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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 27, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Brantley called at 2:10 P.M. this afternoon and advised that he had contacted [redacted] that the woman Mrs. Bates using the name of Gladys Edwards was not in Denver and there was no indication that she had established herself there, that the informant [redacted] had seen Mrs. Bates in Denver on Friday and she had advised him that she was going to Colorado Springs over the week end, and coming back through Denver possibly Monday or Tuesday. The informant advised that she was driving a Plymouth Sedan with Missouri license plates the number of which he didn't get.

Mr. Brantley advised that there was no indication that she had the money, other than suspicion based upon the fact that she is the wife of Bates; that Agents [redacted] and [redacted] the informant [redacted] and his newspaper contact a [redacted] of the Rocky Mountain News, and himself were proceeding by auto to Colorado Springs today to institute a search for Mrs. Bates. He advised that the informant insisted that [redacted] accompany them and that there was no way to get around it.

Mr. Brantley will get in touch with the Division immediately if anything breaks, meanwhile he can be reached through the Cosmopolitan Hotel, Denver.

Respectfully,

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

FILE NO. **7-10**

REPORT MADE AT: Salt Lake City, Utah	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-29-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5-24-34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No information in addition to that previously reported developed thru interview with rental agent of premises located at 1916 Warren Street, Cheyenne, Wyo.
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REFERENCE: Letter from Portland Office dated February 16, 1934, and report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Salt Lake City Division Office, 4-25-34.

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DETAILS: AT CHEYENNE, WYOMING

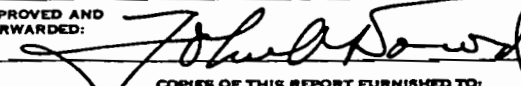
[REDACTED] U. S. Marshal, stated that the parties who resided in Cheyenne, during the late summer of 1933, and who were reported to have some connection with one or more subjects in the Urschel Kidnaping Case, were located while at Cheyenne in an apartment house in the 1900 block on Warren Street. He accompanied Agent to this block and inquiries at the rooming house at 1916 Warren Street developed that this was the house at which the parties in question resided. It was also learned here that [REDACTED] now residing at [REDACTED] was the rental agent of the building during the period that these parties resided there.

DETAILS:

Marshal [REDACTED] and Agent interviewed [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] and it was thereby learned that this lady is unable to supplement information previously submitted by her and reported. She stated that the woman who resided at the apartment, as previously mentioned, was exceptionally reticent and uncommunicative and that nothing concerning her personal history was learned from her by [REDACTED] either indirectly

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er directly. ██████████ stated that the woman likewise had no conversation with any of the other tenants in the apartment building at 1916 Warren Street. The woman made no statement to ██████████ indicating where in Chicago her father was located although ██████████ does recall that the woman, supposedly Clara Feldman, told her that her father was very ill in Chicago. ██████████ was unable to submit any information in addition to the foregoing.

Interview was also conducted by Marshal ██████████ and Agent with ██████████, employed at the James Clark Second Hand Automobile Sales Lot. ██████████ was likewise unable to submit any data which might be considered information.

There being no further leads requiring the attention of the Salt Lake Division Office, the case is

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
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Dear Sir:

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

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Pursuant to telephonic instructions of the Director of May 26, 1934, Agent [redacted] of this office and I left by plane at 7:35 P.M. that date for Denver, Colorado, arriving 11:25 P.M. the same night.

The Director in his telephonic conversation with me stated that he had received information from [redacted] of the Rocky Mountain News, a Scripps-Howard newspaper of Denver, Colorado, to the effect that a woman, thought to be the wife of Subject Albert Bates, had been seen in Denver recently and that this woman is thought possibly to have the unrecovered portion of the ransom money paid by the Urschel family for the release of Mr. Urschel. The Director instructed that Agents immediately upon arrival at Denver contact [redacted] obtain all the information in his possession and conduct the necessary investigation in an effort to locate and cause the apprehension of this woman.

Upon arrival in Denver Agents contacted [redacted] at his office, who stated that [redacted] a reporter on the Rocky Mountain News had informed him on the afternoon of the 25th to the effect that one [redacted] Denver, Colorado, had approached [redacted] and informed him that on Friday, the 25th of May, he, [redacted] had seen the wife or woman of Bates on the streets of Denver in an automobile; that she had spoken to him and he had conversed with her for a few minutes; that [redacted] did not wish to approach the Police in Denver relative to this for the reason he is alleged to have participated in "putting the finger" on Bates when he was arrested in Denver last summer and that he did not feel that he had been treated right by the Police or by the Railway Express Agency, which organization was seeking Bates for the theft of certain Railway Express money orders. [redacted] said that [redacted] wanted [redacted] to put him in contact with him, [redacted] and see what could be done about effecting the apprehension of this woman. [redacted] said that he instructed

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██████████ to bring ██████████ to him, which he did, and he related the foregoing.

██████████ is a man around forty years of age and is the ██████████ at Littleton, Colorado. He is known as ██████████ and also was at one time ██████████. He is said to be from a good family and to have had considerable social standing at one time. While ██████████ he embezzled some funds, was prosecuted, entered a plea of guilty to the charge and was sentenced to serve from six to ten years in the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City. It was while serving in the Penitentiary that he met Bates, who was an inmate there. He apparently, according to his own statements, became well acquainted with Bates and knew him and his woman.

██████████ stated that when he interviewed ██████████ the latter told him of meeting this woman on the streets of Denver on May 25th; that she told him she was going to Colorado Springs over the week-end and expected to return to Denver either the following Monday or Tuesday. ██████████ said that ██████████ did not furnish him any specific address at which this woman could be located in Denver, nor did he say that she was then residing in Denver, but ██████████ was of the impression that ██████████ possibly knew where she could be reached in the city. He also stated that ██████████ is hard up now and was interested in any money that he could get out of causing the apprehension of Bates' woman. ██████████ and ██████████ both stated that unquestionably ██████████ was instrumental in effecting the apprehension of Bates by the Police in Denver last summer, that he has been protected and has been given no publicity, and that he does not desire any publicity out of causing the apprehension of Bates' woman.

It was after midnight when Agents contacted ██████████. It was arranged that ██████████ would be at his residence early Sunday morning, May 27, 1934. Agents ██████████ of the Salt Lake City office, and I met ██████████ at the residence of ██████████ in Denver on Sunday morning, the 27th.

██████████ was interviewed at length by Agents at the residence of ██████████. He recited that he had been an inmate of the Canon City Penitentiary, where he had met Bates, whom he referred to as "Whitey"; that at one time he, ██████████, was in ██████████ which is outside the walls of the Penitentiary, and that after Bates' release he came by there and brought his woman with him and that he knew her then as Ethel Davis.

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He said he saw her on one or more occasions thereafter and knows her. He stated that he was instrumental in causing the arrest of Bates in Denver last summer and he did not feel that he had been given a square deal by the Express Company or by the Police. He stated he wanted to have nothing to do with the Police in this matter. He also said that he was interested in any money that he could get out of it.

