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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 20, 1934.

MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. CLEGG	✓
MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	✓
MR. GAN	✓
MR. QUINN	✓
MR. LESTER	✓
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In reply to your memorandum of March 12, 1934, quoting excerpts of a letter from Special Agent in Charge Jones of the San Antonio office suggesting that Doll be interviewed with respect to an individual known as L. E. Lang, who was referred to in the Urschel kidnaping case, on February 24, 1934 a memorandum dated February 12, 1934, prepared by [redacted] was forwarded to the Kansas City, Chicago, St. Paul and Oklahoma City offices setting out the references to Lang in the Kansas City massacre case.

In connection with the second paragraph referred to in your memorandum suggesting that all reports in principal cases be forwarded to all field offices, this is to advise that summary reports in principal kidnaping cases indicating the modus operandi of the kidnapers and methods of solutions have been forwarded to all field offices. In the Kansas City case, reports covering the basic information as well as reports reflecting a review of the file with reference to individual subjects were furnished to all field offices.

No effort, however, has been made to forward all reports in any of these cases and it is believed that if all of the field offices are supplied with the basic information in principal cases, they will be in a position to intelligently develop any leads which may arise in their territory without being supplied with copies of all reports and inter-office correspondence.

I am of the opinion that the benefits to be derived from forwarding copies of all reports to all field offices would not warrant the expense of such procedure.

Respectfully,

*[Signature]*  
H. K. Clegg.

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Mr. Tolson

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

**St. Paul** FILE NO. **7-8**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minnesota</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-26-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/24/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>[REDACTED] b7C</b>
TITLE: <b>GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, et al CHARLES URSCHEL - VICTIM</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>	
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Officials of the Minneapolis Athletic Club have no idea who may have written letter concerning the Urschel ransom money to Walter Winchell on the club stationery. Postal officials unable to give any information concerning same. Rumors circulating in vicinity of Minneapolis, to effect that Mayor Bainbridge is the person referred to, not verified.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Letter from the Director, dated March 20, 1934.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>As requested in the letter of reference, an immediate investigation was instituted concerning the following anonymous letter which was sent to Walter Winchell of the Daily Mirror, New York City:</p> <p>Letter: (on stationery of the Minneapolis Athletic Club) "Query: "What Mayor of a middle western city accepted a bundle of the Urschel Kidnaping money and can't spend it because it is marked?"</p> <p>Envelope: (official Minneapolis Athletic Club envelope) "Walter Winchell, Daily Mirror, New York City"; postmarked "Minneapolis, Minn., 5, 12 M., Mar. 12, 1934."</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	<b>7-115-1158</b>	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>MAR 20 1934</b>
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Agent was advised at the Minneapolis Athletic Club, Minneapolis, Minnesota, that the writing rooms are supplied with stationery each day and each guest room in the club is also supplied similarly. The photostatic copy of the letterhead was identified as identical with the club stationery.

Discreet inquiry was made as to whether or not any stranger had been noticed in the writing rooms and Agent was informed that nothing unusual has been noticed. The clerk at the desk advised that practically all letters are placed by the writers themselves in the lobby mail boxes. Under pretext the fact was learned that the clerk has never seen a letter addressed to Walter Winchell.

At the United States Post Office at Minneapolis, Minnesota, it was advised that it would be impossible to obtain any information concerning this letter; that the post mark does not indicate the substation or district in which the letter was mailed as all letters are cancelled at the main office. The small figure "5" at the lower left of the post mark is the number of the cancelling machine. No particular individual is assigned to any one machine.

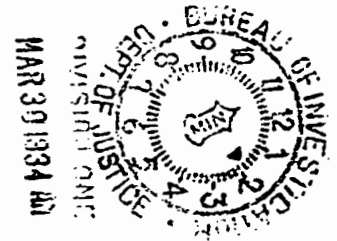
For the information of the Director, during the course of an investigation conducted last August by this office concerning the Urschel case, a confidential informant advised that former Chief of Police Joseph Lehmyer of the Minneapolis Police Department had taken a trip to the east with some of the Urschel money; further, that Lehmyer, a Mayor Bainbridge appointee, and associate of the Berman-Phieffer-Kid Cann outfit, intended to exchange this money in New York City. At that time the New York Division office made an investigation concerning this matter but no information of value was uncovered. Since that time, street corner rumors have been prevalent to the effect that Mayor Bainbridge was the recipient of this money. It is suggest that this letter to Winchell was written as a result of these rumors.

PENDING

420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

March 26, 1934.

Mr. E.E. Kirkpatrick,  
403 First National Bank Bldg.,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.



Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

I am in receipt of your letter requesting that I furnish you a photograph to be used in connection with a book which you are preparing on the Urschel kidnaping case.

I am very much flattered by this request and would be very pleased to accede to it except for the fact that apparently the war on kidnapers is not yet terminated and I think it very inadvisable both from a standpoint of my personal safety and from the standpoint of the interests of the Division, that my photograph be published in a book which will have such wide circulation, as I am sure your book will have.

I am sure you understand my position in this matter, and you will appreciate the reason why I am declining to accept your kind offer.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Bldg  
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GEORGE KELLEY BARNES ETAL KIDNAPING ASCERTAIN AND WIRE FULL NAME ADDRESS  
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1216 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Texas.  
March 27, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
411 U. S. Court House,  
Portland, Oregon.

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, w.s.  
et al; CHAS. F. OUSORHEL,  
Victim, Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 22, 1934, you are advised that Chevrolet cabriolet motor #5126905 has not been registered in the State of Texas for 1933 or 1934.

An alarm card has been placed in the records of the Auto Registration Division, State Highway Department of Texas, at Austin, and this office will be notified if this car is offered for registration in the State of Texas.

The Auto Registration Division only keeps records by license and motor numbers, consequently it is impossible to ascertain if a certain party registers a car unless the motor number is known.

Very truly yours,

cc Division-2 ✓  
cc Oklahoma City-2

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Geo. T. Jones, Special Agent in Charge.
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420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

March 27, 1934.

Mr. Joe H. Jones,  
Assistant U.S. Attorney,  
Dallas, Texas.

RE: Louise <sup>0</sup>Magness,  
with aliases.  
HARBORING FUGITIVES.

Dear Mr. Jones:-

I am transmitting herewith copy of a letter from our Oklahoma City office, advising that Louise Seaton is now in the State Tubercular Hospital at Talihina, Oklahoma.

Will you please advise what action you desire under the circumstances.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division  
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P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

March 28, 1934

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Postmaster  
Portland, Oregon

Re: GEORGE KELLEY BARNES, et al  
CHARLES F. BRSCHEL - Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office it is respectfully requested that cover be placed on all first class mail addressed to [redacted] or any other person living at [redacted], Portland. If at all possible it is further requested that the tracings be forwarded directly to this office from your St. Johns station. Said tracings may be mailed to P. O. Box 709, Portland, Oregon.

Your cooperation in this matter will be very greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

H. A. KING, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

HAK [redacted]

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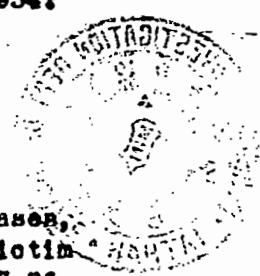


1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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March 28, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 709,  
Portland, Oregon.



Dear Sir: In re: GEORGE KELLEY BARNES with aliases,  
et al; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim  
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-26

Confirming my telegram of today, please be advised that it was ascertained from [redacted] of the United Air Lines Company, 221 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, that the trip from Medford to Portland, Oregon, which brought the plane to Portland on March 21st of this year at 3:30 P.M. was made by a Mr. A. C. Johnson, 531 1/2 Santa Barbara Street, Los Angeles, California, on ticket No. 7193 form F-SK-1. This trip is termed as the Pacific Air Transport trip No. 1 of March 21, 1934.

Another passenger who made the same trip on the same day was [redacted] of the Southern Oregon Sales, Medford, Oregon, who purchased a round trip ticket from Medford to Tacoma, Washington, intending to stop over at Portland, Oregon on the return trip. On the trip to Tacoma, however, no stopover was indicated, and it is believed that the passenger proceeded straight through to Tacoma. The third and only other passenger to make this same trip was a [redacted] Medford, Oregon, whose ticket was purchased to Tacoma, Washington, with a stopover at Portland, enroute to Tacoma.

For your further information, the ticket purchased by A. C. Johnson at Medford was sold by [redacted] an Agent for the United Air Lines. The stewardess who made the same flight was [redacted]

Very truly yours,

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
H. H. PURVIS,  
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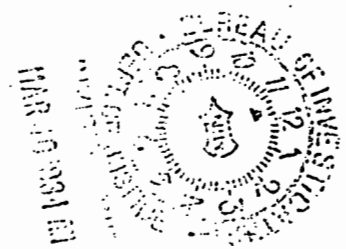
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BOTH CLARA FELDMAN AND ED  
REPLY MACKAY RADIO—USE POSTAL CALL BOX OR TELEPHONE AT-WATER 6484  
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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
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Director,  
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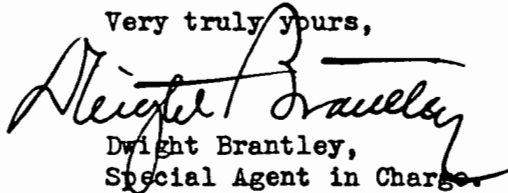
Dear Sir:

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

I have found in the office a straw hat and a shirt which were furnished Mr. Charles F. Urschel by his kidnapers during the time they held him for ransom. I can see no reason for retaining these articles in this office and I am informed they were not introduced in evidence. They consume valuable space, and I am wondering whether the Division would have any objection to their return to Mr. Urschel.

Please advise me in this respect.

Very truly yours,

  
Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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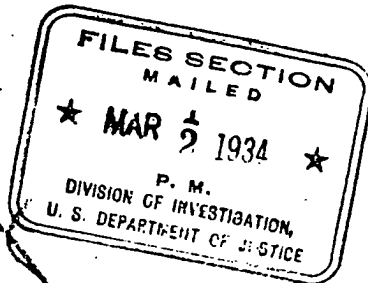
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of March 27, 1934, in the case entitled GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al, KIDNAPING, you are authorized to return the straw hat and shirt, which were furnished to Mr. Charles F. Urschel by his kidnapers, to Mr. Urschel.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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420 Post Office Building,  
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March 29, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

RE: Louise Magness, w.e.  
HARBORING FUGITIVES

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of 3/24/34 advising that LOUISE SEATON is now confined in the State Tubercular Hospital at Talihina, Oklahoma - where she is being treated for tuberculosis:

It is requested that you determine whether Louise Seaton is able to travel to this District and stand trial, if she were served with warrant; or whether such action might affect her health adversely.

Please inform us in this matter at your earliest opportunity in order that the U.S. Attorney here may be advised.

Very truly yours,

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

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Postmaster  
Hillsgrove  
Rhode Island

Dear Sir:

This Office is now making an effort to locate one Ruth Johnson, and one Axel Johnson, who registered a Chevrolet Cabriolet, Motor #126905, carrying 1933 Oregon license plates 101-555.

We have information that one Axel Conrad Johnson, of Hillsgrove, registered a Ford 1925 coach, Motor No. 1133545, registration plates 59673.

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It is respectfully requested that you furnish this Office confidentially any information you may have of Axel Conrad Johnson, who lives at the address in Hillsgrove, particularly as to how long he has lived there, and any other information that might be of value in the investigation now being conducted.

This information is requested for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not this Axel Johnson is, in reality, a man whom we know as Ed. Feldman, who is traveling with his mother, Clara Feldman, and she in turn may be possibly using the name Ruth Johnson.

Thanking you in advance for any information you may be able to furnish me, I am

Very truly yours,

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cc: Div.  
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W. J. West  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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GEORGE KELLEY BARNES ETAL KIDNAPING ED FELDMAN LOCATED MEDFORD OREGON  
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 EXPECTED DEPART FOR CALIFORNIA TODAY/ADVISE RESULT INVESTIGATION TO  
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
411 U S COURT HOUSE BLDG  
PORTLAND OREGON

GEORGE KELLEY BARNES ETAL KIDNAPING MARCH TWENTY FIRST UNITED AIR LINES  
TRIP MEDFORD TO PORTLAND OREGON MADE BY AC JOHNSON FIVE SEVEN ONE AID  
ONE QUATER SANTA BARBARA STREET LOSANGELES CALIFORNIA SAME TRIP ALSO  
MADE BY [REDACTED] OF SOUTHERN OREGON SALES AID [REDACTED]  
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March 31, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

In regard to my telephonic conversation with Mr. Nathan last night, instructing him to call upon [redacted] an attorney in the American National Bank Building, Oklahoma City, in regard to the suit being filed by Geraldine Arnold in connection with the Urschel reward money, Mr. Nathan telephoned me this morning after interviewing [redacted] of the same firm as [redacted]. He offered our full cooperation. [redacted] requested depositions from Mr. Nathan, Mr. Gus Jones, and Mr. Ralph Colvin. I instructed Mr. Nathan to arrange for Messrs. Jones and Colvin to be in Oklahoma City for this purpose Monday.

Very truly yours,

Director.

*Info re. Urschel*

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March 31, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY.

Reference is made to my memorandum of March 15, 1934 concerning Kathryn Kelly, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Grachel kidnaping case.

