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REPORT MADE AT: <b>DALLAS, TEXAS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>10-6-33</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9/25 &amp; 10/4/33</b>	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
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TITLE: <b>GEORGE E. KELLY, with aliases; KATHRYN CROCKWELL, with aliases; CHARLES F. HERRICK (Victim).</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** The farm of C. E. Coleman at Coleman, Texas, kept under surveillance from September 25 until George & Kathryn Kelly were apprehended on September 26, 1933. On September 25, 1933 Agent informed Dallas Division Office by telephone man and woman had called at C.E. Coleman's Farm. It was ascertained that telegram was sent from Ft. Worth, September 25, to J. C. Tichner, Memphis, Tenn. Further details obtained from Luther Arnold and daughter Geraldine. On Sept. 26, about 5:30 PM, Cass Coleman admitted to Agent [REDACTED] that Kelly had left wad of money buried on his farm; money subsequently recovered.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent D. L. McCormack, Dallas, Texas, dated 9-25-33; and report [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas, dated 10-5-33, entitled C. E. COLEMAN and WILL CASEY, Dallas file 62-427; and letter from Dallas to Oklahoma City Office, dated Oct. 5, 1933.

**DETAILS:** AT COLEMAN, TEXAS.  
Upon being released as a witness at Oklahoma City, this Agent returned on September 25 to Coleman, Texas, where the C. E. Coleman Farm was watched as nearly as possible, constantly, by Agent and Sheriff [REDACTED] of Coleman County, Texas.

**DETAILS:** Cassie E. Coleman was interviewed at various times between September 25 and September 30 in connection with his knowledge as to the movements of George and Kathryn Kelly, who were fugitives until their apprehension at Memphis, Tennessee, on September 26. Sufficient evidence had been obtained to warrant the apprehension of C. E. Coleman on charges of harboring and concealing George and Kathryn Kelly at various times from August 16 until September 11, 1933. Upon Agent being informed by Special Agent in Charge Blake that George and Kathryn Kelly had been apprehended at Memphis, Tennessee, on the morning of September 26,

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>P. J. Beary</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-740	RECORDED AND INDEXED OCT 10 1933
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Agent in company with Sheriff [redacted] went to the C. E. Coleman Farm and took Coleman into custody and he was placed in the Coleman County Jail. On September 25, through one [redacted] a neighbor, called the Sheriff's Office about 11:00 AM and informed that before daylight that morning a stranger, a young man with dark hair and dark complexion, came to his home accompanied by a woman about 18 years of age, and stated he was a prospect for George and Kathryn Kelly but that he (Coleman) thought this man was a detective and told him to get away from his farm as the country was full of officers watching his place, and he would probably be arrested before he could reach Coleman; that he did not talk to the man over five minutes and did not know who he was. This information was furnished the Dallas Division Office by telephone.

Sheriff [redacted] then had the Model A Ford Truck, referred to in reference report, brought into the court house yard at Coleman and left word for Clarence Durham, at whose home the Ford Truck had been abandoned, to call at his office upon his return home.

On September 25, Agent and Sheriff [redacted] informed C. E. Coleman that he would be prosecuted and that any money that he might have in his possession which had been furnished to him or left with him by George and Kathryn Kelly, could possibly do him no good. Coleman then stated that he would see a party that night in an endeavor to learn the whereabouts of George and Kathryn Kelly, and call at the sheriff's office the following morning, September 26, and furnish to Agent and Sheriff [redacted] all of the information concerning them and their activities known to him (Coleman). However, after the man and woman, who was later identified as Attorney Ramsey of Memphis, Tennessee, and Geraldine Arnold, called at his home, instead of coming to the sheriff's office he had [redacted] call the sheriff's office and state he would not be in as per his agreement of the evening before.

Through a confidential informant, Special Agent in Charge Blake ascertained that at the same time the telegram signed Jerry was forwarded from Ft. Worth to L. W. Arnold at Oklahoma City on September 25, 1933, a message was also filed with the Western Union sent from the Terminal Hotel Sub Station at Ft. Worth. Mr. Blake then contacted Ft. Worth City Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] and requested that they secure all available information as to the sender of that message and the contents of the message, if possible. These detectives subsequently reported to Mr. Blake that at 12:35 PM on September 25, the message to Oklahoma City was sent by a 12 year old girl who was accompanied by a man about 25 years of age, about 120 pounds, about 5' 8" tall, red complexion, dark hair and eyes, wearing a light shirt and blue trousers. The telegram sent by the man (Ramsey) reads as follows:

"J. C. Nichmor, c/o Central Garage, telephone 8-4311, Memphis, Tennessee.

"Dear Cholly had several tough breaks ran into several rain storms caused brake trouble deal fell through tried to get later appointment but prospect was afraid impossible to change his mind don't want to bring home a sad tale can go on if advisable wire instructions here answer Western Union Gainesville, Texas. (signed) Lane."

Detective [redacted] informed Mr. Blake that the person who sent the telegram under the name of Lane inquired at the telegraph office the name of a town about two hours drive from Ft. Worth where he might receive a reply to his message, and it was suggested to him that the town of Gainesville would be the proper place.

Mr. Blake ascertained that the following message was received at Gainesville, Texas by Western Union on September 25 at 6:05 o'clock PM.

"Memphis, Tennessee.

"Langford Ramsey  
Will call Western Union  
Gainesville, Texas.

Continue trip as instructed Mother fine now. (signed) Jack."

The substance of all of the above was furnished the Oklahoma City Division Office at 11:30 PM, September 25 by telephone by Mr. Blake, and the Oklahoma City Division Office advised that that office would communicate direct with the Birmingham Division Office.

Upon instructions of Special Agent in Charge Blake, C. E. Coleman was taken out of the Coleman County Jail and returned to his farm where he was held pending the arrival of Special Agents in Charge Blake, Colvin and Jones in an endeavor to locate any of the Urschel Ransom Money which might be buried on his place. At about 5:30 PM after he had been informed that George and Kathryn Kelly were in custody, Cass Coleman called Agent [redacted] and stated that he was ready to confess to his activities in connection with harboring and concealing George and Kathryn Kelly and would divulge further information that only he and George Kelly had in their possession; that, on August 16, on his first visit to the Coleman Farm George Kelly had buried at a point in his (Coleman's) Cotton Field, a thermos jug and syrup can both filled with twenty dollar bills and had stated that that was a "wad of the Urschel money" which he had to leave; that he was ready to lead Agent to the place where the money was secreted. Agent informed Mr. Coleman that he had instructions to await the arrival of the above mentioned Special Agents in Charge before taking any action. Immediately upon the arrival of Special Agents in Charge Blake, Jones and Colvin, Coleman lead those Agents in charge, Sheriff Frank [redacted] and this Agent to a point near a well in a willow tree in his cotton field where, after digging at points pointed out by Mr. Coleman, \$250.00 in twenty dollar Federal Reserve Notes save one ten dollar bill, were recovered and there a part of the \$200,000.00 ransom paid in twenty dollar bills by intermediaries for the release of Mr. Charles F. Urschel.

On September 27, 1938, a complete statement was obtained from C. E. Coleman by this Agent and he involved one Will Casey, a resident of Coleman County, Texas, who had also harbored and concealed George Kelly and aided and abetted him in avoiding the apprehension of George Kelly.

On October 4, 1933, both of these individuals were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury for the Northern District of Texas at Dallas, Texas.

On September 27 and 28, 1933, Special Agent [redacted] furnished the following memorandum:

Agent contacted L. E. [redacted] at the Bryan Hotel, as per instructions, and he advised that while the maid was cleaning up his room at the Wells Robert Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla., about 8:30 AM, 9-26-33, two men came up to their room, the door of which was open, and one of them walked in, stating at the time that he was a reporter from the Oklahoma City News, and asked him if he was [redacted] to which he replied, "Who wants to know?" That this man then said, "You want to get some notoriety out of this"; that he then told the man that he did not want any notoriety, and the man then said that U. S. Attorney Hyde had stated that it would be all right for him, [redacted] to make a statement to him, upon which he told the reporter to wait a minute, and he telephoned Mr. Colvin in the reporter's presence; that Mr. Colvin told him not to tell the reporter anything at all; that when he turned around to the reporter, his [redacted] wife, rushed in and said, "Daddy, they have snapped Jerry's picture at the water fountain in the hallway"; that he then told the man who came to stop that picture right away, upon which the man stated that he would and that he would see that no trouble came from it, rushing away immediately in an excited manner as if he expected to comply with his [redacted] request; that they then immediately checked out of said hotel within fifteen minutes and came on down to Dallas by automobile.

Informant further stated that no pictures were taken at the Union Bus Station.

Also, informant advised that he has not talked to anyone except representatives of the Government; that practically all of the talking he has done was to Special Agent F. J. Blake, Mr. Colvin and M. Gus Jones, Oklahoma City, either by telephone or personally; that the two men who spoke to him at the Union Bus Station, according to his best information, worked for Mr. Jimmie Mathers, Attorney, and that they hung around him [redacted] a good deal in Oklahoma City, while he was at the Skirvin and Wells Roberts Hotels; that one of them, [redacted] made a \$1000 bond for him in connection with the Mann Act charge, by furnishing \$100.00 cash; that he does not remember the name of the other man; further, that at one time Mint said to him, "You know that you are plenty hot around here now, since you got into this trouble," to which he replied "Yes", but that these men did not know that he was working with the Government; that [redacted] knew that he had employed Attorney [redacted] for the Kellys, so he did not suspect anything.

Agent [redacted] re-interviewed Luther William Arnold, who now advises that the two men referred to in Agent's memorandum under date of September 27, 1935, were [redacted] and [redacted] (presumably [redacted] of Robert E. Byrd, Jr., Attorney at Oklahoma City); that he spoke to them at the Post Island Union Station and not the Union Bus Station at the time of the arrival of his little daughter Geraldine, at Oklahoma City, from Ft. Worth, Texas; that he had previously informed [redacted] that his daughter would arrive at that time and assumed that they were present at the time on account of their interest in him (Arnold), knowing his connection with [redacted] Kelly's Attorney; that they did not know he was working with the Government.

At the time of the above interview, Agent also talked to Geraldine Arnold, who stated she was with Kelly and his wife at Chicago at that time the policeman was murdered during the mail robbery; that Kelly had nothing to do with that robbery because she was with the Kellys all of the time; that Kelly stated at that time they would most likely pin that job on him also; that the Kellys went to Memphis, Tennessee from Chicago, to get some Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma and Tennessee License Tags, 2 Army Automatics, to send someone after some of the ransom money, and to arrange to send her home to her parents; that they - Kelly, his wife and herself arrived at Memphis on last Friday, where they stayed at the home of Tichnor, who Kelly sent to Ramsey's home with the message that he (Kelly) wanted to see him; that Kelly upon Ramsey's arrival at John Tichnor's house, requested him to obtain the above mentioned tags and two automatics, and later on about 10: PM that same night Langford Ramsey, accompanied by his girl - name unknown - returned to John Tichnor's house on Kelly's request and, based on information furnished by the Kellys, Ramsey's girl drew a map indicating the route to Cass Coleman's Farm; that arrangements were then made for Langford Ramsey to see Coleman and also to take her home; that she left Memphis with Langford Ramsey at 6: AM last Sunday; that they drove straight through by way of Little Rock and Texarkana, Arkansas; Greenville, Dallas and Cleburne, Texas, to Coleman's house in Coleman, where they arrived about 4: or 5: AM the next day; that Ramsey sent her to the door to call Coleman, but the latter made his appearance from around the house; that Ramsey informed him that Kelly sent for him (Coleman) to meet him (Kelly) about 100 miles away from the Coleman Farm, or further if he could, accompanied by some members of his family so as to avert suspicion, and to be sure and bring two or three thousand dollars of that "Urschel money buried out there"; also Kathryn's furs; that Coleman replied it could not be done and for him (Ramsey) to tell Kelly and Kathryn to stay away from there as he (Coleman) did not want any of his family killed; that the place was surrounded by officers and they would be up there 15 minutes after they (Ramsey and herself) left, to ask him (Coleman) all about who they were and all about it; that he did not want them - Ramsey and Geraldine - to take anything away from them.

Geraldine also stated that Kelly had mentioned the fact in her presence that [redacted] who furnished Kelly with a new Chevrolet Automobile, now in Oklahoma City, \$200 and a quart of whiskey, had a friend in Chicago, name not mentioned, who was going to buy the above mentioned money.

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DALLAS OFFICE will make interview [redacted] at Gainesville, Texas, regarding the sale by him of Thompson Sub-Machine Gun No. 653; also Remington Automatic 30-Caliber Rifle No. 83, 840, found among the effects of Albert Bates at Denver, Colorado.

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October 6, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephonic conversation of the 2nd instant, there are enclosed herewith for your information copies of a letter received from [redacted] of the Identification Bureau, Fort Worth, Texas, dated September 29, 1933, concerning the claims of certain members of the Fort Worth Police Department on the reward offered by private interests in the Grechel kidnaping case.

It is desired, as indicated over the telephone, that you immediately confer with [redacted] to ascertain the details of the matter to which he refers. I am particularly interested to ascertain what information he has to the effect that members of this Division have been making an effort to mislead in the proper payment of rewards. Of course, you should explain to [redacted] that the Division has nothing whatever to do with the payment of rewards, and you should be very careful to refrain from making any recommendation with reference thereto.

This matter should be given your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Enclosure 11/771.

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~~DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
OCT 7 1933  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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FROM

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Nathan ..... ( )  
 Mr. Tolson ..... ( )  
 Mr. Clegg ..... ( )  
 Mr. Edwards ..... ( )  
 Mr. Egan ..... ( )  
 Mr. Hughes ..... (✓)  
 Mr. Quinn ..... ( )  
 Mr. Locke ..... ( )  
 Inspector ..... ( )  
 Division ..... ( )  
 Secretary ..... ( )

October 3, 1933.

In regard to the attached memorandum, please obtain from Mr. Blake the details of the matters about which [redacted] referred to in his letter. Please advise Mr. Blake that no recommendation should be made by this Division as to who is to obtain the reward or a part of it.

See me ..... ( )  
 Prepare Reply ..... ( )  
 For Your Information ..... ( )  
 Note and Return ..... ( )  
 File ..... ( )

It is a very delicate situation, and we do not want to be drawn into the controversy.

*J. E. A.*

Remarks:

*File over*

*Sac Dallas 10/6/33*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

VWH:

October 2, 1933.

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

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*jm*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I talked to Special Agent in Charge Blake with reference to the attached letter received from [redacted] under date of September 29, and suggested that he immediately contact [redacted] obtain from him all of the details and forward them to the Division. Mr. Blake stated that he would immediately call [redacted] on the telephone but that unless the Director felt it absolutely imperative, he would prefer to put the personal interview off until Wednesday in view of the trial tomorrow morning of the jailor and Mannion for the escape of Bailey. I advised Blake to immediately telephone [redacted] and I told him that unless he heard from the Division further he might assume that the Director is satisfied to permit the interview with him to go over until Wednesday, unless, of course, conditions permitted him to go earlier than that time.

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Blake stated that he felt that he knew what the difficulty was; that there were a number of police officers at Fort Worth who had given excellent assistance and information. He had no information, however, concerning any effort on the part of anyone in the Division in endeavoring to mislead in the proper payment of rewards. He stated he would have to get that information, of course, from [redacted] Blake said he felt it was a mistake to offer a reward in the first place, because it invariably brings about a controversy in which the Division is dragged in. He also said he thought it would be a mistake to make any recommendations. However, he agreed that it would be necessary to look into [redacted] charges.