████████ stated that on Friday, May 25th, he was walking down town on 16th Street in Denver and his name was called by a woman seated in an automobile. He approached the car and recognized this woman as the wife or woman of Bates, whom he had known as Ethel Davis. He talked to her only a few minutes, he said. She did not tell him where she had been, or where she is living, but did say that she expected to go to Colorado Springs and probably would return to Denver either the Monday or Tuesday following. He did not furnish her his address or how she could get in touch with him as he does not care particularly to associate with that class of people and it is also distasteful to his wife. He stated that this woman was under the wheel of this automobile and in the back seat thereof was some luggage. He described the automobile in which she was seated as a Plymouth 1934 Sedan, black in color, with tires in each fender well, the tire covers being of chromium material. He stated the machine had on it a Missouri license, the number of which he did not obtain. He was positive throughout the entire contact with him that it was a Plymouth Sedan and that it had on it a Missouri license. He said that this woman told him that she had been unable to contact Bates and that she has no idea when she will ever be able to do so for the reason that the officials at Leavenworth Penitentiary have prevented such.

Photographs of Bates' woman were exhibited to ██████████ and he said that they are a likeness of the woman he saw in Denver on May 25th. He said that she was well dressed and still has the gold teeth. The description as contained in the files of the Division of this woman, according to ██████████ is a good one. He said that her hair is still dark. ██████████ said that this woman told him that she was on the "lam" and that she is "hot" and that the law is looking for her; that she has changed her name and now uses the "moniker" of "Gladys Edwards".

████████ stated that the car was entirely clean and did not have the appearance of a machine that had been driven on any long trip, but rather that the woman was just beginning a trip therein. While ██████████ said that the woman told him she expected to return to Denver on Monday or Tuesday, she did not say that she would see him, nor were any arrangements made for a meeting between them; that during his entire conversation with her no mention was made of money or financial affairs. He stated that he had no idea where to look for her in Denver.

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Agents [redacted] and I arranged for [redacted] to go to Colorado Springs on Sunday, May 27th, with [redacted]. We arrived there before [redacted] and [redacted] and cruised the town and immediate vicinity in an effort to find a Plymouth Sedan of the description stated bearing a Missouri license, but our efforts were unproductive of any results. Agent [redacted] remained in Colorado Springs over Sunday night and all of Monday and made a thorough check of hotels, garages and of the city but was unsuccessful in locating this woman or the car in which she was said to have been seated in Denver. Agent [redacted] and I returned to Denver Sunday night and on Monday morning, May 28th, had a further conference with [redacted] alone.

[redacted] stated that he had told the truth with respect to the meeting of this woman in Denver and that he has no idea where she is, or where she might be stopping, if at all, in Denver. He stated he is eager to see her apprehended and that he was not withholding any information and would not at any time withhold any. He stated that it was his understanding, after Bates' arrest in Denver, that the woman and her young man companion, said to be her son, went from Denver to Cheyenne, Wyoming and remained there for a short time. Investigation by the Division shows that this woman did proceed to Cheyenne). He stated that there is a Greek by the name of [redacted] who has a connection with the Star Cafe or Delicatessen in Cheyenne, with whom Bates at one time had a contact. [redacted] was alleged to have served a term at the Colorado Penitentiary simultaneously with Bates. He does not know how fast a friendship existed between [redacted] and Bates.

Agent [redacted] and I on May 28th proceeded to Cheyenne, which is a small town, and made extensive investigation there. The garages were gone into and every street in the city was traversed several times, but no trace was found of any such car or woman. We entered the Star Cafe or Delicatessen and were there for some time, but no trace was found of the woman or car. It was not deemed advisable to conduct an open interview with [redacted] at this time.

Agent [redacted] stated that U. S. Marshal [redacted] at Cheyenne, formerly Chief of Police of that city, is reliable, is loyal to the Division and has cooperated with it fully, and knows that the Division is seeking this woman. [redacted] was contacted and stated he had heard nothing further than to the effect that this woman had been in Cheyenne. He was informed of the fact that it was thought possibly she had been in that part

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of the country and was given a description of the automobile in which she is alleged to be traveling. He, of course, was not apprised of the source of this information. He stated that he would ever be mindful of the fact that this woman is being sought and if he gets any information to the effect that she is or has been in Cheyenne, he will inform the Division immediately.

There was no record at the Post Office in Cheyenne that this woman is receiving any mail under any of her known names.

Agent [redacted] and I returned to Denver Monday night and had a further interview with [redacted]. We took [redacted] in an automobile and cruised the town and checked several garages, of course leaving [redacted] in the car while this was being done. The known night clubs of Denver were visited by Agent [redacted], [redacted] and me, but no trace was found of this woman or the Plymouth Sedan said to have been in her possession.

Late on the night of May 28th a long interview was had with [redacted] and he became quite confidential. He told of a difficulty he had with Bates in the Penitentiary, reciting that Bates at one time squealed on him for an infraction of the prison rules, which resulted in [redacted] being thrown into the hole for a period of thirty-six hours. He said that Bates apparently thinks he forgot all about the suffering he caused him, but that he has at all times been mindful of it and he swore that some day he would get even. He states that in a measure he feels that he has settled this score, but that he feels it will be fully settled if he can be instrumental in causing the apprehension of Bates' woman. He again stated that he was not withholding any information in this matter and that he would take Agents immediately to where this woman is residing, if he knew.

Agent [redacted] and I on May 29th cruised the streets of Denver and went to all of the known addresses in Denver previously frequented by Bates and his woman. The alleys and garages adjacent to and in the vicinity of these addresses were checked, but no trace was found of any Plymouth Sedan.

[redacted] was asked if he would furnish the Agents of the Denver office any information that he might obtain with respect to the whereabouts of this woman and he stated he would. He was introduced to Agent [redacted] of the Denver office, who was the only Division representative there at the time save Agents [redacted] and me. Arrangements were made for [redacted] to immediately contact Agent [redacted] should anything further be learned or seen of this woman.

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The Kansas City office was requested by me to check the Motor Vehicle Registration records of the state of Missouri in an effort to ascertain whether any person by the name of Gladys Edwards has an automobile registered, and particularly a Plymouth Sedan. The Kansas City office is to report its findings to the Oklahoma City office and to direct to any office any leads which might be obtained.

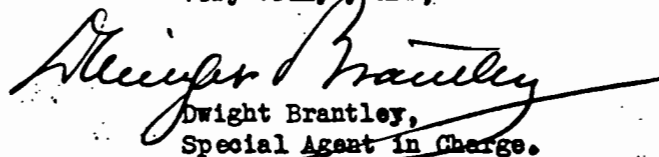
The Portland office of the Division was apprised by me of the information obtained to the effect that this woman is using a Plymouth Sedan with a Missouri license in order that her known contacts in the area covered by said office might be checked. Mr. Spears of the Portland office informed me that he had already received this information from Mr. Dowd of the Salt Lake City office.

The Division was kept advised of our activities in Denver. On May 29th I talked by long distance telephone to Mr. Cowley of the Division, informing him of the efforts which had been made to locate this woman and that they had been without success, also of the arrangements which had been effected to have Dunn report any information he might receive to [REDACTED] of the Denver office, at which time Mr. Cowley instructed that Agent Deaderick and I return to Oklahoma City, which we did, arriving here on May 30th.

