

## KILLER PAYS CALL

Death Threats Are Carried in Person by "Machine Gun" Kelly in Oklahoma.

## SENSATION IN GANG TRIAL

George Coleman Tells of Visit at Father's Farm Last Night by the Desperado.

Lives of the Witness, His Parent and the Shannons Are Placed at Stake.

## FUGITIVE IS NEAR COURT.

Terrorist Activities Are Carried to Stratford, Ok., in Fight on Urschel Charges.

(By the Associated Press.)

Oklahoma City, Sept. 21.—

Fred Coleman, son of T. M. Coleman, at whose farm near Stratford, Ok., the government alleges the Urschel kidnaping plot was hatched, told Federal Judge Edgar S. Vaught today that George (Machine Gun) Kelly appeared at the Coleman farm last night and threatened death to the Colemans and the Shannons.

7-115-609

CT:

September 27, 1933.

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

Dear Mr. Rorer:-

In connection with the capture of George Kelly,  
the Division desires that you secure and forward to this office  
the firearms in the possession of Kelly at the time he was taken  
into custody. The Division plans to prepare interesting exhibits  
of firearms and other types of weapons in connection with outstand-  
ing cases which may be of interest to the general public here at  
Washington.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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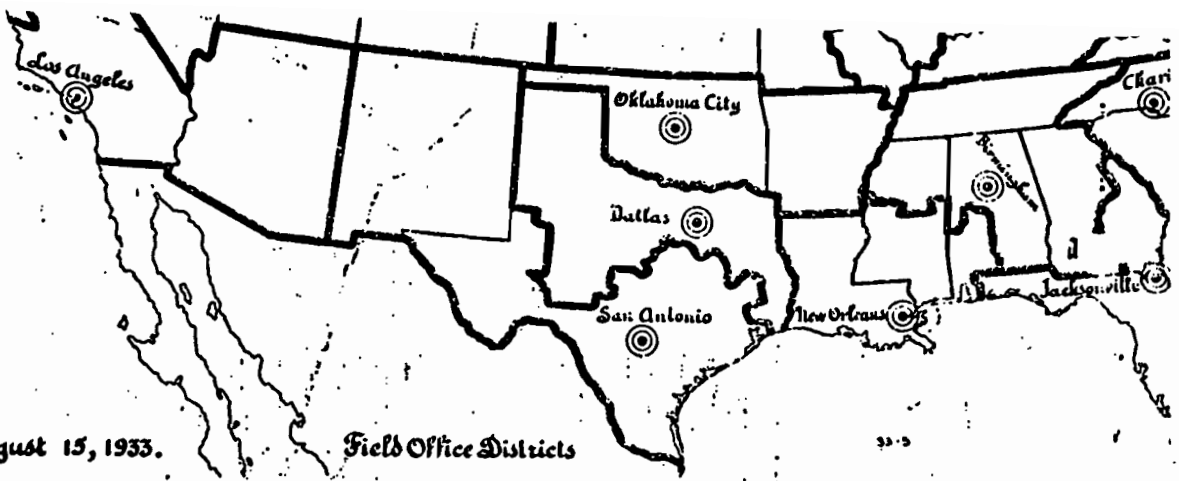
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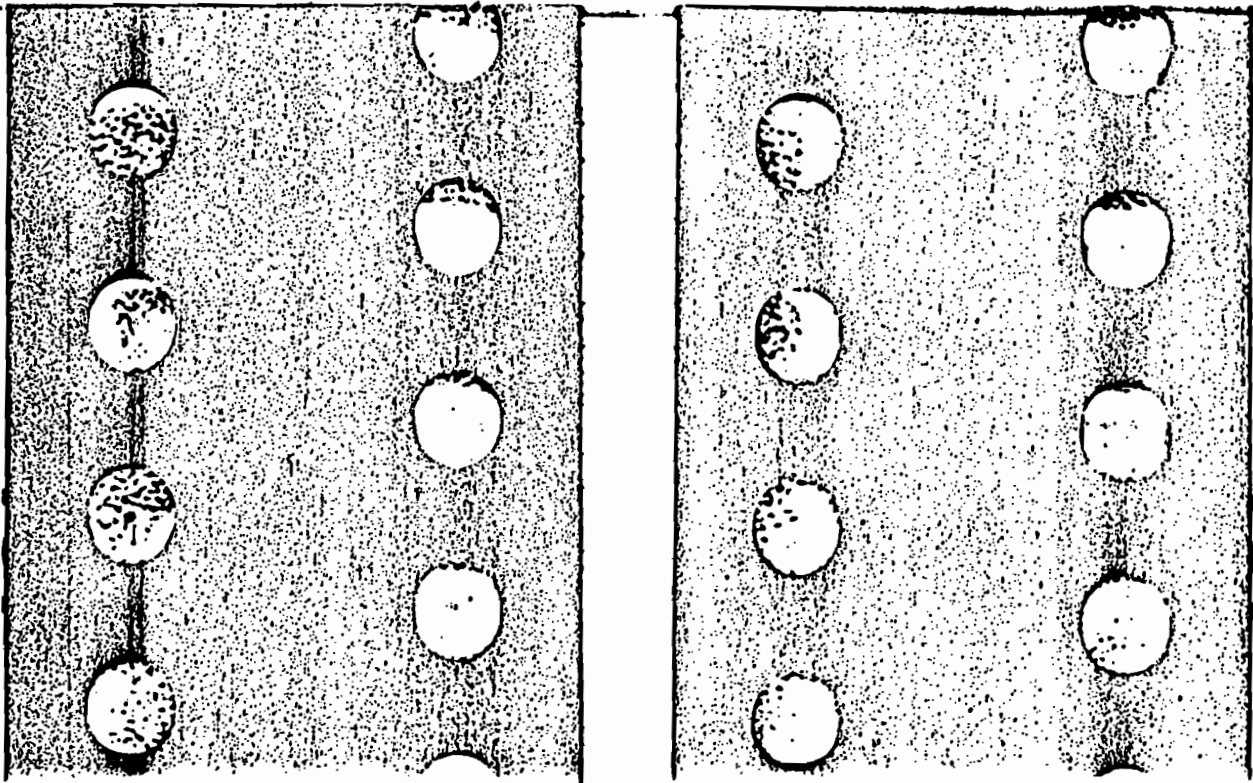
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October 9, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

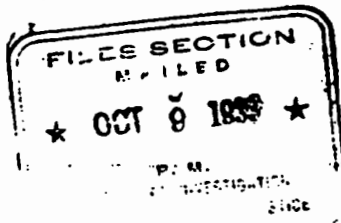
There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter from [redacted] Hereford, Texas, dated September 25, 1933, and the Division's reply, concerning a radio instrument which will locate a human being and will also show if a man is within a certain distance in the mountains.