*Chas. F. Linnard*

Respectfully,

*V. W. Hughes*

V. W. Hughes.

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*W. W. Hughes*

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

October 7, 1933

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Mr. Tolson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Clegg	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Edwards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Egan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Hughes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Quinn	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Lester	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Locke	<input type="checkbox"/>
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*B.W. JAC*  
*Ft. Worth, Texas - Police Dept.*  
*Cooperation*

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

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to instructions, I conferred on October 6, 1933, with [redacted] of the Identification Bureau of the Ft. Worth Police Department relative to a letter addressed by him to the Division concerning the matter of reward offered by Oklahomans for the apprehension of George and Kathryn Kelly.

[redacted] said that all he knew about the matter was what he had been told by members of the department interested - namely: Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] - and he suggested that I interview them to get the details.

I interviewed the above mentioned at Ft. Worth, and they state that they feel that should the Division or any representative thereof be called upon for a recommendation in connection with the reward, that such representative should make known the assistance rendered by them. They are inclined to suspect that in some instances in the past their cooperation and assistance have not been recognized in that the persons in Oklahoma City who are responsible for the offer of the reward apparently did not seem to be cognizant of the part they played in the case.

Reports from this office have given them full credit for their work, and I will not repeat in detail in this letter all they have done, however I know that the first information I ever received about George and Kathryn Kelly came from [redacted] and [redacted] about July 5, 1933, at which time they offered the suggestion that Kelly was probably implicated in the Kansas City Massacre.

On July 24, 1933, [redacted] from Ft. Worth, Texas, telephoned the Dallas Office recommending that careful check be made of the Kellys. This is more fully set out in report of Agent D. L. McCormack, Dallas, August 7, 1933, pages 1 & 2, captioned Unknown Subjects; Kidnaping.

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OCT 10 1933 A.M.

DIRECTOR NATHAN

Unit One

FILE

# U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

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During the entire investigation and until the present time these Ft. Worth Detectives have cooperated splendidly, and Mr. Nathan when here went to Ft. Worth with me and expressed to the Chief of Police and Chief of Detectives the appreciation of the Division therefor.

The facts, as known to me, with reference to the copy of a telegram secured by Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] of Ft. Worth, addressed to J. C. Tichnor, Memphis, are:

On September 25, 1933 about 7:30 PM I received a telephone call from Oklahoma City advising that a telegram had been received in Oklahoma City from Ft. Worth, said telegram being addressed to L.W. Arnold and was signed "Jerry". At Dallas it was ascertained that the message was filed at the Terminal Hotel Sub-Station of the Western Union in Ft. Worth.

Believing Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] to be in Oklahoma City attending the Urschel Case Trial, I telephoned Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] at Ft. Worth and requested them to get all information possible as to the sender of the telegram. They [redacted] talking phoned that the message had been sent by a girl about 12 years of age and wearing a double-breasted coat, being accompanied by a man about 25 years old and weighing about 180 pounds further describing him; the description - except for the age, fitting Kelly fairly well.

At my suggestion [redacted] and [redacted] went to the home of the person who accepted the message, to determine whether the man with the girl was Kelly. They later reported that it was not but at the same time said the man had filed at approximately the same time a message to Memphis, Tennessee and read me a copy of the message, which is:

"Ft. Worth, Texas.

Sept. 25, 1933 12.37 PM

J. C. Tichnor - Central Garage,  
Telephone 8-4811 - Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Cholly had several tough breaks ran into several rain storms caused brake trouble deal fell through tried to get later appointment but prospect was afraid don't want to bring home a sad tale can go on if advisable wire instructions here answer care Western Union Gainesville, Texas signed LANE."

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██████████ and ██████████ being under instructions to return to Oklahoma to be prepared for rebuttal testimony proceeded, on Sept. 26, 1933 to Oklahoma City, being accompanied by Detective ██████████

They first talked to Mr. Nathan, whom they regard very highly, and he assured them that he could take no part in the matter of the reward but insofar as possible the Division would see that their activities were fairly represented.

They then talked to Mr. Keenan, who apparently had never heard of the telegram from Ft. Worth to Memphis, and upon being shown a copy said "This is interesting". Mr. Keenan phoned E.E. Kirkpatrick who was a party to the reward, and made an appointment for the Ft. Worth boys to see Mr. Kirkpatrick the following morning.

They say that they saw Mr. Kirkpatrick, ██████████ and Mr. Urschel the following morning, at which time Mr. Kirkpatrick said something to the effect "If it had not been for these (Ft. Worth) boys we might still be wondering who kidnaped Urschel", and added that he would see that they got a square deal.

They then talked to Chas. F. Colcord, who said he would consult Mr. Colvin and Mr. Jones and be governed largely by what they said with reference to the reward.

That same afternoon Mr. Colvin returned to Oklahoma City from Coleman, Texas and ██████████ met him in the hall of the Federal Building and told him they wanted to talk to him and Colvin replied, "I wouldn't talk to Jesus Christ right now. I am going home and go to bed and get some sleep." (Colvin had been without any sleep the preceding night - 26th - and had gotten very little the night before that - 25th.)

The next morning (28th) they (██████████ and ██████████) again saw Mr. Colvin and in talking about the reward Colvin asked them if they had not talked to Mr. Colcord, and they said that they had. Colvin said "Well you might as well be fair about it". ██████████ replied, "We want to be fair but we want to be treated fair". Colvin then said "The little Arnold girl will get the biggest part of it (the reward) and of course the Memphis Officers would be entitled to a part of it." Colvin went on to say that he realized

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the Ft. Worth boys had materially assisted in the investigation and he appreciated it but that the same was true of the Dallas and other Police Departments.

They say that Mr. Colvin did not say whether he would or would not recommend that they receive a portion of the reward.

They say the reward matter was never discussed with them by S.A.C. Jones. He told them he would see them later but they left Oklahoma City without seeing him.

I told them that I doubted if the Division would make any recommendation specifying any person as being entitled to a specific portion of any reward. I felt sure the Division, if requested, would supply the facts known to it and leave to the sponsors of the reward the obligation of determining to whom it should be paid. They assured me that such a policy would be entirely satisfactory to them.

In explanation of the apparent ignorance of Messrs. Keenan and Kirkpatrick of the Ft. Worth-Memphis Telegram and the part played by the Ft. Worth Detectives, I am inclined to assume some responsibility therefor because when I furnished by telephone the Oklahoma City Office with the information concerning the telegram, I believe I did not furnish the source. However, I did tell Mr. Colvin and Mr. Jones, while on our trip to Coleman, how it had been obtained. I told the Ft. Worth boys that I felt this responsibility.

I left them in a cordial frame of mind and trust that I may be able to secure from them in the future the same effective co-operation as in the past.

Very truly yours,



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.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
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Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Hynes	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Locke	.....

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October 7, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In talking with Mr. Nathan at Oklahoma City, he stated that arrangements would be made immediately to transport Bailey and Bates to Leavenworth tomorrow morning by plane, leaving at 6:00 A.M., and that he had requested the Marshal to telegraph the Department for authority to hire a plane but did not know whether the Marshal had yet sent that wire. Mr. Nathan requested that I advise the Department so that someone would be on hand and so that authorization would be immediately sent.

I called [redacted] who stated that he would immediately send a wire to the Marshal, advising him to use a plane, and it would not be necessary to wait until the Marshal sent in a telegram.

Mr. Nathan stated that inasmuch as R. G. Shannon is to be granted a continuance of sixty days and the two St. Paul defendants will be released on the same bail pending the making of additional bail and pending appeal, there will only be Bailey and Bates to transport to Leavenworth at this time. Mr. Nathan planned to have five Special Agents accompany the Marshal on the plane, namely, Special Agent in Charge Colvin, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] and one other to be selected, and Mr. Nathan himself will go unless the weather is bad. Two deputy marshals had planned to go but now, due to the fact that they will have ample room, the Marshal may send additional deputies.

Mr. Nathan advised that both Kathryn and George Kelly had pleaded "Not Guilty" this morning and will be placed on trial Monday morning.

Respectfully,

All BTC

*V. W. Hughes*  
V. W. Hughes.

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 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
 OCT 10 1933  
 TOLSON

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.  
October 8, 1933.

Mr. Nathan.....
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Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Locke.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Agent [redacted] called this morning and advised that Mr. Keenan was leaving for Oklahoma City this afternoon and wanted the original letters written by Katherine Kelly to take with him.

Mr. Hughes contacted Mr. Keenan and advised him that the letters had been returned to the Oklahoma City Office together with the laboratory reports on all except the letter addressed to Mr. Keenan signed by Katherine Kelly. This report was read to him and shows that the letter was written by Katherine Kelly.

Respectfully,

*R. L. Moore*  
R.L. Moore

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Unit One  
Unit Two



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Laboratory Report

Case: **GEORGE R. KELLY, Kidnaping.** Number: **7-115.**  
Specimen: **Photo of letter addressed to Mr. Keenan under  
signature of Kathryn Kelly, postmarked Chicago,  
September 30.**

Examination requested by: **Mr. Nathan and Unit One.**

Date received: **October 2, 1935.**

Examination desired: **Compare handwriting with that of Mrs. Kelly.**

Date of Report: **October 5, 1935.**

Result of examination:

Examination by: **C. A. Spel.**

The handwriting is that of Mrs. Kathryn Kelly.  
Photographs of the letter were made and were mostly used in this examination  
as the original was not left in the laboratory long enough to be used.

From the wording of this letter it would appear that  
Mrs. Kelly might have written the letter to the Oklahoman newspaper and  
to Mr. Urchel. I am still of the opinion that she did not write these  
letters.

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CASSIE EARL COLEMAN, alias CASS COLEMAN, alias [REDACTED]  
 WILL CASEY, alias W. C. CASEY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Coleman harbored fugitives George and Kathryn Kelly at his farm in Coleman County, Texas, in August and September, 1933. On August 29, 1933, Coleman and Casey conspired together with harboring George Kelly, and from August 21 to August 24, 1933, Casey harbored George Kelly - Fugitive. Complaint filed September 28, 1933. On September 29, 1933 Coleman and Casey waived preliminary hearing, held in default of \$10,000.00 bond each. Matter presented Federal Grand Jury, Dallas, Texas, October 2, 1933. Indictments returned Oct. 5, 1933, as to each.

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DETAILS:

It was learned on August 19, 1933, that Kathryn Kelly had two uncles and an aunt residing at Coleman, Texas, where she formerly resided with her mother and where she was residing at the time she married one Charles Thorne, notorious in that vicinity as a bootlegger, and who was in 1928 killed, he having been shot in the head with a pistol, and it is the consensus of opinion in that county that Kathryn (Cleo) murdered her husband. This information was furnished to the Dallas Division Office by Sheriff [REDACTED] of Coleman, Texas, who at the same time informed the Dallas Division Office that he had just learned one [REDACTED] who lived near C. E. Coleman, had accompanied [REDACTED] to Oklahoma City and vicinity and visited there with the Coleman family, T. Coleman being Kathryn Kelly's grandfather, and had been there when Charles Thorne was kidnaped in Oklahoma City on July 22 and brought by the Coleman home

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On August 21, 1933, Agent in company with City Detective [REDACTED] of Ft. Worth, Texas, went to Coleman, Texas, and arranged with Sheriff [REDACTED]

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to meet Sheriff [redacted] and this Agent at the Sheriff's Office at 4: o'clock that afternoon, which appointment he neglected to fulfill.

On the evening of September 14, Agent and Sheriff [redacted] called on Cass Coleman at his residence south of Coleman, Texas, and he reiterated his statement to the effect that he had seen George Kelly only once since the kidnaping and had seen him twice; that he had no idea where they could be located as they had told him nothing and they left anything at his house for which they might return; that he did not think he would ever see them again but if the officers would promise his family would not be killed or that George Kelly would not be taken at his home, he would, the next time he heard of them or the next time they came to his home, advise the Sheriff's Office by telephone immediately upon their arrival. A watch was kept on his home as near as possible thereafter by use of field glasses from distant points, without results.

On September 23, 1933, Agent, who had been to Oklahoma City, returned to Coleman, Texas, and ascertained from Coleman's [redacted] that he had not purchased any groceries or other supplies since some time in August and charged them to [redacted] account as he was authorized to do and as had been his practice all during the present crop season. From [redacted] it was learned that Cass Coleman had given [redacted] shortly after their return from Oklahoma in August 1933, about \$40.00 in cash which was used in the purchase of an old Ford Car by the boy; that he had been buying gasoline in considerable quantities for a farmer of his financial ability and had been traveling around in that country considerable more than he was want to do. Every effort was made to maintain a cover on the Coleman relatives who are scattered around Coleman County within a radius of some 26 miles, in an effort to catch George Kelly; and C. E. Coleman was interviewed on various occasions. He was rather vigorously interviewed on the evening of September 25, at which time he stated that a man and a girl about 18 years of age, had come to his house just before daylight on that date and asked him if any "damn laws had been watching his place." He stated that this man claimed to be a go-between for George and Kathryn Kelly; that he was a young man, dark hair, well dressed, driving a black sedan automobile of some kind - the license plates on which he could not see; that he went out to the car but the man did not get out. This man said "I want to arrange a safe meeting place for you and George Kelly", and asked if it was safe to take anything away from or bring anything to his (Coleman's) Farm; that he (Coleman) told this man that it was not; that the country was full of laws, and that he probably would be arrested before he got into the town of Coleman; that the man stated "Kathryn left a fur here and wanted me to bring it to her", but that he (Coleman) refused to turn anything over to the man at all and told him to get away from his place as he did not want to talk to him; that the man and the girl stayed about five minutes and left; that he really thought the man was a detective; that he then took the furs Kathryn left in his place and buried them in a bucket in his cats' den in the loft of his barn; that if Agent and Sheriff [redacted] would give him "until the next morning he would come to the sheriff's office at 9: o'clock and divulge everything that he knew regarding the whereabouts and the activities of George and Kathryn Kelly."

On the morning of September 26, Coleman had a neighbor call the sheriff's office and advise the sheriff he was unable to come in but advised for him to come out there. Agent called at Cass Coleman's home and Coleman made the following statement:

"All I can tell you is that George said when he was here the last time - 'if I can just get to Dutch's Place in Chicago I will be all right.'"

Coleman was thereupon taken into custody and placed in the Coleman County Jail.

Agent was informed by Mr. Blake over long distance telephone from Dallas that Kathryn and George Kelly had been arrested at Memphis, Tennessee. Sheriff [redacted] then went to the Durham Place and had the Ford Truck, abandoned by George and Kathryn Kelly, brought into the jail yard. Agent was later instructed by Special Agent in Charge Blake to take Cass Coleman back to his home and hold him and all other persons in the house and all other persons coming to the house until he arrived in Coleman; this was done.

At about 5:30 on the evening of September 26, 1933, Cass Coleman called Agent and Sheriff [redacted] to one side of the corral where they were being held, and stated he was now ready, since being informed that Kelly and his wife had been captured, to tell everything that he knew.

The first thing Coleman desired to tell was that George Kelly, on his first visit to the Coleman Farm, had gone out to the field and buried a large "wad of money" and that he was ready to lead Agent and Sheriff [redacted] to the place where the money was secreted. He was not permitted to do so at that time, but about midnight immediately upon the arrival of Special Agents in Charge Blake, Colvin and Jones, Cass Coleman lead the officers to the place in his cotton field where the money was secreted, and \$73,250.00 of the original twenty dollar bills paid for Mr. Urschel's release, was recovered.

The following signed statements were obtained from C. E. Coleman; Will Casey, alias W. C. Casey, who was also taken into custody; and [redacted]

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Coleman, Texas, September 27, 1933.

I, Cassie Earl Coleman, age 43 years, residence rural route No. 2, Coleman, Texas, state that I am a brother of Mrs. Ora Shannon, and an uncle of Kathryn Cleo Kelly, wife of George E. Kelly.

