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October 16, 1933

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Fort Worth Press,
Fort Worth, Texas.

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With expressions of my kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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October 16, 1933

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Associated Press,
Times Herald Building,
Dallas, Texas.

All b7C

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
900 Ezra Thompson Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah,
October 6, 1933

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| Mr. Nathan..... |
| Mr. Tolson..... |
| Mr. Clegg..... |
| Mr. Edwards..... |
| Mr. Egan..... |
| Mr. Hughes..... |
| Mr. Quinn..... |
| Mr. Lester..... |
| Mr. [unclear]..... |

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Boss:

I believe that letters of thanks should be forwarded by you to [redacted] of the Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn., and also to [redacted] of the same paper.

Pursuant to your instructions to me, I arranged with these gentlemen to keep confidential the departure of "Machine Gun" Kelly from Memphis by air on October 1st, and so far as I have been able to learn, they kept this agreement in every respect.

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You mentioned to me that the Commercial Appeal had broadcast over the radio this departure but I have learned that this broadcast was conducted by a man named Roy Tooten from Radio Station WREC and not by the Commercial Appeal, which owns and operates Radio Station WMC.

Both [redacted] and [redacted] impressed me as being high class gentlemen and when they learned, in some manner, of allegations that they had violated the confidence placed in them, I received at Oklahoma City on October 3rd, the attached self-explanatory telegram. I later received at Oklahoma City the attached copy of a letter sent to you by [redacted] on October 1st.

All b7C

On the other hand, I do not believe that such letters should be written to [redacted] or [redacted] of the Press Scimitar at Memphis, because in my opinion these gentlemen did not keep faith.

As you know, I telephoned you on the early morning of October 1st, concerning the United Press Dispatch which had been

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sent out by [redacted] United Press representative, at Memphis, Tenn. I got this information from [redacted] of the Commercial Appeal, who furnished me with the attached decoded copy of a wire sent to the Atlanta office of the United Press by [redacted] and the reply which he received from his boss.

The fact that [redacted] furnished me with this information should be kept confidential, but as a result thereof I contacted [redacted] by telephone and killed this United Press bulletin by declaring that if it went over the wires, the trip would be cancelled.

[redacted] got the information from [redacted] of the Press Scimitar, who had been given the information by [redacted] and [redacted] with whom I had conferred. In imparting to [redacted] this information, [redacted] and [redacted] violated the confidence placed in them and, in turn, [redacted] violated their confidence, and still again [redacted] double crossed the whole bunch.

[redacted] dispatch to Atlanta, copy of which is attached, was in error when it states that I had made any promise to grant interviews with Kelly at the airport. I specifically instructed that no such interviews could be conducted, under any circumstances, nor were any so conducted during the time I had Kelly in custody.

As stated before, [redacted] and [redacted] of the Commercial Appeal are high class gentlemen who keep their word, but I cannot say as much for [redacted] and [redacted] of the Press Scimitar.

Very truly yours,

J. M. Keith
J.M. KEITH
Special Agent in Charge [redacted]

JMK [redacted]

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Commercial Appeal,
Memphis, Tennessee.

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OCT 19 1933

Dear [redacted]

I want to take this occasion to express to you my deep appreciation of the cooperation which you afforded the Special Agents of this Division at the time that preparations were being made to remove George R. and Kathryn Kelly, notorious criminals, from Memphis to Oklahoma City.

Mr. Keith has advised me that you respected in every possible way the agreement which he had with you concerning the release of information relative to the departure of the Kellys.

It is most pleasing to me to learn of this cordial cooperation on the part of the press, which I consider to be one of the greatest potential aids to effective law enforcement.

With expressions of my kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director.

VNH: [signature]

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MACHINE GUN KELLY WILL be moved out here in freedom flight
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if you have it been called into the conference don't feel your
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EW (Atlanta)

Machine Gun Kelly will be moved out here in pre-dawn flight tonight. Keith, special agent investigation conferred with [redacted], [redacted] and understood with OSN promising grant interviews with Kelly at airport [redacted] number pix provided they unpublish flight until arrive at KO (Okla. City) Personally know this agreement made with P-S and strongly believe made with OSN. After confab with [redacted] called off photographers who have been guarding airport 24 hours a day sent them home and ordered them [redacted] all photographers on duty at 2 a.m. Staffers also got some instructions. [redacted] told me loud when I called him tonight but specified keep confidential. I [redacted] did not answer. Meanwhile I had it from other staffers. Do you want go ahead and write story flatly stating Kelly leaving tonight or do you think it violating [redacted] confidence. Like get this over [redacted] but hate get crossed with [redacted] and accused double crossing him.

JSB MP

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If you haven't been called into conference don't feel you're bound by anything except [redacted] confidential tip. Try check elsewhere then might call [redacted] and tell him you got it elsewhere with no strings attached and shoot if you're sure of your facts and have patched it over so [redacted] won't be [redacted].

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WELLS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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JOHN M KEITH-

INSPECTOR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OKCTY-

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| FULL-RATE | DAY LETTER |

REPORT THAT RADIO STATION WMC BROADCAST DESCRIPTION OF MACHINE GUN KELLY AND WIFE LEAVING COUNTY JAIL MORNING OF OCTBER FIRST MEMPHIS UNDER GUARD AND THREATENING SAFE DEPARTURE IS IN ERROR STOP THIS BROADCAST WAS PUT ON AIR IN MEMPHIS BY RADIO STATION WREC WITH ROY WOOTEN ANNOUNCING STOP THIS REPORT MAY BE VERIFIED BY CHIEF OF POLICE LEE MEMPHIS-

RADIO STATION WMC..

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TELEGRAMS MAY BE TELEPHONED TO WESTERN UNION FROM ANY PRIVATE OR PAYSTATION TELEPHONE

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U S DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago Illinois
October 17, 1933

E. J. BLAKE,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
POST OFFICE BLDG
DALLAS TEXAS

RE CHARLES F ⁰URSCHEL KIDNAPING USMARSHAL CHICAGO WIRED USMARSHAL
DALLAS TO ADVANCE NECESSARY FUNDS TO MRS LUTHER ARNOLD AND GERALDINE
ARNOLD ADVISE DATE AND HOUR OF ARRIVAL CHICAGO

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420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

October 16, 1933.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
201 Liberty Natl. Life Bldg.,
Birmingham, Alabama.

SAC

RE: John Calvert Tichenor;
Langford Ramsey.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

Dear Sir:-

In accordance with request made by you of the Oklahoma City office, I am transmitting herewith original and one copy of signed statement obtained from GERALENE ARNOLD, relating her knowledge of the acquaintance of Kathryn and George Kelly with Ramsey and Tichenor.

SAC F.J. Blake, who is now at San Angelo, Texas at the trial of CASS COLEMAN, has been advised of the request for detailed statement from Coleman relative to Ramsey's trip to his farm; and although it is doubtful whether Coleman will submit such a statement, it will be forwarded immediately if it can be obtained.

Very truly yours,

D.L. McCormack, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

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BIRMINGHAM, ALA. OCTOBER 16, 1933.
NIGHT LETTER.



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

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GEORGE KELLY BARNES WA ETAL KIDNAPING TRIAL OF RAMSEY AND TICHENOR SET FOR TWENTY FIRST INSTANT REFER REPORT AGENT [REDACTED] DATED OCTOBER SIXTH PAGE TWENTY THREE AND ADVISE WHETHER TELEGRAM FOUND POSSESSION RAMSEY WAS FORWARDED OKLAHOMACITY OFFICE IF SO TRANSMIT IMMEDIATELY USA MEMPHIS ACKNOWLEDGE.

ROPER.

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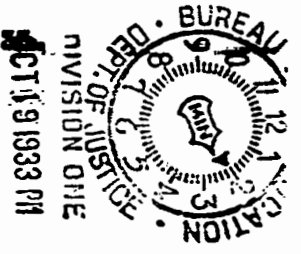
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E. J. CONNELLEY
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 1420 INQUIRER BLDG.
 CINCINNATI, OHIO.



GEORGE KELLY BARNES WA ETAL KIDNAPING EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION TRIAL OF

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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1420 ENQUIRER BUILDING
CINCINNATI OHIO

Chicago, Illinois.
October 17, 1933

SPECIAL AGENT [REDACTED] NECESSARY WITNESS BEFORE GRAND JURY CHICAGO
THURSDAY OCTOBER NINETEEN IN CONNECTION WITH HARBORING AND CONCEALING
FUGITIVE GEORGE KELLY AND WIFE

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Charles F. Urschel,
Kidnaping
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
201 LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE BLDG
BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA

Chicago, Illinois
October 17, 1933

RE CHARLES F. URSCHEL KIDNAPING USA CHICAGO NOW ADVISES UNNECESSARY HAVE
LANGFORD RAMSEY AND JOHN TICHENOR HERE FOR GRAND JURY ADVISE US MARSHAL
MEMPHIS

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October 18, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the cases entitled WILL CASEY and CASSIE EARL COLEMAN, arrested Sheriff's Department, Coleman, Texas, September 27, 1933, Obstructing Justice, Harboring Fugitive, and to the case entitled GROVER C. SEVILL, arrested U. S. Marshal's Office, Dallas, Texas, September 15, 1933, Aiding Federal Prisoner to escape.

No photographs of these individuals have yet been secured for the files of the Division and your office is instructed to make an effort to obtain same and forward them for file in the Identification Unit.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 16, 1933.

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HN [redacted]

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Purvis called on the 'phone and said that Joe Bergel had made bond of \$15,000.00 in the harboring case against him at Chicago; that they had Abe and Charles Kaplan still in custody. These are two of three brothers who operated the house at 1150 Michigan Avenue, at which place Kathryn Kelly instructed that mail be forwarded to her under the name of Bert Edwards.

Purvis said they he wanted as witnesses the Arnolds, Mrs. Luther and Geraldine at least. He thought he wanted the three of them; also Lankford Ramsey and John Tichenor at Memphis. He also wants Agent [redacted] I told him to communicate with Blake at Dallas with regard to the Arnolds and have Blake send the Arnolds up with the understanding that the Marshal would pay their traveling expenses under subpoena in the usual manner; that after the Arnolds testified they should be immediately returned to Dallas; that so far as Lankford Ramsey or Tichenor was concerned, my understanding was that they were in custody at Memphis and I doubted whether he could arrange for their testimony in Chicago, although he might take up the matter with the United States Attorney.

It is expected the hearing will be held Thursday or Friday.

Purvis also said they had found George Kelly's Cadillac car in the Cadillac shop in Chicago. Of course, this would be the last place where one would look for a Cadillac car. At any rate Kelly's lawyer, Mather, is in Chicago looking for the car and he will probably seize it.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

All b7c

Find out from Chicago how long it was there & why the place hadn't previously been checked by Chicago office.

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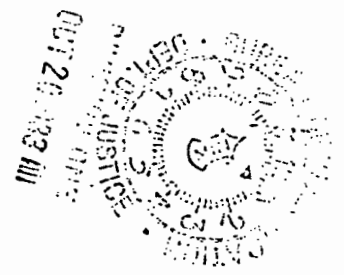
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
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1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Ill.



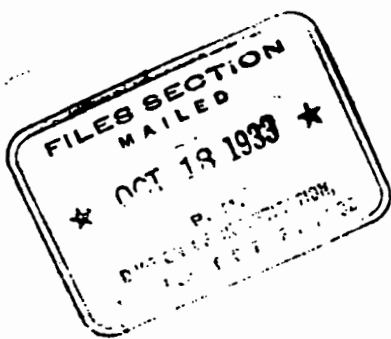
Dear Sir:

The Division is informed of the taking into custody of Joe Bergl as well as Abe and Charles Kaplan in connection with prospective prosecutive action with a view to their conviction on a charge of harboring George and Kathryn Kelly.

The Division also notes that the Kelly Cadillac car was located in the Cadillac Shop in Chicago. Will you please advise the Division as to the manner in which this car was located and whether inquiries at the Cadillac Shop, which it is assumed were previously made, elicited the information that this car was not there at the time.

Very truly yours,

Director.