In the memorandum, above referred to, I invited your attention to the fact that Kathryn Kelly has been denied the privileges usually extended to prisoners and that since her incarceration at Milan, Michigan she has indicated a willingness to cooperate with this Division by submitting valuable information concerning a number of notorious criminals and their activities. She also advised that she was on friendly terms with [redacted] a known associate of Vernon C. Miller who was recently murdered in Detroit, Michigan and who, it is known, was connected with the Kansas City killing on June 17, 1933. Kathryn Kelly stated that she believed if [redacted] was transferred to Milan and they were casually brought together, she would possibly be able to obtain some valuable information in connection with the Kansas City case, [redacted] very likely having such information.

The matter of having [redacted] transferred to Milan, Michigan was taken up with Mr. Bates and he has advised that he would be glad to have her, along with several other prisoners, transferred to Milan, Michigan, the several other prisoners being transferred as [redacted] as not to disclose the purpose and arouse the suspicion of [redacted]. [redacted] is serving a sentence of one year and one day for harboring a fugitive - Vernon C. Miller. In view of Kathryn Kelly's willingness to cooperate and the valuable information which she has submitted to the Division, it is believed advisable to permit her to correspond with her daughter and allow her the radio privileges usually extended to prisoners.

This matter was discussed with Mr. Bates, who advised that he would be glad to have such privileges restored but that he had been ordered by you to deny such privileges and, accordingly, preferred to have the orders restoring such privileges come from you. It is respectfully suggested that you authorize Mr. Bates to allow Kathryn Kelly to correspond with her daughter and to be given the same radio privileges as other prisoners.

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MAILED  
MAR 31 1934  
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RECORDER

7-115-1163  
Very truly yours,  
DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATION  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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April 2, 1934.

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Mr. NATHAN	✓
Mr. TOLSON	✓
Mr. CLEGG	✓
Mr. COWLEY	✓
Mr. EDWARDS	✓
Mr. EGAN	✓
Mr. QUINN	✓
Mr. LESTER	✓
CHIEF CLERK	✓
Mr. RORER	✓

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called from Oklahoma City and advised that the depositions that were to be taken in the Urschel case have been delayed until tomorrow and that Mr. Colvin and Mr. Jones will not arrive until tomorrow morning.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

I talked by long distance to Mr. Nathan at Kansas City this evening. I advised him of the call at my office today of [redacted] Secretary to Congressman Parks of Arkansas, with a letter from R. R. Bell, an attorney located in the American National Bank Building in Oklahoma City, who is representing Geraldine Arnold, a minor, in her suit against the members of the Committee in charge of the Urschel reward money. I asked Mr. Nathan to contact Mr. Bell in Oklahoma City tomorrow morning, furnishing any information in this connection which we can legitimately, and if Mr. Bell wishes, offer to make a deposition, also stating that arrangements might be made for Mr. Colvin, Mr. Jones, or anybody else to make a deposition. I told Mr. Nathan that the purpose of our making such deposition is to tell in what way the Arnolds rendered assistance, and that I feel it is entirely proper that we do it.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

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FILE NO. **7-8**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>KANSAS CITY, MO.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-2-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-24-26-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al Charles F. Urschel - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Edward Doll, inmate U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, admits sending telegrams signed Lang and Ed, mentioned in reference report, but denies participation instant case though admits planning kidnappings with Barnes and Bates. Telegrams in question relate to bank robberies and shipment of money and guns. Barnes and Bates assert no one helped them when they collected \$200,000.00 ransom money at Kansas City.



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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** City, 3-10-34.



**DETAILS:**

In view of the fact that it appeared that George Kelly Barnes would possess more complete data regarding the telegrams set forth in the reference report and inasmuch as he has cooperated with the writer recently, it was deemed advisable to interview him first.

Barnes was interviewed at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on 3-24-34. In connection with the paragraph on page one of the reference report, he advised that it was his custom to refer to persons he did not desire to mention by their right names as "Potatoes" or "Charlie". In the

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same vein he commented that in bank robberies it is customary for the participants to refer to one another as "Blackie" in order that their true names do not become known to the victims. Barnes remembered that he had often addressed Armax Shannon as "Potatoes" while Mr. Urschel was held a prisoner on the Shannon farm near Paradise, Texas. Barnes denied that Homer Wilson participated in the kidnaping and remarked that Wilson knew nothing about the deal.

The telegrams in the reference report are being treated by number in the order in which they appeared therein.

Telegram #1.

Barnes advised that the telegram to T. M. Coleman, Route #1, Stratford, Oklahoma, from Denver, Colorado, dated 1-24-33, was meant for him and was signed C. O. Feldman, and sent by George Bates. The telegram in question indicated that Bates was settled and ready to participate in a bank holdup they had planned.

Telegram #2.

Barnes advised that the telegram addressed to R. G. Shannon, Paradise, Texas, from Clearwater, Florida, dated 2-11-33, signed L. E. Lang, was sent by Eddie Doll, alias Eddie LaRue, and was meant for him. It was for the purpose of establishing communication regarding bank holdups in general.

Telegram #3.

Barnes advised that the telegram to T. M. Coleman, Route #1, Stratford, Oklahoma, was meant for him and was sent from Kansas City, Missouri, 2-14-33, by George Bates, who used the name George L. Davis. This telegram was sent for the purpose of establishing communication regarding a bank holdup which was later staged by Barnes, George Bates and Eddie Doll. Barnes declined to furnish information regarding the locality of the bank, indicating that someone had been injured during the holdup and for that reason he did not wish to "put the heat on them", meaning himself and his associates in the robbery.

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Telegram #4.

Barnes advised the telegram addressed to T. M. Coleman, Route #1, Stratford, Oklahoma, on 2-20-33, signed George, was meant for him and was sent by George Bates. The telegram in question mentions one Frank, who Barnes advised is Frank Hayes, contact man for hoodlums in Chicago. This individual is known to the St. Paul, Chicago and Kansas City offices. The Ed mentioned in the telegram is Eddie Doll, while the Dewey mentioned therein is Eddie Bentz, notorious bank robber and suspected kidnaper. The telegram had reference to bank holdups in general and was sent for the purpose of rounding up the individuals mentioned for a bank robbery at Arkadelphia, Arkansas. It will be noted from the foregoing that Frank Hayes, in addition to acting as contact man, apparently acted for the hoodlums in an advisory capacity. Barnes, however, would not give any information which would implicate him.

Telegram #5.

Barnes advised that the telegram addressed to T. M. Coleman, Route #1, Stratford, Oklahoma, and sent from Kansas City, Missouri, 3-3-33, signed George, was meant for him and was dispatched by George Bates. The telegram in question was for the purpose of establishing contact prior to holdup of a bank in the State of Kansas. Barnes declined to furnish information relative to the holdup.

Telegram #6.

Barnes advised that the telegram addressed to George L. Davis, Will Call, Western Union, 31st and Troost, Kansas City, Missouri, on 3-13-33, signed R. G. Shannon, was sent by him and was meant for George Bates. This telegram likewise had reference to a contact by Barnes, Doll and Bates regarding bank holdups.

Telegram #7.

Barnes advised that the telegram addressed to T. M. Coleman, Route #1, Stratford, Oklahoma, and sent from Kansas City, Missouri, 3-26-33, signed George, was meant for him and was from George Bates. This telegram had reference to looking over a bank at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, which Barnes, Doll and Bates later robbed.



Telegram #8.

Barnes advised that the telegram addressed to T. M. Coleman, Route #1, Stratford, Oklahoma, from Hot Springs, Arkansas, on 3-31-33, was meant for him and was sent by Eddie Doll, he believed. This telegram was in connection with the bank robbery at Arkadelphia in which Barnes, Doll and Bates participated.

Telegram #9.

Barnes advised that the telegram addressed to T.M. Coleman, Route #1, Stratford, Oklahoma, from DeQueen, Arkansas, on 4-2-33, was sent by Eddie Doll. Doll drove the Chevrolet car which then belonged to the trio to Oklahoma City where he met Barnes for the purpose of discussing the bank robbery with him.

In the last paragraph on page five in the reference report it is noted that the records of the Huckins Hotel, Oklahoma City, reveal that R. G. Shannon and wife, and L. E. Lang registered there on 4-3-33. Barnes advised that the registration in the name of Shannon was for himself and wife, while the registration of L. E. Lang was that of Eddie Doll. After discussing the bank holdup, Doll sent a telegram to George Bates at Kansas City, Missouri, arranging for a meeting there. George Barnes and his wife Kathryn, in company with Doll, later drove to Kansas City where they met Bates and discussed the disposal of some stolen bonds taken from a bank robbery.

Telegram #10.

Barnes advised that the telegram addressed to R. G. Shannon, Will Call, Decatur, Texas, sent from Denver, Colorado, 5-13-33, was meant for him and was sent by George Bates. This telegram, which was signed George, was sent for the purpose of arranging a meeting preparatory to to the holdup of a bank at San Marcos, Texas. Incidentally a bank at San Marcos, Texas, was held up by Barnes, Doll and Bates.

Telegram #11.

Barnes advised that the telegram addressed to L. E. Lang, Stats Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, sent from Paradise, Texas, 5-15-33, was meant

for Eddie Doll and was sent by himself. This telegram, according to Barnes, was for the purpose of establishing contact in connection with some bank robbery, which one he claimed he did not remember.

Telegram #12.

Barnes advised that the telegram to R. G. Shannon, R.F.D., Paradise, Texas, sent from Denver, Colorado, 6-15-33, and signed George, was meant for him and was from George Bates. The portion of the telegram which relates to Chicago and finances had reference to some stolen bonds which were being disposed of in Chicago for Barnes, Bates and Doll. These bonds had come out of a bank holdup. The remainder of the message had reference to plans for the Urschel kidnaping.

Telegram #13.

Barnes advised that the telegram addressed to R. G. Shannon, Paradise, Texas, and sent from Chicago, Illinois, 7-19-33, signed Lang, was from Eddie Doll, who was waiting to make connection with him in regard to a kidnaping. In that connection Barnes advised that Doll was to have participated in the kidnaping of Urschel but missed connections.

Telegram #14.

It is noted that the wire in question is a service telegram from Chicago regarding the telegram designated as #13. It was sent at the instigation of Eddie Doll.

Telegram #15.

Barnes advised that the follow up message from the telegraph company at Paradise, Texas, to Chicago, Illinois, on 7-19-33, did not reach him and he knows nothing about it. He says he apparently was away from the Shannon farm at that time.

Telegram #16.

Barnes advised that the telegram addressed to R. G. Shannon, Paradise, Texas, sent from Chicago, Illinois, 7-19-33, signed Lang, was meant for him and was from Eddie Doll. This telegram, he stated, had reference to \$2,000.00 in silver which had been stolen when the bank at San Marcos, Texas, was held up and which he had held for himself, Bates and Doll. He stated that he understood the telegram to mean that he was to forward Doll's one-third interest in the money to Chicago.

Barnes was questioned about whether the correct dates appeared on telegrams #13 and #16, that is 7-19-33, and said that to the best of his recollection the dates were correct. He said, however, he was not certain.

Eddie Doll was interviewed at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on 3-26-34 and gave information substantially as that furnished by Barnes. However, he denied that he had any knowledge of the Urschel kidnaping, but admitted that he, Bates and Barnes had often spoken of and had planned kidnapings. He stated that at the last moment he had always backed out and as far as he knew the kidnapings he had planned had never panned out with the exception of the Woolverton kidnaping at South Bend, Indiana, which has been reported in the case entitled Eddie Doll, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. When his attention was invited to telegrams #13 and #16 he said that he believed the dates were wrong as he did not recollect sending two telegrams on the same date. With reference to telegram #16, reading "Details by air mail souvenirs by express at once." which he admitted sending from Chicago, he said that the first portion was his request of Barnes to furnish him with details by air mail regarding a contemplated bank robbery that Barnes had communicated with him about. The latter portion of the message reading "souvenirs by express at once" he explained referred to two guns which Barnes had in Texas and which belonged to a friend of his. He declined to furnish any information regarding the guns in question. He also mentioned that Barnes was given to understand by the telegram that he, Doll, desired his one-third of the \$2,000.00 in silver which Barnes had in his possession and which had come from the bank holdup at San Marcos, Texas. Doll insisted that all the messages mentioned in the reference report of which he had any knowledge had to do merely with bank robberies and the disposal of stolen bonds, except the last one which has heretofore been explained. In the last paragraph on page six of the reference report it is noted that Mr. Kirkpatrick is under the impression that several cover men were used by the actual kidnapers when he paid \$200,000.00 ransom money at Kansas City, Missouri, for the release of Mr. Urschel. Both Barnes and George Bates were interviewed by the writer

in connection with the foregoing and they stated that but two of them were present in Kansas City when the money was obtained from Mr. Kirkpatrick. As they had previously stated to the writer, they asserted that Mr. Kirkpatrick was in error when he identified Barnes as the individual to whom he paid the ransom money. They advised that as a matter of fact the money was turned over to George Bates while Barnes remained in the car, parked across the street, fingering a machine gun. Both Barnes and Bates denied that Eddie Doll participated in the kidnaping in any manner and say that they alone planned and executed the "snatch."