I read of the kidnaping of Charles Urschel in Oklahoma City, Okla., in some paper a few days after he was kidnaped. At that time I had no idea of who the kidnapers were.

The first time I ever saw George E. Kelly was during the summer of 1932, when Mrs. Ora Shannon, Kathryn and George Kelly came to my farm down on the Jim Ned Creek, in Coleman County, Texas, and spent a few hours. When I lived on that farm I knew a Mr. Will Casey, who lived 2 or 3 miles from where I did.

I heard of the arrest of my sister and her husband, Mrs. Ora and George Shannon, at Paradise, Texas, through reading the newspapers, and the stories of their arrest told also of the officers' wanting and seeking the arrest of George and Kathryn Kelly as defendants in the kidnaping of Mr. Urschel.

The day or two after I first learned of the arrests in the Urschel Kidnaping Case and learned also that George and Kathryn Kelly were being sought, to the best of my recollection August 10, 1933, about 10:00 o'clock PM, George and Kathryn Kelly drove into my place about 12 miles south of Coleman, Texas, in a new Chevrolet Coupe, bearing Indiana license plates. Kathryn went in my house and George called me out to his car. He got out of the car and picked up two packages contained in leather cases, and a water jug, and said come on. He was in his shirt sleeves, and had an automatic pistol in his hip pocket. We walked to a point near my barn, and stopped. He said we have got to have help you and have got to help us. We have got to help those folks. They have got some innocent folks over there, and if you don't help us, by carrying out mine and Kathryn's instructions, some of the gang to whom I have paid 100, 0.00 will get some of your family. At that time Kelly spoke of the trouble he was in, in connection with the kidnaping of Mr. Urschel. He also said 'I have got some hot money in these packages and I want to get it buried where it will not be found until I can get around to it, and where it is buried is up to you.' He and I then went to my field Northeast of my house and barn, near a well and a little willow tree where we buried the money. It was all in currency. On the way to the hiding place, I picked up a syrup bucket. When we got to the well in the field, Kelly took the money out of one of the leather cases and packing the thermos water jug full and he and I both packed some of the money into the tin syrup bucket, and we

then buried the money in these containers in the ground, and also the leather case he had taken the currency from. One of the articles, the thermos jug, after it was packed with money was buried three steps west from the willow tree, and the syrup bucket was buried in a small rock pile 5 or 6 feet Northwest of the well.

"George and Kathryn Kelly spent the night of August 16, 1933, at my home. Kathryn slept in the house and George got a quilt and pillow and went off down in the field East of the house to sleep. About daylight August 17, 1933, George Kelly came up to my house. We ate breakfast; that is George Kelly and I ate together. He stayed at the house that day, but Kathryn left that morning saying she would be back after awhile. While she was gone George told me Kathryn had gone after a car. He also said that they had been North changing some of the money and had to get out of there, and had to leave their big Cadillac Sedan, and that he was sorry of that, because with that he could out run any car that took after him.

Some time about noon Kathryn Kelly came back to my house in an old 4-cylinder Chevrolet Sedan, bearing Texas license plates. She told George to take her to the pavement where a woman was waiting for her. George told me to meet him without fail at the town of Santa Ana immediately. They left my place and I went down to Santa Ana alone. He had already told me it was up to me to hide him out and find a place for him to hide out for a while, until Kathryn got back, as she was going to get some lawyers or help of some kind for the other folks.

"When I met George at Santa Ana on August 17, 1933, he was in the old Chevrolet Sedan. I took him out to [redacted] Place on the Jim Red Creek, which place belongs to [redacted]. I saw one of the [redacted] boys, [redacted] and asked him where his father was and he said he was not at home. George and I stayed around there until nearly midnight that night, but [redacted] did not come in so I took George Kelly over to [redacted] Route 2, I believe, Santa Ana, Texas. I left Kelly there and came on home. I told him I would try to see that he got into no trouble as a bunch of our lives depended on it - I made that statement to [redacted]. I had told George to give me a day or two to study some place to hide him, and I would be back by Sunday.

"Just before noon, Sunday, August 20, 1933, I went back to [redacted] and found George Kelly up in the pasture with his car hid in the brush. He asked me if I had found a house for him. I told him no, but I thought maybe I could get a vacant house over on the farm of Bill Casey. I left him there and went alone over to Casey's and told Casey I had a man over there whom I wanted to get a house for, and asked him if he had a vacant one on his place he would rent for any length of time, maybe a week or month or six months, as I couldn't tell how long. I told him the man's name was Baker. Casey said "Yes, I have a vacant house I guess he can use". Casey said "How much do you

recker he would pay to use the house?" I said, "I don't know, he might give you a hundred or two hundred dollars for it." Casey said "Well right bring him down and let me see him." I then went back to Durham's and about dark Kelly and I went down to Casey's. I introduced Kelly to Casey as Mr. Baker. George told Casey he would pay him two hundred dollars for the place to use until he got ready to move. Kelly gave him some money in my presence, and from the conversation I understood it was three one hundred dollar bills, and told Casey: "Coleman's car is not any good, - the casings are worn out, so I want you to take one of the one hundred dollar bills up to San Angelo, Texas, and get me some change for it". Kelly then turned around and told me to go with Casey and asked me where I could meet Casey. I told Casey I would meet him at the "Red House" 3 miles south of the town of Coleman on the pavement early the next morning. George also said he wanted us to buy him a full set of cooking utensils and some bedding, and that he would make out a list for Casey. I then took Kelly up to the vacant house on Casey's Place and let him out. Casey did not accompany us there. After that I left George and came on back to my farm south of Coleman.

"The next morning, Monday, August 21, 1933, I met Bill Casey at the Red House as agreed, and we went to San Angelo, Texas, in his car. On the trip up to San Angelo, I told Bill Casey that Baker, in fact, was George Kelly, and we talked of his being wanted in connection with the kidnaping case, and we spoke of what we had read in the papers about him. When we got to San Angelo, Casey was afraid to get the 100.00 bill changed, so I took the three bills and had them changed at the First National Bank at San Angelo. I think that is the name of the bank. I did that while Casey was at a garage where he had new brake bands on his car. It was a Model T Ford Touring Car.

"On the afternoon of August 21, on our way back to Coleman, we, Bill Casey and I stopped at Hallinger, Texas, and bought Kelly some cooking utensils, plates, knives, forks. I bought those, while Casey went some place and bought some bed sheets. He and I both bought the bill of groceries for Kelly. I bought the mattress and small 2-burner oil stove there from a hand store, but the articles I bought were new. After all the purchases were made, Casey and I got in his car and went to the different places and picked up the articles.

"When we got back to the Red House on the road south of Coleman, I left Casey and got my car where I had left it in front of the house with permission of the man who lives there. I do not know him or his name. I went directly home from there, and Casey went on to his farm about 16 miles east of Coleman.

"A short time before noon, August 23, 1933, George Kelly came driving up to my house in the Chevrolet Sedan, Kathryn had come there in. He jumped out of the car and came running into the house, and said "I want a piece of paper". While I was looking for a sheet of writing



paper, I asked "What's wrong with you?" Kelly replied, "There were some laws in the country there looking for a man, and I was afraid they might come up the house where I was." I handed him a piece of paper. He wrote a note, put it in an envelope and sealed it. He handed it to me and said "Give that to Kathryn and tell her 'Mississippi'".

"I forgot to say that when I left Will Casey at the Red House on the afternoon of August 21, 1933, he handed me \$100.00 in bills, - that is \$100.00 of the money I had got as change in San Angelo. As at that point I gave him all the money left after making the purchases, and he handed me back \$100.00, saying "I am going to give you \$100 because I fell down on you in getting the money changed." I accepted the \$100.00.

"The next I heard from or saw any of the parties, was on the night of August 22, 1933, Kathryn Kelly drove in to my place south of Coleman in a model A Ford Pick-up Truck, which she said she had bought at Abilene, Texas. She said she had been in Dallas, in touch with her lawyers. I gave her the letter George had left for her. She read it and cursed saying "He is a damned fool - I have got to get to him to get some money, and he knows it."

"The next morning August 23, 1933, Kathryn said "I am going to Mississippi, and will be back in two or three days". She left alone in the Ford Pick-up, after writing a note to George, which she wanted him to get as quick as he showed up again.

"The next I saw of any of the parties, was, I believe, the day after Labor Day - September 3, 1933 - when shortly afternoon, I think, Kathryn in the Ford Pick-up Truck, accompanied by a woman and young girl, drove into my place around to the back of the house. The woman and girl came up on the back porch and got some water, while Kathryn came into the house and talked a while. She said she had missed George as he was not there. She said she had been to Biloxi, Mississippi, and George had been there all right but was gone when she got there. She (Kathryn) loaded a couple of folding cots and a box and other stuff, I guess, which she had left there the first time she came in the truck to my house. and she and her companions left. They stayed only about 30 minutes on that occasion. She tore up the first letter he had written for George and wrote him another letter, and told me to tell George to communicate with her at . . . . Small, General Delivery, San Antonio, Texas.

"On Saturday, September 9, 1933, [redacted] rather early in the morning, came to my farm and said "Kelly is back down at our house and wants you to come for him as quickly as possible." I got in [redacted] car with her, and when we got to Santa Anna, acting upon previous instructions of Kathryn, I went to the telegraph office at the railroad station and sent a telegram by Western Union to Kathryn, as follows:

"L. W. Arnold,  
General Delivery,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Mother better.

H. Baker"

"I then went with [redacted] on our to the [redacted] Home, which is  
a t of Santa Ana, and there I found George Kelly sitting on the  
porch. He had a black Model A Ford Coupe with Tennessee License  
Plates. I tel. him I had sent the telegram to Kathryn. He said,  
"Well, we will go back to your house and wait for her". About dark  
that evening, September 9, he and I left [redacted] in his Ford Coupe  
and went to my house. He stayed here until Monday, September 11,  
when just about noon or a little after, Kathryn in the Ford pick-up  
with the little girl, showed up at my place. As soon as she got there  
Kathryn told George he was a damned fool, and should have had better  
sense than to go off to Mississippi where she couldn't get in to ch  
with him, as he knew she needed money, and that he had just gone down  
there chasing after that woman. He said he was just trying to take  
care of himself until he could get in touch with her. Kathryn called  
him a damned liar, and he called her another damned liar. They only  
stayed on this occasion about 30 minutes, but before leaving George  
instructed me to take his Ford Coupe [redacted] down to Durham's Place and  
leave it in the [redacted] garage, and also that if anything come up to write or  
wire him as L. W. Arnold, General Delivery, San Antonio, Texas if it  
was not enough. They left in the Ford Truck.

"On the morning of September 12, 1935, I took George Kelly's Ford  
Coupe down to [redacted] and placed it in his Garage. [redacted]  
[redacted] brought me back to my home in his car. That same day  
a subpoena was served on [redacted] to appear in [redacted]  
[redacted] witness in a [redacted] court. The folks told me about it  
when I got home. I sent some one of the boys down to [redacted]  
Farm, to get [redacted] and bring him up home that night. When he got home,  
he told me that he had told the officers what the subpoena was served  
on him, about the Kellys having been at our place. On the 14th of  
September, 1935, I went to Santa Ana, Texas, after buying a writing  
tablet and envelope in Coleman, and set in my car in Santa Ana and  
printed [redacted] pencil a note which read as near as I can remember as  
follows:

"Man girl pick up hotter'n hell. Better  
move quick. Don't mean nyste."

which I placed in an envelope without return address and which I ad-  
dressed to L. W. Arnold, General Delivery, San Antonio, Texas.

The above account covers all of the times I have seen, heard from,  
or attempted to correspond with Kathryn and George Kelly or either of  
them, since the kidnaping of Mr. Urchel.

"One thing I have omitted, upon instructions of George and Kathryn Kelly, I think, on September 12, 1933, I sent a post office money order to Kathryn's daughter, Pauline Fry, for \$25.00, at Paradise, Texas. One of them gave me the money and asked me to get it to her without fail.

"On September 15, 1933, I called Sheriff [redacted] out of the Manhattan Cafe, about noon, and told him that [redacted] had told him the truth that Kathryn and George Kelly had been to my house twice, and that I was sorry I had lied to him a few days before that when I told him they had not been to my place.

"On September 15, 1933, in the evening Sheriff [redacted] of Coleman, Texas, and Special Agent [redacted] of the Department of Justice, came to my home and talked with me. I told them both at that time, that Kathryn and George Kelly had been to my house together only once, right after the Shannons were arrested; that they had remained there only one night, and I had never seen George since then, and had only seen Kathryn once since then, and that was when she and a woman and girl came to my house a few days afterwards in a Ford Pick-up Truck; and, that I had no idea where they might be located, as they had never told me where they intended going, and that they had not left anything at my place.

"On September 20, 1933, I discovered to Sheriff [redacted] and United States Department of Justice Agents the places on my farm where George Kelly had secreted in \$20.00 bills in a thimble jug and a syringe \$75,000.00, according to a count made thereof at my farm.

"The above statement is made by me at the Sheriff's Office, Coleman, Texas, to Special Agent [redacted], Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, voluntarily, this 27th day of September, 1933, without threats or fear of duress, and without promise of reward or immunity, and has been read over and the same is true."

(signed) [redacted] SHERIFF

Witnesses:

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

[redacted] Sheriff, Coleman, Texas.

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Coleman, Texas, September 27, 1933.

"I, Mill Casey, age 60 years, address Santa Ana, Texas, Route No. 2, state that sometime after warm weather set in a man came to my house after dark. I didn't know him, but he talked like a woman, and wanted to rent a camp house on my place for about 10 days. He wanted to grub brush to pay the rent. He gave the name of C. D. Baker.

"Cass Coleman lived down on the Jim Ned Creek about 2 years three or four miles from my place.

"I go to San Angelo every few days. I went up there to look for some grass one time - I don't know about having brake bands put on my car in San Angelo. I picked up 2 or 3 hoboes on the way up to San Angelo. I don't know whether Cass Coleman was one of them or not. I didn't give Coleman \$100.00.

"This man Baker gave me a \$100.00 - I believe he gave me 8 one hundred dollar bills, and said he wanted them changed. I picked Cass Coleman up the next morning this side of the Red House, and we went to San Angelo, Texas, together in my car. When we got there I wouldn't change those \$100.00 bills because Cass Coleman told me something about that man Baker, but I don't remember what he said. I couldn't say whether he and I discussed the Urschel Kidnapping Case or not that day. Upon our arrival at San Angelo I drove into a garage. The first one to the right after you turn right just as you get into town on a paved street. Cass Coleman left me at the garage that day and I had some brake bands put in my car; that is had the brake bands relined. The man at the garage knows me.

"He and I stayed in San Angelo maybe a couple of hours that day, then on the way back to Coleman, we stopped in Ballinger, Texas, where I bought for the man Baker two sheets and a pillow case or two. I believe Cass bought a mattress and other stuff I wouldn't be sure. I bought the sheets and cases at Penny's Store. Out here at a little drug store I bought a dime's worth of rat poison for Baker.

"Coleman got out of my car out around the Red House that evening and gave me the change for Baker. Baker had told us to pay ourselves out of the money we got changed so each, Coleman and I, took \$100.00.

"I charged the man Baker \$10.00 for the use of the house for 10 days. I got that rent money out of the money we got in San Angelo.

"Baker had an old Chevrolet Car. He came to town every day. Anyway he left there every day, I don't know where he went.

"I got home that night Coleman and I went to San Angelo, about 9: o'clock. I took the stuff we bought for him to his (Baker's) house, that evening before I went to my own house. He thanked me, and I gave him what change was left out of the \$100.00 bill.

"This man Baker had an automatic pistol there and a little 22 calibre target gun.

