

I have been advised by Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake, of my Dallas office, of the excellent cooperation which you rendered to him and to this Division in the investigation of the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, particularly that angle of said investigation which brought about the apprehension of Harvey J. Bailey, E. G. Shannon, and others, near Paradise, Texas, and I wanted you to know of my sincere appreciation of your wholehearted cooperation with this Division which contributed in no small manner to this splendid denouement.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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VH [redacted]

September 25, 1933.

[redacted]
Chief of Police,
Dallas, Texas.

My dear Chief:

I feel that I have been remiss in not thanking you and your Department at an earlier date for your excellent and efficient cooperation with the Agents of this Division in the investigation of the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, which brought about the apprehension of Harvey J. Bailey, E. G. Shannon, and others, in the vicinity of Paradise, Texas.

It is needless for me to advise you of my gratification upon the receipt of the news of this important capture, which was made possible largely through your efforts and the efforts of members of your Department. I am informed that Lieutenants [redacted] and [redacted] and officers [redacted] and [redacted] of the Detective Bureau of the Dallas Police Department, and Officers [redacted] and [redacted] of the Identification Bureau of the Dallas Police Department, contributed to this major development in that investigation.

I would appreciate it if you will convey to these officers my cordial expression of thanks and my admiration for their efficient and courageous activity.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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VH [redacted]

September 25, 1933.

[redacted]
First National Bank,
Decatur, Texas.

Dear [redacted]

I have been advised by Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake, of my Dallas office, of the excellent cooperation which you rendered to him and to this Division in the investigation of the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, particularly that angle of said investigation which brought about the apprehension of Harvey J. Bailey, E. G. Shannon, and others, near Paradise, Texas, and I wanted you to know of my sincere appreciation of your wholehearted cooperation with this Division which contributed in no small manner to this splendid denouement.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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VRE: [REDACTED]

September 25, 1933.

[REDACTED]
Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.,
Bridgeport, Texas.

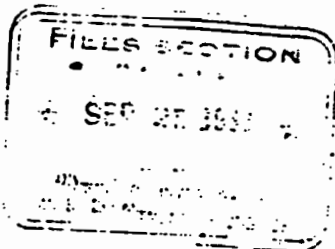
Dear Mr. Howles:

I have been advised by Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake, of my Dallas office, of the excellent cooperation which you rendered to him and to this Division in the investigation of the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, particularly that angle of said investigation which brought about the apprehension of Harvey J. Bailey, R. G. Shannon, and others, near Paradise, Texas, and I wanted you to know of my sincere appreciation of your wholehearted cooperation with this Division which contributed in no small manner to this splendid denouement.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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September 25, 1933.

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Sheriff,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

My dear Sheriff:

I feel that I have been remiss in not thanking you and your Department at an earlier date for your excellent and efficient cooperation with the Agents of this Division in the investigation of the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, which brought about the apprehension of Harvey J. Bailey, R. G. Shannon, and others, in the vicinity of Paradise, Texas.

It is needless for me to advise you of my gratification upon the receipt of the news of this important capture, which was made possible largely through your efforts and the efforts of members of your Department. I am informed that Deputy Sheriffs [redacted] and [redacted] rendered particularly meritorious services in this investigation.

It would be appreciated if you would convey to these officers my cordial expression of thanks and my admiration for their efficient and courageous activity.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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September 25, 1933.

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United States Weather Bureau,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear [REDACTED]

I have been advised by Special Agent in Charge E. H. Colvin, of my Oklahoma City office, of the excellent cooperation which you rendered to him and to this Division in the investigation of the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, particularly that angle of said investigation which brought about the apprehension of Harvey J. Bailey, E. G. Shannon, and others, near Paradise, Texas, and I wanted you to know of my sincere appreciation of your wholehearted cooperation with this Division which contributed in no small manner to this splendid denouement.

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September 27, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM STANLEY,
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

I am attaching hereto, as of possible interest to you, a copy of a memorandum which I have today directed to the Attorney General, concerning the location of ransom money in connection with the Urschel Kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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September 27, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Yesterday I selected a group of Special Agents of the Division to proceed to a point several hundred miles southwest of Dallas, Texas, near the town Coleman, Texas, for the purpose of endeavoring to locate some of the ransom money in the Urschel Kidnaping case. This party of Special Agents arrived at the farm of one Cass Coleman, who is the uncle of Kathryn Kelly, whom we have in custody at Memphis, Tennessee, in connection with the Urschel Kidnaping case. A very thorough search was made of Coleman's farm, and this morning at 3:00 a.m., about half a mile from Coleman's house in a cotton patch we discovered, buried, the sum of \$73,250 of the ransom money in the Urschel case. Cass Coleman has been taken into custody by our Agents.