With reference to the division of the money, Bates and Barnes both stated, when interviewed separately, that the share of each was \$100,000.00. In that connection they state that each of them took for his share five packages of the money which was done up \$20,000.00 to the package.

In view of Doll's former association with Barnes and Bates it does not appear that he would have participated in the kidnaping even in a minor manner, unless he received a major portion of the proceeds. All three of the individuals have often stated to the writer that when participating in a holdup each participant has shared equally. Both Bates and Barnes, however, readily admitted that when they formulated their plans for kidnaping Urschel it was their intention to invite Doll to participate in the kidnaping with them. They claimed that they were unsuccessful in getting into communication with him and for that reason he did not participate.

By referring to the case entitled Edward Doll, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, St. Louis, Missouri, office of origin, it will be noted that Doll has confessed to participating in numerous bank robberies which has been set forth in some detail. Some of the telegrams mentioned in the reference report relate to the bank robberies detailed by Doll.

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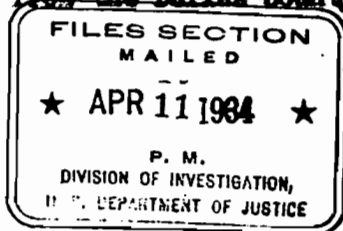
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sirs:

Transmitted herewith are copies of a letter received from [redacted] Dallas, Texas, and a copy of my reply to [redacted].

It is noted in this letter that [redacted] claims to be able to obtain additional information concerning the escape of Harvey Bailey from the Dallas County Jail, and that he also believes that some of the Urschel ransom money was removed from a certain yard in Dallas, after Bailey and Bates were convicted at Oklahoma City.

If you deem it appropriate, in view of your past experiences with [redacted] in connection with this investigation of the jail break of Harvey Bailey, it is suggested that you interview [redacted] to ascertain whether he has any information of value, either in connection with the escape of Harvey Bailey from the Dallas County Jail or the Urschel kidnaping case.



Very truly yours,

Director.

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April 11, 1934.

Dallas, Texas.

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Dear Sir:

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This will acknowledge your letter of April 1, 1934 in which you state that you did not receive the proper witness fees in connection with your attendance at the case of the United States vs. Thomas Hinton and G. C. Beville.

Please be advised that this Division has no jurisdiction over the payment of witness fees and it is suggested that you take this matter up with the United States Attorney at Dallas, Texas.

It is noted that you also state that you believe you can secure additional information concerning the prison break by Harvey Bailey, and that you also believe that part of the Brachal ransom money was removed from a certain yard in Dallas, Texas.

It will be appreciated if you will communicate such information as you may have to Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Building, Dallas, Texas.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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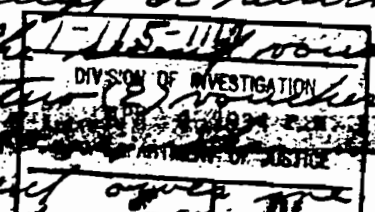
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This letter is in reference to the amount due  
for services rendered the Government in  
connection with the Thos. Manion and G. C.  
Bevill case. The Government issued a subpoena  
for me to appear as a witness, but for some  
reason did not use me. However the defense  
attorneys did use me and my testimony  
is of record. I was held for three (3) days  
as a witness by the Government and my  
witness card was checked each day for  
the three (3) days and as above stated  
I used under the subpoena.

My witness card was checked for the third time  
and it was made in substance that I  
have to wait a few days for the matter  
through Washington as I was to be paid  
one extra day. An extra day for the three  
you would have been four days (7), but  
the voucher came it was for only  
three days. When I did not accept or return  
voucher, along came the 1-115-1114 voucher  
on the third day, making two (2) vouchers.

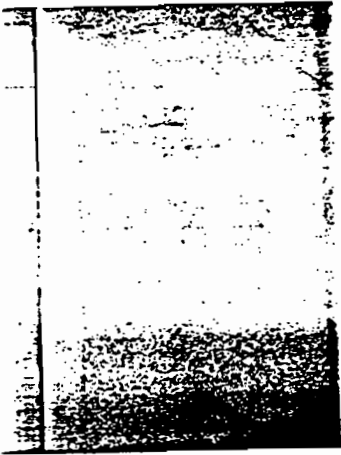
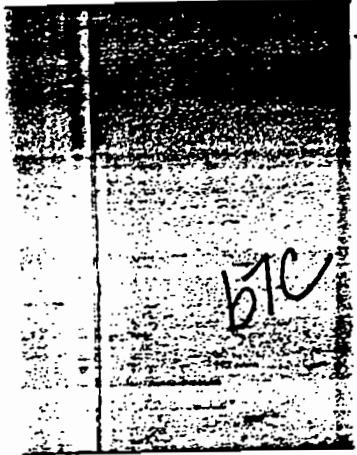
It is the Government's obligation to pay me  
for the services rendered under which I served the Govern-  
ment and you would not hesitate for a moment  
in recommending that the claim be paid.

My Bailey walked out of the Dallas County  
on the morning of Sept. 9th, 1933,  
I my ideas about the affair and I await  
a first clue to break which was the



newspaper announcement of the kind and type of gun used by Bailey, I went immediately to the pawn shop where I had examined such a gun and found that it had been sold and got a description of the man who bought it. It was then that I called on Mr. Dowd, who immediately presented the gun to me. This was on Sept. 7th. 9.30-10.00 P.M. (Please read my report covering the gun.) Mr. Dowd and I discussed the jail break and it was at his instance after I had been presented to Mr. Blake that I was taken to Bailey's jail cell to make an examination of same. I went to the cell with Messrs. Dowd and [redacted] and Mr. Blake appeared for a few moments while I was in the cell. Please bear in mind that such an examination by a man of my training was being made at 10-11.00 P.M. on Thursday morning when Bailey had walked out of the jail at about 7 P.M. on Monday morning.

One of the first things I observed as I approached the jail block corridor was the ease with which the door could be moved to permit a prisoner to walk out, the time being less than two (2) seconds. When I was placed in the cell with the door closed, the first thing I observed was that Bailey had been confined in a "soft" cell and as evidence thereof, there were a number of bars that had been sawed out and welded back in place as a result of previous attempted jail breaks. Bailey should not have been placed in a "soft" cell, that is a cell in which the bars are soft and that may be sawed with ease. The actual sawing time being about ten (10) minutes per bar.





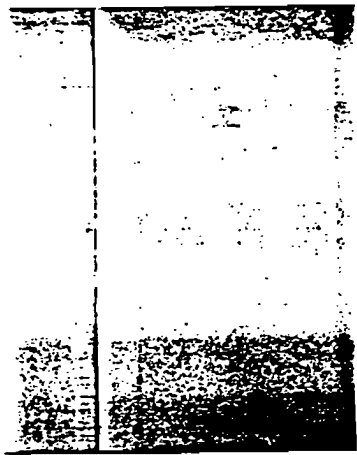
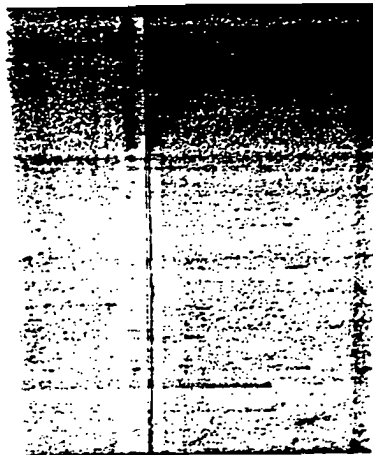
My next investigations were to determine as to whether Bailey was required to crawl thru the opening after it had been cut. Bailey did not crawl thru the opening. Not a question as to whether the opening was large enough to pass his body, but the evidence was there as proof that nothing had passed thru the opening and machinists of my training know how to arrive at such facts.

Like the testimony regarding the sale of the gun to Perill. It doesn't make any difference to me when he might have bought the gun. I am satisfied in my own mind that it is the same gun that I examined in a pawn shop at 709 1/2 Main Street, just a little over one block up the street from the jail. The gun was displayed in the pawn shop window during June, July and August for it to be gone when Bailey left the jail and for the pawn broker to tell me that he had sold the gun I had previously examined for \$8.00. I am reasonably sure that your department has various testimony regarding the gun, that several people identified the gun and there is other testimony that you do not have. That is yours if you ask me to get it for you and a certain gentleman keeps his word to secure it for me to deliver to you. Numerous statements have been made about the gun's condition, that it would not fire, suppose you test it with blanks as I had Mr. Whitten test it with a blank, after the statement had been made that it would not fire.

still being taken to the jail on Sept. 7th, I carried on my investigation the next day for Mr. Dowd, to give him numerous demonstrations of the evidence that I had discovered that day, that was that a Stilson wrench was used on the jail bars. While I was in the jail I learned from Mr. Dowd that the bars that had been sawed from the jail cell had remained for days in the jail building and had never been taken to the Federal Building. It was then that I insisted that the bars be taken to the D. J. office, where I examined them again that day, and it was the next day Sept 8th, that I pointed out to Messrs. Dowd and [redacted], while in one of the local shops in presence of other mechanics that a Stilson wrench had been used. To state facts, the statement was made in substance that there were two (2) wrenches in Menion's desk, but that they "were not Stilson wrenches" but "peculiar looking wrenches". However after a time I was taken into the jail and to Menion's desks for the drawer to be pulled open and for two Stilson wrenches to be pointed out to me. It was then that I matched one of the wrenches to the bars and the indentations to build up the evidence for Mr. Dowd that was used in the case. [redacted] having been employed and used as a witness to testify to the evidence that I alone had discovered, and I have every reason to believe that it would not have been discovered if I had not discovered it. The hook saw blades that were submitted to the Government by a [redacted] were not offered as evidence. They were "soft

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back, "wore" tools: blades, when the pieces of blades that were handed to the Govern-  
 by the Sheriff were "all hard" straight tooth blades. These being the pieces of blades found in the toilet and supposed to have been used and broken by Bailey. Of the numerous type blades on the mark the above types are the farthest apart. In addition to the work done for the Govern-  
 -ment on the 7th and 8th, of Sept. I was given a special seventeen (17) <sup>th</sup> assignment on Sept. 11th. My first work on that day was to make the rounds of some pawn shops with Mr. Whitten. The next day I was handed the pieces of back saw blades, as given the Government by the Sheriff with instruction to find where exact duplicates could be purchased in an effort to find where the original blades had been purchased. After having spent the greater part of the day in such an effort, I was dismissed with the statement that a telegram had been received from Washington advising of the refusal to appropriate the money to pay my salary. However as an individual I continued my search for the source of the back saw blades and to my entire satisfaction. Like the above in my effort to serve the Government, I had certain leads which gave me certain suspicions that a man had been employed to hire a man to put Bailey on the "ground," as the practice is defined in Dallas. Had I continued with the Govern-  
 -ment and even if my suspicions had been ever so strong in one direction, I would have waited at least 30-60 days to see who the gentleman in question



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associated with on the sup<sup>21750</sup> red traps out  
on the highway. Knowing that Manion  
could not drive a car, it would have been  
an easy matter to have placed almost any  
with him and almost anyone could have  
been placed with Beville and in that way find  
out who they were meeting and if they were  
meeting anyone that one man should have  
been the right man - but in Dallas he  
would have been the "wrong" man. I am  
in hopes Mr. Hoover, that you understand  
my political expression, "the wrong man"  
in Dallas?

Who placed Bailey in a "soft cell" with many  
bars that had been sawed before he was  
placed in the cell?

Isn't it well known to your department,  
as I have been told, that Katherine Kelley  
registered at one of our best Dallas hotels  
on or about Aug 20-1933?

Whom did she employ while she was here,  
to employ someone to actually do the  
work of putting Bailey "on the ground"?  
If it is true, she was here on Aug. 20th,  
it must also be true, as I have been  
told that the Government was requested  
to remove the Government guard from  
in front of Bailey's cell on Aug. 26th,  
and on Sept. 4th. Bailey walked out of the  
jail.

Whom did Katherine employ, and if  
Beville and Manion did the work, who  
employed them? If Beville says Manion  
met someone out on the highway, who  
did he meet? This should not be very  
hard to find out. I believe if you will  
assign the right man to the case under the  
right circumstance you could find out.

You may well stand that it is just as easy  
in Dallas to hire a man to confess to a  
crime, as it is to hire a man to commit  
a crime. It may not be necessary to hire  
a man to commit a crime, but there  
is good reasoning that can be applied <sup>21751</sup>  
Dallas that would cause the employment  
of a man to confess to a crime that he  
did not commit. You understand that  
I am not saying that this was done, I am  
only expressing myself of what I believe  
has been done in the past and what  
could be done today and I have a certain  
case in mind that might bring about  
the arrest of the man who is really  
responsible for Bailey's jail delivery.  
I have tried to present this case to you that  
you might understand that the Government  
owns me a fee and should you not agree  
with me at the moment, I believe you will  
after you have reviewed Mr. Dowd's reports  
I don't question Mr. Dowd's reports, I feel  
sure they are complete as to what happened,  
but should they not set out fully the evidence  
as outline was actually discovered and  
disclosed to him by the writer, I will  
gladly make you a report from my  
daily record that you may use in comparison  
and then I feel sure you will recommend  
the payment in full. I know the work  
that I did, its nature and how it was used  
before the court, in the absence of other  
evidence. It was just a case of my experience  
as a specialist that you might weigh with and  
against the experience of the number of men of your  
Department who were present while the Court was  
quashing three (3) indictments the first morn-  
ing of the trial. That is the Court quashed the

first indictment, second and third indict-  
ment as for as they could be brought  
before the Court the first morning of  
the trial. And I have heard a Government  
Official say that the fourth indictment  
was drawn by an outside man who  
work might be compared with the work  
that I did for the Government. My Judge  
that you have my correspondence with  
Mr. Dowd and that Mr. Hood presented to  
you and that you please advise me  
at your earliest convenience.  
Yours most respectfully,

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Dallas, Texas.