[Handwritten signature]



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[REDACTED]
United Press,
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Dear [REDACTED]

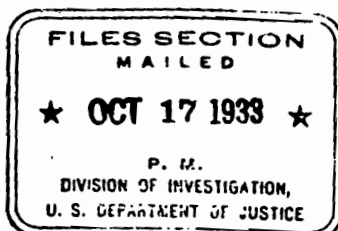
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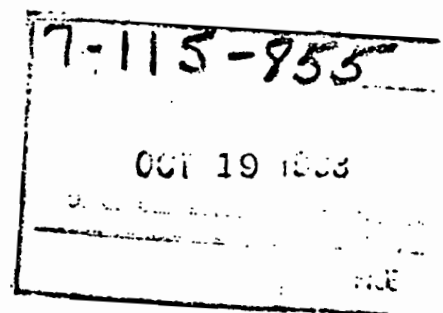
With expressions of my kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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VWH: [redacted]
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October 16, 1933

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The Dallas Morning News,
Dallas, Texas.

All b7C

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[REDACTED]
The Dallas Dispatch,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear [REDACTED]

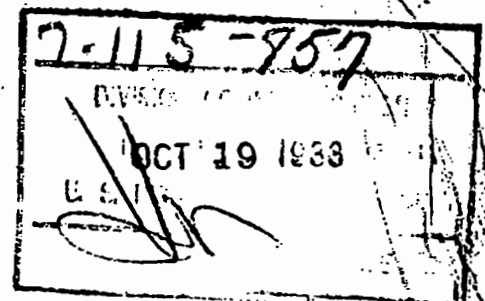
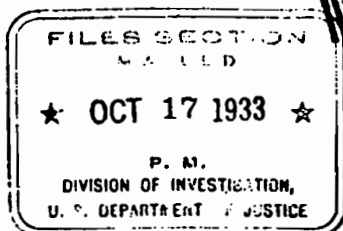
Mr. Blake, my Agent in Charge at Dallas, has advised me of the excellent cooperation which you afforded to him and to this Division through your maintaining as confidential certain information which had been received by you concerning not only the raid on the Shannon farm, when Harvey J. Bailey and others were taken into custody in connection with the Urschel kidnaping, but also with reference to other important developments in that investigation.

It is most gratifying to me to learn of this action on the part of your paper, and I appreciate it the more because of the ever present possibility, which we all know exists, of some rival paper releasing such information. I wanted you to know of my deep appreciation of this kind action on your part and on the part of your paper, as I value the assistance of the press and consider that it is one of the greatest potential aids to law enforcement.

With expressions of my kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director.



THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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October 1, 1933

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am taking the liberty of writing to you direct, because of my very pleasant relations to Mr. John M. Keith, of your department. Mr. Keith is a very excellent gentleman, and he and The Commercial Appeal had some arrangements which worked out very satisfactorily.

What I am writing about is this:

The Commercial Appeal owns and operates ~~WMC~~ radio broadcasting station. I was told tonight that complaint had been made that the departure of Machine Gun Kelly from Memphis this morning was broadcast over our station. This, I understand, was reported by Chief of Police Will Lee.

The complaint is not justified. I understand that a Mr. Wooten, owner of WREC, a private radio station here, was at the jail when Kelly was taken away, and soon thereafter, broadcast the fact over his station. This may or may not be true. If true, he probably did not realize the secrecy of the entire proceeding.

The point I am making is that The Commercial Appeal, either in its news columns or over its radio station, did not deviate from the understanding we had with Mr. Keith. We neither printed his time of departure, nor broadcast it.

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Yours truly,

[Redacted signature area]

All b7C

Write cordial reply.

10/7/33 J. E. H.

10/18/33 Ack.

J. EDGAR HOOVER
TOLSON

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October 18, 1933.

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The Commercial Appeal,
Memphis, Tennessee

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~~OCT 20 1933~~

Dear [Redacted]

I am in receipt of your letter of the first instant, with reference to the report that Station WMC, owned and operated by The Commercial Appeal, had broadcast the details concerning the departure of George R. Kelly and his wife from Memphis to Oklahoma City.

I want you to know that I ascertained that the broadcast was not made by Station WMC, and I also want to take this occasion to thank you most cordially for the excellent cooperation which you afforded Mr. Keith and other Agents of the Division at the time of the preparation for removal of the Kellys to Oklahoma City. I assure you that your action in keeping faith with the Division is deeply appreciated by me, and of course it was regrettable that the broadcast referred to occurred. I realize that the assistance and co-operation of the press is one of the very greatest possible aids to law enforcement officers.

With expressions of my kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

SPC: *b7c*

October 18, 1933.

Honorable William McClanahan ,
United States Attorney,
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Mr. McClanahan:

In compliance with a telegraphic request made by Special Agent in Charge W. A. Rorer of the Birmingham Office of this Division, I am forwarding herewith the original signed statements of JOHN CALVERT, TICHENOR and SEYMOUR TRAVIS and the unsigned statement of LANGFORD POLAND RAMSEY, in connection with the charge of harboring fugitives against the above named individuals.

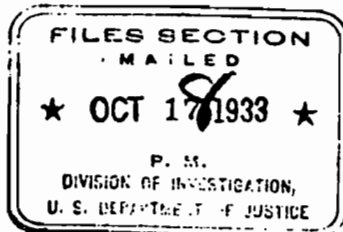
Sincerely,

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cc Birmingham office

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Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1420 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

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October 18, 1933.

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

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Dear Sir:-

Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] arrived
in Cincinnati, Ohio at 9:20 P.M. October 17, 1933 accompanying Katherine
Kelly Barnes, and departed from Cincinnati at 10:20 A.M., October 18,
1933 enroute to their headquarters at Oklahoma City, Okla.

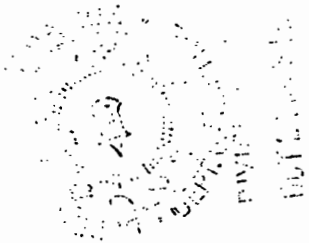
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[Handwritten Signature]
E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Oklahoma City

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Dallas, Texas
October 19, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find copy of signed statement furnished by CASSIE EARL COLEMAN, describing the call at his farm near Coleman, Texas, on September 25 of one RAMSEY LANGFORD, the original of which signed statement has this date been forwarded direct to the United States Attorney at Memphis, Tennessee.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake
Special Agent in Charge

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"San Angelo, Texas,
October 17, 1933.

"I, CASSIE EARL COLEMAN, of Coleman, Texas, state that on the morning of September 25th, 1933, just a short while before daylight, a man in a sedan automobile of some kind came to my house about 13 miles South of Coleman, Texas. This man was accompanied by a girl. The girl got out of the car and opened my pasture gate and the man drove his car up to the fence that runs along the North side of my yard. I saw the car coming in and went out to the yard fence. The man did not get out of the car, but the girl as she was getting back in the car said, "Mr. Coleman -," about that time the man in the car said "Are you Cass Coleman," I said "Yes." He then said "Well, I am contact man for George and Kathryn Kelly, my name is --" I told him "I don't care anything about your name." He said "Well, Kathryn wanted me to arrange a safe meeting place for you to meet her."

I stopped him by telling him I didn't want to meet her or George Kelly or to have anything more to do with them.

He said "Will it be safe for me to take her furs with me," I told him "No; it would not be safe to take anything out or bring anything in - you will be arrested before you get to that other road down there - the place is covered with laws and they are watching my place." He (the man in the car) said "Well, I am not hot." I said "Well you will be before you get far - they will tail you out of here." The man seemed to be anxious to get away then and drove off.

I then took Kathryn's furs which she had left in my home on a visit she made there about August 16th, 1933, in a pillow slip, to my barn, stuffed them in a bucket and buried them in the oats.

I believe I could identify the man who came to my house on the morning of Sept. 25th, 1933, who said he was a contact man for George and Kathryn Kelly, should I again see him.

I will testify to the above facts should I be called upon to do so in any Court of the United States.

The above statement is made by me voluntarily at San Angelo, Texas, this 17th day of October, 1933, to Special Agent [redacted] Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, without promise of reward or immunity and without threat or fear of duress.

b7C

WITNESS:
[redacted] Special Agent,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Dept. of Justice, Dallas, Texas.

(Signed) CASS COLEMAN
CASSIE EARL COLEMAN

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Dallas, Texas
October 19, 1933.



United States Attorney,
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find the original signed statement by CASSIE EARL^OCOLEMAN, alias CASS COLEMAN, dated San Angelo, Texas October 17, 1933, in connection with the visit to the Coleman farm on September 25, of Ramsey Langford, at which time he was accompanied by the little Arnold girl, Geraldine.

This statement was signed by Coleman just after he had been sentenced to serve one year and one day in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, for conspiracy with one Will Casey to harbor and conceal one George Kelly.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge

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File 62-427
cc Division
Birmingham

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328 $\frac{1}{2}$ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.
October 20, 1933.

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



Re: George Kelly Barnes, with
aliases; et al.
Charles F. Urschel-Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter dated October 6, 1933, in the above entitled case, relative to certain property of subject Barnes which was seized, under a search warrant, from [REDACTED] the Tourist Hotel at Biloxi, Mississippi, and which was forwarded to your office by express 10-6-33.

[REDACTED] has personally contacted this office twice recently relative to this property, to which she insists she is legally entitled under a landlord's lien, and which she insists should be returned to her as soon as it has served its purpose.

Very truly yours,

All b7c

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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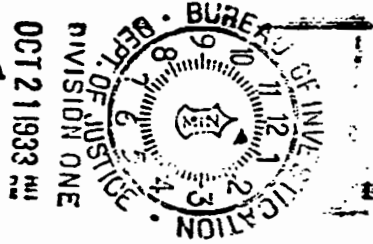
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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
619 Federal Bldg
Los Angeles, Calif



**RETEL MOSE BARNETT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY TACOMA ADVISES COMMUNICATING
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201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama

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October 19, 1933.

Hon. William McClanahan,
United States Attorney,
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES,
with aliases, et al
Kidnaping

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I am forwarding you herewith the telegram taken
from Ramsey which reads as follows:

Langford P. Ramsey

Will Call Western Union Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Continue trip as instructed mother fine now

Jack."

Very truly yours,

Encl.

CC: Division

W. A. RORER
Special Agent in Charge.

[Handwritten signature and stamp]

201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama

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WAR:

October 17, 1933.

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

7-115

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES,
with aliases, et al.
Charles F. Urschel - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In accordance with telephone conversation had between Special Agent in Charge Colvin and me, Special Agent [redacted] met the Rock Island train from Oklahoma City at Memphis on the morning of the seventeenth instant. Agent [redacted] assisted in escorting Mrs. Katherine Kelly and Ora L. Shannon from the Grand Central Station to the Union Station.

Agent [redacted] and Deputy United States Marshal [redacted] and his wife transported Mrs. Ora L. Shannon to the Shelby County Penal Farm where she was delivered to the County authorities.

Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] together with United States Marshal and his wife left at 7:40 A.M. via L&N Railway with Mrs. Katherine Kelly en route to Cincinnati, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Division
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POSTAL TELEGRAPH

OCTOBER 17 1933

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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**DIRECTOR DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION DEPT OF JUSTICE
 WASHINGTON DC**

US MARSHAL [REDACTED] ACCOMPANIED BY AGENTS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ONE OTHER DEPUTY AND FEMALE GUARD LEFT VIA ROCKISLAND FIVE PM TRANSPORTING ORA L SHANNON TO MEMPHIS AND KATHRYN KELLY TO CINCINNATI WHER. THEY WILL ARRIVE VIA L AND N AT NINE TWENTY TOMORROW NIGHT STOP HAVE ARRANGED FOR AGENT FROM BIRMINGHAM OFFICE TO MEET AT MEMPHIS AND ALSO WIRED CINCINNATI OFFICE TO COVER ARRIVAL THERE AND TO ASSIST IN DELIVERY TO PRISON.