"The above statement is made by me voluntarily to Special Agent [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, at Coleman, Texas, this 27th day of September, 1933, without threat or fear of duress and without promise of reward or immunity, and have had the same read over to me, and the same is true."

(signed) W.C.CASEY.

Witnesses:

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

[REDACTED] Sheriff, Coleman, Texas.

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Coleman, Texas, September 27, 1933.

"I, Will Casey, am the same person who furnished a statement to Special Agent [redacted] of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, on this date. The first two or three paragraphs of that statement contain some erroneous statements, and I now desire to change them.

"As a matter of fact Cass Coleman, whom I have known off and on for over 20 years, came to my house one evening after warm weather began, and said he had a man by the name of Baker who wanted to rent a vacant house from me, and this man didn't know how long he would want to rent the house. That night after dark two men came to my place in a car and one of them said 'Will, this is Baker', the other man said 'Yes, C.D. Baker'. The man who wanted to rent the house. That is when the man Baker gave me the 3 one hundred dollar bills to get changed the next day.

"This man Baker looked to be over 6' or 6' 1" in height and had dark shady skin, like he had some Indian blood in him. He would weigh about 160 pounds. He had brown hair.

"The rest of my original statement is correct.

"Made voluntarily at Coleman, Texas, this 27th day of September 1933."

(signed) W.C. CASEY.

Witnesses:

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

[redacted] Sheriff, Coleman, Texas.

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Coleman, Texas, September 28, 1935.

"I, [redacted] age 26 years, address [redacted] Santa Ana, Texas, state that [redacted]

[redacted] My wife gave birth to a baby on August 15, 1933. I think two nights thereafter [redacted] C. E. Coleman, and another man drove in to my farm house in an old Chevrolet Sedan. [redacted]

[redacted] was at that time staying at our house. Mr. Coleman introduced the stranger with him as, I believe the initials - C.E., last name Baker, and said Mr. Baker was an oil man from Oklahoma who wanted to stay there at my place for a few days to look the country over, prospect and hunt squirrels, and that he would just camp out up in the pasture and not stay at our house, and I told them that would be all right. The man stayed and Coleman went on back to his house.

"The next Sunday morning Mr. Coleman came back to my home and brought his smaller children with him. He went up in the pasture and talked with the man he had left there. Baker didn't come around my house and I never saw him between the time he came and that Sunday. That afternoon Mr. Coleman left my home and said "I am going over here to see a guy", but didn't say who. He was gone about two hours and returned, and said Baker is going to leave here. Then along about dark Mr. Coleman and the man Baker left my place in the old Chevrolet Sedan, but I never knew where they went. Coleman came back to my house after dark a foot.

"I don't remember just when it was, but some time after the above occurrences [redacted] told me that the man Baker was the same man who had visited at [redacted] home in company with Mrs. Ora Shannon and Kathryn the summer before, and that he was really George Kelly.

"The next I heard of Kelly or saw him was I believe August 27, 1935, on a Sunday, when my wife and I stopped by [redacted] Mr. C. E. Coleman's home and Kelly was there asleep on a bed.

"The next I heard of Kelly was on September 9, 1935, when I got home, my wife said Kelly had come there and walked right into the kitchen before she knew he was on the place, and that acting on my instructions to her at the time she told me the man I knew as Baker was in fact George Kelly, she got in our car and went to [redacted] home South of Coleman, Texas, and told him to come get that man away from our place. She said Mr. Coleman had come back to our home with her and left with Kelly in Kelly's Ford Coupe. The next morning, Sept. 10, 1935, Mr. C.E. Coleman came by the Buffalo School House where I drive a bus, with my wife in her car, and Mr. Coleman called me off and said "I have just left a car at your house, [redacted] don't say anything about it to anyone". My wife had told [redacted] to get

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Kelly away from our place and tell him not to come back there anymore.

"I didn't say anything about Kelly or his car having been at my place at that time.

"The next I heard or saw of the Kellys, was about 5: o'clock PM, Sept. 13, 1933, when I got home from the school, both Kathryn and George Kelly were there. George was lying on a bed on the front porch and Kathryn was lying on another bed inside of the house. I told them I did not want them there. George said, 'Well, we are not going to stay long, we just came to change cars.' They were in a Ford Model A Pick-up truck. He went into my garage and tried to start the Ford Coupe which Mr. Coleman had put in the garage several days before, and it wouldn't start. He pushed the coupe out and ran the truck in the garage and took the battery out of the truck, then took the battery out of the coupe, and put the truck battery in the coupe. My wife drove up about that time and Kathryn and she talked about a minute, then Kathryn and George left in the Ford Coupe which bore Tennessee License Plates. They at that time had a little girl with them at that time.

"It was raining the evening of September 13, 1933, pretty hard, but I got in my car after the Kellys left my place and came in to the Sheriff's Office and notified Sheriff [redacted] that they had left my place in a Ford Coupe and had left at my place the Ford Truck. I promised [redacted] and [redacted] both the next day that if either Kathryn or George Kelly came back to my place again, I would let them stay there and go to the nearest telephone and notify the Sheriff's Office.

"I will testify to the above facts if called upon to do so.

"The above statement is made by me voluntarily at Coleman, Texas, this 28th day of September, 1933, to Special Agent [redacted] Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, without threats or fear of duress and without promise of reward or immunity."

(signed) [redacted]

Witnesses:

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

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The original statements quoted herein are furnished the United States Attorney's Office at Dallas.

On September 28, 1933, [redacted] address Route 2, Santa Ana, Texas, [redacted] were interviewed and stated [redacted] told them about a month ago that he had rented the little shack situated about two or three miles southwest of [redacted] home, to a man by the name of Baker, but that neither of them had ever seen this man Baker.

On September 29, 1933, Will Casey furnished the following information:

That while the man who Cass Coleman brought to his place was there he (Casey) took to him a cream can full of drinking water as there is no water on the place near the shack he rented to this man; that after this man had been at the shack a few days he (Casey) was informed by his daughter that a man by the name of [redacted] who is known in that neighborhood, had been in a shooting scrape and the officers had been in there hunting [redacted] that he told the man Baker about that, JUST TO SEE HOW HE WOULD ACT; that Baker was already packed up to leave when he told him about the officers looking for [redacted] and Baker just got in his car and drove off, after telling him (Casey) that he might be back in a few days and not to rent the shack to any one else as he had it paid for for a good long time; that the shack he rented to Baker is situated on a 50 acre tract of land purchased some years ago by hi (Casey) from one [redacted] of Santa Ana; that he traded a house in Santa Ana to [redacted] for this place; that he does not consider the \$300.00 given to him by Baker for rent on the house and making the trip to San Angelo and Bellinger an exorbitant price, but he does not know at what value he rendered the 50 acres for purposes of taxation.

The State and County Tax rendition inventory on file in the Tax Assessor's Office at Coleman, Texas, in the name of W. C. and Mary Casey, sworn to on March 8, 1933, by W. C. Casey, lists among other property, the following:

Abstr. No.	Original Grantee	Acres Rendered	Value
103	[redacted]	50	\$320.00

On September 29, a complaint was filed before United States Commission at Abilene, Texas, charging Coleman and Casey with having conspired to harbor a fugitive, to wit: GEORGE KELLY.

On September 29, 1933, they were removed from Coleman to Abilene, Texas, by the United States Marshal, and upon being arraigned they each pleaded not guilty, waived preliminary hearing and bail was fixed for each in the sum of \$10,000.00 and each was committed to the County Jail at Abilene, Texas, in default thereof.

On September 28, 1933, [redacted] Clerk in the store of J. C. Penn at Ballinger, Texas, stated he sold a bill of goods to a rather tall, elderly man who was easy to sell. The original cash sales ticket was identified by

[redacted] as his handwriting, and came to an office in the J. C. Penn Store, having been set aside in case it should be required for evidence and same indicates that on August 22, 1933, salesman [redacted] sold the following items for

1) Oil cloth	75
5) Towels	75
6) "	50
4) Pillow Cases (15¢)	60
4) Sheets (59¢)	2.36
	<u>4.28</u>

Amount received \$5.00.

[redacted] stated this bill was paid with a five dollar bill.

[redacted] second hand mattress factory, stated he recalled selling a new cotton mattress and possibly an oil stove to a man about the latter part of August; that this man stated he was from around Valera, Texas, and thinks the man paid for the mattress and stove in cash and said he would be there later to get the stove; that later two men returned to the store in the afternoon and got this stove.

[redacted] of the Southland Drug Store, Coleman, Texas, stated and recalled selling 25¢ package of rat poison to an elderly man one afternoon about a month ago.

At San Angelo, Texas, [redacted] of Howe's Garage, 16 W. Harris Street, San Angelo, Texas, was interviewed and stated that on August 21, 1933, a man came into his garage in an old model T Ford Touring Car; that he, since reading of Will Casey's arrest at Coleman, has recalled that that is the same person who had \$2.80 worth of work done on his car; that he formerly lived in Coleman County, Texas, when a boy, and engaged in conversation with the man who introduced himself as Will Casey; that to the best of his recollection there were two other men with Casey; that they were in the garage after noon.

[redacted] Howe's Garage stated that he did the work on Casey's car, August 21, 1933, and that Casey and Coleman stayed around the garage and watched him do the work; that Coleman went away from the garage for a while, but was at the garage when he finished the work; that he believes Coleman drove the car out of the garage about 2:00 clock PM; that while at the garage Coleman made the remark that he had been in Ft. Worth and Dallas so much lately that he could drive right on through the traffic without difficulty, also mention that he had been in Oklahoma on one trip recently; that Casey said they had been trying to buy some grass (pasture), but could not get any in Coleman County, and was figuring on getting some in Coke County.

P. W. Howe, c/o Howe's Garage, [REDACTED], stated that he recalls Casey and two other men being in the garage on August 21, 1933; that after meeting Casey they engaged in conversation, and ascertained that he and Casey's father were old acquaintances.

[REDACTED] First National Bank, San Angelo, Texas, has a faint recollection of a man who was a stranger, coming into the bank and getting more than one \$100.00 bill changed, and at a time, but is unable to fix the approximate date or description of the man.

NOTE: The original ticket issued by Howe's Garage in the handwriting of [REDACTED] was furnished Agent by [REDACTED] and is in the Dallas file.

At Santa Ana, Texas, the original telegram was located, dated September 9, 1933, addressed to L. W. Arnold, General Delivery, San Antonio, Texas, 'Mother better' signed R. Baker. This original telegram is in the custody of [REDACTED] Santa Fe Railroad Station Agent and Telegraph Operator.

The note referred to by Coleman as having been mailed by him from Santa Ana, Texas, on September 14, 1933, is in the Oklahoma City Division Office file.

#### AT DALLAS, TEXAS.

On October 2, 1933, the facts in connection with the harboring of George and Kathryn Kelly by subjects Cassie Coleman and Will Casey, were submitted to the Federal Grand Jury, and indictments were returned as follows:

- 1) Charging that on or about August 20, 1933, in Coleman County, Texas, the said subjects conspired together to harbor and conceal George Kelly.
- 2) Charging Cassie E. Coleman in five separate counts with having (a) on two occasions harbored and concealed both George and Kathryn Kelly, and in three counts with having harbored and concealed George Kelly.
- 3) Charging Will Casey in two counts with having harbored and concealed George Kelly.

Photographs of the shack rented by Will Casey to George Kelly were obtained, and the same are in the Dallas Office file.

#### Descriptions from interviews and personal observations

Name: Cassie Earl Coleman, alias Cass.  
Age 43  
Height 5' 10"  
Weight 155  
Eyes blue  
Hair brown

Build Medium

Complexion: ~~Medium~~  
Scars: ~~Two marks on face~~  
Nativity: ~~Texas.~~  
Residence: ~~Colman, Texas.~~  
Marital status: ~~wife & children~~  
Occupation: ~~Farmer.~~  
Handwriting: ~~In file~~  
F.P.C.: ~~Nat. I & I Div.~~  
Prior record: ~~claims none.~~

Name Will Casey

Age 60

Height 5' 11"

Weight 172

Eyes gray

Hair iron gray

Build slender

Occupation: trader & Farmer

Residence: RFD #2, Santa Ana, Texas.

Marital status: wife & 6 children (grown)

Complexion: medium

Nativity: Tennessee.

F.P.C.: Nat. I & I Div.

Prior record: claims none.

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FOR TWELFTH REPORT OF [REDACTED] FORWARDED FROM MEMPHIS TO

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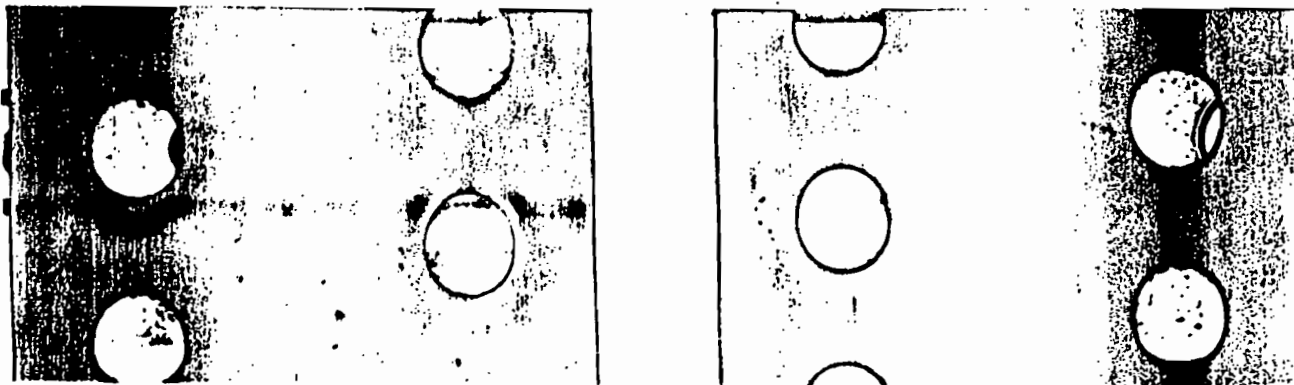
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BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA

REPORT KELLY MATTER MAILED OCTOBER NINTH SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1216 Smith-Young Tower Building,  
San Antonio, Texas.

OCT 11 1933

Dear Sirs:

Re: IDENTIFICATION ORDERS.

I am transmitting herewith copy of a letter received in the Division dated September 29, 1933, from [redacted] Deputy Sheriff, Lampasas County, Texas, wherein he requests photographs of subjects Wilbur Underhill, Verne Miller, Richard Galatas, and Robert Brady, and wherein he advises that Deputy Sheriffs at Evant, Coryell County, Texas, also desire photographs of these subjects.

You are instructed to forward Identification Orders on the aforementioned subjects, as well as on those involved in the Kansas City Obstruction of Justice case, and in recent kidnaping cases, to Deputy Sheriff [redacted] at the Lampasas, Texas, County Seat, and to the Deputy Sheriffs of Coryell County, Evant, Texas.

Kindly review your mailing list on Identification Orders and make certain that sufficient copies of Identification Orders are furnished to the Sheriffs within the jurisdiction of your territory in order that copies may be forwarded by them to their Deputy Sheriffs, as in the instant matter Deputy Sheriff [redacted] appears certain that he viewed subjects George R. Kelly and Kathryn Thorne Kelly traveling toward San Antonio prior to their apprehension.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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OCT 11 1933

Deputy Sheriff,  
Lampasas County,  
Lampasas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 29, 1933, dated at Evant, Texas, wherein you requested photographs of Wilbur Underhill, Verne Miller, Richard Galatas, and Robert Brady.

Please be advised that I have instructed the San Antonio office of this Division to forward you copies of Identification Orders issued by the Division on these individuals, together with copies of Identification Orders on other individuals wanted by the Division in recent kidnaping cases, and the Kansas City shooting wherein several officers and a Special Agent of this Division were killed.