It is my belief that two (2) quips of Uncle  
money was removed from a certain  
yard here in Dallas after Bailey and  
Bates were convicted in Okla City.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

FILE NO. **62-876 A**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Birmingham, Alabama</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-3-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-26-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: [REDACTED]		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>PROPOSAL FOR PARDON OF GEORGE KELLY - MAIL FRAUD</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Inasmuch as United States Attorney, Knoxville, Tennessee, declined prosecution and since further investigation indicated no additional facts as to violation, case is closed.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, 3-22-34.

**DETAILS:**

Inasmuch as the report of reference failed to reveal that there was such a person as Link Ellis, an attorney in the State of California, and since no further facts were developed indicating that [REDACTED] had an accomplice in this case or other facts obtained which would be material to prosecution, this case is being closed - the United States Attorney, Knoxville, Tennessee, previously having declined prosecution on the mail fraud statute.

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Department of Justice  
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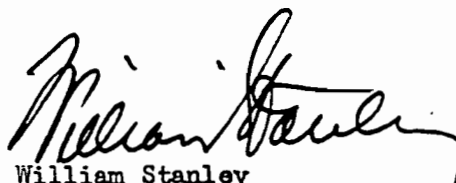
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MR. ROBER.....

*JK*

April 3, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

In connection with your memorandum of March 31st, I advised Mr. Bates a few days ago that I would like to have these privileges given to Kathryn Kelly.



William Stanley  
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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KANSAS CITY, MO.

April 4, 1934

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases  
(Deceased) ET AL  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of March 15, 1934 re-  
question that certain convicts be interviewed at the Federal Penitentiary,  
Leavenworth, Kansas in connection with information set forth in confi-  
dential letter submitted by Special Agent [redacted] dated at Chicago,  
Illinois March 7, 1934, under above caption.

As instructed Special Agent [redacted] interviewed George  
Kelly Barnes at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas on March 26,  
1934. With reference to [redacted] Barnes stated that the former  
used to live in Hammond, Indiana, being there as late as 1932. According  
to Barnes, [redacted] is well known to the Police at Hammond who, however,  
the informant says furnish protection to hoodlums. Barnes stated that  
the identity of [redacted] can undoubtedly be established by checking up  
on [redacted] former partner, one [redacted] who was "put on the spot"  
in Cicero, Illinois last year. Barnes described [redacted] as follows:

Age, about 35 years; height 5' 7 or 8"; weight 140 lbs.; medium build;  
hair, light blonde; complexion, light; characteristics, talks fast and  
is very conical, heavy drinker.

Barnes was asked if he had ever participated in any bank  
robberies with [redacted] and stated that the latter was with him when he  
and several others, whose names he refused to divulge, robbed a bank  
at Hannibal, Missouri on October 21, 1931. Barnes stated the robbery  
netted them \$42,000.00, \$40,000.00 or which was in gold and \$137,000.00  
in negotiable paper.

Relative to the Lindbergh kidnaping case, Barnes [redacted] DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
shortly after the Lindbergh baby disappeared Gus Winkler, in Chicago, [redacted] APR 6 1934 P.M.  
approached him in a very jubilant manner and stated that the Syndicate was [redacted]

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going to get "Lucky", Al Capone, out of jail by recovering the Lindbergh baby. Winkler at that time intimated that he knew who was responsible for the disappearance of the baby and said that by securing the release of the child, ostensibly through Al Capone, public sentiment would shift so that Capone could secure his release from jail. Barnes stated that Winkler did not go into detail regarding who had kidnaped the child, and that it is now his opinion that Winkler was talking out of turn. Barnes described Winkler as an accomplished liar, and in connection therewith related that Winkler at one time told him Harvey Bailey had been put on the spot and had been "rubbed out". Barnes denied emphatically that he had any information pertaining to the Lindbergh kidnaping and voiced the opinion that the crime was not that of organized criminals.

Regarding the statement mentioned in the reference letter to the effect that Mrs. Kelly, or Mrs. Barnes, accompanied her husband to the office of Tom Banks, Minneapolis, to dispose of some of the proceeds of the Urschel kidnaping, Barnes stated as follows: That he "turned" \$7,000.00 or \$8,000.00 of the ransom money in Chicago, but declined to state who handled it for him. A few minutes later he made a slip of the tongue, however, and indicated that the money had been handled by some one he met through Frank Hays of Chicago. He also stated that he changed \$2,000.00 of the ransom money in a large bank one street west of State in Chicago, the bank having no intimation it was handling the Urschel money. Barnes advised that he left \$12,000.00 of the Urschel ransom money with an individual in Minneapolis, Minnesota for which he was to get \$10,000.00 in "clean money". He declined to furnish the name of this individual stating that this person still has the \$10,000.00 which he hopes to obtain some day. Barnes became evasive when questioned about Tomny Banks of Minneapolis but finally admitted he took \$10,000.00 of the ransom money to Banks. He claimed, however, that Banks did not "turn" the money for him and refused to have anything to do with it. He admitted that his wife Catherine had gone to Banks' office with him when they were last in the Twin Cities but denied she had ever accompanied him when he had the Urschel money in his possession. Barnes indicated that he would not cooperate in any way insofar as incriminating Banks or any other go-betweens in the Twin Cities in connection with the Urschel case. His attitude plainly indicated that Banks has a very strong hold on him.

Albert Bates was interviewed by Agent [REDACTED] at the Fort Leavenworth Penitentiary, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and while admitting that he had \$100,000.00 of the Urschel ransom money in the Twin Cities shortly after he received this portion as his share, he denied that he had approached Banks in any matter connected with the disposition of the money. Bates left the impression that he would not cooperate in any way to solve this particular end of the case.

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In connection with the statement in the letter of reference to the effect that Francis L. Keating and Thomas Holden paid \$5,000.00 to an Agent for protection, Special Agent [REDACTED] interviewed George Kelly Barnes, Keating and Holden:

Barnes stated that Keating and Holden told him that during the last part of 1930 Keating was either "fingered" or "made by photograph" while he was eating in Nelson's Cafe, Minneapolis. The individual who observed Keating, a Government Agent whom Barnes believes was connected with the U. S. Secret Service, followed Keating to where he was living and ascertained that Holden was living with him. The Government man then went to what Barnes referred to as the "Town Fixer" and told this individual that he had "spotted" the two fugitives and asked him what it was worth if he took no action. The "Town Fixer", who Barnes inadvertently stated was Tommy Banks, got in touch with Keating and Holden and had them meet the Government man in question. As a result of the conference the Government man and a companion he brought with him and introduced as one of the "C" men each received \$1,000.00 from Keating and Holden. Barnes further advised that some time later he learned Keating and Holden were again "shaken down" for some money by two men he understood were "C" men. Barnes stated that he had no more definite information concerning these incidents but said he was certain the information was true. However, he expressed doubt that either Keating or Holden would furnish any information relative thereto.

Both Holden and Keating were questioned by Agent [REDACTED] but denied they ever paid off a Government man or anyone else in either of the Twin Cities. They frankly stated that even though they had they would not admit it.

Very truly yours,

/s/ E. E. Conroy

E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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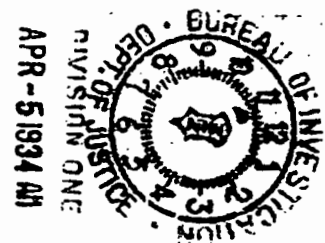
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P. O. Box 1278,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
April 2, 1934

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



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

Dear Sir :

While Special Agent [Redacted] of this Division office was at the State Bureau of Identification, Oklahoma City, on this date, he met [Redacted] Sheriff of Sherman, Texas, who is in Oklahoma endeavoring to locate bank robbers. He informed [Redacted] that he knows a man whose sister married D. C. Coleman, a relative of Kathryn Kelly; that prior to the Urschel kidnaping, this man told him that Kelly and Bailey were involved in a bank robbery which occurred at Sherman; that his sister was at the Shannon farm near Paradise, Texas when they came there and split the spoils from this robbery; that this informant stated that he has known Kathryn Kelly all of her life, and is entirely familiar with Kelly, Bailey and their underworld associates; that he knows where some of the Urschel money is hid; further, that he has the "inside" on the Lindbergh baby kidnaping, all of the particulars and how the baby was killed.

The Sheriff stated that the informant appeared deathly afraid of a leak, and before he would confide the above information, he exacted a promise that he as informant would be treated strictly confidential; however, he stated that he would talk to a Government man with the Sheriff providing the Sheriff knew him to be O.K. and that he would promise to treat the source of his information confidential.

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Sheriff [Redacted] stated that he had intended to confer with Special Agent in Charge Blake in this connection but has neglected it on account of pressing matters. Sheriff [Redacted] impressed [Redacted] as a substantial officer with probably limited experience, and convinced that his source of information was reliable. [Redacted] declined to divulge the name of his informant. He was advised that an Agent would confer with him at an early date. [Redacted] is at the present time in Oklahoma and stated that he will possibly be here for several days. I am passing this to you for appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

All b7C

Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT: BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/5/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/23/34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al. CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: <input type="radio"/> KIDNAPING.

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Motor Vehicle Registration Departments for the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, and Rhode Island, were checked for the purpose of ascertaining whether Chevrolet Cabriolet No. 3126905, maker's No. 6BA03 - 14291, had been registered under the name of Axel C. Johnson or Ruth Johnson. No record of this Chevrolet Cabriolet being registered in the above mentioned states. The names of ~~Axel C. Johnson, Ruth Johnson, Axel Conrad Johnson, Ruth M. Johnson, Ruth Johnson, Ruth H. Johnson~~, appear in the records of the above mentioned states as having registered cars. All have been investigated, and have been found to be residents of long time standing.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter of C. C. Spears, Special Agent in Charge, Portland, Oregon Division, March 2, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

Upon receipt of a communication from Special Agent in Charge Spears of the Portland, Oregon Division, Special Agent in Charge C. D. McKean of the Boston Office, immediately caused inquiries to be made in the registration divisions of the Motor Vehicle Departments for the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, and Rhode Island, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not Chevrolet Cabriolet No. 3126905, Serial No. 6BA03-14291, had been registered by the persons giving the names of Ruth Johnson or Axel C. Johnson at the above mentioned registration offices. This Office was advised in writing by these registration offices that no one had registered a Chevrolet Cabriolet bearing that motor and serial number.

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The Motor Vehicle Department, State of New Hampshire, furnished information that a registration number, No. 33443, had been issued to Axel Johnson, [REDACTED] Berlin, N. H., for a 1926 Essex Coach, maker's no. 407839, color blue, and was issued on January 1, 1934. Registration number 48467, state of New Hampshire, was issued to Axel Johnson, [REDACTED], Manchester, N. H., for a 1930 Willys Sedan, maker's no. 14875, painted blue, dated January 11, 1934. Through Postmaster [REDACTED] Manchester, N. H., it was ascertained that Axel Johnson, [REDACTED], Manchester, had been a resident of that city for several years, had owned property, [REDACTED], and had just disposed of same, and that he was a married man with two children. [REDACTED] said the above mentioned Johnson was Swedish, employed by the Amoskeag Mfg. Co., and to the best of his knowledge had never been out of Manchester.

Through Postmaster [REDACTED], Berlin, N. H., it was ascertained that Mr. Axel Johnson resided at [REDACTED], Berlin; that he was a grocer, and lived there for the past twelve or fifteen years. He is [REDACTED], and is a married man with family.

Automobile Registration Division for the State of Maine, located at Augusta, Maine, [REDACTED], advised by letter dated March 15, 1934, that there is no record of the above Chevrolet bearing that serial and motor number having been registered for the years 1933 or 1934, and no record of Ruth Johnson or Axel C. Johnson ever registering a car of any make.

The Motor Vehicle Department for the State of Rhode Island, located at Providence, R. I., advised that there is no record of Chevrolet Cabriolet bearing Motor No. 3126905, ever having been registered in the State of Rhode Island. They further advised that Registration No. 50433 for a 1929 Ford Coupe, Motor No. 82018363, was issued to Ruth Johnson, [REDACTED], West Warwick, R. I.

Registration No. 42113 for Ford 1932 Coupe, Motor No. 143508, was issued to Ruth H. Johnson, [REDACTED], Pontiac, R. I.

Registration No. 6912 for Chrysler 1928 model 62 Sedan, Motor No. 109955, serial H-570-C, was issued to Ruth M. Johnson, [REDACTED] Pawtucket, R. I.

Registration No. 95116, Ford 1930 Coach, Motor No. A3202077, was issued to Ruth V. Johnson, [REDACTED], Providence, R. I.