Up to the location of the \$73,250, approximately \$6,400 of the ransom money had been located; \$700 was found on the person of Harvey Bailey when our Agents arrested him; \$700 was found on the person of George A. Bates, and \$5,000 of the ransom money had been circulated in St. Paul by Kelly through his St. Paul contacts, this making a total now of \$79,650 of the \$200,000 ransom money. The search is being continued with a view of locating the balance of this money.

No publicity has been given to the above matter, and I thought that you might desire to immediately advise the press of this latest development.

Respectfully,

Director.

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

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REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILL.	DATE WHEN MADE: Sept. 21, 1933	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8/1/33 to 9/14/33	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] b7C
TITLE: GEORGE R. KELLY with aliases-----FUGITIVE-- I.O. 1203; KATHRYN CLEO KELLY alias Mrs. George Kelly-- FUGITIVE - I.O. 1207; et al CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING 10204	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No information of value received as a result of circularization of banks in the 7th Federal Reserve District. Investigation has failed to produce any information as to the possible whereabouts of George Kelly and wife, or Ed and Ted Bentz. Mail covers being maintained on mail addressed to residence of George Bentz, Chicago, Ill. [REDACTED] Home-wood, Illinois, and the [REDACTED] at South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Records of long distance phone calls from the [REDACTED] residence and the residence of [REDACTED] of George Bentz) are being received at this office.

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DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

The investigation conducted by this office as set forth in this report is based upon the contents of numerous communications from different offices, which will be referred to from time to time throughout the report. Therefore no references have been listed.

DETAILS:

On August 1, 1933, a telephone call was received from Special Agent in Charge Colvin of the Oklahoma City office, requesting that this office communicate with all banks in this district, requesting them to advise of any large sums of used twenty-dollar Federal Reserve notes being presented for deposit or exchange. Accordingly a circular letter was prepared, a copy of which was sent to all banks in this district, with the

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exception of those banks in the Seventh Federal Reserve District covered by the territory located within the Cincinnati, Ohio office district.

On August 3, 1933, Special Agent in Charge Vetterli of the Kansas City office called this office by long distance telephone and stated that in connection with this case an unknown man left Kansas City via Missouri-Kansas and Texas Railroad on the evening of July 28, 1933; that he occupied a berth on Car 138, train 28, and that his destination was Oklahoma City, but that he got off the train at Bartlesville, Oklahoma; that on July 29 he boarded the train at Oklahoma City, and returned to Kansas City, arriving there on July 30, 1933; that on the return trip he occupied lower 5 of car 138. Mr. Vetterli stated he desired a diagram of these two cars, and any information which the Pullman Company might be able to supply as to the identity of this individual, and as to whether he purchased a round trip Pullman ticket. He requested that this information be sent to the Oklahoma City and Kansas City offices.

Special Agent [redacted] immediately contacted Special Agent in Charge [redacted] of the Pullman Company in Chicago, who advised that he would obtain this information as rapidly as possible. Photostatic copy of the diagram of the cars above mentioned was obtained from [redacted] on August 4, 1933, and furnished to the Oklahoma City and Kansas City offices. It was later ascertained however, that the diagram of the cars furnished to the Oklahoma City and Kansas City offices was for June 28 and 29, 1933, instead of July 28 and 29, 1933, as requested. [redacted] was again contacted, and agreed to immediately obtain diagrams of the cars requested for July 28 and 29, which car diagrams were subsequently obtained on August 7, 1933, and immediately furnished to the Oklahoma City and Kansas City offices.

On August 5, 1933, Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones called from the Oklahoma City office, advising that at the time Mr. Urschel was in the hands of the kidnapers he had heard one of the kidnapers mention that he had formerly lived next door to the man who had invented the drink "Orange Crush"; that according to his (Mr. Jones') information, the inventor of Orange Crush is Mr. ERICK SCUDDER. He requested that this office obtain the following information concerning Mr. Scudder: The place of his residence before he came to Chicago; a complete personal history of Scudder, and also the various places in which he has lived. Special Agent W. A. Smith after referring to the publication "Who's Who in Chicago", learned that the individual to whom Mr. Jones evidently referred is listed in "Who's Who. Personal history of Mr. Scudder as contained therein was noted, and the matter assigned to Special Agent [redacted] to

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conduct further investigation in connection therewith. The following information was obtained by Special Agent [redacted] relative to Mr. Scudder:

Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted] of the Orange Crush Company in Chicago, who advised him that Eric Scudder had been formerly connected with the Orange Crush Company as advertising manager; that the period during which he was so connected was from 1918 to 1922; that Scudder was also Vice President of the McJunkin Advertising Agency, and that the Orange Crush Company placed its advertising through that agency; that in 1922, the Orange Crush Company began to place its advertising through another company and Mr. Scudder thereupon severed his connections with the Orange Crush Company. Mr. Scudder from 1918 to 1923, resided in an apartment house which was the last house on Winona Avenue near the Lake; that in 1923 he moved to an old remodeled studio apartment located on the south side of Oak Street just west of Michigan Avenue, where he remained for six or seven months. From this place he moved early in 1924, to the Lake Shore Drive Hotel, 181 Lake Shore Drive, and has resided continuously in apartment 311 at this address since that time. [redacted] further advised that Mr. Scudder is now President of the Citrus Products Company at 11 East Austin St. Chicago, Ill. that he is a man of approximately 45 or 46 years of age, and is not a chemist; that he was formerly a lawyer in San Francisco and came to Chicago in 1918. [redacted] further stated that four years ago one [redacted] had moved to the Lake Shore Drive Hotel and after coming to Chicago he was elected President of the Street Cleaners Union, and was formerly known as a racketeer, calling attention to the fact that [redacted] and Mr. Scudder were living in the same hotel, although denying any connection either business or social between Mr. Scudder and [redacted]. He further stated that the hotel manager finally got rid of [redacted] after he had resided there for six or eight months.

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Special Agent [redacted] ascertained that the City Directory for 1928, shows that [redacted] According to [redacted] the real inventor of the drink Orange Crush is Mr. N. C. WARD, a chemist. Mr. Ward in 1921 resided at the Somerset Apartments, located on the corner of Sheridan Road and Argyle. Three years later he moved to 219 Lake Shore Drive, an apartment house, where he resided for some time thereafter. [redacted] further stated that Mr. Ward is about 52 years of age. The above information as obtained by Special Agent [redacted] was tele- b7C phoned to Mr. Jones at the Oklahoma City office on the afternoon of August 4, 1935, at which time this office was advised that no further action should be taken in connection therewith.

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However, some time after this conversation with Mr. Jones instructions were received from Assistant Director Harold Nathan to obtain a photograph of [redacted] together with his description, and furnish same to the Oklahoma City office, and to further check this matter with reference to the inventor of Orange Crush. Accordingly, a photograph of [redacted] together with his description was obtained by the writer from the Chicago Detective Bureau and forwarded to the Oklahoma City office on August 12, 1933. As a result of developments in this case it is not deemed necessary to set out the description of [redacted]. However, same is on file at the Oklahoma City and Chicago offices.

In accordance with the instructions to further investigate the matter of the inventor of Orange Crush, with particular reference to anyone who had resided as neighbor to this individual in the last ten or twelve years, the writer again contacted [redacted] of the Orange Crush Company, which is located at 1318 West Superior St. [redacted] reiterated his previous statement to the effect that he is of the opinion that Mr. N. C. WARD is the party to be considered as the real inventor of Orange Crush. He stated that Mr. Ward formerly lived in Los Angeles, California, during which time he was working on the Orange crush formula, and that he came to Chicago about 1918, where he was connected with the Orange Crush Corporation for a number of years. He later moved to Memphis, Tennessee, where he presently makes his home. With further reference to Mr. Ward [redacted] stated that he is quite certain that he formerly spent several weeks, during the summer months, around Lake Delavan and Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; that Mr. Ward in 1922 married Miss Mary Cronin, who at that time lived in Janesville, Wis.; that Miss Cronin lived on the outskirts of that city; that Mr. Ward and his wife, after their marriage, would occasionally visit the Cronin home for possibly a week at a time during the summer, and that Mr. Ward was formerly known there as the inventor of orange crush. This point is thought significant for the reason that in connection with the Hamm and [redacted] kidnaping cases, the point Janesville, Wisconsin has been of interest, as a possible hideout for subjects in those cases. The same applies to Lake Delavan and Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. [redacted] further stated that Mr. Ward at that time was on a fishing trip in Sault Ste Marie, Canada, and would not return to Chicago until approximately the middle of September. He furnished agent with information as to how Mr. Ward could be reached at his fishing camp. He further stated that [redacted] who presently has an office located at 302 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago, was prominently connected with the Orange Crush Company for a number of years; that [redacted] did not invent the drink Orange Crush, although some people may be of the belief that he did. He also stated that [redacted] is on a fishing trip at a cottage

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