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UNITED STATES MARSHAL ^{b7c} [REDACTED] WILL ARRIVE CINCINNATI VIA L AND N NINE TWENTY PM

--SEPT SEVENTEENTH ACCOMPANIED BY AGENTS SMITH AND DEADERICK HAVING IN CUSTODY
KATHRYN KELLY FOR COMMITMENT CINCINNATI WORK HOUSE STOP PLEASE COVER ARRIVAL
AND ASSIST IN DELIVERY TO PRISON

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CINCINNATI OHIO
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AVIATION SECTION-31st INFANTRY DIVISION
LT. COL. SUMPTER SMITH, AIR CORPS



NATIONAL GUARD OF ALABAMA
Birmingham - 10-16-33

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

Dear Sir:

I appreciate very much your kind letter of October 13th, and assure you that it was indeed a pleasure to cooperate with Mr. Forer in the matter. I think you and your Department certainly deserve the gratitude of the whole country for your action in so speedily apprehending the notorious criminals. I think everyone will agree that it is only through such prompt and definite action of the law enforcing departments that we will be able to stamp down the increasing crime wave. If at any time we can be of assistance to you or your department, do not hesitate to call us, as the National Guard is ever ready to do its part and cooperate with the other Governmental Departments.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten signature of Sumpter Smith]

Sumpter Smith
AIR OFFICER

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October 19, 1933.

MEMORANDUM

██████████ of the Associated Press telephoned to inquire with reference to a clipping which he had, dated October 12 at Oklahoma City, to the effect that Judge Vaught had received a letter threatening the lives of all members of his family and destruction of his home if he did not release the individuals who were sentenced in the Urschel kidnaping case recently tried in Oklahoma City, and that this letter had been turned over to the Division of Investigation. ██████████ inquired if I could confirm this story. I advised him that if this was turned over to the Division, it would have been to its Oklahoma City office, and that a report had not yet reached this office, with reference to that particular angle of the Urschel case.

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**Determine whether F. Urschel
 *Surrendering letter
 Judge Edgar S. Vaught.

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J. C. WILKINSON, VICE-PRESIDENT



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DALLAS TEXAS OCTOBER 19 1933

W H PURVIS
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
 U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 1900 BANKERS BLDG
 CHICAGO ILLINOIS



RETEL URSCHEL KIDNAPPING HAVE UNITED STATES MARSHAL CHICAGO WIRE UNITED STATES
 MARSHAL DALLAS TO SERVE SUBPOENAS AND ADVANCE EXPENSE MONEY TRAIN LEAVES DALLAS
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MOOREHEAD ACTING

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62-451 RE: Langford Ramsey et al
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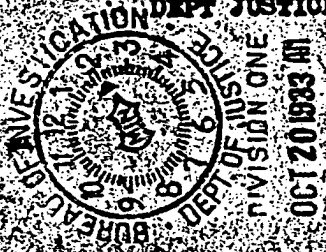
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GEORGE KELLY BARKER ET AL KIDNAPPING BIRMINGHAM DESCRIBED YOUR WIFE

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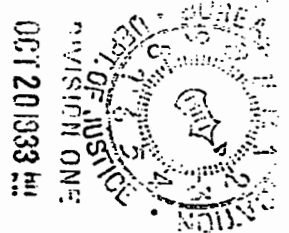
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Los Angeles, Calif.



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DALLAS TEXAS

WRSCHEL KIDNAPING RECORDS IN USATTORNEYS OFFICE SHOW THAT WIRES WERE
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October 18, 1933.

MEMORANDUM

I telephoned Mr. Blake at Dallas today and told him that a representative of the United Press here had called me to inquire if it would be all right for [redacted] their representative at Dallas, to interview Mr. Blake concerning the Urschel case. I instructed Mr. Blake that it would be all right to see [redacted] using his judgment as to what should be given out, of course not disclosing any confidential information. Mr. Blake referred to the fine cooperation he had received from the newspapers in Dallas.

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Charles F. Urschel

OCT 20 1933

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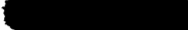

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U. S. Department of Justice
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| Mr. Gandy..... |
| Mr. Locke..... |

October 18, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

 of the N. E. A. Service came here this afternoon requesting that I give her the criminal records in the cases of Messrs. Bates, Bailey and Kelly. She stated that she was writing an article on the Urschel case after an interview with Mr. Keenan and he had suggested that she come here for these records. You will recall that  visited here on September 7th to obtain a story for her service.

I called Mr. Hughes concerning the instant request, who, after consulting Mr. Nathan, suggested that I phone Mr. Keenan. I did so and he stated he could see no reason why she should not have this information.

Respectfully,



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- Mr. Nathan
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- Mr. Locke

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LANGFORD P RAMSEY ETAL HARBORING PRISONERS USA MCCLANAHAN
 MEMPHIS TENNESSEE TELEPHONED THIS OFFICE TODAY REQUESTING MY
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U. S. Department of Justice

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Acting Agent in Charge Schenken called from Oklahoma City and stated that Judge Vaught had advised that the authorization for the special guard for him had expired last night; that the Judge is going to hold Court at Lawton, Oklahoma, for a period of three weeks beginning Monday and was desirous of having this guard continued. I called [redacted] but he had gone. I then talked to [redacted] [redacted] stated that if I again talked to Oklahoma City I might advise them to have the Judge take the guard along with him and that the Department would wire authorization on Monday. I called Schenken again and so advised him.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes

V. W. Hughes.

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Set [redacted] or [redacted] handle this.

10/14/33 J. C. H.

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Judge Vaught S. V. [redacted]
 Charles H. [redacted]

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October 19, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED]
GENERAL AGENT.

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OCT 22 1933

In confirmation of telephonic conversation between you and Mr. Hughes of this Division, I beg to advise that on October 14, 1933, Special Agent in Charge Schenken of the Oklahoma City office called and advised that Judge Vaught had requested that authorization for the special guard for him be continued for a period of three weeks and that the guard be authorized to accompany him to Lawton, Oklahoma, where he will be holding court for a period of three weeks.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

VW Hughes

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Okla.

FILE NO.

7-14

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| REPORT MADE AT: Cincinnati, Ohio | DATE WHEN MADE: 10-18-33 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10/14-16/33 | REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] |
| TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM. | | | CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Tichenor was indicted in Marshall County, Ky., in 1928; one indictment charging obtaining of money under false pretenses in connection with the double financing of automobiles; the other indictment charging the forging and uttering of a counterfeit promissory note. Never tried on either indictment as family reimbursed injured parties. Both Tichenor and Travis from good families in Marshall County, Ky.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama, dated 10-6-33.

DETAILS:

AT PADUCAH, KENTUCKY

[REDACTED] Second Kentucky Judicial District, City National Bank Building, Paducah, Ky., in an interview stated that he is a native of Marshall County, Ky., in which Calvert City, Ky., is situated; that he has for the past number of years been [REDACTED] for the Second Kentucky Judicial District which includes Marshall County, Ky.; that he has been acquainted with John Calvert Tichenor for a number of years, and was acquainted with his parents; that for a period prior to 1928 Subject Tichenor was engaged in the automobile business in Calvert City, Ky., and because of financial difficulties, probably caused by excessive gambling, he began the practice of double financing automobiles, that is to say, he would fake his records and finance cars sold on contract through two different finance companies; that as a result of this practice an indictment was returned against him in the early part of the year of 1928 charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses, said indictment having been returned in Marshall County, Ky.; that on 10-22-28 another indictment was returned against him in Marshall

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County charging him with forging and uttering a counterfeit note, that is, a promissory note for \$250.00 on which he signed the name of another and secured the money; that Tichenor was never tried on either indictment, inasmuch as his mother reimbursed the injured parties with the exception of a few hundred dollars; that as a result of this difficulty Tichenor left the community and never thereafter made his home in Kentucky; that without question the traditions behind Tichenor were of the finest, his grandfather on his mother's side, P. W. Calvert, having been a Kentucky pioneer and established the town of Calvert City, Ky., which bears his name; that his father, J. C. Tichenor, Sr., was of sound stock and one of the most respected men in Marshall County, Ky.; that subsequent to the death of the latter, Subject Tichenor began to waver from the traditions of the families behind him and took to gambling, which, as related above, eventually brought him into such disgrace that he had to leave the community; that Subject Tichenor was never involved in the theft of automobiles to his knowledge, and in fact was never involved with the law prior to his difficulties arising out of double financing automobiles.

With reference to Subject Travis, [REDACTED] stated that the father of Travis at one time was a large land holder in Marshall County, Ky., but has of recent years suffered the loss of most of his worldly goods, and is now about to suffer the loss of his home through financial reverses; that his father was once a tax commissioner of Marshall County, and for some years a school teacher in the county, his chief occupation, however, having been farming on a large scale; that Travis apparently was a very ambitious young man, and worked his way through the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky., receiving a degree therefrom; that to his knowledge, Travis has never been involved in criminal violations in Kentucky; that Subject Tichenor married a sister of Subject Travis.

There is being enclosed for the Birmingham Office a newspaper clipping taken from the Paducah, Ky., Sun-Democrat of 9-26-33 headed "Man Who Shielded Desperado Known in Western Kentucky", and relates that Tichenor is a member of the well known Tichenor family of Calvert City, Ky., and that Travis and Tichenor are brothers-in-law.

Former Chief of Police [REDACTED] of Paducah, Ky., resides now at [REDACTED]. He was ill and under the care of a doctor and could not be interviewed.

Chief of Detectives [REDACTED] who has been a member of the Paducah, Ky., Police Department for a number of years advised that he had no knowledge of Tichenor having ever been involved in stolen automobiles, and was of the opinion that the double financing of automobiles and his indictment therefor was the only trouble concerning automobiles in which he was ever involved.

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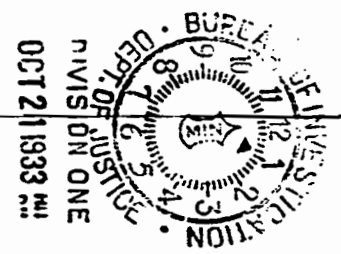
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OCTOBER 19 1933



M H PURVIS
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
 U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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 CHICAGO ILLINOIS

GEORGE KELLY BARNES ETAL KIDNAPING USA MEMPHIS HAS FORWARDED SUBPOENAS TO USA CHICAGO FOR APPEARANCE LUTHER AND GERALDINE ARNOLD FEDERAL COURT MEMPHIS MORNING TWENTY FIRST INSTANT AND HAS TELEPHONICALLY COMMUNICATED WITH USA CHICAGO STOP CONTACT USA AND MARSHAL ASCERTAIN SUBPOENAS SERVED

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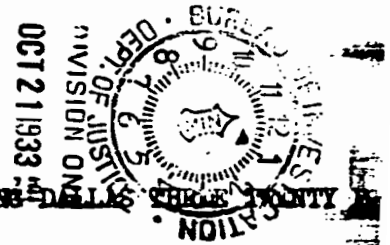
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JOE BERGLE ET AL MRS LUTHER ARNOLD AND GERALENE ARNOLD LEAVING DALLAS TRIPLE COUNTY
TODAY ARRIVING CHICAGO ALTON TRAIN THREE FORTY P M THURSDAY AFTERNOON REQUEST AGREE
MEET THEM ARRIVAL

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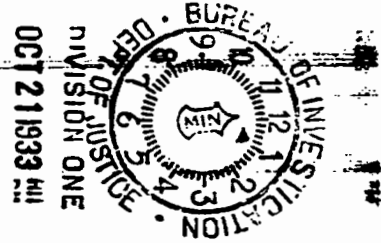
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GEORGE KELLY BARNES ETAL KIDNAPING ADVISE WHETHER YOU HAVE SIGNED STATEMENTS OF TICHENOR AND TRAVIS AND UNSIGNED STATEMENT OF RAMSKY IF SO FORWARD IMMEDIATELY AIR MAIL USA WILLIAM McCLANAHAN MEMPHIS TENNESSEE ACKNOWLEDGE IMMEDIATELY

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October 17, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
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Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, et al.
Thomas F. Urschel - Victim
Kidnaping.