Registration No. 39673, Ford 1925 Coach, Motor No. 11335545, was issued to Axel Conrad Johnson, [REDACTED] Hillsgrove, Warwick, R. I.

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Postmaster [REDACTED] of Providence, R. I., advised the Boston Division office that Miss Ruth V. Johnson, [REDACTED] Providence, R. I., has lived at that address for a number of years; that she is unmarried and lives with her mother in a house which they own; that she is a school teacher by occupation, and has been teaching in the Oliver Hazard Perry Junior High School for the past four years.

Through Acting Postmaster [REDACTED] Hillsgrove, R. I., it was ascertained that Axel Conrad Johnson, [REDACTED] that town, has been a resident of that place for the past fourteen years; that he has a wife and three children, the oldest of same being twelve years of age.

Through Postmaster [REDACTED] Pontiac, R. I., it was ascertained that Ruth H. Johnson, who resides at [REDACTED], Pontiac, is very well known to him, in fact, he has known her since she was a baby; that she is employed by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company at East Greenwich, R. I. [REDACTED] further advised that there were several Ruth Johnsons in that locality, but were all girls who had lived there all their lives.

Through Postmaster [REDACTED] Pawtucket, R. I., it was ascertained that Miss Ruth M. Johnson, [REDACTED] that city, has been a resident at this address for more than ten years; that she is employed as a bookkeeper for [REDACTED] Saylesville, R. I., and has never been married.

Through Acting Postmaster [REDACTED] West Warwick, R. I., it was ascertained that Ruth Johnson, [REDACTED], West Warwick, is twenty-one years old, single, and has been living in that section all her life.

No other record was had at the Registry of Motor Vehicles for the State of Massachusetts. It was ascertained that they had no record in their files of a Chevrolet Cabriolet No. 3126905, Serial No. 6BA03-14291, as ever having been registered in the state. [REDACTED] Supervisor of Used Car Registration, advised further that they had no record of anyone named Ruth Johnson or Axel C. Johnson as having registered any make of car.

The Motor Vehicle Department for the State of Vermont advised that they had no record in their files of a Chevrolet Cabriolet, Motor No. 3126905, Serial No. 6BA03-14291, ever having been registered. [REDACTED] stated that the name of Ruth Johnson or Axel C. Johnson never had appeared in their files as having registered any make of car in the State of Vermont at any time.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

April 4, 1934.

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MR. TOLSON	
MR. CLEGG	
MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	
MR. GANN	
MR. HESTER	
MR. QUINN	
MR. TERRY	
MR. WATSON	
MR. WOOD	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While talking to Mr. Conroy about other matters, I asked whether Agent [redacted] had talked to Kelly about the Urschel ransom money being turned over to Banks. Mr. Conroy stated that this angle had been covered by Agent [redacted] and a letter was going forward tonight advising fully about this matter.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 4, 1934

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DB: [redacted] b7C  
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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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

Recently I had occasion to be present when Assistant Director Harold Nathan interviewed Mr. Ernest E. Kirkpatrick of Tulsa, Oklahoma, the "pay-off" man in the Urschel Kidnaping case. During the course of the conversation, Mr. Kirkpatrick mentioned that he is writing a book which will contain the "inside story" of the Urschel kidnaping. He mentioned that the larger portion of one chapter of his book will be devoted to the activities of various members of the Division personnel in this case. He did not mention any date as to when this book will be published.

\* It has occurred to me that in view of Mr. Kirkpatrick's statement concerning Division personnel and their participation, that it would be wise for some Division official to proof read this book before it is published, and therefore, I am writing this letter for your information and such consideration as you desire to give this matter.

Very truly yours

*Wigbert Branley*  
WIGBERT BRANLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*I doubt that such a  
request should be  
made of Kirkpatrick*

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Clyde Tolson.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 3, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

[redacted] telephoned Mr. Cowley on April 2, 1934 and stated that a request had been received from an individual, identifying herself as Mrs. Harvey Bailey, to be permitted to visit Harvey Bailey, now serving a life sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, for his participation in the Urschel kidnaping case. [redacted] stated that Mr. Bates, prior to his departure from the City, had submitted the request to Mr. Keenan who advised that he saw no objection to permitting this woman to visit Bailey; provided, however, that she can identify herself as being his wife. [redacted] requested this Division to furnish him with what information the files contain with reference to the wife of Harvey Bailey. Letter from the Kansas City Office, dated November 2, 1933, in the Kanmo case reflects that Harvey Bailey was married at Milan, Missouri at the age of 21 years to Mattie J. Martin, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin.

Early in November 1933 [redacted] of Harvey Bailey. [redacted] Council Bluffs, Iowa, informed Special Agent [redacted] that Mrs. Bailey is residing on a farm near Richmond, Illinois with her daughter [redacted] about 23 years of age; that a son, Harvey J. Bailey, Jr., was killed at the age of 5 years in Chicago, Illinois by Bailey himself, accidentally, when he ran over the child while backing his automobile from a driveway at his residence.

The above information relative to the wife of Harvey Bailey was furnished [redacted] April 3, 1934. [redacted] stated that the woman who had made the request for permission to visit Harvey Bailey was not Virginia Staples who has written several lengthy letters concerning Bailey.

Respectfully,

[redacted signature]

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

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, w.a.  
et al; CHAS. F. URSCHEL, Vict  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Confirming my long distance telephone conversation of even date,  
I am transmitting herewith copy of letter received from the Portland Office,  
dated March 2, 1934.

Immediately upon receipt of this letter SAC Jones ascertained from  
the State Highway Department, Austin, Texas, that Chevrolet cabriolet motor  
#3126905 had not been registered in Texas for either 1933 or 1934.

In an effort to locate Clara Feldman, the woman with whom Albert  
Bates lived at Denver, it was ascertained she was using the name of Ruth  
Johnson and her son, Ed. Feldman, was using the name of Axel C. Johnson.  
Agent [REDACTED] at Houston, through check of the Post Office, was unable to  
find any mail record of Ruth Johnson or Axel C. Johnson, however, was in-  
formed that two letters had been received at Houston, Texas, one postmarked  
Detroit, Mich., Feb. 19, 1934, addressed to Alex Jackson, General Delivery,  
Hot Springs, Ark., forwarded to Houston, Tex., and one postmarked Toronto,  
Ont. Canada, Mar. 19, 1934, addressed to A. Jackson, General Delivery, Hot  
Springs National Park, Ark., which was forwarded to Houston, Tex.

On April 4, 1934, Agent [REDACTED] was advised that request had been  
made by [REDACTED] of Dallas, Texas, to forward all mail for [REDACTED]  
to General Delivery, Dallas, Texas, and the two above letters were to go  
forward on the night of April 4, 1934.

This information is being furnished you for whatever action you  
deem advisable to take to ascertain the identity of [REDACTED]

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cc Oklahoma City

Very truly yours,

C. R. Davis,  
Acting Agent in Charge.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al  
Charles F. Urschel - Victim  
KIDNAPING

It will be recalled that defendants George Kelly Barnes and Albert Bates in this case stated, while at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, awaiting trial, that in the Urschel kidnaping W. R. Jarritt, a friend of Mr. Urschel, was a co-conspirator with them. It should be noted that Mr. Jarritt was kidnaped when Mr. Urschel was taken from Oklahoma City and that the former was released at a point outside of Oklahoma City while Mr. Urschel was held.

Recently while conversing with George Kelly Barnes at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, Bates admitted to Special Agent [redacted] that the statements set forth above were incorrect. He admitted that Mr. Jarritt had no knowledge of the kidnaping and did not participate in it in any way. Barnes informed that the reason the statements had been made by himself and Bates was that they felt in view of such accusations Jarritt would not be likely to testify against them for robbery in connection with their robbing him of a sum of money the night of the kidnaping of Mr. Urschel.

I believe that in fairness to Mr. Jarritt this information should be imparted to Mr. Urschel.

Very truly yours,

*E. E. Conroy*

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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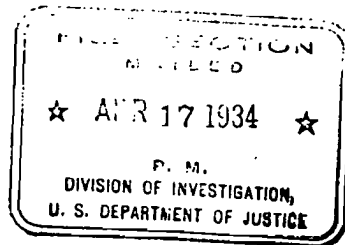
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter dated April 6, 1934, in the case entitled GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al, Kidnaping, from the Kansas City office, a copy of which was forwarded to the Oklahoma City office.

It is suggested that Mr. Urschal be advised of the contents of same.



Very truly yours,

Director.

SPC

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

April 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

At a conference with Mr. Stanley and Mr. Keenan on the 5th instant, the request of [redacted] representative of Mr. Urschel, to visit Albert Bates, the prisoner now at Leavenworth Penitentiary, was discussed. It was indicated that [redacted] had stated he would be glad to have an Agent of this Division accompany him when he talked with Bates.

I stated that I did not see any necessity for an Agent of this Division accompanying [redacted] that in regard to the granting of permission to [redacted] to see Bates; I could see no objection to that from this Division's point of view, provided he did not extend any promises or offer to Bates in the way of a payment of money or privileges of any kind. I stated that I had originally understood it was the intention of the Urschels to suggest to Bates that if he would advise them as to where the \$100,000 ransom money was, they would give him a portion of it, and I felt this Department countenancing such procedure while Bates is an inmate of the Federal Penitentiary would be entirely improper.

Before the conference adjourned, [redacted] came in and Mr. Stanley informed him in substance as above set forth, that if permission were granted to him to visit Bates, under no circumstances should he make promises or offers of money or privileges to Bates.

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J. E. Hoover  
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-10-EM**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Birmingham, Ala.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-10-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-20,22-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al. CHARLES F. OURSCHEL - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Kidnaping.</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: U. S. Attorney, Memphis, Tennessee, advises that in view of the fact that Ramsey has made application for executive clemency that he will keep all indictments pending against Ramsey and Travis on the docket until application has been passed on. On 3-26-34, Tichenor placed on probation for two years.

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REFERENCE: Report of Sp. Agt. [REDACTED] Birmingham, Ala., 1-9-34.

DETAILS: At Memphis, Tenn.

U. S. Attorney William McClanahan advised that subject Ramsey has made application for executive clemency and that he is going to recommend that it be not given; that pending the outcome of this matter he is going to keep all indictments pending against Ramsey and Travis on the docket.

Agent was advised by the U. S. Marshal that Ramsey was transferred from the Shelby County Jail to the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, on March 24, 1934.

DETAILS: The records at the office of the U. S. Attorney reflect that on March 26, 1934, Tichenor was placed on probation for two years in lieu of his sentence to Atlanta Penitentiary for that time. The order placing him on parole stated that this was done for the sole reason that Tichenor is in bad health. Disposition sheet submitted.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: BIRMINGHAM OFFICE, at Memphis, Tenn., will report final disposition of case.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>J. H. [Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>[Signature]</i>	7-115-1177	RECORDED AND INDEXED <b>APR 18 1934</b>
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420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

April 6, 1934.



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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

RE: Louise Magness,  
with aliases.  
HARBORING FUGITIVES

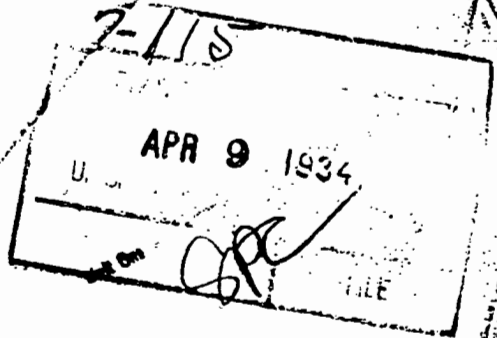
Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter dated 4/5/34 with  
reference to the above entitled case; this is to advise  
that the U.S. Attorney at Dallas has forwarded certified  
papers in this matter to the U.S. Attorney at Muskogee,  
Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 5, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Louise Magness, with alias,  
Harboring Fugitives.

Please refer to your letter of March 29, 1934, in which it is requested that this office determine whether the Subject is able to travel to that District and stand trial, if she were served with a warrant, or whether such action might affect her health adversely.

I do not feel that the best interests of the Division and the Government would be served by making any inquiry of any nature at the institution in which this woman is now a patient for the reason that I believe the physicians and other attaches there of whom the inquiries would be made might inform the patient of the investigation, and she would become a fugitive. It is, therefore, suggested that appropriate steps be taken to have the necessary removal papers forwarded to the Eastern District of Oklahoma, and that Fugitive Complaint be issued, and this woman taken into custody, and that the matter of whether she will be able to travel or should still remain at the institution be left to the office of the U. S. Marshal.

Please advise me in the premises.

Very truly yours,

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DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.  
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April 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY.

On March 30, 1934, [redacted], Secretary to Congressman Parks, of Arkansas, called and left with me the attached correspondence received by the Congressman from Stuart, Ball and Ledbetter, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. It has reference to the desire of this law firm to obtain a statement from us concerning the services rendered by the Arnolds in connection with the capture of Machine Gun Kelly. I informed [redacted] that I would not be able to make the statement desired by these attorneys because I did not have first-hand knowledge of the information sought, but that I would arrange for Mr. Nathan, who was at that time in Oklahoma City, to meet the attorneys and to arrange to have Special Agent in Charge Colvin and Special Agent in Charge Jones proceed to Oklahoma City for the purpose of making any statement which the attorneys desired upon the facts in this matter. Appropriate instructions were issued to Mr. Nathan, and I understand that the matter was satisfactorily adjusted.