I appreciate your expression of interest and desire to effect the apprehension of individuals wanted by the Division, and I have instructed the San Antonio office to place your name on the mailing list to receive future Identification Orders. The address of the San Antonio office of this Division is as follows:

Mr. Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1216 Smith-Young Tower Building,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

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Can you furnish me with  
Photos of Wilbur Underhill,  
Verne Miller, Richard Gallatin  
and Bob Brady. <sup>with One</sup> Fugitives from  
Justice wanted in connection  
with kidnaping of Charles F  
Wrschels of Oklahoma City.  
As I would be glad to aid your  
Department in any way to bring  
them before the Court.

Since George Kelly  
and his Auburn haired wife has  
been arrested in Memphis I  
recall about 15 days ago have

Seen a red haired woman  
with a little girl pass here  
going in direction of Southton  
traveling in Chevy coach  
with luggage in rear bed.  
this was Mrs. Kathryn Kels  
For my personal identification &  
ref. to Hon. Tom Connelly, J. A.  
Senator. For my personal use  
and too Friend Deputy Sheriff  
of this place would like to  
I have these pictures

Sincerely yours

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[REDACTED]  
Deputy Sheriff  
Lumpkin County

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Bay Stream, L.I.  
Route, Oct. 8, 1933

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, U.S.B. of I.  
Washington, D.C.

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My dear Director:  
Re: Theodore Benz, alias Ted Benz  
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If you have not already recieved a request from Inspector [redacted] to do so, will you please provide me, with a copy, in duplicate for use of myself and District Attorney of Onondaga County, Syracuse, N.Y. of criminal record as reflected by your Bureau's files, photo enclosed of subject, San Francisco # 48921, against whom I have a felony warrant, Forgery 2nd Degree, issued yesterday at Syracuse, N.Y. and which case I will present to Grand Jury, at Syracuse, N.Y. on Friday, 13 th inst. at 10:00 A.M. and for purpose District Attorney has requested me to secure copy of criminal record also set of fingerprints and signature of prisoner for comparison of handwriting

Cordially yours,

[redacted]  
Chief Special Agent  
Railway Express Agency  
Curtiss St. Express Terminal, Buffalo, N.Y.

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L. C. [redacted]

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Chief Special Agent,  
Railway Express Agency,  
Curtiss Street Express Terminal,  
Buffalo, New York.

Dear [redacted]

In reply to your letter of October 8th, I am attaching for your information duplicate copies of the criminal record disclosed by the identification files of this Division in the case of Theodore Benz.

I am also attaching a photostatic copy of the fingerprint card of this person which contains his signature as disclosed by our files.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

Enclosure #360271.

Special Delivery.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 7, 1933.

VWH: [redacted] b7C

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Blake called from Dallas and states that Thomas L. Manion, the jail keeper, had been given two years and \$10,000 fine, and Grover C. Bevill was given 14 months, both sentences to be served in the penitentiary at Leavenworth.

Mr. Blake also stated he just got the sentences from Oklahoma City, which are as follows:

Albert L. Bates, Harvey J. Bailey, R. G. Shannon and Mrs. Ora L. Shannon received life imprisonment. Armon Shannon was given 10 years, which was suspended. The two St. Paul defendants, Edward Barney Berman and Clifford Skelly, were given 5 years each in the penitentiary.

Mr. Nathan just called and stated that the sentence on R. G. Shannon has been stayed for 60 days to give him an opportunity to line up his affairs. Mrs. Ora L. Shannon's sentence has been stayed for 10 days. The two St. Paul defendants are to be released on bond pending appeal.

Respectfully,

*Handwritten signature of V. N. Hughes*

V. N. Hughes.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

October 6, 1933.

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Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Hughes	.....
Mr. Quinn	..... ✓
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Locke	..... ✓
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I talked to [redacted] of the Accounting Division, with reference to the possibilities of engaging an aeroplane for the purpose of transporting the prisoners at Oklahoma to the penitentiary. [redacted] stated that he did not think it would be possible for the Division to pay for this transportation; that it would be necessary for the Marshal to pay for it but that he felt that the Marshal's account would be approved. Relative to the return trip [redacted] stated he did not think that any arrangements could be made which would be approved by the General Accounting Office but he suggested that the Agents could return, of course, by the regular air routes rather than in a chartered plane.

Subsequently I talked to Mr. Nathan on the telephone and advised him of this arrangement and suggested that he have the Marshal telegraph the Department immediately upon the sentencing of the prisoners, requesting authority to engage a plane and that the authority would be granted by the Department. Mr. Nathan stated that he had looked into the possibilities of air travel and it was ascertained that it would be impossible to engage a Condor plane similar to that used on the trip from Memphis; however, he could obtain from the Transcontinental and Western Air Lines a three-motor, eleven passenger Ford plane and the cost would be \$400; that he can obtain this at any time on six hours notice. He stated that the Marshal, who seems to be a rather sound individual, prefers to use an armored car but is agreeable to the plane if the Division thinks that advisable. Mr. Nathan stated he felt that the armored car would be entirely safe but, of course, the plane would be much faster. He says that if they decide on the plane it would probably be possible only to take four Agents and two Deputy Marshals; that is, figuring that there will be five prisoners to transport. Of course, if the Minneapolis defendants are not given penitentiary sentences there may be only three prisoners to transport.

I have endeavored several times to get in touch with [redacted] relative to the arrangements for the designation of the penitentiary for the prisoners and for immediate entry into the penitentiary upon arrival. [redacted] was out all morning and while he returned at lunch time he immediately left for the ball game and his secretary advised that she would call me upon his return this afternoon and I will see him immediately, of course.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

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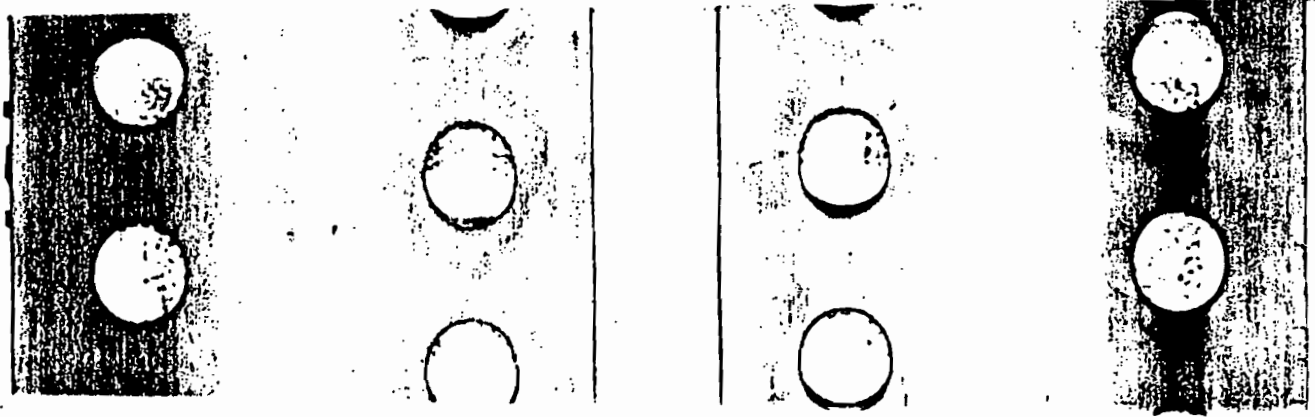
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October 9, 1933.

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

As of possible interest to you, I am attaching hereto a copy of a memorandum which I have just directed to the Attorney General, concerning an incident which occurred in the Federal Building at Oklahoma City this morning, in connection with George and Kathryn Kelly.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 7, 1933.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I talked with Mr. Nathan and advised him that a telegram had been sent by the Department to the United States Marshal authorizing the Marshal to charter an aeroplane for the purpose of transporting Bailey and Bates from Oklahoma City to Leavenworth, Kansas; that the Department had seen fit to send this telegram before waiting for the request from the Marshal and the only qualification was that the Marshal should endeavor to handle the matter as economically as possible. Mr. Nathan stated that his troubles were with the Deputy Marshal, who had been in the service about 25 years; that he was having no trouble with the United States Marshal and he thought the matter would be ironed out; that in any event they would go even if they had to hire a plane and he would take 5 Agents along regardless of the Chief Deputy Marshal's arrangements.

Respectfully,

*V. W. Hughes*

V. W. Hughes.

*Please get details from Nathan as to difficulties with Chief Deputy so I can call it to Stanley's attention.*

*10/7/33 J. C. H.*

*ASAC Nathan  
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October 9, 1933



Mr. Nathan  
Special Agent in Charge  
U. S. Department of Justice  
225 Federal Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Nathan:-

Reference is made to your telephonic conversation with Mr. Hughes of the Division on October 7, 1933, in connection with the transportation of Harvey Bailey and Albert Bates from Oklahoma City to Leavenworth, Kansas, and your statement to Mr. Hughes that you were experiencing difficulty with the Deputy Marshal at Oklahoma City in connection with this matter.

Please submit to the Division at once the details in connection with the difficulties experienced by you with the Deputy Marshal so that the matter may be called to the attention of the appropriate Departmental official.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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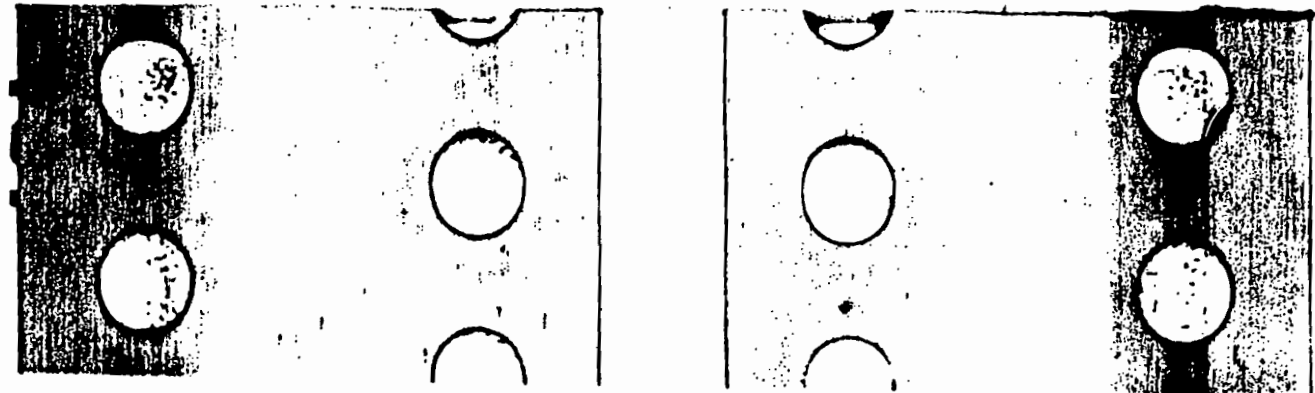
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Blake states that there were three indictments drawn before the fourth and final one was accepted in the Manion escape case. He states that the first indictment had an incorrect date. It was discovered, however, before taking it into the Court and corrected as the Grand Jury was in session. The second indictment was demurred to. The Assistant United States Attorneys, upon the filing of the demurrer, examined the indictment carefully and decided that it might possibly be faulty and that they should draw another one. The fault in this indictment lay in the fact that the two parties were charged with conspiracy to violate Section 246, which punishes the attempt to rescue and conceal a prisoner, and in the same count were charged with aiding and abetting under Section 244 of the United States Code in allowing a prisoner to escape. This indictment likewise was corrected before it got into Court. The third indictment, which was taken into Court and which was ruled out by the Court charged conspiracy to rescue and aiding and abetting in a rescue in the same count and the second count charged Manion only with aiding and abetting. It was held that the indictment could not charge two persons in one count and one person in another count. After this indictment was thrown out Agent Blake states that he suggested to Assistant United States Attorneys Jones and Hood, who had worked together on the several indictments, that they ought to make an effort to get a bomb proof indictment and he suggested they call in Mr. E. J. Crippen, former Assistant United States Attorney who had drawn many conspiracy indictments and had never had one thrown out on him. They did call in Mr. Crippen and they worked until midnight that night drawing a valid indictment. Mr. Crippen is now the Dean of the Dallas Police Law School and I understand, of course, is practicing law as well.

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Respectfully,  
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V. K. Hughes  
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Send memo or copy of this to Mr. Parish. He asked for the information.

10/7/33 J. C. H.

*Mr. Parish asked about this by our new request and I left copy of this memo with him.*

**PHILIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY**  
**HARTSEVILLE, OKLAHOMA**

CLYDE ALEXANDER,  
VICE PRES. & GEN. MGR.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
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October 5, 1933

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Wish to acknowledge receipt of your  
letter of September 25th:

It is indeed a pleasure to us to know  
that your organization appreciates the small contri-  
bution we made, and I want to take this occasion to  
commend you and your organization for the good work  
you did in solving this case and pushing it through  
to final conclusion. I should think this kind of  
action would be very discouraging to gangdom.

Wishing you continued success, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Clyde Alexander*

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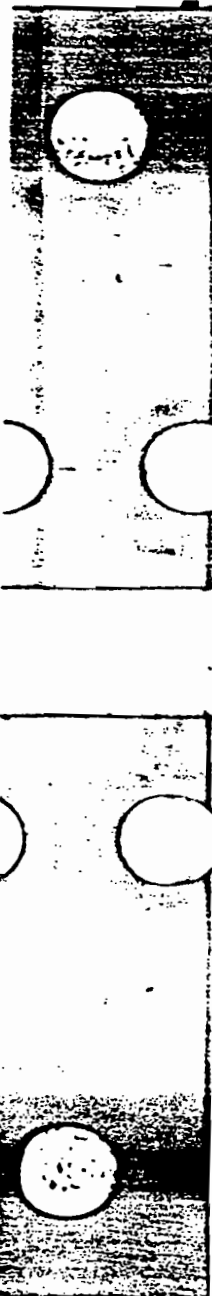
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WILLIAM H. TOLSON



*To Mr. Tolson*



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REPORT THAT RADIO STATION WMC BROADCAST DESCRIPTION OF  
 MACHINE GUN KELLY AND WIFE LEAVING COUNTY JAIL MORNING  
 OCTOBER FIRST MEMPHIS UNDER GUARD AND THREATENING SAFE  
 DEPARTURE IS IN ERROR STOP THIS BROADCAST WAS MADE  
 IN MEMPHIS BY RADIO STATION WREC WITH ROY MOOTEN 1933  
 ANNOUNCING STOP THIS REPORT MAY BE VERIFIED BY CHIEF OF

POLICE MEMPHIS=  
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 RADIO STATION WMC.

*Who owns WMC*

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October 4, 1933.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

On October 3, 1933, telephonic information was obtained through [redacted] of the Federal Radio Commission, to the effect that radio broadcasting station WREC at Memphis, Tennessee, is owned by W. R. E. C. Incorporated. This corporation designates its chief business as that of broadcasting and H. B. Wooten, President of the corporation, owns 88% of the stock. Only the names of those stockholders, who own more than 10%, are required to be listed with the Federal Radio Commission.

This station has been operating since January 17, 1924, when it was first issued a license by the Bureau of Navigation. [redacted] stated that there is no indication that this station is owned, controlled, or has any connection with any newspaper in Memphis, Tennessee. The stations are required to list their interest in any other broadcasting station for the interest of any of their officers. [redacted] advised that the newspaper station in Memphis is station WMC, which is owned and controlled by the Memphis Commercial Appeal, Inc. 100% of this corporation is owned by James Hammond.