Please assign the next agent who is travelling to Amarillo to arrange for a demonstration and advise the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enc. #660332.



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October 9, 1933.

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Hereford, Texas.

Dear Sir:

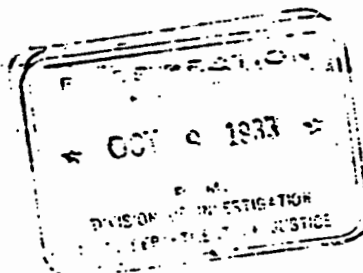
The Division has received your letter of September 25, 1933, stating that you have a radio instrument which will locate a human being within 400 miles if you have a blood relation in order to distinguish the wave. Your interest and courtesy are appreciated.

Serious consideration has been given the matter and it does not appear that the Division could use such an instrument unless it could be proved to perform absolutely as stated in your letter.

A copy of your letter is being forwarded to the Dallas, Texas, office of the Division which covers Amarillo and Hereford, with instructions to assign the next agent who is going to Amarillo to arrange with you for a demonstration. It is suggested that any further communication in this matter be addressed to the Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Building, Dallas, Texas.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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HEREFORD, TEXAS

September 25- 33  
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.  
Dear Sir:

We have radio that will locate any human being at any distance, have tried it out at 400 miles and would like to show the Secret Service that we can locate Mrs. Kelley. so they can go straight to her, if we can get Mother, Brother, Or Sister of Kelley, doesn't matter if he is in a cave or in the ground, we can locate him also.

We must have blood relation that we can get to in order to distinguish the wave,

This instrument will locate any kidnap victim as soon as you could drive to them, regardless of where they are. also tell if in building, what part, and what floor they are on.

Could also go in the mountains and tell if any man is within any certain distance, give the miles or feet to any human.

If you have a Secret Service Assistant in Amarillo Texas, we could soon demonstrate and convince him it will do the work. If not we could meet one in Oklahoma City.

We are in the death territory and have no chance to make any money, nor can we borrow but very little from our local Bank, so our expense would have to be advanced in case your man would want to follow at once,

This must also be kept very secret as I would not want the underworld to know any thing about it, and we have not made an move to have it patented, in fact we are not through with it all together.

Hoping we can get to use this on the bunch in Oklahoma, and show how easy these crooks can be run down.

I Remain Yours



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[REDACTED]  
Sheriff  
Oklahoma County, Oklahoma  
Oklahoma City

COPY- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Undersheriff

Sep't 30, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

IN RE: [REDACTED]

On the 24th day of May 1929 the above named subject, [REDACTED] in company with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] held up a bank messenger here in Oklahoma City who was transporting cash from the Reserve Bank to the American First National Bank of Oklahoma City, and obtained in said robbery the sum of \$75,000 in currency. [REDACTED] was arrested on or about the 15th of June, 1929, in Kansas City, Missouri, and returned to Oklahoma City, and while awaiting trial escaped from the County Jail on the 17th day of August, 1929

We have run down a lot of clues and spent a considerable sum in attempting to apprehend this party, but to date have been unsuccessful. The last information we have concerning him is that he is connected with [REDACTED] an underworld character of Chicago, Illinois.

We would certainly appreciate anything that your splendid organization might be able to do in assimilating facts and information which might lead to the arrest of [REDACTED] and for your information we are enclosing herewith pictures of [REDACTED] together with his fingerprints and his general description. This party has a brother who is a lawyer in Kansas City, Missouri, and at the time of the robbery it was our understanding that [REDACTED] was connected with [REDACTED] of Kansas City, Missouri.

We are offering a cash reward of \$500 for the capture of this party.

We have talked this matter over with Mr. Harold Nathan and Mr. R. H. Colvin of your department, and they

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have assured us of every assistance possible.

[REDACTED] was never apprehended in this case. [REDACTED] was apprehended in March 1932 and on the 3rd day of September was tried, convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary at McAlester for a term of twenty years. His case has been appealed and affirmed.

We want to thank you for your letter of September 25th regarding the Charles F. Urschel case and have transmitted to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] your deep appreciation of their services.

On behalf of my office, Chief of Police, John Watt, and the general citizenry of Oklahoma City, we want to thank you and your department for the untiring and efficient service rendered this community in clearing up this case.

If at any time we can be of any service to you or your department do not hesitate to command us.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]  
Sheriff,  
Oklahoma County  
Oklahoma.

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September 27, 1933.

Mr. Frank J. Blake,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Mr. Blake:-

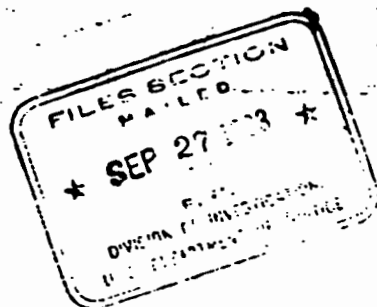
Upon the completion of the Harvey Bailey case, I wish you would arrange to secure the guns taken from Harvey Bailey at the time of his arrest and forward these guns to the Division at Washington to be placed on exhibition as a matter of public interest. I believe it would be well to arrange exhibits of this kind in view of the interest of the general public in such matters.

Please give this matter your personal attention and advise me in the premises as soon as you are able to determine whether these guns may be procured.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

*Bailey gun in 8x10 picture?*



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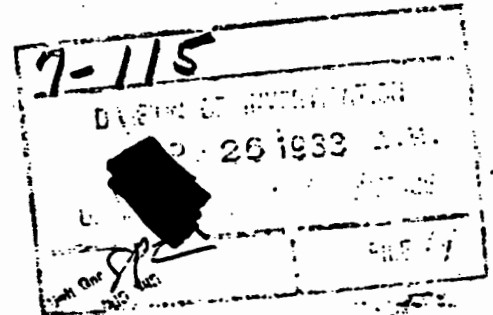
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
September 23, 1933.

R.H. COLVIN,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
224 FEDERAL BUILDING,  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

CONFER NATHAN ARRANGE TELEGRAPH ME PROMPTLY WHEN AGENTS THIS OFFICE STATIONED DENVER MAY BE RELEASED FROM URSCHEL ASSIGNMENT.