Very truly yours,

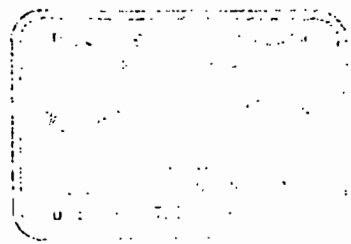
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 9, 1934.

MR. NATHAN	.....
MR. TOLSON	.....
MR. CLEGG	.....
MR. HAWLEY	.....
MR. EDWARDS	.....
MR. EGAN	.....
MR. QUINN	.....
MR. LESTER	.....
CHIEF CLERK	.....
MR. TRUBER	.....

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In accordance with instructions, on April 3, at Oklahoma City, I made an appearance at the offices of Ledbetter, Stewart, Bell and Ledbetter, attorneys of that city, for the purpose of submitting to questions in the matter of depositions being taken in the suit of Geraldine Arnold against Mr. Colquitt, the fellow-committeeman who offered a reward of \$15,000.00 for the capture of George and Kathryn Kelly. I was accompanied by Agent in Charge Jones of San Antonio and Agent in Charge Colvin of El Paso.

Upon arrival at Oklahoma City on March 31, I had conferred with Mr. Ledbetter, Mr. Bell being ill, who had advised me of the purpose of the depositions. I explained to him the desire of the Director to be of every possible assistance and stated that I would see that Messrs. Jones and Colvin came to Oklahoma City for the purpose of submitting depositions as to their knowledge of this matter. An attempt was made to have this done on Monday, April 2, but the attorney for the committee was not able to be present at that time. It was decided that Mr. Jones would not go on the stand, the reason being that he was acquainted with the earlier negotiations with the Arnold family but was not present at the time the Arnold girl came from Fort Worth to Oklahoma City, at which time she was interviewed by Mr. Colvin and myself. Apparently the Arnold claimants are not particularly interested in the facts developed at the initiation of these proceedings, but only desire data indicating the arrival of the girl in Oklahoma City and the information given which had been of possible assistance in locating George and Kathryn Kelly.

Mr. Colvin was put on the stand first and was questioned relative to the ascertaining by the Oklahoma City office of the prospective arrival of the Arnold girl, her being met under cover at Oklahoma City and the interview with the girl in the presence of her father and mother at Colvin's apartment by Colvin and myself on the night of September 25. I followed Colvin on the stand, corroborating statements made by him in great part. It was brought out that while Colvin and I were questioning the girl and she had given us information to the effect that she had been in Memphis, describing the individuals at whose house George and Kathryn Kelly had stayed with her, a telephone call had come from Blake at Dallas, transmitting information secured by police officers upon Blake's instructions, who had examined a record of telegrams sent. This latter information gave the address of a garage to which

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a telegram was sent by the man accompanying the Arnold girl at the same time as the telegram was sent telling of the prospective arrival of the girl. The telegram sent to Memphis by this man gave the name and specific address. The Arnold girl's information showed the town in which George and Kathryn Kelly were and the general location.

The foregoing will be the points at issue at the trial. We were cross-examined by Mr. Hyde, formerly United States Attorney at Oklahoma City, who represents the Urschel interests or that of the committee. Mr. Jones, as stated, did not testify. It was necessary for me, during the questioning by the attorneys for the girl, in which Mr. Colvin was asked for his opinion as to the value of the girl's assistance, to state that the Director desired that all possible information be given as to the facts at our command, but that no opinions be vouchsafed. It was also necessary for me to stop Colvin from replying to a question from Mr. Hyde in which Colvin had been asked as to the motives of Arnold for first agreeing to assist the Agents of the Division.

Mr. Bell and all of the attorneys expressed their appreciation of the action of the Director in sending us to Oklahoma City. In addition to the above mentioned law firm the Arnold girl is represented by a Mr. Burke, of Dallas, Texas.

Very truly yours,

*H. Nathan*  
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April 10, 1934.

Secretary to Hon. Tilman B. Farks,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear [redacted]

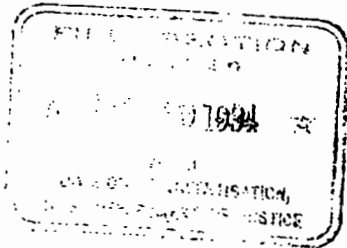
With reference to your recent call at the office, I have since talked with Mr. Nathan, and he informs me that Mr. Jones and Mr. Colvin had a conference with Mr. Bell, of the firm of Stuart, Bell and Ledbetter, concerning the services rendered by the Arnold family in bringing about the apprehension of George Kelly. Mr. Nathan states that he believes the statements furnished to these attorneys are what they were seeking, and if you have any word to the contrary, and will let me know, I will be glad to see that every assistance and courtesy are extended in this matter.

I trust that you are enjoying the best of health, and with all good wishes, I am

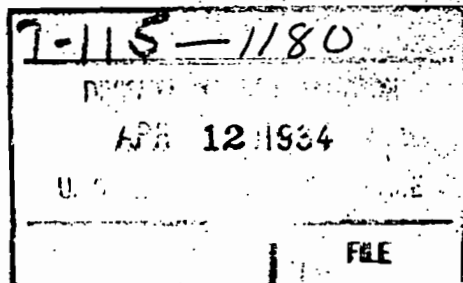
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
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U. S. Marshal,  
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I am informed that very shortly a fugitive complaint will be handed to you by the United States Attorney, calling for the arrest of Louise Magness, alias Louise Seaton, who presently is a patient in the State Tubercular Hospital at Talihina, Oklahoma.

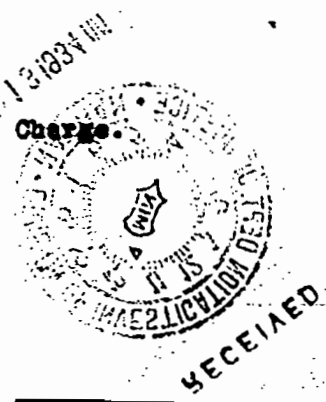
This woman is wanted in the Northern District of Texas.

I shall thank you very much to inform me immediately when this person is taken into custody, as I desire to have an Agent of this office interview her.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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April 9, 1934

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Hon. W. F. Rampendahl,  
United States Attorney,  
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

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Dear Sir:

Re: LOUISE MAGNESS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE; HARBORING FUGITIVES

The above-named defendant has been indicted in the Northern District of Texas for harboring a person for whom a warrant of arrest has been issued. I am informed by our Dallas Office that the United States Attorney at Dallas, Texas has forwarded to you certified papers in this matter, seeking the removal of this woman to the Texas jurisdiction.

Investigation by this office has disclosed that this woman, probably under the name of Louise Seaton, is a patient in the State Tubercular Hospital at Talihina, Oklahoma, where she is undergoing treatment for tuberculosis.

It is kindly requested that the necessary fugitive warrant be prepared by your office and the same placed in the hands of the U. S. Marshal for service. I shall appreciate it very much if you will inform me when this woman is taken into custody, as I desire to have an Agent of this office interview her.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
March 29, 1934.

AIR MAIL.

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

Mr. NATHAN	_____
Mr. TOLSON	_____
Mr. CLEGG	_____
Mr. COWLEY	_____
Mr. [unclear]	_____
Mr. EGAN	_____
Mr. QUINN	_____
Mr. LESTER	_____
Mr. CLEGG	_____
Mr. HOPPER	_____

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases et al.  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. S.L. File 7-10.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto you will find a copy of my letter dated March 29th, 1934, to the Chicago Division office, concerning the possible whereabouts of Albert Bates' share of the ransom money paid in the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping case. You may wish to give this your study and issue special instructions to the Chicago Division office as to procedure.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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3034 U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
March 29, 1934.

AIR MAIL.

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

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases et al.  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - S.I. File 7-10.

Dear Sir:

On a recent occasion when Special Agent [redacted] of this office conferred with [redacted] and a person who has, since the commission of the Kansas City Massacre, furnished considerable valuable information to the Division, [redacted] inquired of Agent [redacted] if this Division was interested in locating the \$72,000.00 ransom money received by Albert Bates as his share in the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping case. [redacted] stated that he received straight information as to who has Bates share of this money at this time, and [redacted] inquired of Agent [redacted] what could be done in his, [redacted] interest, in the event the money was recovered. Agent [redacted] told him that no promises could be made, but that this Division would very much like to have the information, whereupon [redacted] stated that Frank Hayes of Chicago, Illinois, whose name he has mentioned in connection with various matters in the past, and who is very well known to all the major criminals, as well as the police, has Bates share of the ransom money buried at the present time. [redacted] states that Frank Hayes operates a hotel on the 600 block, on South State Street, and that his hotel is a well known hide out for gangsters. [redacted] stated that Frank Hayes was his [redacted] friend, and a very close friend of Albert Bates, and the man who really broke Albert Bates into the racket, and in whom Bates has the greatest confidence. [redacted] stated that it would be no good to see Hayes openly, but that he (Hayes) should be taken to the country and told that he has the \$72,000.00 and "unless he turns it over he would not go back". [redacted] stated that this information to the effect that Hayes has Bates' share of the ransom money, is straight, and that Hayes would pass over the money if the plans suggested by [redacted] were followed.

I wish to say that I recently stopped at the Kansas City Division office while returning from the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, to which institution I, with others, returned Gordon Francis Alcorn from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Agents [redacted] and [redacted] who are assigned to the Kansas City

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Massacre case, told me that they are now of the opinion that the information originally furnished by [redacted] to Agent [redacted] of this office, as it relates to the Kansas City Massacre, and the persons involved in that case, seems to be the most accurate information thus far furnished, and it is probable that the information [redacted] has furnished concerning the presence of Bates' share of the ransom money in the Urshel case is equally good, and carefully and well laid plans should be made, directed against Hayes, for the purpose of learning if he has Bates share of the ransom money.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JAD [redacted]  
cc - Division ✓  
cc - Oklahoma City.

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TILMAN B. PARKS  
7TH DIST. ARKANSAS

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

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MR. EDWARDS	_____
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April 11, 1934

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,  
Division of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your letter with reference to the matter of the reward for the apprehension of George Kelly has been received.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your very great consideration in this matter.

When I can be of service to you please command me.

With best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely,

*Tilman B. Parks*

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY.**

E.P. FILE NO. **7-7.**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>El Paso, Tex.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-11-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4-10-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>R. H. Colvin.</b>
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al; CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No further leads in this district.

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REFERENCE: Report R.H.Colvin, El Paso, Tex., 2-28-34, and letter from Portland office dated 3-2-32.

DETAILS:

Modus operandi report having been prepared and forwarded to all offices and the matters covered in letter of reference having been attended to, there are no further leads outstanding in this district and the matter is:

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>R.H. Colvin</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1173	RECORDED AND INDEXED: APR 14 1934
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Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

[redacted] of the local office of the William J. Burns International Detective Agency, recently called at this office and conferred with Acting Special Agent in Charge M. C. Spear relative to the possibilities of interviewing ALBERT BATES, presently incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, in connection with his sentence in the Urschel kidnaping case.

[redacted] explained that one Sam Lynch had been convicted of robbing the Railway Express Agency office at Tacoma, Washington, on March 26, 1932, and it is believed that possibly the actual perpetrator of the robbery was Albert Bates or his associates. In view of this belief the Burns Detective Agency is interested in interviewing Albert Bates to ascertain whether he may have committed the crime at Tacoma, Washington, or may know of the individual who did commit the crime.

At Agent Spear's request [redacted] confirmed his conversation by letter and three copies of [redacted] letter, dated April 3, 1934, together with three copies of each enclosure, are being transmitted herewith to the Division, the enclosures being a letter written by Henry Clay Agney, Attorney, Seattle, Washington, to the Burns Detective Agency, Seattle, under date of January 26, 1934; a letter written by the same attorney on the same date to Alfred Bates, Leavenworth Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and a letter written by United States Attorney Anthony Savage, Seattle, Washington, to the Warden of the Leavenworth Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, under date of January 27, 1934.

These enclosures are being transmitted herewith in order that they may be referred to the Department for an opinion on this matter. The same are being transmitted through the Division office in view of the fact that [redacted] upon calling at this office, indicated that it might be possible for an Agent of this Division to interview Albert Bates

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relative to the matter in question and the substance of the information obtained by the Agent thereafter being furnished to the Burns Detective Agency. In the latter connection the Division is advised that Special Agent [REDACTED] of this office, has interviewed Bates at the penitentiary and also had occasion to know him somewhat while Agent [REDACTED] was engaged in Oklahoma City in connection with the Urschel kidnaping trial. It was thought the Division might possibly desire to have Agent [REDACTED] interview Bates rather than a representative of the Burns Detective Agency and the information obtained thereafter be turned over to the Burns Detective Agency, in the event such procedure met with the approval of the Department.

It is respectfully requested that the Kansas City office be advised as to the Division's desires in this matter.