[redacted] of the Travelers' Aid,
Union Station, Kansas City, Missouri, who is also one of the
individuals who witnessed the massacre of officers at Kansas
City, Missouri, on June 17th, turned over to this office a
letter received by her postmarked Oklahoma City, September 27,
1933, and quoted as follows:

Huckins Hotel
Written at Oklahoma City
Sept 26/33

Dear [redacted] -

Should you come to Oklahoma City to attend the Urschel trial I
should like if, you would stop at this hotel as I am living here
and would like to have you here. Will you let me know if you are
coming. My room is #431 - The hotel telephone number is 34341 -
Very truly -
[redacted]

You will note that [redacted]
shows indications of previous friendship with [redacted]. However
[redacted] stated that she has never heard of [redacted] and
believed that the party in question was acting very mysteriously
in sending her this letter.

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It is requested that the identity of [REDACTED] be ascertained, and this office notified.

The letter received by [REDACTED] is herewith enclosed.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

[REDACTED]
Encl.
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Okla.**

FILE NO. **7-14**

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| REPORT MADE AT: Cincinnati, Ohio. | DATE WHEN MADE: 10-19-33 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-7-9-33 | REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] |
| TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al., CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim | | | CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

July 31, 1933, a Mrs. Cordelia Lee, of Martin, Tenn., engaged a safety deposit box at the Peoples National Bank, Paducah, Ky., her identity being unknown to the bank then and now, although she is described as an elderly woman in no way fitting the description of Subject Kathryn Kelly. [REDACTED] of Smithland, Ky., who rented deposit box at said bank on August 2, 1933, identified as a highway worker.

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DETAILS:

In answer to a circular letter dated August 22, 1933, directed to the banks in the Cincinnati District requesting information relative to the rental of safety deposit boxes by the banks during the period July 22, 1933, to August 14, 1933 to persons whose identity was not definitely and conclusively known, the Peoples National Bank, Paducah, Ky., by letter signed by [REDACTED] Cashier, dated August 28, 1933, advised that boxes had been rented to such persons during said period, namely, [REDACTED], Smithland, Ky., and Mrs. Cordelia Lee, 321 Main St., Martin, Tenn.

AT PADUCAH, KY.

[REDACTED] Cashier, Peoples National Bank, Paducah, Ky., in an interview stated: Box 567 rented to [REDACTED] Smithland, Ky., on August 2, 1933; that the latter at the same time also opened a checking account for \$100.00, stating at the time that he was engaged in highway work near Smithland, Ky.; that his identity was not known at the time, nor since;

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exhibited a canceled check in the sum of \$25.00 drawn by [REDACTED] to Cash, dated September 18, 1933, and cashed by him at the Exchange Bank, Mayfield, Ky., bearing the indorsement [REDACTED] said check being drawn against the above mentioned checking account; stated that [REDACTED] in no way resembled the photograph of Subject George Kelly.

AT SMITHLAND, KY.

[REDACTED] Livingston County, Smithland, Ky., stated that [REDACTED] was employed by one [REDACTED] a road contractor who had had a road contract in the vicinity of Smithland, Ky., but was not at Mayfield, Ky. Several members of the Kentucky State Highway Department located at Smithland, Ky., also stated that they recalled [REDACTED] and that he is at present with [REDACTED] a road contractor at Mayfield, Ky. It is to be noted above that the check cashed by [REDACTED] at Mayfield, Ky. had the endorsement of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] inspected the photograph of Subject George Kelly and stated that there was no resemblance between the photograph and [REDACTED]

AT PADUCAH, KY.

[REDACTED], above identified, stated that Mrs. Cordelia Lee, giving her address as 321 Main St., Martin, Tenn. rented safety deposit box 323 on July 31, 1933; that she had never had any dealings with the bank prior to this date, and has not been back to the bank since said date; that she is an elderly lady well past middle age; that she gave no references and nothing concerning her is known by the bank, that she in no way resembled the photograph of Subject Kathryn Kelly.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM OFFICE, at Martin Tenn. Discreetly ascertain the identity of Mrs. Cordelia Lee, 321 Main St. and her general reputation and activities.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

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October 17, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

On October 13, 1933, arrangements were made by S. A. C. Conroy through [redacted] Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, Kansas City, Missouri, to have a special train operated between Kansas City, Missouri, and the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, that night for the prison car conveying George (Machine-Gun) Kelly to the penitentiary. The charges for the Special Train were to be \$100.00 and the switching charges at Leavenworth were to be \$20.00, totaling \$120.00.

The above arrangements were made after long distance telephone conversations with Assistant Director Harold Nathan at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in order to eliminate a delay of approximately 1 1/2 hours at the Union Station, Kansas City, Missouri, where the Union Station Plaza Massacre had taken place last June. Arrangements were effected here at Kansas City, and Mr. Nathan was notified at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Shortly before 5:00 p.m. the same day, S. A. C. Conroy was advised by [redacted] over the telephone that the United States Marshal at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, had canceled the arrangements, and that it would be impossible to operate the special train unless Mr. Conroy could personally give the Missouri Pacific assurance that payment would be forthcoming; [redacted] was informed that Mr. Conroy would call him back in a few minutes; immediately, Mr. Conroy got in touch with Mr. V. W. Hughes of the Division at Washington, D.C., who ascertained from the Department the expense was authorized, and shortly thereafter, Mr. Conroy informed [redacted] that he would be personally responsible for any expense, requesting him to go ahead with the arrangements for the special train. Immediately thereafter, the telegram was received from the Division advising that the Department had authorized the expense.

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After the arrival of the special prison car at Kansas City, Missouri, Mr. Nathan signed a receipt to the Missouri Pacific Railroad and requested Mr. Conroy to turn over to the United States Marshal from Oklahoma City the telegram advising that the Department had authorized the expense. Subsequent to the foregoing, Mr. Conroy informed Mr. Nathan that apparently the United States Marshal had canceled the arrangements for the special train without notifying the representatives of the Division. Mr. Nathan requested Mr. Conroy to make inquiry to determine the facts regarding the cancellation.

On Monday, October 15th, Mr. Conroy conferred with [REDACTED] at the Railway Exchange Building, Kansas City, Missouri, who called his General Offices at St. Louis, Missouri, and received information to the effect that shortly before the prison car left Oklahoma City, about noon on October 13, 1933, that the U. S. Marshal at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, had informed [REDACTED] Missouri Pacific Lines, Oklahoma City, that he did not have authority for the special train from Kansas City to Leavenworth and requested him to cancel arrangements for the special train, advising him that they would use the regular train, No. 119, from Kansas City to Leavenworth, which departed at 11:59 p.m., that date. [REDACTED] in turn telephoned this information to [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, who in turn conveyed that information to the Missouri Pacific officials at Kansas City, Missouri.

Very truly yours,



M. C. SPEAR
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 16, 1933.

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| Mr. Nathan..... |
| Mr. Tolson..... |
| Mr. Clegg..... |
| Mr. Glavin..... |
| Mr. Ladd..... |
| Mr. Nichols..... |
| Mr. Rosen..... |
| Mr. Tracy..... |
| Mr. Egan..... |
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| Mr. Hendon..... |
| Mr. Lester..... |
| Mr. Quinn..... |
| Mr. Nease..... |
| Mr. Locke..... |

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I telephoned Colvin and advised him that the Department (Mr. Stanley) was today wiring the United States Marshal at Oklahoma City to the effect that the transportation of Kathryn Kelly should be effected tonight; that the Oklahoma City office of this Division would perfect arrangements and that two Special Agents would accompany them; that the Marshal was informed that it was the desire of the Department that he should be governed by the judgment of the two Special Agents. I told Colvin to wait about two hours and if he did not hear from the Marshal to get in touch with him and advise him that the Division was instructing him, Colvin, to the foregoing effect. I told Colvin to assign Agents [redacted] and [redacted] to the movement and to exercise every precaution and telephone Connelley at Cincinnati to have Agents of the Cincinnati office meet the expedition there.

Very truly yours,

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H. Nathan

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Send memo to A.G. Stanley & Keenan.

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memo to A.G. Mr. Keenan & Mr. Stanley 10-17-33
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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama

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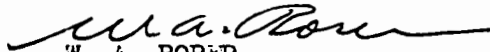
October 18, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

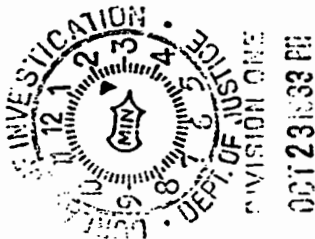
The United States Attorney at Memphis, Tennessee, has advised me that he desires that I be present at Federal Court, Memphis, the twenty first instant to testify in the trial of Ramsey and Tichenor and consequently I expect to leave Birmingham on the night of the 20th and return probably on the morning of the 22nd. Special Agent J. H. Hanson will be in charge in my absence.

Very truly yours,



W. A. RORER
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Okla. City.



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Ardmore, Oklahoma
Oct. 17, 1933

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: Harvey Bailey Capture

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Kindly accept my thanks and the thanks of our Police Department for your very fine letter of October 3rd. It is fine in you to thus express the appreciation of your Department for the work of our officers and please be assured the entire city of Ardmore does appreciate the fine spirit expressed in your letter which inspires for further diligence on their part.

As to the reward, I fully concur with you. However, I was just in hopes that this case might be the cause for the establishing of a precedent whereby officers would receive substantial encouragement for a greater effort to remove from American society those who menace it.

Please be assured of my very great appreciation of the fine spirit your good letter conveys.

Sincerely yours,

Mayor

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

224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Okla.,
Oct. 19, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Responsive to telephonic communication from Assistant Director Nathan, I enclose herewith under cellophane cover a letter received by U. S. District Judge Edgar S. Vaught, which was postmarked "Minneapolis, Minn., September 25, 1933" and forwarded here by air mail. The envelope is likewise transmitted for examination. There is also enclosed herewith, under the same cellophane cover, a threatening letter received by Mr. Charles Urschel, Oklahoma City, Okla., postmarked at Minneapolis on October 11, 1933, the same being printed on plain paper with pencil and unsigned. There is likewise enclosed, under the same cellophane cover, a letter postmarked "Muskogee, Oklahoma, October 10, 1933" and addressed to George Kelly, Oklahoma City, said letter also being printed on plain white paper with pen and ink. This letter contains assurance of assistance to Kelly and a threat against Urschel.

The three letters have not been examined for fingerprints, it being deemed advisable to forward them to the Division with as little handling as possible for utilization of the more adequate facilities and scientific knowledge than is available at the Oklahoma City office.

Kindly return the cellophane enclosure for further use along this same line.

Very truly yours,

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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R. H. Colvin, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Special Agent in Charge

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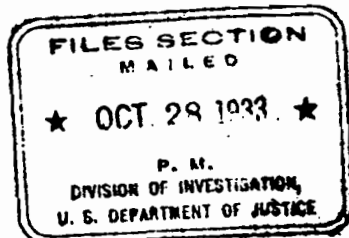
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 19, 1933, enclosing a threatening and anonymous letter received by United States District Judge Edgar S. Vaught, which was postmarked "Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 25, 1933", that received by Mr. Charles Urschel, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, postmarked "Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 11, 1933, and that addressed to George Kelly, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, postmarked "Muskogee, Oklahoma, October 10, 1933.

These letters have been examined by Technical experts of the Identification Unit, and a number of latent prints developed thereon. These latent prints have been compared with the fingerprint impressions of Wilbur Underhill, Identification Order #1191, Charles Arthur Floyd, Identification Order #1194, Vernon C. Miller, Identification Order #1195, Richard Tallman Galatas, Identification Order #1201, Ed Davis, Identification Order #1193, Robert G. Brady, Identification Order #1190 and James Clark, Identification Order #1192, but in no instance were the latent prints found to be identical with the fingerprint impressions of these suspects. Such of the latent prints as can be classified have been searched through the ~~wingis~~ fingerprint file maintained in the Division, but no identification has been effected. These latent prints will be filed in the unidentified section of this file with a view to possible identification at a later date, as the fingerprint impressions of additional suspects are added.