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cc - Division



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R H COLVIN  
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
 U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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GEORGE KELLY ET AL KIDNAPPING WITNESS ██████████ RESIDENCE ABOUT NINE MILES WEST LEVELLAND TEXAS

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224 Federal Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
September 25, 1933

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

SEP 29 1933 AM  
DIVISION ONE



Dear Sir:

Re: Thomas L. Manion;  
Grover C. Beville with alias;  
Obstruction of Justice -  
Release of Federal Prisoner  
Harvey J. Bailey

Special Agent [redacted] handed me two affidavits,  
one prepared by [redacted] and one by [redacted]  
relative to the escape of Harvey J. Bailey at Dallas,  
Texas. The affidavits are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl's.  
cc-Division. ✓

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DIVISION ONE

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September 28, 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 this morning directed to the Attorney General advising of the arrest by Agents of this Division, of Will Casey at Ballinger, Texas, in connection with the Urschel kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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September 28, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I have just received telephonic report from the Agent in Charge of this Division at Dallas, Texas, that Will Casey of Ballinger, Texas, has been arrested by our Agents. The town of Ballinger, Texas, is about forty miles west of Coleman, Texas, the place at which Cass Coleman was yesterday arrested by Agents of this Division. A complaint is being filed against Casey, charging him with harboring a fugitive from justice, under Section 141 of the Criminal Code. The said fugitive was George Kelly. It was ascertained that Casey rented a house to Kelly on August 26, 1933, and procured cooking utensils and other articles for his use, it being the intention of Kelly at that time to remain at Ballinger for some time. Casey had knowledge as to who Kelly was when these arrangements were made, and for this reason we have effected his arrest and are charging him with violation of the Penal Code.

For your further information, intensive efforts are being made by all of our offices through the Middle and Southwest sections of the country to bring about the arrest of any person or persons who had any connection with the Kellys subsequent to the Urschel kidnaping with knowledge as to who Kelly was, and who in turn furnished any aid or assistance to Kelly in his efforts to avoid capture by the Federal authorities.

Respectfully,

Director.

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DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION=

UNITED STATES DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHDC=

GEORGE KELLY ETAL KIDNAPING STOP SHERIFF DENVER LATE  
 TODAY ATTACHED BATES CONTAINERS AT WAREHOUSE WHICH INCLUDE  
 A MACHINE GUN THIRTY THIRTY RIFLE TELEGRAMS AND CLOTHING  
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 OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

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The Boss was not sure he got all of the facts with reference to the telegram you called him about last night.

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You know this confidential informant we arrested a couple of weeks ago. He has been acting as the contact man in Oklahoma City. His name is [redacted] has been in the hotel and [redacted] has been in a certain lodging house here. Catherine has been going around the country with their 12 year old child [redacted] (child). Yesterday afternoon we intercepted a telegram from the child on board a train at Ft. Worth, Texas, to her father here saying that she was coming to Oklahoma City. They evidently put her on the train. We got busy at both Ft. Worth and here. We met the train and the Agents covered her under cover. Her father met her. Her father and mother met her and took her a round about way to Colvin's house. There we talked to the little girl and get her itinerary for the last four or five days. We found she left Chicago last Thursday and had gone to Memphis. She generally described where she had been but could not exactly. She said she was at a house of a man whose right side was paralyzed. She was not sure of the name. She said, however, that she had come up here with a Memphis lawyer who was going to act as the go-between to see just what the lawyers here were doing in the negotiations. Then Frank Blake got into action at Ft. Worth where they got on the train. He found a telegram from this lawyer to a party by the name of Tichenor in Memphis, Tenn. We asked the girl whether that was the name and she said "yes". He was at the Central Garage there, a used car place. There was no doubt about it. The confidential informant is still half way confidential.

Are you sure that's right.

The red wig of the woman is absolutely correct and the straw color hair. She just died it a few weeks ago.

When was the telegram from Tichenor?

The telegram was from a town in Memphis about 9 o'clock yesterday evening sent to Gainesville, Texas, to the lawyer-contact saying that the deal had fallen through and to wire him at Gainesville, Texas. Gainesville is between Ft. Worth and here. It told them in Memphis to wire them back and they would pick up the wire at Gainesville. We intercepted that wire. The wire to the lawyer contact said "proceed as directed everything all right" or something of that kind.

That's the wire that came out of Memphis?

Yes. Of course, the first wire was from Ft. Worth to Memphis to that address, which was confirmed by the little girl. We got the little girl here and took her a round about way to Colvin's house.

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from  
Mr. Nathan  
to Mr. Hingham  
as per memo to  
Director

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We had the car followed to see that she was not trailed. The little girl had been with them for the last two weeks since they left San Antonio. Catherine Kelley took her out one day and did not bring her back. She was used as an alibi. They did not think a little girl with a man and woman would be suspected. They did not keep in touch with the parents.

They knew that she had her?

Yes they knew that originally she had her. The parents are the ones that got the letter from Chicago. We tried to have them wire for money but that was not correct.

JEH

September 28, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GATES

I am attaching hereto, as of possible interest to you, a copy of a memorandum which I have this morning directed to the Attorney General advising of the arrest of Will Casey at Ballinger, Texas, in connection with the Urschel kidnaping case.

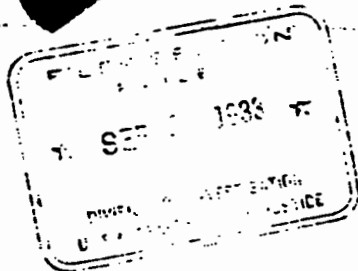
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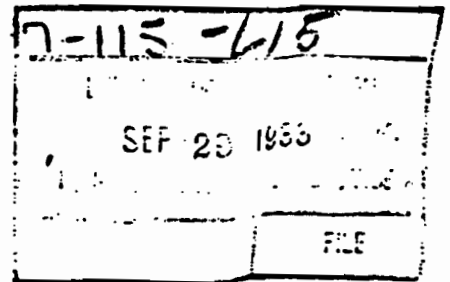
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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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Mr. Clegg .....
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Mr. Egan .....
Mr. Hughes .....
Mr. Quinn .....
Mr. Locke .....
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VWH: [redacted]

September 27, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent Blake at Dallas stated that he knew of no car of Kelly's having been picked up today at Coleman, Texas. He stated that the information concerning the car probably arose through their seizure of the Ford pick-up truck which Kathryn Kelly was using as a blind to travel about the country for a couple of weeks. They found this Ford truck at the home of the boy near Coleman, Texas; in fact, near the home of Cass Coleman, and they took it into Coleman, Texas, last night. There was no one arrested in that connection, excepting, of course, Cass Coleman was picked up about the same time. Agent Blake stated that in the event he gets any further information he will advise the Division but he had talked to Agent [redacted] who is at Coleman, Texas, only a few moments before and [redacted] had given him no information.

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Respectfully,

*V. W. Hughes*

V. W. Hughes.

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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September 28, 1933.

Mr. Nathan.....
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Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hughes.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Looke.....