Very truly yours,



E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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April 19, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Suite L, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

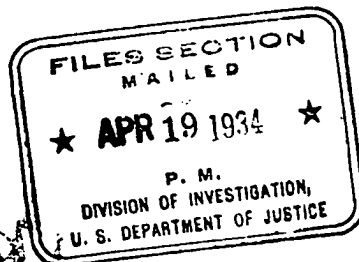
The Division has received your letter of April 13, 1934 and enclosures with reference to the request of [redacted] of the Kansas City Office of the William J. Burns International Detective Agency, that arrangements be made either for him or an agent of the Division to interview Albert Bates at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, for information concerning the robbery of the Railway Express Agency office at Tacoma, Washington on March 26, 1932.

In the absence of any information that [redacted] was refused permission by the officials at the Penitentiary to interview Albert Bates, the Division does not believe it advisable to submit the matter to the Department. It may be that [redacted] would be afforded such an opportunity, in which event it would not be necessary for the Division to intervene in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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WILLIAM J. BURNS

INTERNATIONAL DETECTIVE AGENCY, INC.

1201 Fidelity Bank Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

April 3, 1934

Mr. M. C. Spear, Agent in Charge,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
9th & Grand Avenue,  
Kansas City, Missouri:-

Dear Mr. Spear:-

Several days ago the writer called on you in reference to interviewing one Alfred Bates, an inmate of the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth.

The object in interviewing Bates, as was explained, is to ascertain if he is guilty of robbing the Railway Express Agency office in Tacoma, Washington on the morning of March 26th, 1932, for which crime one Sam Lynch has been convicted.

At the time the writer called on you stated if we would mail you copies of correspondence pertaining to this matter you would take it up with the Attorney General and ask his permission to have one of your Agents interview Bates along the lines mentioned.

We enclose you herewith duplicate copies of letter addressed to our Seattle office by Attorney ~~Henry Clay Agnew~~ who is representing Sam Lynch and his relatives; letter dated January 26th, 1934; also letter dated January 26th, 1934 addressed to Alfred Bates by Attorney H. C. Agnew; also letter dated January 27th addressed to the Warden of the Leavenworth Penitentiary by U. S. Attorney Anthony Savage of Seattle, Washington.

If you can secure authority from the Attorney General to have one of your Agents interview Bates for purpose outlined above and give us or either U. S. Attorney Anthony Savage or Attorney H. C. Agnew the result of such interview we will be glad to reimburse your Agent for any expense incidental thereto.

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Thanking you for past favors,

Yours very truly,

The William J. Burns International  
Detective Agency.

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7-115-1174 (Signed) [REDACTED]

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Henry Clay Agnew  
Attorney at Law

1815 Smith Tower  
Seattle

January 26th, 1934

Alfred Bates,  
Leavenworth Penitentiary,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

My client, Sam Lynch, has been convicted in Tacoma and sentenced to not less than eight years for robbery. He was accused of the robbery of the Railway Express Agency, 102 South Twelvth St., Tacoma, Washington on March 26th, 1932.

He was convicted on one identification in spite of a strong alibi. I believe that his previous record, coupled with the fact that he had been tried for the Hannibal, Missouri, bank robbery, caused the conviction. I have personally dealt with the alibi witness that testified on his behalf to such an extent that I feel that I absolutely know that he is innocent.

His case is now on appeal and I have been making an investigation. I found from information given to me by police officials that you, in company with one Benz, came to Tacoma shortly before March 6th, 1932 and rented a place on the outskirts of Tacoma, and that one or the other of you was involved in an automobile accident at about that time. Police officers gave me further information which indicated that both of you had in other cities been somewhat interested in Railway Express Agencies and their money orders. I had occasion to see your picture shown at a theater and noticed that you bear a striking facial resemblance to Sam Lynch. This resemblance is so close that it might result in confusing between you.

You are doing a life sentence now and if you are guilty of this Tacoma robbery I think you should clear it up. However, if you are not guilty of it do not make any attempt to help us by trying to assume guilt. In such event you would not be able to answer questions as to details of the robbery and in the long run such an attempt would hurt us. Sam Lynch is a good boy and any information that you can give that will help him out will be greatly appreciated.

The Burns people who will call to visit you in this matter, are employed and paid at my suggestion by Sam's sister.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) H. C. Agney

Henry Clay Agney

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~~HENRY CLAY AGNEW~~  
Attorney at Law

~~1815 Smith Tower~~  
Seattle.

January 26th, 1934

Burns Detective Agency,  
Vance Building,  
Seattle, Washington.

Gentlemen:-

At my suggestion, [REDACTED] has employed you to interview Alfred Bates at Leavenworth Penitentiary. Sam Lynch stands convicted of robbery in Tacoma. We believe that the robbery was really committed by Bates.

On the morning of March 26th at approximately 9:30 a lone gunman came into the office of the Railway Express Company, 102 South Twelfth Street, Tacoma, Washington. [REDACTED] was the only person in the office at that time. The man asked him if there was a shipment from Spokane there for him, giving the name [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] searched through the record cards and when he raised his head to notify him that there was nothing there, he found himself covered with a gun. The gun was an automatic and looked like a 32 or 38. The man stood at about the center of the counter. He said, "get the money and get it quick". [REDACTED] started inside the cage and the man started after him and went inside with him. [REDACTED] handed him the till part of the cash drawer and laid the currency on top of it. After he did this the gunman told [REDACTED] to lay down facing the wall. Just then a Western Union messenger boy, who had previously been called, came in and was also told to lay down. The man then emptied the till and looked around the office for a very short time and then escorted both messenger boy and [REDACTED] to the lavatory and locked them in. The man must have had a skeleton key because there was no key in the door. The amount of money taken was \$83.90.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were taken to the police station on the Monday following this Saturday and were there shown Lynch's picture and told that they had arrested the man who committed the robbery in Seattle and that this was his picture. The two were then taken to Seattle after carefully studying the picture and picked Mr. Lynch out of a line of men.

Bates is about Lynch's build and has a striking facial resemblance. Bates and a man named Benz came to Tacoma a short time before this robbery and rented a place on the outskirts of Tacoma.

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They have both been identified as perpetrating several Railway Express Agency holdups in other cities. They have both been identified as perpetrating the Bremerton bank robbery in June 1932 and the Colfax bank robbery in September, 1932. There has been evidence that the house on the outskirts of Tacoma was used as headquarters for both for several months and that during the latter part they were joined by Machine Gun Kelley at this headquarters. I believe Benz, when arrested, had possession of some Railway Express Agency money orders that had been taken in a holdup.

If this holdup was committed by Bates he will naturally have forgotten many of the small details that I have given you, but he should, however, remember enough of them so that you can readily tell whether or not he is telling you the truth. No one has approached him about this matter at our instance and he does not know Sam Bates.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) H. C. Agney,

Henry Clay Agnew

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
United States Attorney  
Western District of Washington

Seattle, Washington,  
January 27th, 1934

Warden  
Leavenworth Penitentiary  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Sir:-

If you can possibly do so without injuring the discipline of your institution I request that you permit [redacted] of the Burns Detective Agency of Kansas City the privilege of interviewing Mr. Alfred Bates. It appears that one Sam Lynch, whose father is a retired federal employe and a very good friend of mine, has been convicted in the state of Washington for the crime of robbery and sentenced to serve a term of eight to twenty years. It likewise appears that Alfred Bates and his gang were operating in the Pacific Northwest about the time this particular crime was committed. It seems that there is considerable resemblance between Sam Lynch and one of the Bates gang and that the conviction of Lynch may have been secured on the basis of mistaken identity. It is in an effort to clear up this matter that Lynch's father has employed the Burns Agency to contact Bates if possible and have an interview with him respecting the facts of the crime above mentioned.

I would greatly appreciate any courtesy which you can extend to [redacted]

Respectfully,

(Signed) Anthony Savage

United States Attorney

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P. O. Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 13, 1934

MR. NATHAN	
MR. TOLSON	✓
MR. LADD	
MR. CLEGG	
MR. WILEY	
MR. HARBO	
MR. BLAN	
MR. QUINN	
MR. LESTER	
CHIEF CLERK	
MR. ROBER	

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

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

Dear Sir :

Mr. Charles F. Urschel, the victim in this case, has expressed a desire that we turn over to him the thermos jug used by subject Kelly in burying a part of the ransom money obtained in this case.

Please advise me whether it will be agreeable to the Division for me to turn this article over to Mr. Urschel.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Answer  
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Mr. Dwight Brantley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

APR 21 1934 AM  
DIVISION ONE  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dear Mr. Brantley:-

The Division has received your letter of April 13th concerning the desire of Mr. Charles F. Urschel to receive the thermos jug used in burying a part of the ransom money obtained in the Urschel Kidnaping Case.

Please be advised that this jug has been made a part of a permanent exhibit in the Department of Justice here at Washington and in view of the fact that it is a part of an exhibit which is of nation-wide interest, the Division believes that the jug should remain here and should not be returned to Mr. Urschel. It is felt that Mr. Urschel will agree with you that the jug should remain here if you will advise him along the lines indicated with respect to it.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

April 3, 1934.

Mr. NATHAN	.....
Mr. TOLSON	.....
Mr. CLEGG	.....
Mr. COWLEY	.....
Mr. CLARKE	.....
Mr. EGAN	.....
Mr. QUINN	.....
Mr. LESTER	.....
CHIEF CLERK	.....
Mr. BORER	.....

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called from Oklahoma City to advise that they had just finished with the depositions in the Urschel case; that they took depositions from Mr. Colvin and himself, but not from Mr. Jones, although Mr. Jones was there; that they just wanted to know what they knew about the Arnold episode, particularly the latter part of it in connection with the information she gave; that they started to ask the question as to what would happen if we had not gotten the information and he told them they would have to decline to give any opinions at all; that they were there just to give facts as to what they knew; that they said that that was all right. Mr. Nathan advised that the Urschels were there.

Mr. Nathan stated that he had been unable to secure any more information relative to the "leak"; that he has interviewed all of the parties involved and they all denied that they knew anything about the latent prints prior to the newspaper story; that [redacted] has told about seven different stories and that he is of the opinion that they are all lying. Mr. Nathan stated that he was positive in his own mind that Agent [redacted] had given the information out, but that it would be difficult to prove. Mr. Nathan stated that he interviewed [redacted] the assistant to [redacted] last night, and [redacted] did not even know what a latent print was. He stated that there were one or two minor undeveloped leads that he is sending out but he does not believe anything will come of them. He stated that he has just about completed in Oklahoma City and unless advised to the contrary will leave there tonight for New York.

Respectfully,

*S.P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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Dallas, Texas  
April 15-1934

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,  
Dept. of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

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With reference to the second paragraph of your letter, please allow me to state that your department owes me a fee in addition and separate from the witness fee which comes under the jurisdiction of the U. S. Atty. This fee is for expert services rendered the Government in investigating the jail delivery at the instance of Mr. Doud and with the approval of Mr. Blake, as more fully set out in my letter of April 1st. I feel that you will not hesitate in allowing my fee if with Mr. Doud's reports before you set out the work actually done by the writer. Please be so kind as to allow my fee thru your department and recommend that the Attorney General review in accordance with his Dallas office and some purposes. Thank you very much. I remain, yours truly,

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

FILE NO. **7-14**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Cincinnati, Ohio.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4-16-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4-11-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al; CHARLES F. URSCHEL-VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Records of Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, do not indicate registration of Chevrolet Cabriolet, motor #3126905, in State of Ohio, for year 1934.

R.U.C.

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent N. B. Klein, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 3-22-34.

**DETAILS:** AT COLUMBUS, OHIO.

[REDACTED] Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, advised that a check of the motor number index of all cars registered in Ohio for 1934 fails to reflect the registration of Chevrolet Cabriolet, Motor #3126905, in the State of Ohio.

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*H. H. CLEGG*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

April 20, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

*Handwritten signature/initials*

On April 19, 1934, I talked with Mr. Sanford Bates, Director of the Bureau of Prisons by telephone in connection with the attached memorandum from him dated April 17, 1934.

Mr. Bates stated that [redacted] was transferred from Alderson, West Virginia to Milan, Michigan about two weeks ago. With reference to privileges granted Kathryn Kelly, inquiry was made of Mr. Bates whether the radio privileges accorded to the other prisoners had been accorded Kathryn Kelly, and whether she is being permitted to correspond with her daughter, in accordance with the verbal understanding reached between Mr. Bates and Mr. Cowley in a conference last month. Mr. Bates stated that no definite understanding was reached at that conference.

The attached memorandum addressed to Mr. Bates has been prepared, incorporating these suggestions.

Respectfully,

*Handwritten signature of John B. Little*  
John B. Little

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SANFORD BATES,  
DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS.

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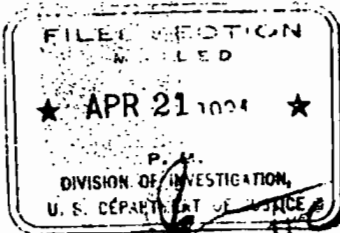
I have been advised that [redacted] was transferred from Alderson, West Virginia to Milan, Michigan about two weeks ago, as a result of your conference with Mr. Cowley of this Division last month.

It will be greatly appreciated if Kathryn Kelly, who is now incarcerated at Milan, Michigan will be permitted the radio privileges usually accorded the other prisoners at that institution, and will be permitted to correspond with her daughter, in accordance with the verbal understanding reached at the conference between you and Mr. Cowley of this Division last month.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

April 16, 1934

MR. NATHAN	.....
MR. TOLSON	.....
MR. CLEGG	.....
MR. COWLEY	.....
MR. EDWARDS	.....
MR. EGAN	.....
MR. QUINN	.....
MR. LESTER	.....
CHIEF CLERK	.....
MR. ROBER	.....