Very truly yours,



Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENE

With further reference to the anonymous letter addressed to you and postmarked Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 11, there is transmitted herewith a copy of the laboratory report in regard to three anonymous letters addressed to Judge Edgar S. Vaught, George Kelly, and Charlie Urschel.

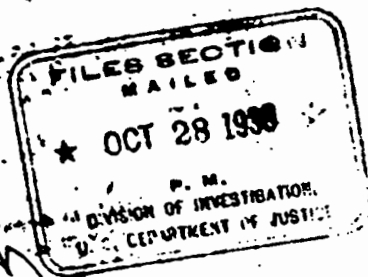
Your attention is invited to the fact that the letter addressed to Urschel has been identified as being prepared by the same individual who was responsible for the letter to you. There is also a possibility that this individual also wrote the letter to Kelly.

Special Agents are endeavoring to ascertain who is responsible for these letters.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. #660352



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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DALLAS TEXAS**

FILE NO. **62-420**

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| REPORT MADE AT: DALLAS TEXAS | DATE WHEN MADE: 10-15-33 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-1 to 9-33 | REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] b7c |
| TITLE: HARVEY J. BAILEY, alias J. J. BRENNAN, alias JOHN BROWN; THOMAS L. MANION; GROVER C. BEVILL alias JACK BEVAL. | | | CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE RELEASE OF FEDERAL PRISONER HARVEY J. BAILEY. |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On October 3, 1933, Court at Dallas, Texas quashed indictments all subjects. On October 4, 1933, two new indictments were returned against Manion and Bevill only, first containing five counts, namely, suffering Bailey to escape, conspiracy to do above, rescuing Bailey and conspiracy to do so, and aiding and abetting Bailey to escape. Second indictment alleges acceptance bribe by Manion and Bevill and conspiracy to do so. The same day after Manion and Bevill were arraigned in court at which time Manion pleaded not guilty and Bevill entered a plea of guilty, on first indictment, the case was tried and on October 5, 1933, the Jury returned a verdict of guilty on all five counts in the indictment. On October 7, 1933 Manion was sentenced to two years and \$10,000. fine, and Bevill fourteen months in the United States penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Manion again interviewed, and notwithstanding verdict continues to proclaim his innocence. Parole reports and disposition sheets submitted.

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Manion 10/10/33*

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** Dallas, October 3, 1933.

DETAILS:

The case against subjects Manion and Bevill was set down for trial at Dallas, Texas on October 3, 1933. A demurrer to the indictments was filed by Manion's attorneys and sustained by the Court.

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| APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. J. Beary</i> | SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE | 7-115-876 | RECORDED AND INDEXED: OCT 21 1933 |
| COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: DIVISION.....3 OKLAHOMA CITY.....1 U. S. ATTY. DALLAS.....1 DALLAS.....2 | | UNITED STATES OCT 21 1933 AM BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: FILE JAN 1934 <i>APC</i> | CHECKED OFF: OCT 26 1933 JACKETED: |
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On October 4, 1933 the matter was again submitted to the Grand Jury in session at Dallas, Texas, and two new indictments were returned against Manion and Bevill only. The first indictment contained five counts, namely suffering Bailey to escape, conspiracy to do above, rescuing Bailey, conspiracy to do so, and aiding and abetting Bailey to escape. The second indictment alleges acceptance of bribe by Manion and Bevill, and conspiracy to do so. The same day, indictments were returned, Manion and Bevill were arraigned in Court on the first indictment. Manion entered a plea of NOT GUILTY, and Bevill plead GUILTY. The case immediately went to trial, and on October 5, 1933, the Jury returned a verdict of guilty on all five counts in the indictment.

On October 7, 1933, at Dallas, Texas, Judge William E. Atwell sentenced Manion to two years and \$10,000. fine and Bevill to Fourteen months, both defendants to be incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

On October 9, 1933, before Manion was taken to the Penitentiary by the United States Marshal, Dallas, Texas, he was brought to the Dallas Division Office and interviewed, but no information of value could be obtained from him, Manion stating that, notwithstanding the verdict, he is innocent. Bevill had previously been interviewed and made a detailed statement of his part in effecting the escape of Harvey Bailey. Bailey was not named in the two new indictments.

The bribery indictment returned against Manion and Bevill is still pending, the case having been continued until the January, 1934 term of Court at Dallas, Texas

Parole reports and disposition sheets are being submitted with copies of this report for the Division at Washington.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS.

In the case entitled HARVEY J. BAILEY with aliases, et al,
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; RELEASE OF FEDERAL PRISONER HARVEY J. BAILEY,
there are transmitted herewith copies of the following
reports:

Special Agent

Office

Date

██████████ Dallas, Texas

10/15/33

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Very truly yours,

Director.





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| Report Made at: DALLAS TEXAS | Date When Made: 10-18-33 | PAROLE REPORT | Report Made by: [Redacted] b7c |
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| Name of Convict: GROVER C. BEVILL | Title of Case: HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases; GROVER C. BEVILL with alias; THOMAS L. MANION; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE-Release of Federal Prisoner, HARVEY J. BAILEY. |
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Harvey J. Bailey, a notorious criminal, who escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, on May 30, 1933, was apprehended at Paradise, Texas, on August 12, 1933, and incarcerated in the Dallas County Jail, Dallas, Texas pending removal to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on a Federal Kidnaping Charge in connection with the abduction of Charles F. Urschel, a wealthy oil man of Oklahoma City. On September 4, 1933, Bailey escaped from the Dallas County Jail, and was captured four hours later at Ardmore, Oklahoma, and taken to Oklahoma City, later being convicted at that place and sentenced to life imprisonment in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Investigation of Bailey's escape disclosed that Grover C. Bevill turned over to Thomas L. Manion, deputy Jailer in the Dallas County Jail, a revolver and hack-saw blades, which were smuggled into Bailey's cell, by means of which Bailey effected his escape.

Indictment was returned in five counts against Grover C. Bevill and Thomas L. Manion in Federal Court at Dallas, Texas on October 4, 1933, for aiding and assisting Bailey to escape. On the same day Bevill entered a plea of Guilty, and was sentenced on October 7, 1933 to serve fourteen months in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

AGGRAVATING AND MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES:

Grover C. Bevill has been operating a butcher shop at Dallas, Texas, and, for the past fifteen years has been more or less associated with Thomas L. Manion, assisting him in investigations and political work. At the request of Manion, Bevill furnished Manion with a 44 caliber S. & W. pistol, and purchased twelve 44-caliber-Colt cartridges and 3 hack-saw blades for Manion, all of which were turned over by Manion to Bailey in effecting his escape from the Dallas County

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Jail. Bevill made a complete-detailed statement of his part in assisting Bailey to escape, pleaded Guilty to the indictment returned against him and Manion, and at the trial took the stand against Manion. Bevill cooperated with the Government in the investigation and assisted materially in the conviction of Thomas L. Manion, who undoubtedly arranged and planned with Harvey J. Bailey for the latter's escape.

HISTORY OF DEFENDANT:

At the time of his arrest, Grover C. Bevill stated that he was 49 years of age, a resident of Dallas, Texas, American citizen, married, and had one child, a girl six years of age. He is a butcher by occupation. Nothing is known of his home life and surroundings. Bevill's general reputation at Dallas, Texas was considered good, prior to his arrest in this case.

CRIMINAL RECORD:

None known, according to report received from the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

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October 25, 1933.

Chairman, Parole Board,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

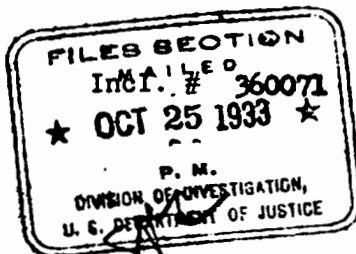
Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith for your information
copies of a parole report on Grover C. Beville, with aliases,
who has received a sentence for a term of over one year for
violation of Obstruction of Justice—Release of Federal Prisoner.

As this Bureau has been instructed to furnish the
Director, Bureau of Prisons, a complete record of the crimi-
nal history of every prisoner as soon as fingerprints are re-
ceived from Federal penitentiaries, it is presumed that if
this subject has a previous criminal record it is now in your
file. If you have reason to believe that this prisoner has a
previous criminal record which does not appear in your file,
and you will notify me, I will be glad to have a further search
made for same.

Very truly yours,

Director.



Form No. 2

This case originated at **DALLAS TEXAS**

File No. 62-420

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| Report Made at: DALLAS TEXAS | Date When Made: 10-18-33 | PAROLE REPORT | Report Made by: [REDACTED] b7c |
| Name of Convict: THOMAS L. MANION | | Title of Case: HARVEY J. BAILEY , with aliases; THOMAS L. MANION ; GROVER C. BEVAL with alias. OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE-Release of Federal Prisoner HARVEY J. BAILEY. | |

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Investigation of Bailey's escape disclosed that Thomas L. Manion smuggled a revolver, hack saw blades and a Stillson wrench into Bailey's cell by means of which Bailey effected his escape. The revolver and hack saw blades were obtained for Manion by one Grover C. Bevill.

Indictment was returned in five counts against Thomas L. Manion and Grover C. Bevill in Federal Court at Dallas, Texas on October 4, 1933 for aid and assisting Bailey to escape. On the same day, Manion and Bevill were tried, and convicted by the Jury on October 5, 1933. Thomas L. Manion was sentenced by the Court on October 7, 1933 to pay a fine of \$10,000. and serve Two years in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES:

Thomas L. Manion, at the time of Bailey's escape, was employed at the Dallas County Jail as a deputy Jailer, and was in charge of State and Federal Prisoners. His assistance in making Bailey's escape possible endangered the lives of at least two other deputy Jailers and several prisoners. At no time during the investigation did Manion cooperate or assist the Government in clearing up the matter. On the contrary Manion, from time to time proclaimed his innocence, and endeavored as much as possible to direct the investigation toward other officials of the Jail.

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HISTORY OF DEFENDANT:

At the time of his arrest Manion stated he was 59 years of age, born at St. Louis, Mo. April, 4, 1874, married, five children. He claims to have served in the United States Army from which he secured an honorable discharge; was employed in the Government service at Manila, Phillipine Islands as an Investigator for a number of years; was connected with the Dallas Police Department, having been forced to resign on account of two perjury indictments which were dismissed. Manion has been an Investigator for the City of Dallas, public utility corporations, civil and criminal lawyers and for a period for more than twenty years interested in Dallas County politics. His general reputation is considered very bad.

CRIMINAL RECORD:

None known, according to report received from the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

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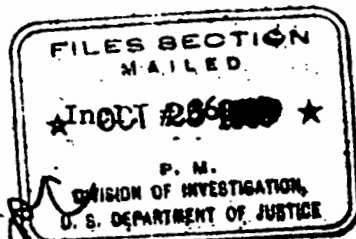
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As this Bureau has been instructed to furnish the
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nal history of every prisoner as soon as fingerprints are re-
ceived from Federal penitentiaries, it is presumed that if
this subject has a previous criminal record it is now in your
file. If you have reason to believe that this prisoner has a
previous criminal record which does not appear in your file,
and you will notify me, I will be glad to have a further search
made for same.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Okla.,
Oct. 16, 1933.

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

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Dear Sir:

RE: Jo Banzel
Charles Coplan,
Harboring Fugitive.

Responsive to your telephone conversation of even date, I enclose herewith registration in the town of Cicero, Illinois, of license number 3979 in the name of [redacted] for a Chevrolet Sedan, dated March 3, 1933, and State of Illinois Registration Certificate No. 484869, in the name of [redacted] covering Chevrolet Sedan, Motor number 3496082, dated February 20, 1933.

There is also enclosed a blue slip of paper with several telephone numbers and addresses of [redacted] and [redacted] and three other telephone numbers which may be of use to you in your investigation.

The registration cards and other property were taken from George Kelly at the time of his arrest at Memphis on September 26, 1933.

Very truly yours,

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cc-Division.