Respectfully,

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Owned by Station W.F. Inc. H. B. Wooten,  
President, owns 100% stock. He signed the  
last application for license for permit with  
the Federal Radio Commission. Station has been  
operating since January 17, 1924. Principal  
business is broadcasting and there is no indication  
the corporation or Mr. Woodin has any connections  
with any other stations. W.M.C. is the newspaper  
broadcasting station in Memphis. No connection  
between two stations. Station W.M.C. Owned by  
Memphis Commercial Appeal, Inc., stock of which is  
100% owned by James Hammond.

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Special Agent in Charge:

There are enclosed  
checks in payment of accounts  
rendered through your office.

J. Edga

Director

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DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_  
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 MR. BAUGHMAN \_\_\_\_\_  
 MR. CLEGG \_\_\_\_\_  
 MR. EGAN \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Harold Nathan*  
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MR. BAUGHMAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CLEGG \_\_\_\_\_  
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*A memo will be prepared on this but Mr Hughes thought Mr Hoover might want this right away.*

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Under emergency conditions, it has become necessary to curtail every activity that may not be essential in the performance of its work.

Effective July 1, 1933, the Bureau will discontinue the practice of notifying the Bureau of the apprehension of individuals other than law-enforcement officers. In addition, an extra copy of the arrest report, marked for the Bureau, will be forwarded in accordance with the following instructions:

Agents will note that this curtailment of activity will not affect its primary function of identification data on fingerprint matter of cooperation and in order to be maintained, it is kindly requested that notations on prints transmittal that extra copies of the criminal

I appreciate, in view of existent economic conditions, this action and I want to assure you of my very possible assistance in matters

203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

October 4, 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:

Re: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, et al.  
CHARLES F. URSCHIEL, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-8.

With reference to memorandum attached to letter for this office from Assistant Director H. NATHAN, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated August 2, 1933, under the fifth lead for Chicago, it is noted that the following is listed: "AT 6629". It is noted in paragraph 4, page 9 of the report of Special Agent [redacted] St. Paul, Minnesota, dated September 7, 1933, that this is a Minneapolis, Minnesota, number. Through Inspector [redacted] of the St. Paul Police Department, it was determined that Atlantic 6629 has been changed to Atlantic 3834, and is listed in the name of [redacted] Room 728 West Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota. It is known that the occupants of this room have some connection with Subjects BERMAN and SKELLY and ISADORE BLUMENFELD, if same is not actually a part of their offices, which are rooms 729-30 West Hotel. The name of [redacted] West Hotel, does not appear in the current Minneapolis City Directory. It is noted, further, that [redacted] gave that number as a forwarding address when he checked out of the Ryan Hotel, on August 21, 1933. [redacted] is now reported connected with ISADORE BLUMENFELD, in Minneapolis. [redacted] is unknown to Agents of this Division Office and the name is believed to be an alias of some of the men connected with Subject BERMAN. The West Hotel is more or less of a hoodlum hangout and no information of value can be secured through the management; however, this angle will receive further careful attention in the immediate future.

JOE'S SANDWICH SHOP, 276 South Front, is not listed in the current directory in the cities located in the St. Paul Division Territory.

Inquiry at the Hotel St. Paul, St. Paul, Minnesota, failed to disclose that KELLY and his wife, under their correct names, or known aliases, registered from July 15 to August 8, 1933. Inquiry at the Lowry Hotel, disclosed H. C. SELNOR, Account #95267, registered on August 3, 1933, at 11:58 A.M., being assigned to Room 840. They gave their home address as Park Lane Villa, Cleveland, Ohio, and during the time that



they were at the hotel, they called Atlantic 2181, which is the Hotel Madison, at Minneapolis, Minnesota. They checked out at 6:30 P.M., 8-4-33, and there is no record of any long distance calls, or telegrams, charged to their account. They stored one large black 16 cylinder Cadillac Sedan at the Lowry Garage, which bore Ohio license #691-965. On leaving, an account of \$8.90 was paid in cash, \$5.00 of which was for rooms; 15¢ for the call to Minneapolis; valet service \$2.25, and garage 50¢. Inquiry at the St. Paul Hotel was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

There being no Hotel Sherman in Minneapolis, Minnesota, inquiry was made at the Hotel Sheridan, Marquette Avenue and 11th Street. The records show, under date of August 4, 1933, that Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Shannon, Park Lane Villa, Cleveland, Ohio, checked in at 6:19 P.M., folio 6242. The handwriting is that of a woman and, apparently, is Mrs. KELLY'S writing. They were assigned to Room 726 by [REDACTED], who readily identified the photograph of KATHRYN KELLY as Mrs. R.G. SHANNON. He stated that he had no recollection of the man, passing by the name of R.G. SHANNON, nor that they were accompanied by a small girl. [REDACTED] identified the photograph of KELLY as a person he had seen about the hotel. The records show that the SHANNONS remained at the hotel until August 7, 1933, when they checked out at 6:27 A.M.. Their bill amounted to \$13.69, which was paid by cash. The room was \$3.50 per day and was occupied three nights; laundry was \$2.49; on August 4, 1933, two local telephone calls, @10¢; on August 5, 1933, two local telephone calls, @10¢; on August 6, 1933, three local telephone calls, 30¢. The telephone calls were as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number called</u>
August 4, 1933	Main 8547
August 4, 1933	Atlantic 2181
August 5, 1933	Atlantic 2181 (Called two times)
August 6, 1933	Atlantic 2181 (Called three times).

Atlantic 2181 is the telephone number assigned to the Hotel Madison, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Main 8547 is listed to the National Retail Plumbers Association, 1203 Wesley-Temple building, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The city directory for Minneapolis, shows MT. FOX, President; A.H. LACHER, Vice-President; O.T. Nelson, Secretary; Hugo Guentzel, Treasurer, and H.E. Harroun, Manager and Counsel.

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[redacted] of the Minneapolis Police Department, who is known to be reliable, advised that [redacted] He is an ex-policeman of the Minneapolis Police Department and, as far as [redacted] knows, he is of good standing. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is married to [redacted] and is in no racket, as far as he knows. This matter will receive further appropriate attention. Interview with [redacted] was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]

At the Radisson Hotel, Special Agent [redacted] conducted the following investigation:

At the Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis, I examined room registrar sheets and found on sheet dated August 5th, 1933, the following:-

<u>Room</u>	<u>Name of Guest</u>	<u>Acct.#</u>
1452	G.L.Davis, Indianapolis, Ind.	1421

The above was in the handwriting of Bates, Geo.L.Davis being one of his aliases. The folio card showed he registered at 4:00 P.M., August 5th, 1933, and checked out 12:40 P.M., August 8th, 1933. In addition to \$4.00 per day for lodging, other charges, as follows, were made:-

- \$1.50 - valet service - slip showing initial "H"
- \$4.02 - laundry - mark G.L.D. (No initials on chg. slip)
- \$1.75 - bar service
- .40 - telephone.

Regarding the \$1.50 valet charge, I interviewed [redacted] the person making initial "H" on the slip. He stated he never saw the occupant of room 1452 (Bates); that the suit was brought to him by the bellboy and delivered to the guest the same way, after pressing. (The hotel keeps no records as to bell service).

Regarding the \$4.02 for laundry, no marks were on the slip, and laundry keeps no other records. Laundry is marked on each washing regardless of what appears on the laundry at the time it is received by the laundry. This is to protect the hotel against losses, or mix-ups.

Concerning the \$1.75 bar service, and the .40 telephone:- On the bill, as paid, it appeared that Bates disputed these items and they were never paid by him. The \$1.75 bar service and .40 telephone were taken off and "city account" charged. A search of all city accounts failed to produce these items. The Daily Journal was examined, and all other available records searched in an effort to locate to whom these items had been transferred. All employees having anything to do with the account were questioned but they were at a loss

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to explain the manner in which it had been handled. I searched all long distance toll calls for the period August 4 to August 9, 1933, all Twin City calls and all local calls for the same period in an effort to determine how the charge had been made, without success. The fact that it was .40 indicates to me that it was either four Saint Paul, or local calls.

It was explained that one, Glenn H. Davis, had a sample room in the hotel that day but had not registered and the accounts may have become mixed as Glenn H. Bates did not have a card in the bookkeeper's office. This was only a supposition. [REDACTED] is continuing his tracing and I am contact'ing him tomorrow for further information. "

Inasmuch as it is definitely known that [REDACTED] of St. Paul, and [REDACTED] of Minneapolis, are very closely connected with BARNBY B. BEMAN and others of this investigation, it is believed that [REDACTED] is the St. Paul man referred to by KELLY, and that [REDACTED] is the "Big shot" from Minneapolis, to whom he referred. No publicity appeared as to the local angle until the afternoon of August 8, 1933, and it is believed that that is the date KELLY attempted to communicate with his friend in St. Paul, as it is noted that he and MRS. KELLY secured a cashier's check at Madison, Wisconsin, on August 7, 1933.

This matter will receive further appropriate attention in this district.

Very truly yours,

R. C. COULTER, ACTING,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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501 Title Guaranty Bldg.  
Saint Louis, Missouri  
October 5, 1933

United States Marshal,  
Memphis,  
Tennessee.

In Re: GEORGE R. KELLY, etc. I. O. 1203,  
et al,  
Charles F. Urschel - Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a key to the handcuffs  
which were used at the time of the removal of Kathryn  
Thorne Kelly from Memphis, Tennessee to Oklahoma City,  
Oklahoma.

This key was left in the possession of Special  
Agent [redacted] of this office.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
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

Re: GEORGE R. KELLY with aliases,  
I.O. #1803, et al  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of October 2, 1933 from Mr. Harold Nathan, Assistant Director, with which were transmitted memoranda setting out information secured from George and Kathryn Kelly in connection with the above entitled matter. It is deemed advisable at this time to give a short summary of the investigation conducted in this district which will, in my opinion, provide certain information on which to base parts of the interrogation of these two individuals.

Kelly and his wife, as R. G. Shannon and wife, registered at the Park Lane Villa Apartments (an exclusive apartment hotel) Cleveland, Ohio on May 31, 1933 paying for a week's room rent in advance. On this trip they were accompanied by a small girl whom they called their daughter. They did not stay there for one week, however, but checked out on June 4, 1933, following the purchase of a sixteen cylinder Cadillac Sedan from the Cadillac Motor Sales Co. at Cleveland on June 3. No telephone calls or telegrams were recorded at the Park Lane Villa for these people. They registered from Decatur, Texas.

In purchasing the Cadillac, which cost \$3,900, they traded in a Cadillac Coupe, on which car they were allowed \$1,100, leaving a balance of \$2,800 owed the Cadillac agency. On June 28 Kelly sent a Cashier's Check to the Cadillac agency for \$1,000, which was drawn on the Peoples State Bank, Paradise, Texas. This left a balance due on the car of \$1,800 and in a letter to the Cadillac agency transmitting the Cashier's Check dated June 28, 1933, Kelly asked for an extension of thirty days to pay the \$1,800. This was

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satisfactory with the Cadillac agency. When Mr. and Mrs. Kelly arrived in Cleveland on August 3 they paid [redacted] of the Cadillac agency the remaining \$2,000 due on the sixteen cylinder Cadillac Coupe in installments of one \$1,000 bill and six \$100 bills. Before departing from Cleveland on the following day, Kelly made arrangements to purchase a special twelve cylinder Cadillac Coupe and deposited five \$100 bills toward the purchase of this new car. Their destination upon departure from Cleveland on June 4 was not known. However, it was found during the investigation at Cleveland on August 12, that the General Delivery of the Post Office Department at Cleveland had received a post card dated June 7, 1933 from Syracuse, New York signed "George R. Kelly" directing that mail be forwarded to 320 E. Washington Street, Syracuse, New York. (The New York office found this to be a vacant building).

Several pieces of communication passed between [redacted] of the Cadillac Motor Sales Company at Cleveland and the Kellys under the name of Shamon at Paradise, Texas, copies of which are being transmitted herewith for your information. It will be noted that the last communication was sent by Mrs. Kelly on July 29, 1933, which indicates that the balance due on the sixteen cylinder Cadillac would be paid within a short time. The significance of this is that the ransom money in the Urschel case was received by Kelly at about this date.

Our file further reflects that on the afternoon of August 8, about 3:00 p.m., Kelly and his wife appeared at the Cadillac agency in Cleveland and were greeted very cordially. On this trip they were not accompanied by their "daughter." About two hours before the Kellys appeared at the Cadillac agency, a telegram came to that place addressed "R. G. Shamon, c/o Cadillac Motor Car Company, Cleveland, Ohio" and reads: "Deal has fell through. Jack and Tom have left. Communicate with me at box 631. Signed George." This telegram was sent from Minneapolis, Minnesota at 1:30 p.m. August 8 over Western Union. A copy of same was secured at the time of the investigation at Cleveland, from Western Union.

In this particular connection, reference is made to the memorandum forwarded to the St. Paul office dated October 2, in which it is noted that Kelly states that he and his wife arrived in the Twin Cities August 1 or 2 and departed therefrom about the third. Also, in this memorandum it is noted that Kelly says while in the Twin Cities he personally changed at the banks, approximately \$2,000 of Urschel ransom money and in addition thereto he turned over to the "Big Shot" of the Twin Cities, whom he refused to name, \$7,000 of this money on agreement he would pay this party 20% to change it for good money, stating this party was not among those arrested in St. Paul, and further stating it was his understanding with this person, that the \$7,000

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would be exchanged in Canada on a liquor deal. Then he states that he read an article in a Cleveland paper upon his arrival in that city regarding the recovery of ransom money in St. Paul and on the night of August 7 attempted to get through a telephone call to either St. Paul or Minneapolis, but could not make suggestions. It will be observed that Kelly and his wife arrived in Cleveland a few days after departing from St. Paul and evidently the "Big Shot" whom he refers to is the author of the telegram above quoted, signed "George." Jack and Tom, who are referred to in the telegram, are evidently Jack Phifer and Tom Banks whom Mrs. Kelly inquired about while in custody at Memphis, Tennessee. It would appear from this that George, Jack and Tom are the people whom Kelly dealt with while in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Although extensive investigation has been made, to date we have not been able to determine what box #51 the telegram has reference to. Post Office boxes have been searched and also, I believe in several instances, rooms in big hotels having such numbers, have been investigated.

It will be noted further, that Kelly is in error in stating he arrived in Cleveland on August 7 and that he attempted to place a telephone call on that night as it will be seen in this communication that he arrived there on the afternoon of August 8 and left there about noon of the 9th, indicating upon his departure, to [redacted] and [redacted] of the Cadillac Motor Sales Company, that they were going to Chicago. Mrs. Kelly stated that her mother was sick in Texas and that she intended to take an airplane from Chicago to that point. This would tend to verify the statements made by Kelly and his wife as contained in the memorandum to the Chicago office dated October 2, last paragraph, second page, that they were in Chicago about August 8 and 9, as, leaving Cleveland on the 9th at noon would place them in Chicago on the evening of that date.

During the course of our investigation at Cleveland in August, all records were checked in the Cleveland hotel to determine if any telephone calls had been sent or received by the Kellys, or if any telegrams had been recorded at the hotel. No record was found in regard to this.

Concerning the statement made by Kelly that he read an article in the Cleveland newspapers to the effect that some of the ransom money had been found in St. Paul, which he claims prompted him in placing a telephone call in attempting to contact a certain person in the Twin Cities, it is my opinion that he did not secure such in-

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formation through newspapers but, if he did attempt to place a telephone call, it undoubtedly was based on the wording of the above quoted telegram.

Since the receipt of your communication on October 2, we have again made a very thorough check of the records in the Cleveland Hotel and fail to find any information showing a call placed from Kelly's room. It is possible, however, that such a call could have been made and in view of the fact that connections were not had and the call not completed, nothing was recorded which would indicate a call at the hotel.