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I conferred with Mr. McClure, of the Division of Accounts, with reference to the possibility of the Division hiring a plane for the transportation of the Kellys from Memphis to Oklahoma City. Mr. McClure stated that he felt there was no way in which the Division might defray this expense; that the removal is in pursuance of a Court order which must be executed by the Marshal and that he, Mr. McClure, was fearful that there was no way in which the appropriation for the Division might be used for this purpose. He suggested, however, that he felt they would have no difficulty in authorizing the United States Marshal at Memphis to defray the expense of the plane and that by the Marshal or one of his deputies proceeding on the plane, as he ordinarily would in company with the party, the expense could be legitimately borne by the Marshal's office. I advised him of the estimate which we have received for a nine passenger plane at 60¢ a mile for approximately 600 miles, which would cost in the neighborhood of \$360.00. He stated he felt this could be taken care of unless, of course, it could be shown that a six passenger plane was available and would serve our purposes. I, of course, told Mr. McClure to do nothing as we were endeavoring to obtain an army plane and that I would advise him later in the event that we felt it necessary to have the Marshal defray the expense of a commercial plane.

Respectfully,

*V. W. Hughes*

V. W. Hughes.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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U. S. Department of Justice  
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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Miss Gandy	✓

September 28, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith articles from  
the Philadelphia Inquirer of this date, concerning George  
○ Kelly's apprehension.

Very truly yours,

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

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Confesses



**GEORGE (MACHINE GUN)  
KELLY**

Southwestern "bad man," who confessed to Federal agents last night that he had had a part in the kidnapping of Charles Urschel, millionaire Oklahoma City oil man, but denied his connection with the Kansas City Union Station massacre and the murder of a Chicago policeman.

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# KELLY ADMITS PART

## IN URSCHEL

## KIDNAPPING

### 'GOT ME RIGHT,' GANG GUNMAN TELLS CAPTORS

*Desperado Names Bates as Accomplice in Actual Abduction of Millionaire Oil Man, But Denies Guilt in Kansas City Massacre and Chicago Policeman's Murder*

*Outlaw and Wife Drop Fight on Return for Trial; Couple in "Bad Jam" When Access to Buried Money Was Cut Off, Justice Department Agent Says*

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 27 (A. P.).—George Kelly, reputed machine gunner for the underworld of the Western bad lands, tonight confessed, officers said, to a part

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in the kidnapping of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma oil millionaire, and named Albert Bates as the actual accomplice.

"You got me right on the Urschel kidnapping," Kelly was quoted by W. A. Rorer, Department of Justice agent, as saying tonight.

Kelly admitted the kidnapping, Rorer said, "but not the Chicago robbery or the Kansas City union station job."

"Kelly made no formal confession but he told the Department of Justice agents that he and Bates were the ones who did the actual kidnapping and that they took Urschel to Paradise, Texas, and returned to Oklahoma City to collect the ransom," a source close to Department of Justice agents said.

"Kelly indicated the degree of guilt of the others connected with the case and gave some idea of the disposition of the ransom money."

The individual who made the announcement asked that his name not be used because of his connection with the case.

Federal Judge Harry B. Anderson at Jackson, Tenn., late today signed a removal order permitting authorities to take Kelly and his wife, Kathryn, to Oklahoma City to face trial on the kidnapping charges. They were arrested here yesterday.

The Kellys at first had said they would fight extradition, but before Judge Anderson's order was announced told officers they were ready to return for trial.

Federal agents still closely guarded their plans for removal of the pair to Oklahoma.

Rorer would add nothing to the brief quotations from Kelly, refusing to say whether a more detailed statement had been obtained.

Kelly's alleged statement on the Chicago robbery referred to the holdup of Federal Reserve bank messengers and the slaying of a policeman on the night of September 21. His reference to the "Kansas City Union Station job" was to the

machine-gun slaying of four officers and Frank Nash, notorious criminal, whom the officers had in custody.

Police forces had linked Kelly's name with both slayings.

#### Confirms Confession

John M. Keith, Federal agent from Chicago, confirmed the confession as reported by Rorer and by implication connected Kelly with the Chicago hold-up.

"The Kellys were in a bad jam before they were caught," he said earlier in the night.

"They needed that buried money (which was dug up on a farm near Coleman, Tex., today), but they couldn't get to it. Kelly grew desperate. We know that he was in Chicago the night of September 21, when two messengers of the Federal Reserve Bank were held up and a Chicago policeman was killed. All the thieves got was two pouches of canceled checks. He left Chicago, we believe, immediately for Memphis and set up his contact with Ramsey in an attempt to get money."

The Ramsey referred to is Kelly's brother-in-law, Langford Ramsey, whose reported confession that he attempted to obtain the buried money for Kelly preceded Kelly's own statement by only a short time.

Keith said Ramsey, an attorney and brother of Kelly's first wife, had told in detail how he went to the farm of Cass Coleman, near Coleman, Texas, and unsuccessfully tried to obtain \$73,250 of the Urschel ransom buried beneath a tree in a cotton field. The money was Kelly's

share of the loot, authorities said. The money was recovered by Federal agents today.

Ramsey, Keith said, told him that he was instructed to tell Coleman to drive to a point five miles west of McGregor, Texas, today and wait for Kelly to get in touch with him. If Kelly did not come, he was to repeat the trip nightly for a week.

#### Feared Trailing

Ramsey said that after delivering his message he was to drive the Arnold girl to Oklahoma City. There he was to call at a rooming house and ask for "Mrs. E. L. Moore," a code name, signifying that he was sent by Kelly.

After obtaining clothes for the Kellys he was to return to Memphis with the girl, he said.

Ramsey said Coleman, "badly frightened, refused to give the 'furs' to him or agree to a meeting with Kelly. Ramsey, told that Federal agents were around, said he left for Oklahoma City.

On September 25, from Fort Worth, he said, he wired Kelly at Memphis that the deal had blown up and that he "did not want to bring home the sad tale." This phrase, Keith said, meant Ramsey was afraid of being trailed back to Memphis.

#### Took Girl on Trip

Ramsey, Keith said, first planned to go to Texas with Kelly, but was persuaded to go alone. He took his wife and Geraldine Arnold—the 12-year-old girl who tipped officers to Kelly's whereabouts here—to the Coleman farm and asked for Kathryn's "white fox furs." The word "fur" was the code for money.

He also was to say "that party wants to see you" and instruct Coleman to drive to a point five miles west of McGregor, Tex., today and wait for Kelly. If Kelly did not come he was to repeat the trip nightly for a week.

Coleman, he said, was frightened and did not want to meet Kelly.

Advised that Federal agents were in the vicinity, Ramsey left for Oklahoma City, where he was to go to a rooming house and ask for "Mrs. E. L. Moore," and obtain clothes for the Kellys. He telegraphed Kelly from Fort Worth that he did not want to "bring home the sad tale," indicating he was afraid of being trailed back to Memphis.