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DALLAS, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **62-427**

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| REPORT MADE AT: Dallas, Texas | DATE WHEN MADE: 10-19-33 | PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-16/17-33 | REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] b7C |
| TITLE: CASSIE EARL COLEMAN, with aliases; WILL CASEY, with alias | | | CHARACTER OF CASE: MISCELLANEOUS; HARBORING FUGITIVES. |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Coleman informed Casey on September 9, that George Kelly was back and Casey authorized him to again use house. Casey and Coleman tried October 16; Coleman pleaded guilty, Casey not guilty. October 17, Coleman sentenced one year and one day and Casey two years Leavenworth. Parole reports and disposition sheet submitted.



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Report of this Agent dated Dallas, Texas, 10-5-33.

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DETAILS:

AT SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

Cassie Earl Coleman, prior to his trial on October 16, informed this Agent that on the day he sent a telegram from Santa Anna, addressed to L. W. Arnold, reading "Mother better" (on September 9, 1933), he met subject Will Casey in Santa Anna, and advised him that that man (Kelly), whom he referred to as Baker, was back down at [REDACTED] and that the [REDACTED] were considerably worried over him being there and that [REDACTED] had ordered Kelly away from her place but that he had refused to leave and that he Coleman, was then on his way to the [REDACTED] place to get Kelly and do something with him, and said to Casey - "Now if he wants that house down there of yours again what about it?"; that Casey said "Well, he had got it paid for, all right, he may go back down there."

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DISPOSITION SHEET *[Signature]*

Upon being arraigned on October 16, 1933 in United States District Court at San Angelo, Texas, before United States District Judge, William H. Atwell, Coleman entered a guilty plea to the indictment charging him and Will Casey with conspiracy to harbor and conceal a fugitive, George Kelly, to which indictment at the same time Will Casey entered a plea of not guilty. A jury was selected and Casey was tried. Upon the conclusion of the trial the jury returned a verdict of guilty as to Casey, - Coleman having testified upon behalf of the Government in this matter.

Judge Atwell requested that Special Agent in Charge, F. J. Blake, furnish him in writing any facts which had been developed by virtue of the investigation and not brought out in the evidence during the trial; that he desired this information before he passed sentence on October 17. Therefore, on October 17, Special Agent in Charge, Blake, furnished the following information by letter addressed to Judge Atwell:

"The records of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice do not reflect that either Cassie Coleman or Will Casey has ever been convicted of a crime.

The Division has no material information to report concerning Will Casey other than developed during the trial.

Coleman, since being taken into custody, has apparently assisted the Government to the full extent of his ability. In the trial of George and Kathryn Kelly at Oklahoma City he testified freely and without reservation and has expressed a willingness to testify at Memphis, Tennessee, in a case in which the Attorney who went to Coleman's place to arrange a meeting between Kelly and Coleman, is charged with harboring and concealing Kelly and his wife.

Press reports indicate that the case against the Attorney, Ramsey Langford, will go to trial at Memphis, on Saturday of this week, and from inquiries I have received from our office covering that territory Coleman will probably be used as a Government witness.

With assurance of our earnest desire to serve you at all times, I am --"

On October 17, CASSIE MARL COLEMAN was sentenced to serve one year and one day in United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

On October 17, 1933, WILL CASEY was sentenced to serve two years in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

The indictments as to each CASEY and COLEMAN, charging them separately with having harbored and concealed George R. Kelly, were dismissed upon their conviction for conspiracy.

Parole reports and disposition sheet submitted.

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Form No. 7

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| Report Made At: Dallas, Texas | Date When Made: 10-19-33 | PAROLE REPORT | Report Made by: [REDACTED] |
| Name of Convict: CASSIE EARL COLEMAN, alias CASS COLEMAN, alias C. E. COLEMAN | | Title of Case: CASSIE EARL COLEMAN, with aliases; WILL CASEY, with alies. MISCELLANEOUS - HARBORING FUGITIVES. | |

On August 16, 1933, four days after the apprehension of R. G. Shannon and wife, Harvey J. Bailey and Armon Shannon, at Paradise, Texas, in connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on July 22, 1933, and after the fact that George R. Kelly and his wife, Kathryn Kelly, were wanted and being sought in the United States as principals in the kidnaping of Mr. Urschel, had been published widely in the newspapers, George and Kathryn Kelly arrived at the farm home of Coleman, in Coleman County, Texas, - the former home of the fugitive, Kathryn Kelly, - where they contacted Cassie Earl Coleman, who is a brother of her mother, Mrs. Ora Shannon, and Cassie Earl Coleman at that time harbored both George and Kathryn Kelly, and assisted George Kelly in secreting on the Coleman farm \$73,250 of the original ransom paid for the release of the kidnaped victim, Charles F. Urschel. Other calls to his home were made subsequent thereto by Kathryn and George Kelly. Coleman concealed Kelly on August 17, on the farm of [REDACTED] until Sunday, August 20, when he arranged to rent a shack from Will Casey where George Kelly might hide out. Upon the payment by Kelly to Casey of three one hundred dollar bills on August 21, Coleman informed Casey as to the true identity of George Kelly, whom he had first introduced as Mr. Baker. At the time of the disclosure the two men were on their way to purchase supplies for Kelly and the disclosure did not deter Casey from going right ahead with the original plan to conceal and aid George Kelly.

AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES: Coleman was first requested to assist the Government in locating George and Kathryn Kelly on September 13, at which time he denied that he had either seen or heard from them. His first admission that these parties had ever been to his home was on September 15. He stated they had been there twice but had neither left nor taken anything with them and that he had no idea where they might be, while on the day before, (September 14) he wrote a note addressed to L. W. Arnold, San Antonio, Texas, telling them to move quickly. This notification, however, never reached the Kellys.

As to MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES it might be stated that after Coleman was

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taken into custody on September 26, he made a complete statement and discovered to the officers the place where he had assisted George Kelly in secreting \$73,250 of ransom money. He was called as a witness on behalf of the Government in the trial of the case of the United States vs. George and Kathryn Kelly at Oklahoma City, prior to his trial and testified freely and voluntarily and has indicated since his conviction and sentence that he would be willing to assist the Government in other cases now pending, by testifying.

HISTORY OF DEFENDANT: Aged 43 years, American citizen, married, has a wife and ten children, several of whom are married but are more or less dependent upon him. Condition of his home life and family is that of the average tenant farmer.

His reputation has been good. There is no known prior criminal record as to CASSIE EARL COLEMAN.

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Chairman, Parole Board,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

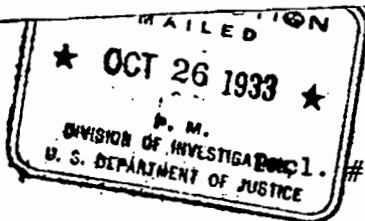
Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith for your information
copies of a parole report on CASSIE EARL COLEMAN with aliases,
who has received a sentence for a term of over one year for
violation of MISCELLANEOUS - HARBORING FUGITIVES.

As this Bureau has been instructed to furnish the
Director, Bureau of Prisons, a complete record of the crimi-
nal history of every prisoner as soon as fingerprints are re-
ceived from Federal penitentiaries, it is presumed that if
this subject has a previous criminal record it is now in your
file. If you have reason to believe that this prisoner has a
previous criminal record which does not appear in your file,
and you will notify me, I will be glad to have a further search
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Yours,

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| Name of Convict: WILL CASEY, alias W. C. CASEY | Title of Case: CASSIE EARL COLEMAN, with aliases; WILL CASEY, with alias. MISCELLANEOUS - HARBORING FUGITIVES. |
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On or about August 23 or 24, Kelly, with the assistance of Casey, packed his belongings in a car and left the Casey place and returned to the [REDACTED] farm on September 9, on which date Casey again gave Coleman permission for George Kelly, a Fugitive, to again occupy the cabin and secrete himself on the Casey property in Coleman County, Texas. On October 4, 1933 an indictment was returned charging Coleman and Casey with having conspired to harbor and conceal a fugitive, George R. Kelly. Some few days subsequent to his incarceration on September 27, Casey furnished \$10,000 bond and was released pending trial. On October 16, 1933, Casey pleaded "not guilty" in the United States District Court at San Angelo, Texas, was found guilty by a jury and sentenced by United States District Judge, William H. Atwell, on October

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17, 1933, to serve two years in United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

After Casey had been arrested and was at large on bond he was called as a witness by the United States District Court at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to testify on behalf of the Government in the trial of George and Kathryn Kelly. Upon taking the stand and being sworn he pleaded his constitutional rights and declined to assist the Government in any way. He made two signed statements shortly after his arrest, one of which was an admission that the first statement was erroneous.

WILL CASEY is 30 years of age, an American citizen, married and has three children all grown. Condition of his home life and family is that of an average farmer, except that he is the owner of his own farm, which consists of some two hundred odd acres.

His reputation has been fair, although the Sheriff of Coleman County has known that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On the day after Casey's arrest, the Sheriff instructed [REDACTED]

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The records of the Division of Investigation do not disclose a prior criminal record as to Will Casey.

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made for same.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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

224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
Oct. 19, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: George R. Kelly, with aliases,
et al
Chas. F. Urschel - Victim
Kidnaping.

Receipt is acknowledged of the Division's letter dated
October 11, 1933, with an enclosed letter from [redacted]
[redacted] relative to one [redacted]

In view of the termination of the kidnaping case by
successful prosecution, it would appear that the information fur-
nished by [redacted] is of no apparent value and unless the
Division is of contrary opinion I shall not undergo the expense
of investigating the reported information. However, if the
Division still desires that she be interviewed, kindly so indicate
and the matter will be handled.

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Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY.

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

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al OCT 28 1933 P.M.
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.
KIDNAPING.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

OCT 28 1933 P.M.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Dear Sir:-

KATHERINE KELLY BARNES with aliases arrived in Cincinnati, Ohio at 9:20 P.M. October 17, 1933 in the custody of U. S. Marshal [redacted] accompanied by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] of the Oklahoma City Office, and was met at the station by me, with suitable police guard provided by the Cincinnati Police Department, United States Marshal [redacted] also accompanying us, and she was escorted to the Cincinnati Workhouse, where she was received under date of October 17, 1933. The newspapers carried the account of the fact that she would arrive at Cincinnati, at the time indicated, on the morning of October 17, and arrangements therefore were made for Agents [redacted] and [redacted] to meet the train at Covington, Ky., and proceed into Cincinnati with the officers, who had Mrs. Barnes in custody and in order to avoid the crowd at the Central Terminal here, arrangements were made to have the train brought in on track #4 instead of track #7 without the knowledge of anybody other than the operator of the Central Terminal Station.

Agents [redacted] and [redacted] advised me that during their trip up from Memphis with Mrs. Barnes, they had talked with her at length as to her possible knowledge of various situations as concerned this case, as well as any information which might assist in the location of those responsible for the murders at Kansas City, Missouri on June 17, 1933 and they indicated to me that they believed that she was in the mood to tell them some definite information, at this time and therefore immediately after her booking with the institution had been arranged confidential interview was had with her at the Hospital through [redacted] of the Cincinnati Workhouse and until approximately twelve o'clock of this particular date Agents [redacted] and [redacted] first talked with her, in order to see whether or not she would give us any information as to this and thereafter the situation was again discussed with her, as well as additional

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possibilities of information, and at this time she advised Agents [redacted] and myself in substance, as follows, as to various circumstances which will be set out as related by her. It is to be noted that she was in a very fatigued condition, at this time, and could not recall definitely dates and names, but indicated a willingness later, if she could think of anything to advise us further.

She indicated that the party who operates the Don Moore Hotel, Chicago is a very close friend of Verne Miller, and that there would be a possibility of possibly getting some information as to Miller through this source, although, of course, this party would not knowingly disclose any real information. She also indicates that from general conversations with Kelly and others, it was indicated that possibly Verne Miller and others, who had participated in the Kansas City killings might have been hiding out, for a time, with one [redacted] she not being certain of the name, who has a place at Squaw Lake, Wisconsin, this being a summer resort where he has a number of cottages on the lake, same being in a more or less inaccessible location and it has been indicated in the past that various of the crooks had hidden out there when they were being hunted particularly; that Keating and Holden and their wives were up there with her and George Kelly for possibly a period of six weeks at one time and it would be her opinion that possibly such parties as Verne Miller might hide out, at this place.