Assuming that perhaps the call was made from one of the pay stations in the hotel rather than from his room, a very thorough examination was made of the thirteen pay station telephones in the Cleveland Hotel for August 8 and 9 and it has been found that only one long distance call was made from these phones, that being to Garfield 5741, St. Louis, Mo. from pay station number Cherry 9125, Cleveland. Agent [redacted] is at the present time examining records at the telephone company at Cleveland to determine if this call had any connection with the Kellys.

Also, further inquiry has now been made with regard to telegrams sent or received from the hotel and we have been informed by the management that a record is made at the hotel of each incoming and outgoing telegram that crosses the desk, but none were recorded to the room occupied by the Kellys.

It has definitely been determined by this office that "Joe's Sandwich Shop, 276 S. Front, Quick Delivery Service, Telephone 61785" mentioned on the printed card found in Kelly's wallet at the time of his arrest, is located in Memphis, Tennessee.

Very truly yours,

W. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

W. [redacted]  
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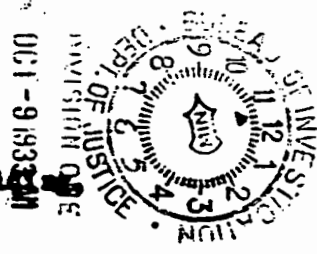
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201 Liberty National Life Building  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
October 5, 1935.

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

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al;  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

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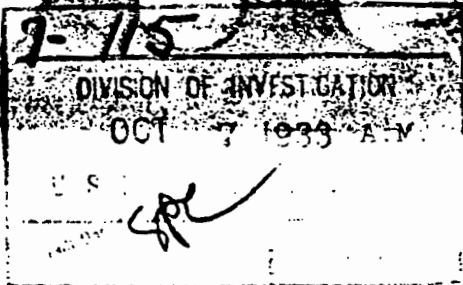
In connection with the above entitled case, there is attached  
hereto a letter addressed to George Kelly, postmarked Wilmington, N. C.,  
September 29, 1935.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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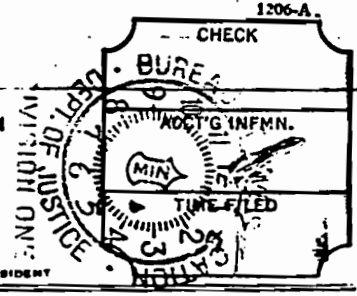
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 Division of Investigation  
 U. S. Department of Justice  
 224 Federal Bldg  
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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 STOP NO RECORD OBTAINABLE RE THREE ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR AND ONE FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR  
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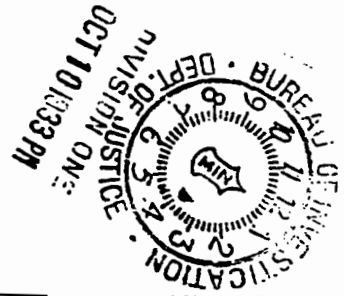
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DESIRED CONCERNING ABOVE**

**SPEARS**

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1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
October 7, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MAIL ROOM FILE

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

Dear Sir:-

Re: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, et al,  
CHARLES F. UNSCHERL, Victim,  
Kidnaping.  
Chicago File 7-26

Reference is made to letter dated October 2, 1938 from Mr. Harold Nathan, Assistant Director, with which were transmitted memoranda setting out information secured from George and Kathryn Kelly, in connection with the above-captioned matter. It is deemed advisable at this time to submit a summary of investigation to date.

In connection with [redacted] Hyde Park 8149, it was ascertained that [redacted] is identical with [redacted] whose name and address was found on the person of Kelly at the time he was taken into custody. It was also ascertained that [redacted] is presently residing at the Standish Apartments, located at [redacted] where he occupied Apartment 701, listed under the name of [redacted] of the Michigan Tavern, located at 1150 S. Michigan Avenue, that being the relay point for letters addressed to [redacted] for Kathryn Kelly at the time George and Kathryn were in Chicago, Illinois, between September 17 and 22, as will be subsequently shown in this letter.

A wire tap has been placed on [redacted] telephone at [redacted] and there has also been placed a tap on his office telephone at 1150 S. Michigan Avenue, it being subsequently determined that he has an office which adjoins the Michigan Beer Tavern. The information obtained as a result of these taps to date has indicated that [redacted] is principally engaged in the sale and transportation of liquor.

From the telephone company, a list of long-distance calls made from [redacted] apartment telephone, Hyde Park 8149, was obtained, and this record reflects that [redacted] made numerous telephone calls to distant points throughout the United States, as well as to points in Canada. There was also found listed in this record

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of a telephone call made by [redacted] on August 29 to Joplin, Missouri, where he requested to talk to one "Verne", at telephone 8314, and on August 28rd and July 31st, he placed telephone calls to Joplin, Missouri, telephone 9607, it being unknown with whom he talked at that time. In this connection, it is well to state that a letter has been directed to the Kansas City Office on October 6, calling attention to the fact that this party had called the above-mentioned Joplin, Missouri numbers, where he asked to speak to "Verne", it being possible that Verne is identical with Verne C. Miller.

No further information of value has been obtained as a result of these taps, except the fact that he daily transacts liquor deals.

With reference to Item #3 in Mr. Keith's memorandum, which refers to one [redacted] Ravenswood 8053, also with reference to the motor vehicle registration card issued in the name of [redacted] for a 1933 Chevrolet sedan, This registration card and Cicero license certificate having been found on Kelly's person, it was ascertained that [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

At that address, [redacted] of the apartment, advised that [redacted] has been living there since about February of this year. [redacted] knew very little about [redacted] but stated that he resides in the apartment with his wife and small daughter; that she does not know what business he is engaged in, but that about two or three weeks ago, while talking with [redacted] she [redacted] remarked that her husband was opening a restaurant on Lake Street. It is of interest to note here that at the time George and Kathryn Kelly were in Chicago, Illinois, Mrs. Kelly mailed a letter at the Lake Street station to [redacted] Oklahoma City. [redacted] further advised that until about ten days ago, she had seen [redacted] driving a 1933 Chevrolet sedan, and that she had on one occasion observed that this car bore Cicero vehicle registration certificate. This was evidently the car referred to in Mr. Keith's memorandum, since the certificate found on the person of Kelly at that time was a Cicero license certificate, issued to [redacted] at 5430 W. 32nd Street, for a Chevrolet sedan.

With reference to the address 5348 W. 22nd Streets, Cicero, Illinois, and 5438 W. 22nd Street, Cicero, Illinois, those addresses having been found on the above-mentioned registration card

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and certificate, it was ascertained that 5348 W. 22nd Street, Cicero, Illinois is the address of the Bergl Motor Company, [REDACTED] is a known associate of Chicago gangsters. It was later ascertained that 5438 W. 22nd Street, Cicero, Illinois is the address of the Square Deal Garage, which is located in the next block west of the Bergl Motor Company.

Agents from this office have made discreet investigation at the Bergl Motor Company, and the Square Deal Motor Company for the purpose of trying to locate the 16 cylinder Cadillac sedan, believed to have been left in Chicago by Kelly, but was unable to locate same.

With reference to the statements of George and Kathryn Kelly to the effect that they stopped at the Astor Apartments in Chicago between August 20 and 22, investigation at that point developed that the Astor Apartments are located at 5324 Minthrop Avenue, and [REDACTED] after referring to his registration records, produced a registration card of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Johnson. It is to be noted that Kelly stated they lived there under the name of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnson, between August 20 and 22nd. The above-mentioned registration card reflects that Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnson registered from Memphis, Tennessee on Sunday, September 17, 1933, and that they paid in advance for a week's rent on the apartment. [REDACTED] advised, however, that on Friday, September 22, Mrs. Kelly informed his wife that they were leaving the apartment; that her husband had to go to Milwaukee, and that she did not care to remain there alone, and that for that reason they were giving up the apartment before the expiration of the period for which it was rented. [REDACTED] definitely identified the photograph of Mrs. Kelly as being the party who rented the apartment. He stated that the photograph of George Kelly seemed familiar, and that he believed it was the man who accompanied Mrs. Kelly. [REDACTED] who showed the apartment to Mrs. Kelly at the time she rented same, definitely identified the photograph of Mrs. Kelly as being the party known to her as Mrs. C. F. Johnson. She further stated that she only saw the man accompanying Mrs. Kelly at a distance, and did not get a good look at him, and consequently could not identify his photograph. She further stated that at the time the Kellys were at this apartment, they had a small girl with him, of possibly twelve or thirteen years of age; that the little girl was not very attractive, by reason of her face being covered with pimples. She stated further that while the Kelly's were there they did not have anyone visit them, and that they spent most of their time in their room. The ledger sheet for this apartment between those dates disclosed that two telephone calls were made, these calls being made to Hyde Park 6149, and Webster 0064. Further reference will be subsequently made to these telephone calls.

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[redacted] both stated that they believed Kelly and his wife were driving a coupe automobile of unknown make, stating however, that it seemed to be a heavy car. They could not furnish information as to where this car was stored during the time they were at that apartment. They also denied knowledge of the identity of the Kellys at the time they were living there, and had been informed by Mrs. Kelly that they were visiting the World's Fair.

With reference to the above-mentioned telephone numbers, it was ascertained that Hyde Park 8149 is assigned to [redacted] at [redacted] previously referred to in this letter. It is also known that Webster 0064 is the number of the public telephone located in the Michigan Tavern at 1150 S. Michigan Avenue. It is possible that Kathryn Kelly called Webster 0064 for the purpose of contacting [redacted] with reference to mail relays. The ledger sheet indicates that these telephone calls were made on September 20. However, the manager advised that he could not definitely state that these calls were made on that date; that it is possible that that is the date on which they were posted on the ledger. [redacted] further advised that Mr. and Mrs. Kelly checked out of their apartment about noon of Friday the 22nd, and that they did not return. Kelly and his wife evidently proceeded to Memphis, Tennessee from Chicago on the 22nd, where they were taken into custody.

Inquiry was made at all garages in the vicinity of 5324 Winthrop Avenue, but to date it has not been determined where Kelly stored the automobile at the time he was living at that address.

With reference to the statements of George and Kathryn Kelly, that while in Chicago George telephone [redacted] at which time [redacted] told him to stay away from him, that he would not have seen talking to him for \$10,000, you are advised that Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, during an interview with [redacted] on October 6, questioned [redacted] relative to that statement, at which time [redacted] denied that he had seen or talked with George Kelly at the time he was in Chicago, or at any other recent date.

With reference to telephone number Webster 7157 it was ascertained that that number is assigned to one [redacted] [redacted] is known to be a "fence" for bank robbers and other gangsters in and around Chicago. It is possible that [redacted] is the party with whom George Kelly left \$12,000 of the Urachel ransom money, when he was in Chicago on or about August 9, to be exchanged for good money. At the present time, there is a wire tap on the telephone of [redacted] telephone at [redacted] which

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is a flop house, as well as on the telephone at his residence address, [REDACTED]. To date no information of value in connection with this matter, has been obtained, as a result of these wire taps.

With reference to the telephone number AT 6629, it has been noted from a copy of the letter from the St. Paul Office to the Oklahoma City Office dated October 4, on page 1, paragraph 1, that it has been ascertained by that office that telephone number AT6626 is a Minneapolis telephone number; that it has been changed to AT 3834 and is listed in the name of [REDACTED] Room 728, West Hotel, Minneapolis.

With reference to Item #7, set out in Mr. Keith's memorandum, calling attention to number 2702-C&C, which may have been 2762-C&C, it has been impossible to obtain any information as to what this number has reference to. It is definitely known that this is not a Chicago telephone number.

With reference to the statement of George and Kathryn Kelly that while they were fugitives, they were in Chicago on three different occasions, namely August 4, and 5, August 8 and 9, and about August 20 to 22nd, it is believed that this statement is erroneous for the reason that it was definitely ascertained by the St. Paul Office that George and Kathryn Kelly, as R. G. Shannon, were registered on 8/3/33 at the Lowry Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota, at which time they gave their address as the Park Lane Villa, Cleveland, Ohio, and on August 4, they checked out of that hotel, and that on the same date, as Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon, they registered in the Hotel Sheridan, Minneapolis, Minnesota, where they remained until August 7, when they checked out at 6:27 A. M. It is <sup>not</sup> believed that Kelly and his wife came to Chicago from Minneapolis on August 7, for the reason that the letter from the Detroit Office to the Oklahoma City Office dated October 5 indicates that Kelly arrived in Cleveland, Ohio on August 7, and that they remained there until August 9, at which ~~time~~ <sup>which</sup> they were supposed to have proceeded to Chicago, Illinois. It is possible that they did proceed to Chicago at that time, and in a previous report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 21, 1933, Chicago, page 39, paragraph 2, it is shown that George Kelly purchased a Chevrolet coupe from the Michigan Avenue Chevrolet company, under the name of Fred C. Coleman, at which time he gave his address as 8000 St. Charles Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. This was on August 10. It is possible that after Kelly and his wife arrived in Chicago on the night of August 9, that they registered at the Stevens Hotel, since they have made the statement that when in Chicago they usually stopped at the Stevens. However, unless a reservation was made

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it is very improbable that they were able to secure a room at the Stevens on those particular dates, by reason of numerous conventions which were being held in Chicago at that time.

With reference to the possible registration of Kelly and his wife at the Stevens Hotel from June 1 until September 17, you are advised that a check is being made for the registration of Kelly and his wife under all of his known aliases at the Stevens. It will require some time to complete this check for the reason that the Stevens Hotel has averaged 2000 registrations daily since June 1, up until September 17, by reason of the World's fair visitors. This information will be obtained, however, as soon as possible, and the Oklahoma City Office will be advised accordingly.

With reference to the card found on Kelly's person, bearing the following information, "Joe's Sandwich Shop, 276 S. Front (name of city not known) Quick delivery, telephone 8-1785", it is noted from the letter from the Detroit Office to the Oklahoma City Office dated October 5, that it has been definitely ascertained that the above-mentioned sandwich shop is located in Memphis, Tennessee.

Very truly yours,

D. O. SMITH,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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

Dear Sir:

RE: George E. Kelly, et al  
Charles J. Urschel - Victim  
Kidnaping.

I am transmitting herewith subpoenas for the following persons in connection with the Urschel case, set for trial here Monday, October 9, 1935:

- ██████████ Coleman, Texas
- ██████████ Coleman, Texas
- ██████████ Coleman, Texas
- Luther S. Arnold, Dallas, Texas
- Mrs. Luther W. Arnold, Dallas, Texas
- Geraldine Arnold, Dallas, Texas

In connection with the latter subpoena, you will note it is made out for Oklahoma City, however, the Arnolds can collect mileage from Dallas to Oklahoma City. In connection with the Arnolds' subpoena, please hold it and we will telephone you when to serve it and send the Arnolds to Oklahoma City, as it may be that we will want an Agent to accompany them.

These subpoenas should be delivered to the United States Marshal and every effort made to see that the three subpoenas for Coleman, Texas, are promptly served. A subpoena for the prisoner, Cass Coleman and Will Casey, now in jail at Abilene, Texas, is being forwarded direct to the Marshal there. Please render such assistance as possible to see that these two witnesses are present in Oklahoma City Monday morning.

I am also enclosing subpoena for Oletha Shannon, Paradise, Texas, however I notice in press reports that she is now at Bridgeport, Texas. You will note I have stricken the names of Pauline Fry and

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with names from this subject, as it is by understanding that  
both the son of [redacted], Oklahoma, and will be in Oklahoma City  
Monday, where this subject will be served on them.

Very truly yours,

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One P. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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224 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, La.  
October 8, 1935.

Hon. R. F. Bourdeaux,  
United States Attorney,  
Meridian, Mississippi.