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At all times while we were in Denver we kept in touch with [REDACTED] of the Rocky Mountain News and informed him of the arrangements which had been made to have [REDACTED] contact a representative of the Division there. [REDACTED] was requested also to report any information that he might obtain to the Denver office, or to the Director, as he sees fit. It was thought advisable to request him to contact the Denver office for the reason that immediate action could be had upon anything learned by him. The relations between [REDACTED] and us at all times while in Denver was most cordial and friendly and he expressed himself as well pleased at the very prompt and immediate attention the Director had given the information furnished concerning this woman.

Very truly yours,


Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Denver
Salt Lake City
Portland

J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 31, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

Re: George R. Kelly; George Barnes,
et al - Kidnaping.

On the afternoon of May 26, 1934, [redacted] of the Scripps-Howard newspaper, "The Rocky Mountain News" of Denver, by long distance telephone, advised that he was in contact with an informant who could locate the woman who had possession of Bates' share of the ransom money paid in this case. [redacted] stated that his informant was the same person who had originally informed of the whereabouts of Bates.

This information was immediately conveyed to the Director, who subsequently called Mr. Dowd at Salt Lake City, and ascertained that both of the Resident Agents assigned to Denver, Colorado, were on this date in Salt Lake City. Subsequently, Mr. Hoover contacted Acting Special Agent in Charge Spears of the Kansas City Office, and instructed that Agents [redacted] and [redacted] be dispatched immediately by aeroplane to Denver, Colorado, for the purpose of contacting [redacted]. Mr. Hoover endeavored to contact Agent in Charge Brantley of the Oklahoma City Office, but was advised that Mr. Brantley was out of the city. The Director by long distance telephone contacted Mr. Brantley at El Reno, Oklahoma, and instructed him to obtain immediately aeroplane transportation and proceed to Denver, Colorado for appropriate investigation of this matter.

At 7:15 Mr. Cowley of the Division by telephone advised me that he had been in touch with Mr. Brantley at Oklahoma City, and that Mr. Brantley and Agent [redacted] would proceed by specially chartered aeroplane within the next 45 minutes to Denver, Colorado. Mr. Cowley subsequently contacted the Kansas City Office and ascertained that Agents [redacted] and [redacted] had not yet departed for Kansas City, and accordingly, these Agents were instructed not to proceed to Denver.

On the morning of May 27, 1934, I contacted Agent in Charge Dowd of the Salt Lake City Office by long distance telephone and advised him of the above facts, indicating that Mr. Brantley and [redacted] would continue the investigation of this matter in the Denver district. Mr. Dowd stated that Agent [redacted] would arrive in Denver on the morning of May 27, 1934, at 10:30 a.m. I instructed Mr. Dowd to have Agent [redacted] maintain contact with Brantley and [redacted] in Denver, remaining there for any possible action in this case.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE KELLY, et al
Charles F. Urschel - Victim
Kidnaping

Please refer to Division letter dated May 23, 1934, enclosing copies of a letter dated May 3, 1934, addressed to the Director of the Bureau of Prisons by the Warden of the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, together with copies of the statement of account referred to therein.

The Division is respectfully referred to its copy of letter from the Kansas City office to the St. Paul office dated May 5, 1934, wherein is set out information obtained by Special Agent [redacted] after the visit of James Mathers, Attorney of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with George Kelly Barnes at the U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

For the information of the St. Paul office, there is being furnished at this time with copy of this letter to that office a copy of the letter addressed by Warden F. G. Zerbst, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, to the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, dated May 3, 1934, together with a copy of the statement of account referred to therein.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

cc-St. Paul (Encls.)
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

This will confirm telephonic conversation between the Director and Special Agent [redacted] of this office, during the late afternoon of May 26, 1934, at which time the Director instructed that a plane be chartered for Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] to proceed immediately to Denver, Colorado, where they were to contact [redacted] of the Rocky Mountain News, a Scripps-Howard newspaper at Denver, Colorado, for information relative to the possible location of the part of the Urschel ransom money which Albert Bates is alleged to have received.

Immediately upon receipt of those instructions from the Director, Special Agent [redacted] made negotiations to charter a plane. However, a short delay ensued by reason of the fact that it was difficult at first to obtain a plane equipped for night flying, as was necessary in this case. However, such a plane was secured and chartered from [redacted] a commercial concern at Kansas City, Missouri, within approximately an hour after receipt of the Director's call.

Shortly after 6:00 p.m., Mr. S. P. Cowley called from the Division and inquired if Agents [redacted] and [redacted] had yet departed and if they could be stopped and the trip canceled, to which affirmative reply was made by Special Agent [redacted].

Special Agent [redacted] immediately telephoned the hangar of Tex La Grone at the Municipal Airport, Kansas City, Missouri, and learned that the plane containing Agents [redacted] and [redacted] had just taken off. Accordingly, Agent [redacted] engaged [redacted] to pilot a plane owned by [redacted] to pursue the ship in which Agents [redacted] and [redacted] were flying. [redacted] was able to overtake the ship of Agents [redacted] and [redacted] some thirty or thirty-five miles from Kansas City, and Agents [redacted] and [redacted] returned to Kansas City. [redacted] mentioned that his own ship in which he flew to overtake them was a faster ship than that in which the Agents were flying, but that his ship was not equipped for night-flying, and hence that ship had not been used in the first instance.

[redacted] has advised that he would submit a bill [redacted] at the writing of this letter, the same has not yet been received. Immediately upon receipt thereof, appropriate voucher with blue slip will be submitted.

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Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan, Acting Special Agent in Charge

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AIR MAIL

Special Agent in Charge
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P. O. Box 533
Los Angeles, California



Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al
CHARLES F. URSOHEL - Victim
Kidnaping

This is with further reference to the efforts of the Division to locate Clara Feldman, alias Ruth Johnson, alias Gladys Edwards, former associate of Albert Bates, for the purpose of determining the whereabouts of Bates' share of the ransom money paid in this case.

Information obtained makes it appear rather definite that Clara Feldman either has a large amount of this ransom in her possession or knows of the whereabouts of all of this money.

Your office has previously been furnished information in this regard, together with photograph of Clara Feldman in which connection your attention is invited to letter of this office to the Los Angeles office dated February 21, 1934. For your further information, I am enclosing herewith a reproduction of the photograph of Ed Feldman, alias Axel C. Johnson, son of Clara Feldman, who may presently be with her. It is known that he traveled extensively with her last summer and fall, but during the early months of this spring it is known that he was not with her, and that he was living at Medford, Oregon, consorting with a young woman by the name of [redacted] and Johnson disappeared from Medford during the latter part of April, 1934, and it is believed that he is accompanied by [redacted] in a Ford Roadster, Model A, color faded brown, about a 1929 model, bearing Oregon 1934 license plates 12-134.

I am writing you at this time in view of information received to the effect that A. H. Scott and [redacted] the latter being [redacted] of Clara Feldman and the former being the [redacted] whom [redacted] resided with in Portland up to March 23, 1934 appear to be presently located in your district at Ventura, California. It is known that [redacted] Clara Feldman is very close to Clara and that both [redacted] and [redacted] H. Scott will [redacted]

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anything within their power to protect Clara Feldman. It is further known that Clara Feldman has visited [redacted] and A.H. Scott during the past six months and it is altogether probable that Clara Feldman may be residing with Scott and [redacted] and at least it is believed that she makes periodic visits to them.