He telegraphed Kelly for instructions at Gainesville, Tex., and was told to proceed, Federal agents intercepting both telegrams.

At Fort Worth the Arnold girl told Ramsey she was tired of riding in an automobile and begged to be allowed to go home on a train. Ramsey said he humored the child's wish and sent a telegram to Luther Arnold to meet the train arriving there at 10 o'clock Monday night.

It was later that the little girl tipped officers as to the whereabouts of the Kellys.

Ramsey said he left Oklahoma City Monday night when the Arnolds refused to allow their daughter to return to Memphis.

### Kidnap Ransom Cash Dug From Texas Cotton Field

COLEMAN, Texas, Sept. 27 (A. P.).—From a cotton patch Federal agents today dug up \$73,250 of the Charles F. Urschel ransom money buried by George (Machine Gun) Kelly, who is under arrest at Memphis.

Acting on an unrevealed tip, the agents went to the farm home of Cass Coleman, an uncle of Kathryn Kelly, George Kelly's wife, and arrested Coleman. Then they went directly to a lone mesquite tree in the middle of a cotton patch a half-mile from the farm house and began digging.

In one hole they found a thermos jug containing \$46,000 in \$20 bills neatly stacked. In another nearby they came upon a molasses can which contained the rest of the money.

Frank J. Blake, in charge of the Dallas office of the Department of Justice, said the jug and can apparently had been buried several weeks, but rains had obliterated any hint of activities in the immediate neighborhood.

Of the \$200,000 paid for Urschel's release, \$79,650 has been recovered. About \$700 of it was found on Harvey Balley when he was arrested near Paradise, Texas, August 12; an equal amount was taken from Albert Bates when he was captured at Denver several days later, and the rest apparently was circulated by Kelly through his St. Paul, Minn., contacts.

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Oklahoma City, Okla.,  
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HN: [redacted]

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find issue of the Oklahoma City Times, containing samples of publicity material by the Division's star publicity representative. Please note comments at head of paper. Theatrical performances and radio addresses will be given upon request in sequence relative thereto.

Very truly yours,

*[Handwritten Signature]*

H. Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

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September 18, 1933.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL - MR. NATHAN.

On Saturday, September 16th, Mr. Nathan advised that [redacted] hearing was held on that morning but that he had not as yet been released; that [redacted] was to arrive at Oklahoma City on Saturday night; that the bond for [redacted] release was to be set at \$1,000; that the two women have been released; that they have received no further news as to the whereabouts of Catherine Kelly.

Mr. Nathan stated that the plans are to keep Bailey and Bates in the Marshal's room on the eighth floor of the Federal Building during the course of the trial, which room has a secret passage-way to the Court room. Mr. Nathan stated that the argument in favor of this procedure is that it would be highly dangerous to transport these two criminals from the jail to the Federal Building and back each day during the trial. Mr. Nathan stated that arrangements can be made to have them shackled as they are now; that is, hand-shackled, foot-shackled, and shackled to the radiator. He stated that they will be together in the one room. They are planning to have an Agent in that room with a gas bomb, an Agent outside the room where he can see the Agent in the room, and guards on the stairways, as at night there will be no elevator service. Mr. Nathan stated that when Mr. Keenan arrives he will put this matter up to him. I stated he would be in Oklahoma City on Sunday, or not later than Monday morning.

Mr. Nathan stated that the United States Attorney there is counting on the trial lasting for a week or ten days, but he, Mr. Nathan, stated he is of the opinion it will continue for from two to three weeks, as there are either four or six lawyers for the defense.

Incidentally, I read to Mr. Nathan the letter this Division has prepared to Colonel Schwarzkopf, acknowledging the receipt of his communication of the 2nd instant in which he made the comment that he has not received copies of all reports submitted by the Agents of this Division covering investigation of leads in the Lindbergh case. Mr. Nathan suggested a change in the wording of this letter, which change was made.

Mr. Nathan inquired whether we had located Mack, alias Baird, and I advised that we had not but that an I.C. had been issued for this individual. Mr. Nathan suggested that a cover on [redacted] mail might result in some information as to his whereabouts. I advised Mr. Nathan that when he finishes at Oklahoma City, I desired that he return to Washington via Kansas City to talk with Conroy.

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

Dear [redacted]

I received your letter of September 27th, concerning the publicity which appeared in some of the newspapers of the country incident to the Urschel Kidnaping case, and in particular to the source of information in the arrest of George Kelly and the threats against Mr. Keenan.

I likewise share your views in this matter. I have deplored the publicity in some respects glorifying the criminal, and in particular the prompting of stories giving information concerning what should be confidential developments in these cases.

In the first matter to which you referred, namely, to the effect that a child had furnished the information as to Kelly's whereabouts, I specifically refused to make any statement about this matter when asked by representatives of the press, and I was astounded and shocked when I read the dispatch from Oklahoma City giving the details of this matter. No employee of this Division had anything to do with this disclosure. I was so concerned at the disclosure that I arranged for [redacted] and their daughter to be removed from Oklahoma City and taken to some other section of the country, the exact location of which I have refused to disclose to any one in order that their lives might be safe, as I felt a certain moral responsibility for the welfare of these persons.

As a matter of fact, the daughter was not instrumental in furnishing this Division the exact address of George Kelly in

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Memphis, Tennessee. This was procured through another source which has not, and I hope will not be disclosed. Concerning the threats against Mr. Keenan, there have been no threats made against him or any member of his family, notwithstanding the newspaper stories to the contrary. Appropriate steps were taken by this Division to insure the safety of his family and this became known to representatives of the press, with the consequent publicity, which is of course to be deplored.

I am very glad that you wrote me as you did, for I am glad to know that some one else shares much the same views about these matters as I do.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Nathan.....  
 Mr. Tolson.....  
 Mr. Clegg.....  
 Mr. Edwards.....  
 Mr. Egan.....  
 Mr. Higgins.....  
 Mr. Quinn.....  
 Mr. Locke.....

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 1933

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,

Dear sir:-

In connection with the capture of Kelly, in which all decent citizens must rejoice, I wonder if you happened to hear a broadcast last evening made by Arthur Reilly, as "The Globe Trotter" in which he called attention to the fact that it was the kidnapped child who gave the clue to Kelly's whereabouts, thereby, I should think, making her and her people a mark for vengeance.

About ten days ago, the same broadcast in speaking of the threats against Mr. Keenan, gave quite elaborate directions as to the whereabouts of Mr. Keenan's home, and described the personal appearance of Mrs. Keenan, spoke of the number of children, their sex and the fact that they were accustomed to play out of doors.

Can't somebody muzzle him?