*SA*  
*WHS*

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

I learned on Saturday, April 14, 1934 that John C. Tichenor, one of the convicted subjects in the Urschel kidnaping case had been placed upon probation recently, and that another subject, Langford Ramsey, had filed a petition for clemency, which was to be acted upon within a short time.

In view of these facts I believe that Division chart 34-31 entitled "Kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel" which includes the photographs and sentences of both of the above named subjects, should be held up and not issued until the Division is informed definitely as to the final disposition made with regard to the sentences of these two individuals.

It is suggested that Mr. Cowley should give this office this data as soon as he receives it so that chart 34-31 may be accurate.

Respectfully,

*W. H. D. Lester*  
W. H. D. Lester

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SLICK-URSCHEL OIL COMPANY

Tulsa,  
OKLAHOMA 2227, OKLA.

MR. NATHAN.....
MR. TOLSON.....
MR. CLEGG.....
MR. COWLEY.....
MR. EDWARDS..
MR. EGAN.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. LESTER.....
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MR. RORER.....
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April 11, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I very much appreciate your kind  
letter and receipt of your photograph.

The manuscript for my book on  
the Urschel case is in course of preparation and  
I hope to be able to give it to the publishers  
within thirty days. Will you kindly, at your very  
earliest convenience, have sent to me the following  
information?:

Is the ailment, from which George  
Kelly is at the present suffering, a result of gon-  
orrhoeal or syphilitic infection? The only reason I  
care for this item of information is the fact that  
in one sentence of my book <sup>said</sup> in describing the relent-  
less pursuit of the Agents of the Division of In-  
vestigation--"it sent a tremor of paralyzed fear  
through his gonorrhoeal veins".

It makes no particular difference  
of course but I would like to be accurate.

Very truly yours,

*E. E. Kirkpatrick*  
E. E. Kirkpatrick

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APR 20 1934

Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick,  
Slick-Urschel Oil Company,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 11, 1934, and I am glad to learn that you have received the data recently forwarded to you.

Relative to your inquiry as to whether George Kelly is at present suffering from gonorrhoeal or syphilitic infection, I beg to inform you that the Division of Investigation does not have this information.

You might possibly obtain this information by writing directly to:

Mr. Sanford Bates,  
Director, Bureau of Prisons,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Vermont Avenue and "K" Street, Northwest,  
Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Dallas, Texas.**

APR 20 1934 PM

DIVISION ONE



ANSWERED

FILE NO. **62-488**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Oklahoma City, Okla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>4/17/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4/13/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>Dwight Brantley.</b>
TITLE: <b>LOUISE MAGNESS, with aliases (Yang.)</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>HARBORING FUGITIVES.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Subject is a patient in State Tubercular Hospital at Talihina, Okla. with advanced case of tuberculosis. U.S. Attorney, Muskogee, Okla., states her removal is pending advices from the Attorney General of the United States.

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**DETAILS:**

Correspondence between the Oklahoma City and Dallas Division Offices reflects that it was ascertained by Special Agent [redacted] of the Oklahoma City Office, at the Subject's home at Milburn, Oklahoma, that she is confined in the State Tubercular Hospital at Talihina, Oklahoma where she is undergoing treatment, and that she entered said institution on February 2, 1934. This correspondence reflects that the Oklahoma City Office did not deem it advisable to make inquiries at this institution for fear the Subject would become a fugitive, and that arrangements be effected between the U. S. Attorney at Fort Worth, Texas and the U. S. Attorney at Muskogee, Oklahoma with respect to the removal of this Subject to Texas, and that the matter of determining whether she is or is not physically able to be removed be determined by the U. S. Marshal. The Dallas Office advised on April 6, 1934, that the U. S. Attorney at Fort Worth, Texas had forwarded certified papers in this matter to the U. S. Attorney at Muskogee, Oklahoma.

**DETAILS**

This office, by letter, has contacted the U. S. Marshal and the U. S. Attorney at Muskogee, Oklahoma, requesting that when the Subject is taken into custody, this office be informed in order that an appropriate interview may be had, in accordance with the desires of the Dallas Office of the Division. This office is now in receipt of a letter from the U. S. Attorney at Muskogee, Oklahoma to the effect that the U. S. Marshal at Muskogee, Oklahoma has been in touch with the hospital authorities at

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Talihpa, Oklahoma, and has learned that the Subject is suffering with an advanced case of tuberculosis. The U. S. Attorney at Muskogee, Oklahoma informed that he had written the U. S. Attorney at Dallas, Texas, and that the U. S. Attorney at Dallas had informed that he had wired the Attorney General asking his opinion about removing the Subject to San Angelo, but that no response had been received from the Attorney General in respect hereto.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE will keep in touch with the U. S. Attorney and U. S. Marshal at Muskogee, Oklahoma with reference to this case.

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PRESIDENT

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

DALLAS TEXAS, APRIL 18, 1934.

J H HANSON  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Dept. of Justice,  
320 Federal Building,  
Birmingham, Ala.

RE LOUISE SEATON WA HARBORING FUGITIVES CASE PROBABLY CALLED APRIL  
THIRTIETH STOP J E BROOKS NECESSARY WITNESS LAST ADDRESS SALTILLO MISSISSIPPI  
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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DALLAS TEXAS



LOUISE SEATON WA HARBERING FUGITIVES J E BROOKS AT PRESENT RESIDING SALTILLO

MISSISSIPPI CARE [redacted] b7C

HANSON ACTING

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

April 17, 1934.

*Handwritten initials*

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



APR 17 1934

Dear Sir:-

In reply to Division letter of 4/11/34 with which were transmitted copies of a letter received from [redacted] Dallas, Texas, concerning the escape of HARVEY BAILEY from the Dallas County Jail and the Urschel ransom money:

Our experience with [redacted] convinces me that any further communication with him relative to these matters is inadvisable.

Very truly yours,

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

FJB: [redacted]

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*letter to [redacted]  
re Dallas  
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J.P.*



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From Chief Clerk's Office Room 432

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- To:  Director  
 Mr. Nathan  
 Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. Edwards  
 Mr. Clegg  
 Mr. Quinn  
 Miss Gandy  
 Chief, Unit  
 Chief Ident. Unit  
 Files Section  
 Equipment Section  
 Personnel Files  
 Supervisor, Steno. Pool  
 Proh. Unit  
 Supply Division  
 Division of Accounts  
 Mr. *Smith*

*What is the story  
on this? Should he  
be paid?*

*WPL*  
Howard P. Locke.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 24, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Reference is made to the letter dated April 15, 1934 from Mr. [redacted] Dallas, Texas in which he claims payment for expert services rendered the Government in connection with the investigation of the escape of Harvey Bailey from the Dallas County Jail.

For the information of Mr. Glavin, please be advised that on September 11, 1933 Assistant Director Nathan sent a telegram from Dallas recommending the employment of [redacted] as a confidential informant for seventeen days at six dollars per day, stating that [redacted] had identified the wrench used on the Bailey cell and might be in a position to secure further information. On the same date authorization was given to hire this man as a confidential informant.

In a letter dated at Dallas, Texas, September 12, 1933, Mr. Nathan stated that since requesting authority to hire [redacted] as a confidential informant, an investigation was conducted to determine his character. As a result of this investigation, Mr. Nathan stated he did not deem it advisable to proceed with the employment and requested that the authorization be cancelled.

In a letter dated April 1, 1934 [redacted] stated that he was entitled to additional witness fees from the Government. He was advised by letter, dated April 11, 1934, that the Division has no jurisdiction over the payment of witness fees, and it was suggested that he take the matter up with the United States Attorney at Dallas, Texas.

While [redacted] claims in his letters to have done considerable investigative work and to have furnished this Division with valuable information, the file does not reflect the extent of the investigation conducted by him or that he turned over much information to the Division.

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Respectfully,

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April 21, 1934.

Honorable Tillman H. Parks,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

In view of the possibility that you may desire them for your files, there are returned to you, herewith, the letter addressed to you under date of March 27, 1934 by the firm of Stuart, Bell and Ledbetter, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and the enclosures relative to certain information desired by the firm of Stuart, Bell and Ledbetter in connection with the apprehension of George Barnes Kelly and Kathryn Kelly at Memphis, Tennessee.

These papers were left here on March 30, 1934 by [redacted] Marshall.

[redacted] Following the receipt of these papers, appropriate instructions were issued to the Special Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City and to the Special Agent in Charge at San Antonio, Texas, as well as to Mr. Harold Nathan, Assistant Director of this Division, who was then in Oklahoma City to meet the attorneys and arrange to furnish to them the information which they desired. I understand that the matter has now been satisfactorily adjusted.

With expressions of my best regards and highest esteem,

I am,

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Sincerely yours,  
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J. Edgar Hoover

Director

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(No copies of enclosures to letter from Stuart, Bell and Ledbetter to Congressman Parks retained in Div. files.)

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LEDBETTER STUART BELL & LEDBETTER  
Attorneys and Counselors at law  
827-836 American Nat'l. Bank Bldg.  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

March 27, 1934.

Honorable Tillman B. Parks,  
Congressman from the 7th District of Arkansas,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Parks:

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At the suggestion of [REDACTED], we are sending you a list of questions to be propounded to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover. These are merely advisory and you will notice from the questions what we are trying to get after. Use what you think are proper and consign to the basket those that you think are improper.

Without the testimony being hearsay, this is what we want to do: We desire to obtain from Mr. Hoover a statement that he conferred with Mr. Colvin or Mr. Nathan here at Oklahoma City on the night of or the night before the arrest, and that acting upon that information he set his airplanes to work and surrounded the house of Kathryn and George Kelly and had them arrested through his agents.

Mr. Colvin and these other agents here in Oklahoma City were conferring with GERALDINE Arnold and her father, L. W. Arnold, that night and from the information they gave the Department of Justice employes here we desire to show that the arrest was made. We understand that Mr. Colvin, or someone else here with whom they conferred and gave the information as to the whereabouts of the Kellys, conferred with Mr. Hoover and Mr. Hoover took this information and proceeded to make the capture.

If we can get the testimony from Mr. Hoover that he conferred with the Department of Justice men here and upon information received from them proceeded to make the arrest, we can complete our case by showing by Mr. Arnold and the girl that they gave the Department of Justice men here the information as to the location of the Kellys.

We presume that we would not be able to show what was contained in the messages between the Department of Justice men here at Oklahoma City and Mr. Hoover, but unless Mr. Hoover would

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be willing to attach the original telegram or message I presume that we could not compel him to do this. However, if we can get him to allow a copy to be made and attached to the deposition, it might be worth something to us. It may be they used the telephone.

His statement as to what was contained in the message would, of course, be hearsay and perhaps not admissible, but we do think that we could show that he got in touch with these parties here, with the Department of Justice employes here, and that after he got in touch with them he proceeded to make the arrests. Then we can complete our case by showing that the plaintiffs gave the Department of Justice employes here the information upon which the communications were based, thus relieving us of the objection as to hearsay.

We enclose you herewith the notice to take depositions concerning which [REDACTED] has already written you, the notice being that the deposition will be taken in your Congressional Office on the 9th day of April, 1934, between the hours of 8 A.M. and 6 P.M. You, of course, will know how to proceed in the matter. Get a good stenographer and you can have some Notary Public swear the witness.

Mr. Hoover, we presume, will come without a subpoena. If he will not, have the Notary selected issue a subpoena for him to appear at your office at that time.

We enclose you the acknowledgment of service of the notice to take the depositions at the above hour at your office. The notices are acknowledged by the attorneys for the defendant and the intervenor. You can have the Notary to attach these to his certificate when he returns the deposition.

You understand this case is filed here at Oklahoma City and we are associated with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the trial, and they have asked us to prepare these interrogatories which we are sending you. You, of course, will just use these interrogatories in the taking of the deposition for your assistance.

If the attorneys for the defendant are there, it might be well for you to have a stipulation to the effect that objections to answers on the ground of admissibility and relevancy may be made at the trial with the same force and effect as if at the time the deposition is taken and this will save the worry and trouble of making the objections during the taking of the depositions.

Yours very truly,

Stuart, Bell & Ledbetter,

By: /s/ R. R. Bell

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U. S. Department of Justice  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
~~Bureau of Investigation~~  
P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 24, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is hereby made to the case entitled  
GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al Kidnaping, and  
to letters from the Division, dated April 17, 1934, and  
from the Kansas City Division Office, dated April 6, 1934,  
concerning the former accusations made by Barnes and  
Bates that Mr. Jarritt was a co-conspirator with them in  
planning to kidnap Mr. Urschel.

Please be advised that Agent [redacted] advised  
Mr. Urschel April 21, 1934 of the statements made by Barnes  
and Bates that Mr. Jarritt was not implicated in this kid-  
naping, and Mr. Urschel stated that he and Mr. [redacted]  
[redacted] had been in Leavenworth, Kansas last week and had  
talked with both Bates and Barnes. Both of these convicts  
advised [redacted] and Mr. Urschel that their former  
statements concerning Mr. Jarritt's being implicated were  
false.

Very truly yours,

*Earle M. Black*  
EARLE M. BLACK, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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