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As stated above, A. H. Scott and [redacted] together with Scott's five children disappeared from their residence in Portland at 3633 S.E. Tenino Avenue on March 23, 1934, and up to the present time their whereabouts has been unknown. It has now been ascertained, however, that Scott and [redacted] are residing at 1132 Poli Street, Ventura, California. Our information was that the street was "Cali" Street at Ventura but you will note from the file that your office has conducted inquiry at 1132 Poli Street, Ventura, the residence of [redacted] of Clara Feldman. It is evident, therefore, that "Cali" Street was intended for Poli Street and Scott and [redacted] appear to have taken up their residence with [redacted] and family at Ventura. The five children no doubt are located wherever Scott is living and probably attended schools of the vicinity as some of them are of grammar school age.

For your further information, this office received advice currently from the Salt Lake City office and from Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantly, who called from Denver, Colorado, to the effect that Clara Feldman was believed to have been seen at Denver, Colorado, on May 25, 1934, in a late model black colored Plymouth Sedan, bearing Missouri license plates, numbers unknown. She was using the name of Gladys Edwards. This office, together with the Oklahoma City and Salt Lake City offices, has been endeavoring to secure further information regarding this woman and the Plymouth sedan. To date no information of interest has been developed in this district and it is possible that the information concerning the Plymouth Sedan is correct which should be borne in mind in making the investigation at Ventura.

For your information, Ed Feldman is about twenty years of age; height about 5 feet 10; weight 150; build medium slender; hair light brown with reddish tinge, combed pompadour; eyes light, believed to be blue. Makes a good appearance and often dresses in corduroy trousers and sweater. [redacted] the young lady with whom he is consorting is about twenty years of age, about 5 feet 5; weight 125; dark brown hair, bobbed; attractive appearance.

It is requested that immediate discreet inquiry be made at Ventura to verify the presence of A. H. Scott and [redacted] at 1132 Poli Street, to determine whether or not Clara

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Feldman is there or has recently been there and take the necessary steps to secure an informant in the apartment building occupied by [REDACTED] and other members of the family to secure advice as to the subsequent arrival of Clara Feldman or Ed Feldman in the event they are not now located there. You are further advised that Ed Feldman and Clara Feldman have switched automobiles a number of times since last summer and the information concerning the Ford Roadster bearing Oregon license plates may not be of present value as Ed Feldman may have disposed of this car.

In view of extended efforts that have been made to locate Clara Feldman, it is believed that the lead at Ventura is worthy of vigorous attention. To my knowledge there is no process outstanding for Clara Feldman and if she is located she should be thoroughly interrogated and the facts submitted to the Oklahoma City office for advice as to prosecution.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

CCS [REDACTED]
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cc-Oklahoma City
Salt Lake City
San Francisco
Division ✓

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P. O. Box 1876,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
July 7, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Dept. of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim,
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your telegram of this date I am
transmitting herewith photograph of Clara Feldman to aid in
the investigation being conducted by the Kansas City Office.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Richard Bates, Director of the Bureau of Prisons, telephoned to advise that he had received a letter from Kathryn Kelly, asking for permission to buy certain articles from the commissary, such as tobacco, tooth paste, etc. Mr. Bates suggested that if granting this privilege would help in our investigation, he would be glad to grant it. I informed him, however, that I saw no reason why this privilege should be granted from our point of view at the present time, and stated it would be a matter entirely up to him. I agreed with his suggestion that this privilege be denied at the present time. He stated that if we wished to consider the matter at any future time, he would be glad to comply with our wishes.

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Very truly yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

Director.

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Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

At 6:20 P.M. yesterday, Acting Special Agent in Charge J. C. Newman telephoned from Denver with reference to the Urschel case. He stated that [redacted] a reporter on the Rocky Mountain News, of which [redacted] had come to the Division office and stated that his informant had advised him that he had seen Mrs. Albert Bates driving a car in Denver on the evening of June 3, 1934. [redacted] apparently had no definite information as to her exact location but was confident that if he would be accompanied by Mr. Newman, he would be able to locate Mrs. Bates.

Mr. Newman was advised that he and Agent [redacted], who was then in Denver, might accompany [redacted] to ascertain whether any information concerning Mrs. Bates could be found. It is noted that the informant in this case has refused to supply any information except through [redacted] and on the condition that he be present when Agents follow out such tips as the informant may give and he had previously accompanied Mr. Brantley in his investigations.

Mr. Newman also pointed out that at the present time he and Agent [redacted] are the only ones in the Denver office inasmuch as Special Agent [redacted] has gone to Chicago for a stay of approximately two weeks in connection with the Insull case. Mr. Newman stated that he was finding it practically impossible to handle the work with only one agent and himself. He stated that, if possible, he should like to have another agent assigned to the Denver office at least until [redacted] return.

Respectfully,

[redacted signature]

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Denver, Colo.

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[REDACTED]
Golden Hotel,
Reno, Nevada

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with telegraphic request this date from Special Agent in Charge, J. A. Dowd, I am forwarding herewith photograph of Theodore Bents with aliases, San Francisco Police No. 43921.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newnan,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

cc Salt Lake City
cc Division
cc Oklahoma City
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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- Mr. Nathan
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- Mr. Cowley
- Mr. Edwards
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Quinn
- Lester
- Mr. Clark
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked to Acting Special Agent in Charge J. C. Newman this afternoon with reference to his efforts to locate Mrs. Albert Bates. He advised that there have been no developments but the informant was out today endeavoring to get some definite information as to her whereabouts.

In accordance with your instructions Mr. Newman was advised that he and Agent [redacted] would have to handle the situation as there were no other agents available to send to Denver at this time. He was also advised to treat [redacted] with the utmost courtesy. He stated that he had been getting along first rate with [redacted] and [redacted] the reporter, and the most cordial relations were being maintained.

He will advise the Division immediately upon the receipt of any information relative to the present whereabouts of Mrs. Bates.

Respectfully,

[redacted signature]

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Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick,
Slick-Urschel Oil Company,
403 First National Bank Building,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

7-1934

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 26, 1934, in which you inform me that the publishers, Haylor and Company, of San Antonio, have been instructed to mail me an autographed copy of your book entitled "Crises' Paradise".

I have just received the book and shall read it with extreme interest.

Please permit me to take this opportunity of thanking you for your courtesy in forwarding me an autographed copy of your work and to express the hope that it will enjoy a large sale.

With expressions of my best regards, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

Director.



SLICK-URSCHEL OIL COMPANY

INCORPORATED
Tulsa
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

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MR. CLEGG
MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LISTER
CHIEF CLERK
MR. ROBER

J. Edgar Hoover,
Division of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am having the publishers, Naylor and Company, San Antonio, mail you an autographed copy of 'Crimes' Paradise which will be off the press next week.

In this book I have attempted not only to give an authentic and entertaining account of the sensational Urschel kidnapping case but I have endeavored to impress upon those Americans who may read the book, the importance of co-operating fully with the Department of Justice and Division of Investigation, the efficiency of that branch of our Government and the imperative necessity of keeping it free from politics.

I have also tried to explode the bubble, generally blown by the public, that Scotland Yard is superior to our Division of Investigation. It is my firm belief that if this book 'Crimes' Paradise, could be placed in every library of the United States and be generally read by the public, that it would aid you greatly in the determined fight you are waging on gangland.