Of course, it was good copy to quote "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings" (Under which head I'd scarcely class a 12 year old of this day and generation, if you asked me) but why risk a child's life just to get a good headline.

If the newspapers would stop headlining gangsters and making heroes of them, I think it would help a lot, I noticed a sudden drop in interest in the "Life of Jesse James", years ago in a Branch Library, after I got hold of an unemotional account of him and his doings - one disgusted youngster never even took it home, brought it back to the desk announcing:

"Gee, I didn't think he was THAT kind of a guy".

I sent him off with Brady's book on the great Scouts.

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St. Louis, Missouri.

My dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge your kind letter of the 22nd instant and to assure you that it has been only due to the pressure of business that I have been unable to reply at an earlier date. I do, indeed, recall you and I want to thank you for your congratulations upon my appointment.

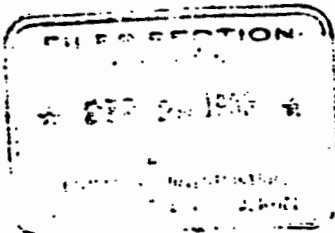
The suggestion which you make for the offering of a reward for the capture of Kelly apparently was adopted by private interests at Oklahoma City. However, of course, Kelly is now in custody, having been apprehended by our Agents at Memphis, Tennessee, and I can assure you that his apprehension was a source of much gratification to me.

I certainly appreciate your interest in writing me.

With expressions of my kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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SAINT LOUIS

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

September 22, 1933.



Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

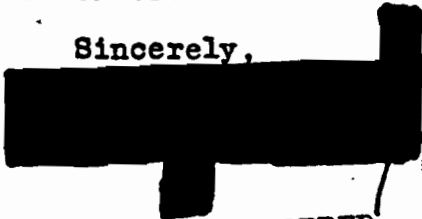
My dear Mr. Hoover:

You may recall me as a former member of the Board of Police Commissioners of this city. I intended to write you to congratulate you and the Government upon your recent appointment but neglected to do so, and I trust that you will accept my belated good wishes.

The newspapers here, and I suppose nationally, have been giving a large amount of space to the Bailey trial in Oklahoma and the vicious threats of Kelly. It occurred to me that a reward somewhere in the neighborhood of \$10,000.00 should be offered for the capture of Kelly, dead or alive. While I take it your Department would not care to take an open hand in a move of this sort, it should not be difficult to have the authorities in Tulsa raise the amount from their citizens and have the offer come through the Chief of Police or the Mayor or other public officer. The source of the fund need not be disclosed.

I have no personal knowledge of conditions down there, and I leave the suggestion with you for whatever action you may think it merits.

Sincerely,



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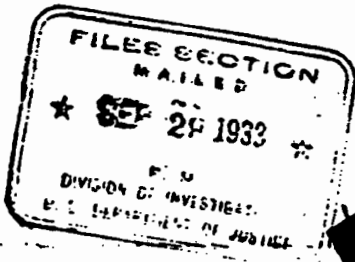
MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FOUR,  
EQUIPMENT SECTION.

There are transmitted herewith memoranda containing data for the preparation of Apprehension Order #1203-278 on George R. Kelly with aliases and Apprehension Order #1207-279 on Kathryn Thorne Kelly with aliases.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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**APPREHENSION ORDER  
No. 1203-278**

Dear Sir:

In Re: GEORGE R. KELLY, aliases  
GEORGE KELLY, E. G. SHANNON,  
Subject of I. O. No. 1203  
Kidnaping

Identification Order No. 1203 on the above named sub-  
ject is hereby cancelled, as Subject George R. Kelly was  
apprehended at Memphis, Tennessee, on September 26, 1933.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover,

Director.

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**APPREHENSION ORDER**  
No. 1207-279

Dear Sir:

In Re: **KATHRYN THORNE KELLY**, aliases  
Catherine Thorne<sup>o</sup>Kelly,  
Catherine<sup>o</sup>Thorne, Dolores  
<sup>o</sup>Cannon, Dolores<sup>o</sup>Whitney, Mrs.  
Ora L.<sup>o</sup>Shannon,  
Subject of I. O. No. 1207  
Kidnaping

Identification Order No. 1207 on the above named subject  
is hereby cancelled, as the subject was apprehended at Memphis,  
Tennessee, on September 26, 1933.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover,

Director.

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
September 27, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

IN RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, et al  
CHARLES F. UNGERL - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
KANSAS CITY FILE 7-8

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to a long distance telephone call presumably placed in Kansas City, Missouri, on July 20, 1933, to Paradise, Texas by some member of the gang involved in this case.

Although a search of the telephone records failed to reveal the data desired, there was found a record of a long distance telephone call made from the Union Bus Depot at Kansas City, Missouri, to Stafford Rd., Texas, July 29, 1933. The number called at Stafford Rd. appears to have been number 2. No names of the party calling or receiving were given.

There is enclosed a copy of the toll ticket as found at the telephone company here.

Stafford Rd., Texas, is not listed in the Postal Guide but Stafford, Fort Bend County, Texas, is listed.

This information is furnished you for whatever value it may be.

Very truly yours, 7-115

E. H. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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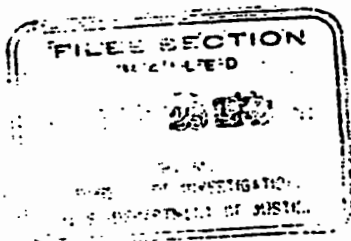
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HUGHES

I have had a number of inquiries made of me as to whether Kelly actually had a revolver in his hand when he was arrested in Memphis, Tennessee.

I would like to have you procure for me as soon as possible from Mr. Rorer the details concerning the apprehension and arrest of Kelly.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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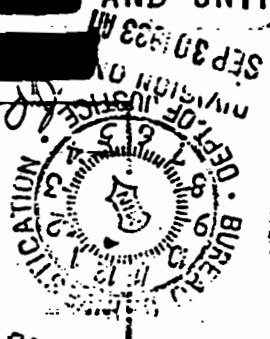
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U. S. Department of Justice  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
**Bureau of Investigation**

224 Federal Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
September 28, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

On September 6, 1933 the Kansas City office shipped to this office C.O.D. a machine gun seized from the possession of Harvey J. Bailey at the time of his arrest in Texas. This weapon had previously been forwarded to the Kansas City office from Dallas and was in turn forwarded to Oklahoma City to be used as evidence in the case entitled George R. Kelly, et al., Kidnaping.

This shipment was made via Railway Express Agency, Waybill No. 807450. The weight was 26½ pounds; the value \$300.00; the express charges \$1.02 and the valuation charges 30¢, making a total of \$1.32.

It is respectfully requested that a Government bill of lading be forwarded to this office for execution in connection with the above shipment.