She also indicated that Verne Miller has a number of friends in Montreal, Canada, where he spends considerable of his time and he generally hangs out at a cabaret located there, but she could not furnish the name or location of this or the name of any persons whom he contacted and she indicated that a party at Minneapolis, Minn., who runs a gambling place known as the "Plantation", one [redacted] who at one time was a crook engaged in the racket similar to Kelly and others, but since which time he has been out of the racket and is now apparently handling, seemingly legitimate enterprises, and who had gone to New York and had his nose remade by plastic surgery, is very friendly with various persons in the racket such as Kelly, Verne Miller and others and in fact he is a very close friend of Vern Miller and would undoubtedly assist him, if Verne Miller were to call upon him.

She advised that Tom Banks, Minneapolis, Minn., is a friend of Verne Miller and that she is satisfied that Banks probably had something to do with the turning of the money in the Boetcher case; that Abe Kaplan of Chicago and Jack Pfeiffer, she not being certain of the spelling of the name, at Minneapolis, Minn., Pfeiffer running a cabaret in St. Paul known as the "Holly Hock" with Tom Banks, are the so-called "big shots" in arranging for the handling of any paper stolen from banks, etc.; that she, together with Kelly went to Minneapolis to turn some of the money in the Urschel case and that Kelly did arrange to turn some of this for good money, although she can not say exactly with whom he made the exchange, but she believes it was arranged primarily through Tom Banks.

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She advised that she believes Kelly had \$100,000.00 of this money as after they had departed with their share of the proceeds, they were stopping at the Sheridan Hotel in Chicago and she had stepped out for some shopping and upon returning to the room, Kelly had himself locked in and when he admitted her, he had this money lying out on the bed in small brown packages and Kelly said to her "Would you like to see a hundred thousand dollars?" indicating to her that apparently he had that amount of this money. She indicates that she did not see him give Banks any money but it was her understanding that they were going to Minneapolis for this purpose, that is, to have Banks arrange for the changing of the money for good money, and that she knows that Banks did call them from Minneapolis at the Sheridan Hotel, Chicago and ask them to go out to dinner with him; that Kelly knew this party would handle the money as that was the place where all of the gang and others such as Kelly would get rid of their paper, silver money, etc., which had been taken in bank stick-ups; that she would class Banks and Pfeiffer at Minneapolis as being the "big shots"; that at one time they operated a hotel, which is now known as the Admiral and no longer operated by them and that she had seen in this place, rooms filled with various articles, such as dresses, etc., which had been taken by shoplifters who operated under the direction of these two parties.

She advised that she has not seen Bernard Phillips since the time Bailey was picked up in Kansas City; that she has not heard from him since that time; that when she was first married, there were operating together Bailey, George Kelly, Bailey, being known then as Tom Brennan, Keating, Holden Frank Weber and a fellow by the name of "Harmon" known as "Little Charley"; that Frank Weber and Harmon were killed in connection with the Menomonie, Wisc., bank "stick-up", which job was pulled by two men whose names she does not know, but who were brothers; that both of these brothers, at the time Harmon and Weber were killed, were wounded and that they went to Banks at Minneapolis, Minn., who arranged to have them taken care of in their wounded condition.

Later, Kelly was associated with Bernard Phillips and Frank Nash in bank "stick-ups", at this time she living at Kansas City with Kelly and Bernard Phillips and Frank Nash with their wives being located there also; that this would be about the time Nash got out of the Penitentiary; that Nash upon his release from the Penitentiary, went to see one [REDACTED] in Chicago, Illinois, who occupies a position among crooks similar to that of Banks in Minneapolis and [REDACTED] and Banks work in close cooperation, that is when [REDACTED] can not place these crooks in Chicago, in connection with any work, he will call Banks and arrange for them to be placed through him at Minneapolis. [REDACTED] is the party Kelly is supposed to have shipped the machine guns to. He is connected with some theatrical union in Chicago and the general understanding is that he had hidden Keating and Holden for thirty days at the time they escaped from the Federal Penitentiary and later sent them to Tom Banks in Minneapolis, who arranged to take care of them there; that when George got out of the Penitentiary he went to [REDACTED] in Chicago in order to find out where Keating and Holden were; that [REDACTED] then called Tom Banks in Minneapolis and sent George Kelly up there, but that Banks would have

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nothing to do with him and would not talk with him until he received a picture from [REDACTED] identifying Kelly to him.

She advised that, in connection with the latter's operations in connection with bank "stick-ups", Bailey was the "big shot" and he would go out and locate the bank which was to be "knocked over" and thereafter would run the roads for approximately five hundred miles in all directions, in order to lay the ground work for their escape after the robbery; that he would then return to them and tell them that they were ready to do the job; that after they had "pulled" these bank "stick-ups" the paper would be taken to Minneapolis and handled by Banks; that last Winter, the exact time not being recalled, but during the cold weather, and snowing at the time, George Kelly had some paper taken in a bank "stick-up" which he took to Minneapolis in order to have Banks handle same and that she went with Kelly to the West Hotel where Banks maintained an office, Banks also having an office in the Dyckman Hotel, Minneapolis and that she listened to them, that is, Kelly and Banks, talk as to the handling of this paper and Banks said that he would have to call Abe Kaplan and that the following day Abe Kaplan came up from Chicago and George took something out of his bag and gave it to Abe and she did not see just exactly what this was and Abe then gave him some money; that Abe then returned to Chicago on the train, it being possible that he came to Minneapolis by aeroplane; that Abe was a very "swell" dresser and operates usually from a saloon at 1150 Michigan Avenue, which place is undoubtedly owned by him and operated under the name of some other party; that when one of the crooks wishes to contact Kaplan they go to this place and the bartender will arrange for Kaplan to meet them; that she understood Kaplan also has a place on the Southside of Chicago; that when they were in Chicago they met Kaplan that is, during the time just before they were captured at Memphis, Tenn., and Kaplan advised them in conversation that he had to drive a considerable distance out on the South side to his place and that it would take him about forty-five minutes to get there, but she is not certain of the name of the place. Mrs. Barnes advises that she had the addresses and telephone numbers of all of these parties on a memorandum when she was arrested in Memphis, but that she tore them up and flushed them down the toilet.

Katherine advises that she believes that she could write to Kelly and he would send her the telephone numbers of any of these parties whom she might wish to contact, if she advised him she wanted a number for the purpose of having her Attorney get in touch with the party; that Kelly, of course, would send this in code and for that reason she believes he would send it to her; that Kelly usually in writing his numbers of telephones down would write the figures backwards.

Questioned as to who the contact man was at Oklahoma City and how they had located this man, she advised that Kelly had told her that a lawyer in Oklahoma City had made the contact with the finger man in this; that she does not know who this particular lawyer is, but she recalls an incident which definitely places the fact that Kelly had a definite attorney in mind, who handled his matters in Oklahoma City, as on one occasion [REDACTED] alias

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██████ tried to dispose of a car in Oklahoma City and apparently was picked up in connection with same and ██████ called Kelly, who was at her mother's place in Texas and Kelly made the remark he did not see why he should be calling him, for reason that they knew an attorney at Oklahoma City who could be seen and take care of things for them; that it is her opinion that Kelly was introduced by this attorney to Jarrett, the party who was playing cards with Mr. Urschel on the night he was kidnaped and that Jarrett, according to Kelly is the man who arranged to designate Urschel to them for kidnaping and worked with them in this case. Kelly advised that he owed Jarrett \$25,000.00 and that Kelly, at one time, addressed a letter to Jarrett and placed same inside another envelope, addressed to another party with a note that it was to be delivered to Jarrett and that she mailed this letter, which was addressed to Oklahoma City, but she is unable to recall to whom it was addressed and who acted as intermediary in delivering this letter to Jarrett; that possibly this was the Attorney who had represented them in Oklahoma City; that this letter was mailed in Chicago when they were there at the time she addressed a letter and mailed it to Mr. Keenan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General; that she went to the post office, bought two stamps and hurriedly placed same in the mail box, not paying any particular attention to the party to whom the letter was addressed; that Kelly expressed himself as to Jarrett to the effect that he did not see why this party, Jarrett, should be taking such an interest in the prosecution; that it was her understanding from Kelly that he had talked with Jarrett at least two weeks before Urschel was kidnaped; that the arrangement was for Jarrett to park his Pierce Arrow car in a certain way in front of the house which was to give them the signal as to when and if the kidnaping should take place; that when they, Kelly and Bates pushed their way into the Urschel home they made a remark to the effect "Which one is Urschel" and then said "We will take you both" and that they then looked at the billfolds of each in order to determine which was Urschel and which was Jarrett, but that this was only a stall in order to protect Jarrett, as they were thoroughly familiar with Mr. Urschel's identity; that she had written this same information in a letter addressed to Mr. Keenan as to the supposed part Jarrett had in the matter; that her information as to this situation is, as discussed with her by Kelly, who told her of this, at the time they were in Chicago; that Kelly became very incensed as to the remarks in the paper as to prosecuting them for armed robbery, especially in connection with the supposed hold-up of Jarrett; that they took the money off of both Urschel and Jarrett at the time of the kidnaping but that this was only to protect Jarrett in the matter; that in connection with the screen door Jarrett was to arrange to see that this would be open and provided he could not arrange this, they were to call through the window and make him open the screen door, however the door was open at the time they entered; that it is her understanding that George Bates and Kelly met Jarrett, as they were there for two weeks arranging this matter in Oklahoma City and that previous to this time they had been in and out of Oklahoma City stopping as much as two days at any one time and that she is definitely satisfied that Kelly was thoroughly familiar with and did know Mr. Urschel when he saw him.

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Reverting again to the activities of Tom Banks at Minneapolis, Minnesota she advised that she believes he knows more real crooks than any other man in the United States; that he has a number of so-called "set-ups" in Minneapolis through which he works; that the parties who were convicted in connection with the handling of the money at Oklahoma City were only the "fall" guys for Banks, who if they had any of the "hot" money obtained same from and through Banks; that the usual thing for a crook when he returns to Minneapolis is to be sent to some other fellow to be taken care of, if he is too "hot" to remain and that when they were in Chicago Abe Kaplan told Kelly that he knew he was very "hot" but "You can go out with your wife to my apartment and lay out for a time; also [redacted] wants to fix you up if he can help you".

She advises that [redacted] alias [redacted] from St. Louis, Mo., the former flyer, who has had both legs broken in accidents, and a reputed former member of the Colbeck gang, was at one time associated with Kelly in bank robberies; that at this time a party known as [redacted] other name not being recalled, was the leader and there were also associated with them at this time Eddie Benz and [redacted] and the hang-out was a small cabaret known as the "Island" at Burnham, close to Hammond, Indiana.

She advises that Frank Nash, when in Chicago, usually was located around the Don Moore Hotel, which is one of the places that she was associated with him, while with Kelly; that she does not know of any connections of these parties in Detroit and that she never heard of any connections in Hot Springs, Arkansas, but it was generally reported that Hot Springs was a right town, meaning that the law would not bother them; that she does not know [redacted]. She advises that when they were in Indianapolis, Indiana, that is Kelly, herself and her daughter, they stopped at the Antlers Hotel, this being sometime during the past Summer and that it was at this time, there was also in Indianapolis [redacted] and George Bates and they were figuring on a "stick-up" of a bank in Northern Indiana, Bates and [redacted] at that time apparently stopping at the Claypool Hotel. They did not "pull" this job as apparently they got into an argument among themselves. She does not know where [redacted] is, at the present time, as she understood Benz was arrested in connection with the Colfax, Washington bank robbery; that he was tipped off by the police that he was to be arrested but ignored this and did not leave and was thereafter arrested, placed on \$50,000.00 bond, which he skipped and is now still at large as to this; that Benz lives in Tacoma, where he has a sister; that she understands [redacted] represented Benz in this case and apparently had some bonding company sign the bond.