I hope you will like the book and I thank you for the assistance you gave me in the compilation of some of the details.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Kirkpatrick

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JEH/ [redacted]

May 4, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY.

In connection with the matter at Denver, Colorado, concerning the Bates share of the Urschel ransom money, [redacted] of the Denver News, contacted me by telephone shortly after six o'clock this evening. [redacted] stated he had been endeavoring to contact a representative of this Division, as one of his men had located the woman and knew the hotel where she was staying, but could not reach an Agent and could get no cooperation from Mr. Newman, the Agent in Charge of the Denver office. I advised [redacted] that Mr. Newman had recently arrived in that vicinity and was not familiar with the matter, but that I would contact him by telephone and have him, Mr. Newman, get in touch with [redacted] at once.

Subsequently, I telephoned Mr. Newman at Denver and explained to him the background, and instructed him to immediately contact [redacted] by telephone.

Very truly yours,

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

L. A. FILE NO. **7-19-**

REPORT MADE AT: Los Angeles	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-4-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6-2-34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping.

SYNOPSIS of FACTS:

Tracings of mail obtained by placing a cover on the mail of [REDACTED] Ventura, California, are herewith sent to the Portland Division Office.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED], Los Angeles, dated March 23, 1934.

DETAILS:

On March 23, 1934, Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Division office placed a cover on the mail of [REDACTED] Ventura, California. Since that date, five tracings have been received from the postmaster at Ventura. Same are being transmitted herewith to the Portland Division office in order that they may be compared and any leads followed which may be obtained from same.

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422 Midland Savings Bldg.,
Denver, Colo.

June 5, 1934.

AIR MAIL



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.

Reference is made to letter from Special Agent in Charge
Dwight Brantley to the Division dated at Oklahoma City, Okla.
June 2, 1934.

At approximately 3:15 P.M. June 4, 1934 [redacted]
a reporter for The Rocky Mountain News, Denver, called at this
Division office advising that informant [redacted] had again
seen the supposed wife of subject Albert Bates in Denver, this
being at about 4:00 P.M. Sunday, June 3rd in a drug store at
the corner of 16th & Welton Sts. At that time, according to
[redacted] informant [redacted] immediately got in touch with him and
they went to a point where [redacted] claimed to have seen the woman
but she could not be located. At the time [redacted] observed this
woman, according to his statement to [redacted] he made an ap-
pointment to meet her at 8:00 o'clock that night at DeJohn's
Venetian Night Club, 3259 Navajo Street, in Denver. Informant
[redacted] also claimed that at the time he saw this woman he observed
that she had a dark Plymouth Sedan parked at the curb in front
of the drug store, this Sedan being the same one that he had
previously seen her operating, but that it was bearing a Kansas
license instead of a Missouri. The Kansas number being
3-8717 (1934).

[redacted] further stated that he accompanied informant
[redacted] to DeJohn's Venetian Night Club the night of June 3, where
they waited until approximately 9 P.M. Inasmuch as Bates' woman
did not appear, [redacted] made a telephone call from DeJohn's place
to the York Hotel, 243 East 19th Avenue, telephone number 0241,
Denver, giving [redacted] the impression that he was telephoning
Bates' woman, whom he had previously advised was using the name
of Gladys Edwards. Shortly after [redacted] made this call, according
to [redacted], Bates' woman appeared at DeJohn's place in company

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with a young man and woman. After her arrival, according to [REDACTED] he telephoned the residence address of Special Agent [REDACTED] in Denver, learning that he was out of the city. He stated that this woman and her companions were only in DeJohn's place a few minutes, as her companions began quarreling with each other, and upon becoming disorderly DeJohn had them ejected. [REDACTED] stated that Bates' woman had a bandage around her left wrist. He described the other two persons as follows:

Man	Woman
Age - About 20 years	Age - 20-23.
Height - 5'11" or 6'	Height - 5'8" or 5'9"
Weight - 150#	Weight - 150#
Build - Slender	Build - Medium slender
Complexion - Light	Complexion - Medium
Hair - Light Brown; wavy	Hair - Dark
Appeared to be college type	Face - Thin
	Peculiarities - Had mans hair-cut and had the appearance of a young man.

At the time of [REDACTED] call at this office, I informed him that I had just arrived here and that immediately upon acquainting myself with the facts in this case we could make definite plans with a view of locating the Bates woman. Accordingly, I made an appointment to meet him at 4:15 P.M., which was an hour later, and in the meantime after reviewing Mr. Brantley's letter referred to herein, telephoned the Division conversing with Supervisor [REDACTED]. Immediately at the conclusion of this call Mr. Hoover telephoned stating that [REDACTED] of the Rocky Mountain News, had just telephoned him, furnishing the information in the possession of [REDACTED]. As instructed by Mr. Hoover, I immediately conversed with [REDACTED], who advised that he had no additional information to that given by [REDACTED]. I informed [REDACTED] that we would cooperate with him to the fullest extent and, after a cordial conversation, arrangements were made whereby Special Agent [REDACTED] and myself, accompanied by [REDACTED] would conduct an appropriate investigation in an effort to locate the Bates woman. It might be stated here that at the time [REDACTED] appeared at the Denver Division office, he appeared somewhat reluctant to furnishing complete information and was particularly desirous of knowing just what the Division intended to do with this woman in the event she were located.

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By arrangement, Agent [redacted] and myself met [redacted] at the Denver Division office at approximately 6:30 P.M. June 4th and we first called on informant [redacted] at his residence, [redacted]

[redacted] brot [redacted] to our automobile and introduced him to Agent [redacted] and myself. He spoke of having cooperated with Special Agent in Charge Brantley and Agent [redacted] and stated that he would cooperate fully with us in this matter. He related the circumstances of his meeting Bates woman on the two occasions mentioned herein, but denied knowing where she resided or of her acquaintances or activities. He stated that at the time he first saw her in the drug store she informed him that she was using the name of Gladys Edwards; however, she did not inform him where she was living or thru whom she could be contacted. I questioned [redacted] regarding his telephone call to the York Hotel from DeJohn's Venetian Night Club the night of June 3rd shortly before the arrival of the Bates woman and her companions, and he stated that this call was made to a friend of his, a man who resided at the York Hotel who was not acquainted with the Bates woman and knew nothing about his, [redacted] activities in attempting to locate her. [redacted] likewise denied knowing the two companions of the Bates woman, stating that he had never seen them before. He further stated that he is working part time for the Denver Welfare Relief, 30 West Bayaud Ave., telephone Pearl 4651, Denver and that he will endeavor to locate the Bates woman or find out where she is residing. He seemed confident that he could do so and promised to immediately telephone me, he being furnished my number for this purpose. He also stated that he would get in touch with [redacted] in the event he secured any information of value, and [redacted] agreed to telephone me.

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Following the conversation with informant [redacted] Agent [redacted] and I went to DeJohn's Venetian Night Club where [redacted] and I were to converse with [redacted] relative to the possible identities of the two companions of the Bates woman, this inquiry to be made without revealing my identity, [redacted] being known to [redacted]. However, it was found upon arrival at DeJohn's place that he was at some hospital and it was not known when he would return, however a subsequent interview is planned with this person.