Very truly yours,

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

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

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter dated September 28, 1933, there is enclosed herewith Government Bill of Lading No. J-51744 which is for your use in connection with the shipping of a machine gun from the Kansas City Office.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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900 Ezra Thompson Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah,  
September 28, 1933

Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
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	

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

Re: George Kelly with aliases, et al  
Charles F. Urschel - Victim  
Kidnaping  
S.L. File 7-10

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto you will find a memorandum, in duplicate, descriptive of the articles of interest to this Division found among the personal effects of Albert L. Bates alias George L. Davis upon the occasion of their examination at the Weicker Warehouse and Storage Company, Denver, Colo., on September 27, 1933, and at the Sheriff's Office on September 28, 1933.

I have asked the New York City Office to determine, thru the Colt and Remington factories, the name and address of the person or concern to whom they were shipped and to follow thru for the purpose of determining the identities of the persons or concerns thru which these arms passed and any circumstances of value to either the Oklahoma City or Kansas City Division Offices in the George Kelly and Vernon Miller cases, respectively.

The numbers of the claim ticket and the stubs of the passenger tickets issued by the air lines mentioned in the memorandum have been submitted to the Kansas City Office for such attention as is deemed warranted in identifying the persons to whom issued and investigation at 418 Gaylord Apartments, Kansas City, has also been suggested.

All the information in the memorandum has been furnished the Oklahoma City Office for any value that it may have and the Chicago Office has been asked to make a check of the Illinois license plates.

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Every effort is being made to secure permanent custody of the arms and telegrams mentioned for such value as they have to the Division or Division offices and the weapons will be fired and the fired bullets will be forwarded to the Kansas City Division Office for such examination in the hands of ballistic experts as is deemed advisable for any value they may have to that office in the Vernon Miller case.

Should the arms come permanently in the possession of this office they will be held awaiting instructions of the Division or other Division offices.

Very truly yours,



JOHN A. DOID  
Special Agent in Charge

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Dallas, Texas

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September 29, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:-

In reply to Division letter of 9/15/33 relative to Special Agent [redacted] and the machine gun he was carrying en route to Oklahoma City: *b7c*

[redacted] of the American Airways says that the article being carried by Special Agent [redacted] was wrapped with paper. As to whether the case provided for transportation of this weapon was being used, [redacted] could not say. *b7c*

As to which office is charged with the machine gun carried by Special Agent [redacted] from Memphis, Tenn. to Oklahoma City, Okla. by way of Dallas, Texas - I am without this information. It is not charged to the Dallas office. *b7c*

Very truly yours,

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

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 27, 1933.

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

On the afternoon of the 26th. instant I called Agent in Charge Keith at Memphis and called his attention to Section 141 of the United States Criminal Code; in fact, I read the entire section to him. He stated that the United States Attorney had been unable to find the Section because he had no library at Memphis. He stated, however, that with the information which we gave him they would proceed with the processes. I talked to Mr. Parrish this morning. Mr. Parrish stated that while he had talked to the United States Attorney about this Section he merely directed his attention to it. He did not recall that he had told the United States Attorney that he should entertain any doubt about the use of it. Incidentally Section 141 of the Criminal Code is now Section 246, Title 18, of the United States Code.

Respectfully,

*V. W. Hughes*

V. W. Hughes.

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GEORGE KELLY, ETAL KIDNAPPING CHIEF OF POLICE [REDACTED]  
MEMPHIS JUST ADVISED W M C RADIO STATION OWNED  
BY COMMERCIAL APPEAL BROADCASTED ALL MOVEMENTS OF KELLY  
AND ESCORT FROM TIME OF LEAVING JAIL UNTIL DEPARTURE OF  
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THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE <sup>at One</sup> TOLSON

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EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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Mr. Looke	_____

September 28, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

*JPC*

Mr. Nathan called on the afternoon of the 27th. instant and advised that they did not have a great deal of information at that point with reference to Langford Ramsey, the Memphis attorney; that, however, they had learned from [redacted] that she had accompanied Ramsey from Memphis to the home of Cass Coleman in Texas; that he had endeavored to persuade Coleman to make an appointment to meet Kelly about 100 miles from Coleman, Texas, and there deliver some or all of the money in the possession of Coleman. Coleman claimed, however, that the place was watched by Federal officers and it would be impossible for him to do this. According to the [redacted] girl, Ramsey then drove her to Fort Worth, sent a telegram to her father at Oklahoma City stating that she would be at Oklahoma at 10:15 and placed her in the custody of the Travelers Aid and then wired to Memphis advising that the deal had fallen through. Agent in Charge Blake at Dallas had checked on the telegram and in going through the records in an effort to locate the telegram sent by Ramsey to [redacted] at Oklahoma City Blake located the telegram sent by Ramsey to Memphis and, of course, was in a position to learn of the reply.

Later and more complete information was received from Agent in Charge Keith by his telegram of the 27th., and the substance of the information placed in a memorandum for the Attorney General for your signature.

Respectfully,

*V. W. Hughes*

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September 29, 1933.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALLS - Urschel case.

Mr. Keenan advised that there had been quite some talk about the cruel treatment accorded the prisoners at Oklahoma City, so last night he took a member of the AP in the jail right where Bailey and Bates are kept, and stayed in there five or ten minutes, and he, Mr. Keenan, censored all questions asked. Mr. Keenan stated he did this for two reasons - first, so that a story regarding inhuman treatment would not be circulated, and second, to see these men in humiliating positions. I stated I thought this was a wise thing to do.

Mr. Keenan stated the case will go to the jury about 3:30 today, and they are ready for the Kellys to be brought in any time. I stated that we had decided that we would take the newspapers into our confidence regarding the transportation of these prisoners, upon the grounds that they would promise not to print anything regarding the removal until they have arrived at Oklahoma City. Mr. Keenan stated he thought this was the best way to handle the situation. I advised Mr. Keenan we were going to have the Kellys handcuffed and George Kelly shackled to the plane.

I advised Mr. Keenan that yesterday Katherine Kelly was taken sick and pretended she had appendicitis, but upon examination by a doctor it was found she had nervous indigestion. I stated she was better last evening. I advised that I had ordered that the Agents should get a doctor's certificate that she was physically able to travel by plane to Oklahoma City.

Mr. Keenan stated there is a chance that Bates will give up some of the ransom money; that he, Mr. Keenan, had told Bates that the possibility is that if he will give up all of the ransom money, he would not be turned over to the State authorities. Mr. Keenan stated he thought it was dangerous to keep these men in Oklahoma after the trial, and that it was also his opinion they should not be handed over to the State authorities, but should be shipped immediately to the Federal penitentiary selected.