Dear Sir:-

Re: George R. Kelly, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. 1233;  
Mrs. Kathryn Alice Kelly, with  
alias, Fugitive, I. O. 1207, et al.  
Charles F. Urechel, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to my telephone conversation of October 4, 1935, with you, relative to the issuance of a search warrant under Section 612, Title 18, U. S. Code Annotated, for the purpose of securing possession of certain baggage left by Kelly at the Tourist Hotel in Biloxi, Mississippi, and which he has admitted was carried and used by him in connection with the crime of Kidnaping, for which he is facing trial in Federal Court at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Reference is also made to my subsequent telephone conversation on the same date with your Assistant, Mr. Currie, who authorized the issuance of the search warrant.

For your information in this matter, there are transmitted herewith copies of the affidavit for search warrant which will be filed by Special Agent [redacted] of this office, before the United States Commissioner at Biloxi, Miss., today, and a copy of the search warrant which will be issued by the Commissioner.

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

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Dear Sir:-

Re: George A. Kelly, with aliases, et al.  
Fugitive; Murder, Federal Reserve Bank, Birmingham, Alabama.

Reference is made to my letter of September 29, 1933, addressed to the Birmingham Office, copy of which was forwarded to your office, relative to baggage which Subject Kelly left at the Tourist Hotel in Biloxi, Miss.

In compliance with instructions received from Special Agent in Charge J. M. Keith by telephone from Memphis, Tennessee, on the night of September 29th, Special Agent [redacted] proceeded to Biloxi, Miss., October 2, 1933, for the purpose of securing possession of this baggage. [redacted] advised that he called on the Tourist Hotel, and to [redacted] who was in charge of the baggage, [redacted] positively refused to surrender same.

[redacted] was extremely defiant in her attitude, and did not cooperate in her search. She [redacted] has previous statements to the effect that, under any circumstances, she will not hand the baggage unless she is reimbursed at the rate of \$2.00 per hour for her services and loss of possession. She is, since August 27, 1933. At the time of this interview, [redacted] also insisted that Agent [redacted] immediately arrange to return the .45 cal. Colt automatic pistol which I had previously [redacted] to her.

Agent [redacted] also interviewed [redacted] of the Laundry, Inc., Biloxi, Miss., and advised that she had possession of [redacted] which was left there by Kelly on August 27, 1933.

[redacted] of the Cambell Hardware Company at Biloxi. [redacted] advised that he has, for many years, known one George Barnes, who, a number of years ago, is alleged to have been engaged in liquor traffic on the Gulf Coast, with one [redacted] a well known boot-

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[redacted] stated that he had not seen Barnes for several years prior to November 1932, when Barnes came into his place of business one day with [redacted] advised that about 12:50 PM August 28, 1935, Barnes again came to his hardware store, at which time he, [redacted] did not remember Barnes; that Barnes, however, mentioned his recollection that [redacted] after which he recalled having previously used Barnes; that Barnes then inquired whether [redacted] had a good [redacted] shot gun for sale; that he was shown a 12 gauge Winchester pump gun, which he liked and which [redacted] offered to sell to him for \$40.00; that Barnes agreed to purchase the gun and gave [redacted] \$10.00 deposit on same, stating that he would be back that afternoon to pay the balance due and take the gun, and that Barnes has never returned for the gun or for the deposit. [redacted] further advised Agent [redacted] that on that same afternoon (August 28, 1935) he saw in the Miami, Fla., newspaper a photograph of George "Machine Gun" Kelly and that, according to the newspaper, Kelly was supposed to be on the Gulf Coast, and that he then recalled that the party he knew as Barnes was identical with Kelly; that he made arrangements with local police to effect Kelly's apprehension should he return for the shot gun, but that Kelly, however, failed to return and he has not seen or received any information concerning him since that date.

Agent [redacted] also interviewed [redacted] of the Jay-Jay Chevrolet Company, Inc., 25th Avenue and 19th Street, Gulfport, Miss., who advised that [redacted] automobile salesman in his employ who is alleged to have information concerning Barnes alias Kelly, was absent from the city on business. [redacted] made a careful check of all records available, which failed to reflect any transactions involving [redacted] Baker, Ray Stewart, George Barnes or George Kelly. [redacted] advised Agent [redacted] that he did not know Kelly personally, but that from information he had received, Kelly, as George Barnes, was well known on the Gulf Coast by bootleggers and underworld characters, he having operated there a number of years ago.

On October 4, 1935, I conferred with United States Attorney E. M. Bourdeaux at Meridian, Mississippi, by telephone, who authorized the issuance of a search warrant under Section 617, paragraph 2, title 18, U. S. Code, for the purpose of obtaining possession of Kelly's baggage being held by [redacted] of the Tourist Hotel in Miami.

On October 5, 1935, Agent [redacted] proceeded to Miami, Fla., where he presented an affidavit and search warrant before the United States Commissioner, who issued the search warrant and placed same in the hands of Deputy U. S. Marshal [redacted] of Meridian, Mississippi, accompanied by Agent [redacted] and Officer of Police [redacted] proceeded to the Tourist Hotel, where Agent [redacted] returned to [redacted] the .45 calibre Colt automatic pistol which I had previously borrowed from her, and secured the receipt which I had given her for same. The Deputy U. S. Marshal then took possession of all of Kelly's baggage which had been left at [redacted] hotel, including the Colt automatic pistol. [redacted] at the time the property was seized, was very agreeable and no difficulty



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of any kind was encountered. With the permission of the United States Commissioner, the property in question was turned over by the Marshal to Agent [redacted] who returned it to New Orleans on the night of October 2, 1938, and all of this property, consisting of the following items, was today shipped to the Oklahoma City office by express.

- 1 large tan suit case
- 10 shirts
- 8 handkerchiefs
- 6 pairs socks
- 6 magazines
- 1 Rand McNally Road Map Atlas
- 2 neckties
- 1 linen vest
- 1 grey suit (8 pieces)
- 1 key ring (4 keys)
- 1 Key ring (8 keys)
- 1 Key ring (4 keys)
- 5 pairs shorts
- 2 pairs pants
- 1 towel
- 1 pair pajamas
- 2 undershirts
- 1 pair garters
- 1 .45 cal. Colt automatic pistol
- 1 cartridge clip containing seven .45 cal. cartridges
- 7 .38 short cartridges
- 1 kit, zipper studs, containing toilet articles
- 1 small zipper handbag

For the information of the Oklahoma City office and the Division, there are attached hereto copies of the affidavit for search warrant and the search warrant which were issued under Section 612, paragraph 2, Title 18, U. S. Code Annotated, for the purpose of securing possession of the property.

The Kansas City office is being furnished with copy of this letter, and in the event they decide that test bullets be taken from the .45 cal. automatic pistol, communication should be had with the Oklahoma City office for that purpose.

There are no further leads for investigation outstanding in the New Orleans office district at the present time, and no further action will be taken in connection with this case in the absence of a request.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division ✓  
Dallas  
Birmingham  
Kansas City

AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH WARRANT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Southern District of Mississippi,  
Southern Division.

Do it remembered that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 1935, before me, George P. Hines, United States Commissioner for the Southern District of Mississippi, Southern Division, personally came and appeared \_\_\_\_\_ who being by me first duly sworn, depose and says that he is a duly appointed and qualified Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice; that he hereby makes application for the issuance of a warrant to search the premises known as the Tourist Hotel, bearing the municipal number of 102 West Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, Mississippi, within the Southern District of Mississippi, Southern Division; said premises are described as a hotel or rooming house, owned or managed by \_\_\_\_\_ that said premises are being used as a rooming house or a hotel; that on or about the 2nd day of October 1935 affiant did visit the said premises of the said \_\_\_\_\_ who then and there admitted that she was the owner and operator of the said Tourist Hotel bearing the municipal number of 102 West Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, Mississippi, and that in her capacity as owner and operator of said hotel she has in her possession in said premises certain baggage which was brought to her hotel on or about August 27, 1935, by one, J. L. BAKER, which baggage she is holding for one night's room rent and storage on said baggage; said baggage consisting of the following articles, inventory of which was taken by R. Whiting, Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, on September 22, 1935:

- (1) LARGE SUITCASE, AND (1) SMALL BUMBAG WITH ZIPPER FASTENER, together with all of the contents of same consisting of a man's wearing apparel, namely, shirts, neckties, shirts, suits, handkerchiefs, and underwear; also, keys, compass, smoking tobacco, matches, writing paper, toilet articles, magazines, and read matter.

Also the following property:

- (1) Colt Automatic .45 Government Model Pistol, Serial #123091, containing one cartridge clip fully loaded.
- (1) Pair of black socks, bearing label "Juster Brothers, Minneapolis";
- (1) Necktie, bearing the label "Juster Brothers, Minneapolis";
- (1) Shirt purchased from the Washington Shirt Company Kansas Fair Hotel;
- (1) Shirt purchased from May Brothers;
- (1) Grey suit, consisting of coat, vest, and trousers, Steplinger's Brand, made by "Wolf";
- (1) Dark blue vest;
- (1) Shirt bearing label "May Brothers, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Bartlett, Muskogee;
- (1) Shirt, purchased from Juster Brothers, Minneapolis.

Also, several shirts contained in laundry wrappers bearing the address - 1100 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

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That the said [redacted] did further state that the above referred to R. Whitley had shown her a picture purported to be that of George E. Kelly, known as "Machine Gun" Kelly, which she identified as being the photograph of the party who registered at the Tourist Hotel, [redacted] described, at August 27, 1933, under the name of J. L. BROWN, at Okonoma, Texas.

That through the official records of his department affiant avers that the said George E. Kelly is now in custody of the United States Marshal at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, there being held under an indictment charging him, Kelly, Harvey J. Bailey, and Albert L. Bates, and others, with having kidnaped Charles F. Urschel, in violation of the Act approved June 22, 1933, forbidding the transportation of any person in interstate or foreign commerce, kidnaped or otherwise unlawfully detained, for ransom, etc.

That through the official records of his department affiant is advised and believes that the above described articles were used as a means of committing a felony, that is, in connection with the kidnaping of one, Charles F. Urschel, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and in transporting the said Charles F. Urschel to the State of Texas and there holding him for ransom in violation of the above referred to Act approved June 22, 1933.

Affiant further states that the said [redacted] did state on October 2, 1933, that the aforescribed articles were in her possession at the above-described premises, and that she attempted to hold the said property on the said premises until she was paid the fees and storage charges which she claims to be due by J. L. BROWN, whom she admitted as being one, GEORGE E. KELLY, alias "MACHINE GUN" KELLY; and that affiant is positive that the hereinbefore described articles are now in and upon the above-described premises and are presently being held there by the said [redacted]

Special Agent,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Biloxi, Miss.,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1933.

United States Commissioner,  
Southern District of Mississippi,

Southern Division.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI,  
SOUTHERN DIVISION,  
MOBILE, MISSISSIPPI.

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The President of the United States of America.

To \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy United States Marshal for  
the Southern District of Mississippi,  
Southern Division, Mobile,  
Mississippi.

WHEREAS, I, George P. Munn, United States Commissioner, Southern  
District of Mississippi, Southern Division, upon consideration of the complaint  
made by \_\_\_\_\_ Special Agent, Division of Investigation, United States  
Department of Justice, and complainant herein, have caused him to subscribe to his  
affidavit in support of his complaint; and

WHEREAS, the said affiant states on his oath that he is positive that  
the following described property - -

- (1) LARGE SUITCASE, AND (2) SMALL SUITCASE WITH ZIPPER FASTENERS, together with all  
of the contents of each consisting of a man's wearing apparel, namely, socks,  
neckties, shirts, suits, handkerchiefs, and underwear; also, keys, compass,  
smoking tobacco, matches, writing paper, toilet articles, magazines, and road maps;

Also the following property:

- (1) Colt automatic .45 Government Model Pistol, Serial #12345, containing one  
cartridge clip fully loaded.
- (2) Pair of black socks, bearing label "Juster Brothers, Minneapolis";
- (1) Necktie, bearing the label "Juster Brothers, Minneapolis";
- (1) Shirt purchased from the Washington Shirt Company Stores For Men;
- (1) Shirt purchased from May Brothers;
- (2) Gray suit, consisting of coat, vest, and trousers, Stearnsworth  
Brand, made by "Eckle";
- (1) Dark blue vest;
- (1) Shirt bearing label "May Brothers, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Bartlett, Muskogee";
- (1) Shirt, purchased from Juster Brothers, Minneapolis.
- Also, several shirts contained in laundry wrappers bearing the address -  
1100 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

is concealed in the premises known as the Tourist Hotel, municipal number 102 West Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, Mississippi, and is now being held on said premises by [REDACTED] the owner and operator of the hotel or rooming house being conducted on the said premises, all within the Southern District of Mississippi, Southern Division; and

WHEREAS, said affiant states that from the official records of his department he is informed and believes that the said property was used as a means of committing a felony that is, in connection with the kidnaping of one, Charles F. Urschel, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and in transporting the said Charles F. Urschel to the State of Texas and there holding him for ransom in violation of an Act approved June 22, 1935, with respect to kidnaping, etc., for ransom; and

WHEREAS, from the oral examination under oath of the said affiant it appears that the hereinbefore described property was used as a means of committing a felony as hereinbefore set forth, said property was concealed on the hereinbefore described premises and is being possessed on said premises of [REDACTED] the owner or operator of the Tourist Hotel or rooming house conducted on said premises; and

WHEREAS, the said Special Agent, [REDACTED] Division of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice, prays that a Search Warrant be issued under authority of Title 18, Section 612, U.S.C.A. - (Act of Congress, June 5, 1917, c. 30, Title 11, Paragraph 2, 40 stat. 222,) authorizing search of all places within the aforementioned premises and a seizure of the hereinbefore described property found therein or in the possession of [REDACTED] and

WHEREAS, from the examination of the said affiant, [REDACTED] Special Agent, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and upon his affidavit I find that there is probable cause to believe that the hereinbefore described property was used as a means of committing a felony and is concealed on the hereinbefore described premises or is in the possession of [REDACTED] on said premises.

NOW, THEREFORE, YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED in the name and by the authority of the President of the United States, forthwith to enter and search the premises hereinbefore described with the assistance of such officers and persons as may be necessary in the day time, and to seize and take into your possession all of the hereinbefore described property found on said premises or in the possession of [REDACTED] on said premises, or in the possession of any other person on said premises.

YOU ARE ALSO COMMANDED in the event that you seize any of the property above described, to give a copy of this warrant, together with a receipt of the property so seized, specifying it in detail, to the person from whom it was taken or in whose possession it was found, or in the absence of any person therein or in possession thereof, to leave a copy of this warrant, together with such receipt as aforesaid, in the place where said property was found and bring said property to me.

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to execute this warrant within ten days from this date and forthwith to make return thereof to me with a written inventory of the property seized by you made publicly or in the presence of the person from whose possession it was taken and of the applicant for the warrant if he is present.

Witness my hand and seal of my office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
A. D. 1938.

United States Commissioner,  
Southern District of Mississippi,  
Southern Division.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Case: **GEORGE R. KELLY, Kidnaping.**

Number: **7-115.**

Specimen: Photo of letter addressed to Mr. Keenan under signature of Kathryn Kelly, postmarked Chicago, September 20.

Examination requested by: Mr. Nathan and Unit One.

Date received: October 2, 1933.

Examination desired: Compare handwriting with that of Mrs. Kelly.

Date of Report: October 3, 1933.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C. A. Appel.

The handwriting is that of Mrs. Kathryn Kelly. Photographs of the letter were made and were mostly used in this examination as the original was not left in the laboratory long enough to be used.

From the wording of this letter it would appear that Mrs. Kelly might have written the letter to the Oklahoman newspaper and to Mr. Urschel. I am still of the opinion that she did not write these letters.

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