In an effort to determine whether Bates woman might possibly be stopping at the York Hotel under the name of Gladys Edwards, I made inquiry of the clerk here without revealing my identity and was advised that no one had recently stopped here

under the name of Gladys Edwards and the records here failed to disclose anyone by this name having been a guest or having left a forwarding address.

In view of the inadvisability of notifying the Denver Police Department in this matter, Agent [REDACTED] and I accompanied by [REDACTED], made a careful survey around the York Hotel and places in this vicinity but were unable to observe the automobile allegedly operated by the Bates woman. It might be stated here that the York Hotel is known as a family hotel and it is not believed likely that she would reside here. In addition to the above, Agent [REDACTED] and I have been on the lookout for the car operated by the Bates woman and I have been in telephonic communication with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

The investigation in this matter will be followed closely and I will keep the Division advised of developments.

Very truly yours,



Jay C. Newman,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

JCN: [REDACTED]

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cc Oklahoma City, Okla.
cc Portland, Ore.

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GEORGE KELLEY BARNES ETAL KIDNAPPING OBTAIN COMPLETE DATA ON OWNER AND CAR BEARING NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR MISSOURI LICENSE THREE THREE FIVE DASH ONE FOUR NINE WOMAN POSSIBLY CLARA FELDMAN AND TWO MEN DRIVING THIS CAR ATTEMPTED PASS TWENTY DOLLAR NOTES OREGON LAST APRIL ADVISE

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY**

FILE NO. **62-859**

REPORT MADE AT: Kansas City, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-6-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6-2-34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: [REDACTED] (Bailey-Kelly Suspect)		CHARACTER OF CASE: MISCELLANEOUS	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] Butler, Missouri, stated her husband was not a Bailey-Kelly outlaw but was as mean as one. She suggested other offenses which he might have committed, which are undoubtedly outlawed by the Statute of Limitations and are not Division Cases.

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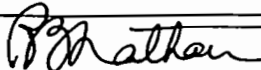
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REFERENCE: Division letter dated May 10, 1934.

DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon a letter from [REDACTED] Butler, Missouri, to President Roosevelt, stating that she had married a Bailey-Kelly outlaw.

DETAILS: Investigation at Butler, Missouri, disclosed that [REDACTED] is not thought to be rational on occasions. [REDACTED] was interviewed at her home at Butler, Missouri, and stated that her husband was connected at Edwardsville, Illinois with a gang of which two members, Lackethough and Conover, were sent to the Illinois State Penitentiary. She was very vague as to the details of any offense that might have been committed and stated she thought her husband might be hiding out now because of something he did. She did not know of anything which he was implicated in at the present time and stated she did not mean to state in her letter that her husband was connected with the Bailey-Kelly gang, but merely meant that he was as mean as a Bailey Kelly gangster. She described him as the type of man who would cause others to do crimes for him but was too clever to get caught. She exhibited her ear, which she stated in her letter had been cut off by her husband, but at this time it appeared to be in perfectly good condition. She stated that seven stitches had been taken in it by [REDACTED], now at Kansas City, but no scar was evident.

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Sheriff [REDACTED] and this Agent interviewed [REDACTED] and he did not appear to be the type of person who would be implicated in serious offenses. Sheriff [REDACTED] stated that no word has ever come to him of any criminal activities on the part of [REDACTED], and that he considers him a hard working farmer. [REDACTED] is thought, by her husband, to be crazy but he states that some days she acts perfectly rational.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

June 2, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Cowley	_____
Mr. Edwards	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Lester	_____
Miss Clerk	_____
Mr. Tamm	✓

During telephonic conversation today, Mr. Brantley stated that he is submitting a letter to the Division setting forth his interview with [redacted] of the Rocky Mountain News at Denver, Colorado. He said [redacted] impressed him as having a good personality and appears to be intelligent, though the information which he claimed to have was apparently "phoney." The informant told Mr. Brantley that he did not tell [redacted] where the woman was staying who was alleged to have in her possession Bates' share of the Urschel ransom money. As a matter of fact, there were no circumstances indicating that she was living in Denver, it appearing that she was merely passing through or had just arrived. He stated the relations with [redacted] were very cordial.

Mr. Brantley also indicated that the Rocky Mountain News doesn't amount to as much as the other newspapers in Denver.

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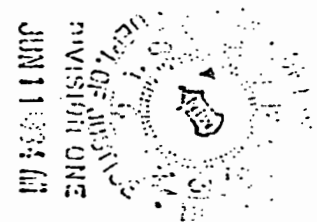
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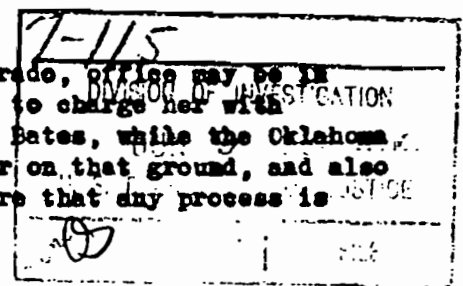
Re; GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al.
CHARLES F O URSCHEL - Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

If you have not already been advised, I wish to make known that information has been received to the effect that Clara Feldman alias Ruth Johnson alias Gladys Edwards, former associate of Albert Bates, and the woman who lived with him at Denver, Colorado, shortly prior to his arrest there in connection with the above entitled case, was seen at Denver, Colorado, recently, at which time she was driving a Plymouth Sedan, black in color, bearing Missouri license plates, number unknown. At the time she was seen at Denver, she made known to informant that she was using the name of Gladys Edwards. She, at that time was said to be wearing a bright yellow knit suit and a large tan hat.

It is suggested that you determine through the State Motor Vehicle Theft Registration Bureau for the State of Missouri, if this woman, under the name of Clara Feldman, Ruth Johnson, Gladys Edwards, Gladys Hurtienne, Ruth Hurtienne or Margaret Hurtienne, is listed as the registrant of a Plymouth Sedan during the current year. If so, make every effort to locate her, and if located she should be thoroughly interrogated for any information helpful in determining where the Albert Bates share of the ransom money in this case is deposited. It is believed that she knows considerable about this ransom share, and before this woman is released, the Oklahoma City and Denver, Colorado, offices should be communicated with for the purpose of determining if either of these offices desire to institute her prosecution in connection with this case.

It is possible that the Denver, Colorado, office may be in a position to develop sufficient information to charge her with harboring a fugitive in the person of Albert Bates, while the Oklahoma City office may desire to proceed against her on that ground, and also as a co-conspirator. However, I am not aware that any process is outstanding against her.



In this connection, it is known that a young man, believed to be [redacted], and known as Ed Feldman alias Axel C. Johnson may be with her. He was a member of the household which Albert Bates established for her prior to his arrest, and subsequent to his arrest he was with her. He was last known to be consorting with one [redacted] of Medford, Oregon, and was at that place until April 1934. He departed from Medford on or about that time, and his whereabouts are not known. He was then in possession of a Ford Roadster, Model A. color faded brown, about a 1929 model, bearing Oregon 1934 license plates 12-434.