I advised Mr. Keenan that the American Express Company had a writ of attachment placed on the personal effects of Bates, including a machine gun, bullets, some telegrams and clothing; that we wanted to get the machine gun and the bullets to send to Kansas City to have the ballistics expert examine them in connection with the Kansas City massacre; that last night Mr. Parfish telephoned the General Counsel of the company in New York City and told him these articles had to be released this morning, and that we are now awaiting word of what happened this morning in this regard.

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I advised Mr. Keenan I would let him know when it was definitely decided the time they should leave Memphis, and the means of travel to be used.

It was decided it would be better for Mr. Keenan to remain at Oklahoma City until the Kellys have arrived, and he advised he thought he would do this and go directly to Detroit.

If these people are convicted, Mr. Keenan says they will be sentenced immediately.

I advised that the Attorney General had said last night it might be well not to take the Kellys to Oklahoma City until the Jury had returned its verdict, in order to prevent any reopening of the case. Mr. Keenan stated the Jury may stay out quite a while on Mrs. Shannon, but he can see no reason for not bringing the Kellys to Oklahoma City as soon as possible. He stated that I could tell the Attorney General for him that if he were there he would realize there was no chance of reopening the case under any circumstances.

In telephone conversation with Mrs. Keenan this morning she stated she did not believe it would be necessary to keep guards around her home for a longer period of time.

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[REDACTED] of the AP telephoned to request the address of the rooming house where the clothing of Kelly is supposed to be located, in Memphis. I stated that we did not have this information in Washington, and if the Agents in Memphis had it, it could not be given to the newspapers.

Mr. Nathan advised that Mr. Keenan had advised that Mr. Hoover was going to consult the Attorney General as to the proper time to bring the Kellys to Oklahoma City, and also, that Mr. Hoover had requested that he, Mr. Keenan, remain in Oklahoma City. I advised Mr. Nathan I had tentatively in my own mind planned to have the plane leave Memphis tomorrow morning. I told Mr. Nathan I thought the man should leave today for Little Rock. I advised Mr.

*Keenan*  
*Mr. Keenan*  
*Mr. Nathan*

Nathan that his plan to the effect that we should take the newspapers into our confidence, providing they will not print the story until after the arrival of the plane at Oklahoma City, is satisfactory.

been  
Mr. Nathan stated all arrangements have/made for transportation from the airport to the jail.

██████████ of the Memphis Press telephoned to request permission for a representative of his paper to accompany Kelly and the others in the plane from Memphis to Oklahoma City. I advised that this could not be, and that as a matter of fact the method of transportation had not been decided upon. He stated that he knew Mr. Keith had sent various pictures which had been taken of the Kellys to Washington, and wanted to be given certain of these pictures. I advised that neither could I grant this request.

Mr. Rorer telephoned to state that they have been able to get information from Kelly absolutely involving Jarrett in the kidnaping scheme; that they know that on the Fourth of July Jarrett went to the Hopkins Hotel and met Kelly for the first time; that Kelly was registered at the Hopkins Hotel as J. L. Baker; that he stayed there from the 4th until about the 7th of July and then went to the Blackstone Hotel, where he again saw Jarrett; that they have found out how they covered the house, how they entered the house, and all about it; that they will find out more as they have just started getting information in this regard. I advised that I would have Jarrett placed under surveillance at Oklahoma City, and that nothing should be let out on this development. I asked Mr. Rorer to call Mr. Nathan immediately and give him this information; and tell him I wanted Jarrett put under surveillance immediately. Mr. Rorer stated there is another man they believe Kelly will involve before they finish questioning him.

██████████ of the Times telephoned to state they have a dispatch saying the government is ready to transport Kelly and his wife to Oklahoma City and that there is a squadron of 15 Army planes waiting equipped with machine guns. I advised this was not true, and in fact we had not decided the method of transportation/<sup>which</sup>would be used. I further advised that there is a rule against

the use of Army planes.

I advised Mr. Rorer that I had considered moving the Kellys tomorrow or the next day, but that if he continues talking I did not think he should be moved. Mr. Rorer stated that at the time of this call Kelly was telling them everywhere he had been. I cautioned that the plane should be checked carefully before leaving Memphis.

Mr. Rorer stated he was afraid the press might follow in another plane. I advised that I had thought of this, and for that reason I was considering transportation by train. I suggested that he and Mr. Keith discuss the matter and advise me of their reaction.

Mr. Rorer stated they have not as yet received any information as to the Kansas City massacre from Kelly, but that Kelly has claimed he was not in on it and is not in with the Kansas City crowd. He stated that Bailey was not in on the case but it was a coincidence that he had the ransom money. Mr. Rorer stated that a month before the kidnaping Kelly and Bates had a man in Joplin picked for the victim, a [redacted] that they could not make a go of this so they went to Oklahoma City and first picked a man named [redacted] that they then picked a man named [redacted] and that in their contacts they picked up somebody who suggested Urschel; that the contact suggested Jarrett as the man who could put Urschel "on the spot"; that Jarrett was to get \$25,000 later when the money had been changed, but so far had received none.

Mr. Rorer states that Kelly says that although he was in Chicago at the time of the murder, he had nothing to do with it, but is sure who did do it, from the earmarks.

Mr. Nathan advised that so far he had not been convinced that Jarrett is involved in the affair. I instructed Mr. Nathan to have the story regarding the meetings at the hotel checked.

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

DALLAS TEXAS, Sept. 29, 1933.

CONNELLY  
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
 FEDERAL STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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 CINCINNATI OHIO



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GEORGE KELLY ETAL KIDNAPING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TELEPHONED DALLAS POLICE THIS

DAY SAYING SHE HAD IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING BAILEY ETAL STOP

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Govt Rates,  
 Division of Investigation.

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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE

September 25, 1933.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called the Chicago office and talked to Agent in Charge Purvis relative to newspaper reports concerning the alleged identification of the machine gun used at the bank robbery at Chicago with that used in the Kansas City massacre. Mr. Purvis stated that there is no truth in this statement; that [redacted] the Ballistics Expert at Kansas City, had arrived at Chicago yesterday and had been in touch with the Police Department to obtain the bullets found at the bank robbery and to compare them with the bullets found at Kansas City; that shortly after this contact the newspapers appeared with headlines to the effect that an identification had been made; that [redacted] was disgusted and as a result of this publicity arranged to conduct his work in the Division office at Chicago; that he is now working there and he has reached no conclusion yet.

With reference to the fingerprints, Purvis stated that no fingerprints were found on the automobile but they have some latent prints taken from a map which was in the car and from a bucket or tank that was in the car; that these prints have been compared with all known criminals at Chicago but no identification has been made, and they are sending the fingerprints on to Washington. They have been compared with Kelly's and they are not identical.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

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