She advised that there is a little hotel on State Street, 745 S. State, known as the Hayes Hotel, [redacted] who is a very close friend of George Bates and that any time they wished to get in touch with the two Eddies, that is [redacted] or Eddie Benz, they would communicate with [redacted] at Chicago and he would locate them for them; that [redacted] when called at the hotel always requested them to call him on his unlisted telephone, as he believed his listed telephone was tapped; that she believes [redacted] has, at

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different times loaned money to [REDACTED], Bates, Kelly and Benz; that she believes he is a very close friend of George Bates and that she believes Bates paid \$1800.00 he owed him with the "hot" Urschel money; that Bates when he was in Minneapolis told Kelly, according to statements of Kelly to her, that he had paid [REDACTED] about \$1800.00 but that he did not know if he could use it, indicating to her that apparently it was the "hot" money; that Bates is supposed to have stated that he just bundled up \$1800.00 and mailed it to [REDACTED] telling him to be careful; that Bates also had a considerable number of friends and connections in Denver, Colorado; that Bates, at one time was supposed to have told her that [REDACTED] was also handling stolen diamonds, etc., that if she wished to buy any diamonds, Bates could get same from [REDACTED] very cheaply.

She advises that Bailey and Verne Miller were only fair friends, but that Miller and Nash were very close friends; that the friendship of Miller and Nash dated back before the time of the Menomie, Wisc., bank robbery; that there was a party at Kansas City known as [REDACTED] who was also working with Miller and Nash and that it was her opinion that possibly Miller recently robbed a mail truck in Denver, which robbery occurred about one month ago, she seeing notice of same in the papers when they were in Chicago, previous to her arrest.

She advises that on the day of the killings in Kansas City, June 17, 1933 she and Kelly were at the home of her mother in Texas and that they drove into Dallas and on this day Kelly called [REDACTED] from the Baker Hotel, to some place in Chicago, possibly through [REDACTED] and at that time apparently [REDACTED] did not know anything about the Kansas City transaction, as no mention was made of it to Kelly; that they thereafter purchased a paper and noticed an account of the fact that Frank Nash had been captured; that George Kelly did not like Nash and in fact had made a remark that he was going to kill him, and George was apparently glad that they had gotten Nash; that on the following day George and her step-father Shannon went to Wichita, Falls, Texas and brought back with them the papers indicating the details of the killings at Kansas City and George Kelly made the remark that he knew Verne had done this or at least he thought he had and that thereafter George was in Chicago and when he came back to Texas he told her that Verne Miller had done the job and that all of the parties, such as himself, were very much incensed over this as it put the "heat" on everybody; that she, herself, did not hear the discussion in her various travels as to who was responsible for this job at Kansas City, but that later in conversation Bailey indicated he was very mad that this had occurred, and at that time Bailey told Kelly that he was "hot" and that Kelly was not to say anything to anybody as to where he could be reached, as he did not want Verne Miller to contact him; that Bailey made the remark that he was over in Arkansas robbing a bank when this happened. Bailey did not further advise just why he did not want Verne Miller to contact him or know where he was, nor did he mention that he was wanted in connection with the Kansas City killing; that George Kelly and Bailey were very good friends and that they worked together most of the time except when George was working with the [REDACTED] outfit or occasionally when they would become separated for an individual job; that, however, these

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various organizations were close enough to each other to know what was going on among the various gangs; that George Kelly worked one job with Verne Miller that is, the Sherman, Texas bank robbery, which was about two years ago; that they were all then in Kansas City, Verne Miller and his wife, herself and Kelly; that Kelly left her in Kansas City at this time and indicated that he was going to Miami, not telling her he was going out to rob a bank; that later he wired her \$400.00 from Dallas, Texas telling her to come to him; that after she arrived in Dallas, she met him at the Adolphus Hotel, and he indicated he had just driven in from Hot Springs, where he left Bailey who was then drinking some beer and at this time he had a lot of money; that she asked him about the bank robbery and he would not tell her; that Bailey and George Kelly had left Kansas City on this occasion, together and Verne Miller had left a few days later, apparently to join them; that Verne Miller was accompanied by Keating and Holden and presumably all joined up before robbing the bank indicated; that Kelly and Bailey drove in her Cadillac; that a party who was associated with Verne Miller in Kansas City at this time, known as [REDACTED] from New York City about whom Tom Banks had made the remark recently that [REDACTED] was now with the Federals and that should she meet him on the street or anything she was to have nothing to do with him, she not being certain as to just what [REDACTED] was doing; that he is a Jew with black eyes, 5' 5" in height, age 33, weight about 150 lbs; that she can not recall his name; that she associated with him some in Kansas City in fact she and George Kelly, together with [REDACTED] and his wife played golf together; that she would be unable to say who was working with Verne Miller at the present time, as she has not seen him since the above indicated occasion about two years ago at Kansas City; Kelly, however told her that he had seen Verne Miller in Chicago when they were there just previous to their arrest in Memphis; that Kelly indicated Verne asked him to go to New York City with him, but that she persuaded Kelly not to go with him, in fact, she indicated at that time she desired to return to Texas to give herself up; that Verne Miller is well known in New York, as she has heard his wife, Vi, talk of the cabarets that they had visited and the people they knew, but she could not advise as to any of these, that she is satisfied that Verne's wife knows where he is at the present time.

As to Bernard Phillips, she advised she does not know where he is at present and has not seen him for about two years; that he has been working with some mob out of Minneapolis and might have been with Verne Miller, possibly having been connected through Tom Banks; that [REDACTED] sent Phillips to Minneapolis for the reason that they had too many men in Chicago and [REDACTED] could not place him; that she believes the wife of Verne Miller is now at Brainerd, Minn., where she has her daughter; that Kelly advised her in Chicago that when he talked with Banks in Minneapolis, Banks had told him that Verne had written his wife a letter to Minnesota from Atlantic City, indicating that possibly he was only passing through and that the "Federals" had this information, according to Banks; that Banks knows everything the "Federals" are doing in Minneapolis; that Banks apparently has an "in" at this place and that she is very fearful that any statements she makes as to this information may go to Minneapolis; that it is her understanding that Banks knew the Federal men

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were in Minneapolis working on the Urschel case before anybody else knew it and that the Federal man was supposed to have let him know on the afternoon that the matter broke, for further details as to this; that Banks has been obtaining this information for years; that he received information immediately that any search was made for Keating and Holden in Minneapolis; that she believes somebody in the Federal Government was giving him this information as to the fact that they were looking for Keating and Holden, as Banks has boasted that he elects the Mayor and others in the city and he is also supposed to have elected the Sheriff in one of the counties, as one time he made the remark to George Kelly, if he wished to go up in this County and hide it would be perfectly safe.

She indicated she did not know who the so-called "big shots" were in Dallas or St. Louis, but that she understood Verne Miller had a friend in Joplin, Mo., a deaf and dumb fellow, whose wife's name is [REDACTED]; that Bailey had some hide out in Arkansas, but she does not know the location of this. She advised that Bailey and Underhill robbed the Kingfisher Oklahoma Bank and that possibly Brady was in on this; that these same parties had also robbed a bank at Black Rock, Arkansas; that they had a hide-out in Oklahoma City where a man from St. Louis has a house and this place was apparently close to where the Urschel kidnaping occurred as Bailey later made the remark that he had missed by just one night being apprehended at this place, when the "heat" was on as to the Urschel kidnaping; that Bailey in talking of this kidnaping advised them that their action in doing this very nearly caused him to be caught at the place where he was stopping. She advised that George Kelly advised her in Chicago, after Bailey had been apprehended with some of this money in his possession, that he had given Bailey \$1,000.00 and he did not understand why he was "damn fool" enough to keep this money on him, knowing from where it came; that she does not believe Bailey participated in the actual kidnaping of Urschel, but that he was at the Armon place while Urschel was being held and that she believes Kelly had Bailey there for the purpose of watching him and to see that nothing went wrong. However, possibly they had in mind to give Bailey additional money when they had the Urschel money changed for good money.

She advised that Kelly made some remarks to the effect that [REDACTED] and Verne Miller had something to do with the killings at Kansas City, Missouri; that it would be her opinion that possibly Phillips also was with them, but that she never heard this mentioned; that as to Phillips, his wife is always with him; that she understood Bernard Phillips was with Verne Miller on some recent robbery in Wisconsin where a bank messenger was held up. She could not recall the details as to the place where this occurred. She advises that if she were placed in the position of desiring to locate Verne Miller she would go to Banks in Minneapolis and that if he could not have Miller come to her, he would take her to Miller, if this could be arranged under conditions different from the present. She advised that while they were in Dallas during the recent past, she noticed where an armored truck in Denver had been robbed and \$33,000.00 obtained and Kelly, at this time, remarked to her that he believed

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Verne Miller had "pulled" this job, as Verne Miller had previously talked to him as to the possibilities of "pulling" this particular job; that she believes Miller possibly discussed this with Kelly when they were in Chicago and Kelly is reported to have met Miller, according to his wife's statements, but this job was about one month ago. She advised that it would be very difficult for anybody to get information out of such parties as Banks and [REDACTED] as occasionally when Kelly would go to see them he would have to wait for two or three days before they would see him.

She advised that the outfit with which [REDACTED] is associated in Chicago, Illinois, that is, the theatrical union undoubtedly "pull" a number of jobs in association with these crooks in order to handle the proceeds obtained from their robberies; that [REDACTED] the head of one of the theatrical unions is a very good friend of Kelly; that [REDACTED] formerly operated the Tivoli Grill at 63rd and Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, Ill., now located apparently somewhere on the North Side.

Copies of this letter are being furnished to the Oklahoma City office, with the suggestion that same be considered in connection with any and all information in developments known to the office, in connection with the Urschel case and that they advise us, if desirable, as to any particular subject matter they wish discussed further with Katherine Kelly Barnes, it being noted that due to the conditions under which this first interview was had, she was not possessed of a clear head, in order to definitely recall dates and circumstances, which may come to her later.

Copies of this letter are also furnished to the Kansas City Office for the same reason.

Copies are furnished the Chicago office for their information and such instructions as the office of origin indicate to you. It is possible that this [REDACTED] is the same who was previously involved with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at Chicago, Ill., and who were sentenced as income tax evaders there, and also associated, to some extent with Al Capone.

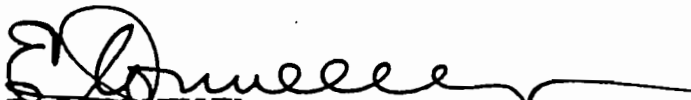
Copies are furnished the above offices and one copy furnished the St. Paul office for their information, all of these going forward under personal and confidential cover, air mail, special delivery, today in order that all offices concerned may advise us as to the significant parts referring to their particular districts and as to any further desirable interview with this woman, as it is believed that she is inclined to be cooperative at this time in furnishing information, insofar as she is able to tell same. In fact she indicated particularly to Agent [REDACTED] when we were leaving that she would be very glad to talk further as to this.

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However, it is to be noted much of her information is based upon what Kelly has told her. She is, of course, very fearful that should any of this information get back to the parties whom she has discussed, they would not hesitate to kill her.

Very truly yours,


E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
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Dear Sir:

RE: George R. Kelly, with aliases,
et al
Chas. F. Urschel, Victim
Kidnaping.

Responsive to the Division's letter of October 11, 1933,
inquiring as to the testimony given by Chief of Police Joseph A.
Lehmeyer of Minneapolis, Minn., in the Urschel kidnaping case, I
beg to advise that although I do not have Mr. Lehmeyer's testimony
before me I am informed he testified that the Minneapolis defen-
dants voluntarily came to his office and surrendered upon being
notified by him by telephone that they were wanted.

It is understood that the Chief of Police came here
voluntarily by plane and without authority of his city government;
also without subpoena, in order to appear for the Minneapolis
defendants. It will be recalled that the Division has heretofore
requested to be furnished with a transcript of the testimony in
this case and as soon as it is received from the Court Reporter
it will be forwarded to the Division, who may then scrutinize the
exact testimony of Mr. Lehmeyer.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin

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