It is suggested that you determine through the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau for the State of Missouri, if this Ford Roadster is of record in that Bureau, and if not, arrange to have a flash card placed in the records so that in the event it comes to the attention of that Bureau you will be notified. If Ed Feldman alias Axel C. Johnson is located, he too, should be interrogated thoroughly on like lines, and also for the purpose of determining the present whereabouts of his mother, Clara Feldman.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Inspector Clegg, St. Paul.
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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1876
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE KELLY, et al
Charles F. Urechel - Victim
KIDNAPING

This will confirm telephonic request from Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley to ascertain all pertinent data relative to the registration of a 1934 Plymouth Sedan, Deluxe Model, by Gladys Edwards, the motor number or 1934 Missouri license number of this car not being known. Mr. Brantley explained that this information was desired in connection with the investigation at Denver, Colorado, as to an individual who might have the portion of the Urechel ransom money which went to Albert Bates.

Through communication with [redacted] State Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Jefferson City, Missouri, advice was received that there was no car registered there in the name of Gladys Edwards, however, [redacted] advised that on May 9, 1934, title #4042570 was issued to [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri, on 1934 Plymouth Sedan, bearing Motor #FF32634, this car being mortgaged to the National Bond and Investment Company of St. Louis, on May 7, 1934. [redacted] also advised that his records reflect one [redacted] Jefferson City, Missouri, has been issued a title, on August 16, 1933, to a sedan bearing Motor #PD103580. Although [redacted] did not so indicate in his letter, it is believed that this sedan is a Plymouth Sedan in view of the inquiry being made relative to Plymouth Sedans and the fact that type of car does bear a motor number with the prefix letters PD.

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Copies of this letter are being referred to the St. Louis and Denver offices in order that in the event it is deemed advisable by Special Agent in Charge Brantley to have investigation made of the two above mentioned registrants in the State of Missouri having the surname of [redacted] appropriate request might be made by Mr. Brantley of the

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St. Louis office, as well as the Kansas City office for such investigation.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division
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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
June 6, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
422 Midland Savings Building,
Denver, Colorado.



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

Dear Sir:

Sections one and three of the Salt Lake City file
in this case, were left with Special Agent [redacted] of your
office by Special Agent [redacted] of this office.

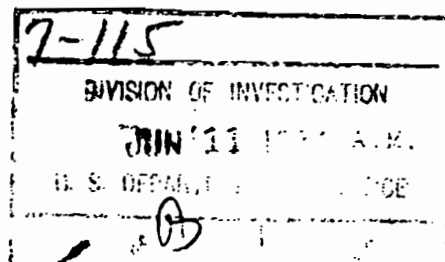
When those sections have served your purpose, please
see that they are returned to this office.

Very truly yours,

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JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Re: George Kelly Barnes with aliases
et al.
Charles F. Urschel - Victim
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June 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
422 Midland Savings Building,
Denver, Colorado.

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

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto I am returning Tacoma, Washington,
Police photograph of Theodore Bentz, No. 6605, which you forwarded
to Agent [redacted] of this office, at the Golden Hotel, Reno,
Nevada, under date of June 4th, 1934.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.



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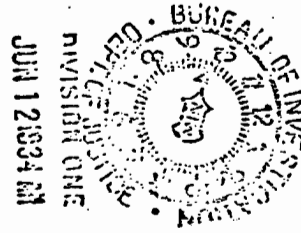
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U.S. Department of Justice,
422 Midland Savings Building,
Denver, Colorado.

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

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto you will find copies of reports in
this matter which I have culled from my file.

- [redacted] Salt Lake City, Utah, Office, dated 5-29-34.
- John A. Dowd, Salt Lake City, Utah, Office, " 9-15-33.
- [redacted] Portland, Oregon, Office. " 9-7-33.
- John A. Dowd, Salt Lake City, Utah, Office. " 9-9-33.
- Letter from Oklahoma City Office, to Salt Lake City Office, dated Sept. 8, 1933.
- Letter from Chicago, Ill., Office to Salt Lake City Office, dated Sept. 6, 1933.
- Report of John A. Dowd, Salt Lake City, Utah Office, dated Sept. 6, 1933.
- Report of R.H. Colvin, Oklahoma City Office, dated Sept. 6, 1933.
- Report of [redacted] Butte, Montana, Office dated Sept. 6, 1933.
- Report of [redacted] Dallas, Texas, Office, dated Sept. 6, 1933.
- Letter from Portland Oregon, Office to Salt Lake City Office, dated Aug. 25, 1933.

Please cull from the Salt Lake City Office sections of this
file, which you now have in your possession, all serials of which there
are duplicate copies in that file, and forward them to me for my file.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JAD: [redacted]
cc - Division.

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June 6-1934

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

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 2nd
under date of April 30, May 12, May 29th,
I wrote you as follows:

"Please be so kind as to reply to my
letter of April 1st, and oblige."

Please change the letters to read:

Please be so kind as to reply to my
letter of April 15th, and oblige.

Merely change April 1st. to April 15th
and reply to same. Thanking you
in advance,

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Yours truly,

[Redacted signature]

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

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to my letter dated June 5, 1934,
I am forwarding herewith the abstract slips which became
detached from this letter in mailing.

Very truly yours,

Jay S. Newman

JAY S. NEWMAN,
Acting Special Agt. in Charge.

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June 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm.

Mr. Blake telephoned from Dallas this afternoon and advised that one of the \$20 bank notes in the Urschel case has shown up in northwest Texas and he only has one man in Dallas available to go there and that man is Accountant [redacted] who Mr. Blake has promised the Division "for five or six weeks" he will send to Corpus Christi on a national bank investigation, which he understands, however, is not urgent. Mr. Blake inquired whether he should send this Agent to northwest Texas in connection with the discovery of this bank note. I instructed Mr. Blake to send Agent [redacted] right away on this matter and have him report back to him, and Mr. Blake stated he would have him leave tonight and get him to Corpus Christi as soon as possible.

Mr. Blake stated it is possible that there are some more of these notes in that vicinity, and it is also possible that this may give us a lead.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Chief Clerk.

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Portland, Oregon

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
422 Midland Savings Bldg.,
Denver, Colorado



Dear Sir:

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

This will refer to your letter of the 5th instant addressed to the Division in the above entitled matter, pertaining to the reported presence of Clara Feldman, alias Ruth Johnson, alias Gladys GORDON Edwards, alias Ethel Davis, at Denver, Colorado, copy of which was referred to this office. Reference is also made to letter of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, Oklahoma City, addressed to the Division under date of June 2, 1934, in this same connection. INDEXED

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Particular attention is directed to the first and second pages of your letter of the 5th instant, indicating that Clara Feldman appeared at DeJohn's Venetian Night Club, Denver, on the night of June 3, 1934, accompanied by a young man and woman. The description of the young man appears to be that of Clara Feldman's son, Ed Feldman, alias Axel C. Johnson, and the description of the woman appears to be that of one [redacted] with whom Ed Feldman is known to have lived in Medford, Oregon, during the past winter.

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I am not familiar with the extent of the information available to your office concerning Clara Feldman and her son, Ed Feldman, inasmuch as the Denver office was just recently opened. However, you are advised that according to information available in this district, Ed Feldman and his mother, Clara Feldman, traveled together extensively during the summer and fall of 1933, during which time they purchased several automobiles, paying cash in all instances. You are advised that during October and November, 1933, Clara Feldman and Ed Feldman were known to have been in Portland, Oregon, at which time Clara Feldman was using the alias of Ruth Johnson and Ed Feldman was using the alias of G. or Axel C. Johnson. They arrived in Oregon in October in a new Dodge Sedan purchased at Chicago, Illinois, and late in October, 1933, Ed Feldman wrecked this car near Junction City, Oregon. He thereupon purchased a Chevrolet Cabriolet at Eugene, Oregon, paying cash for same, and he disappeared and disposition of this car is unknown.

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It later developed that during the early part of the current year Ed Feldman flew by plane from Medford, Oregon, to Portland, Oregon, where it is known that he met his mother, Clara Feldman, and by information developed through a confidential informant it was learned that Ed Feldman was living in the vicinity of Ashland or Medford, Oregon. Investigation at Medford developed that [redacted] was living there under the name of [redacted] with one [redacted] who answers the description of the woman seen at DeJohn's place, as noted in your letter. [redacted] and Ed Feldman disappeared from Medford, Oregon, during the latter part of April, 1934, at which time Ed Feldman had a Ford roadster, model A, color faded brown, about a 1929 model, which bore Oregon 1934 license 12434. No direct information has been obtained regarding their whereabouts since that time with the exception of a belief that Ed Feldman and [redacted] were to be married.

It would now appear from the information furnished in your letter that Ed Feldman and [redacted] whether married or not, appear to have rejoined Clara Feldman and it is noted that Clara Feldman was seen in a new Plymouth Sedan, the last information appearing to be that such sedan bore Kansas 1934 plates 3-8717. While your communication does not refer to that fact, it is assumed that investigation has been made in connection with these plates to determine the identity of the owner thereof. I have to suggest, however, if this line of inquiry fails to materialize, that a circularization might be made of all Plymouth dealers in the vicinity of Denver to determine possible information relative to the purchase of this car. This circularization might be successful inasmuch as it is believed beyond question that the car was purchased by Clara Feldman under an alias, with the entire purchase price of the car being represented by cash payment. In other words, it is believed that a circularization of all Plymouth dealers to determine the identity of any recent purchasers of Plymouth cars on a cash payment basis might result in information of value. If such circularization results in no information in Denver, it is suggested that similar circularization might be made in the states of Missouri and Kansas.

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There is enclosed herewith a photograph of Ed Feldman, son of Clara Feldman, with the suggestion that same be exhibited to the informant who reported having seen Clara Feldman and a young man and woman in DeJohn's place, for the purpose of identification.

You are advised that upon receipt of information by telegram from the Salt Lake City office and by telephone from

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Special Agent in Charge Brantley from Denver that Clara Feldman had been seen in the Plymouth car described, this information was broadcast through police bulletins in this district, asking that all officers be on the lookout for this car. To date no information has been forthcoming indicating that this car has been in this part of the country.

If any further information is developed regarding the whereabouts of Clara Feldman, it is kindly requested that this office be notified immediately, inasmuch as we have numerous avenues of possible information covered in this district in an effort to locate this woman.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Re: George Kelly Barnes et al
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June 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I am attaching hereto an article appearing in the New York World-Telegram for June 6, 1934, and which is a review of a book entitled "Crime's Paradise" written by Kirkpatrick. It is a story of the Urschel case. I thought you would be interested in this review.

Respectfully,

Director.

*Edwin Urschel
Recommemoration*

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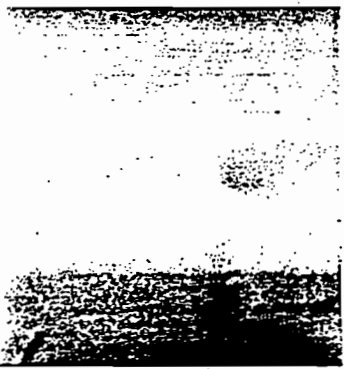
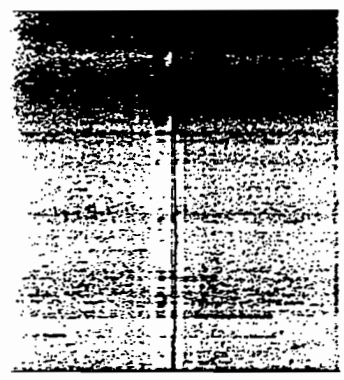
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The First Reader

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...of the Division of Investigation...
...of the United States Department of Justice...

*Copies G. P. &
Mrs. Stanley
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The Man with the Wide-open Ears.
A military writer was writing this tale he could call it "The Case of the Wide-Open Ears." For never has the sense of hearing worked to better advantage than in the case of Charles F. Urschell. While driven over rough roads and chained down to a cot in a lonely ranch house, Urschell had his eyes closed by tape. And he had a marvelous memory for what he heard.

He knew exactly on what days it rained, and on what day a high wind came from the south. The government checked the weather maps for all these details. He knew that they had driven over dirt roads and over a rattling bridge about half a mile long, calculating the hours in which he reached it. The government found the bridge.

He heard the men stop at a lonely filling station and talk to the woman in charge, asking whether the rain would help the crops. "No," she replied; "they are all burned up, but it may help the wheat soon come." The government found the brown spots and the burned area.

The biggest clue was not remembering the five stock on the farm or getting the plan of the ranch house or leaving finger-prints, but locating the exact time at which an airplane passed overhead. He would ask the time during the day, and when the airplane passed he would count off a number of minutes and ask the time again. He discovered that the plane passed at 9:45 A. M. and 2:45 P. M., except Sundays. This talked with an aerial plane and led to the discovery of the Shannon hideout.

Dirty Money Releases Bailey.
KIRKPATRICK tells in detail how he carried the \$200,000 in \$20 bills in a bag on a train to Kansas City, Mo., standing all night on the rear platform looking for two fires which were to have been lighted as signals. The fires did not appear, but the next day at the hotel Kirkpatrick received word that he was to deliver the bag on a Kansas City street. Here he was met by a six-foot gangster, stylishly dressed in a natty summer suit and two-tone shoes. He tried to keep a conversation going in order to mark the man's gestures well. This man proves to be Harvey Bailey, who was caught at the Shannon farm.

Bailey saved his way out of one of the finest jails in the country—the Dallas County jail, but the bars were swung open the outside; collusion between Bailey and corrupt officers was soon established, and two convictions were obtained later. Bailey was caught before he reached his hideout near Ardmore, Okla.

This is one of the great difficulties in apprehending criminals. Gangsters with money have used it to bribe small-town officials. Kirkpatrick is just as certain that dirty money paid to lawyers has shaped retard justice and spread crime in the United States. "Usually the desperate criminal has only one means of communication with his outside comrades of gangland—through his lawyer," says he. "The medical profession cleans up its tracks. They lead professions, in its relations toward crooked lawyers and their duplicitous schemes, never lose an attitude of 'let George do it.'... A certain amount of covardice among upright lawyers, fearing reprisals or vengeance in some form, deters them from performing a great public service."

Another aid to crime, in the opinion of Mr. Kirkpatrick, is the misuse of the pardoning power of State Governors. One Ferguson administration in Kansas gave between 3,500 and 4,000 commutations, and the present administration had given 1,870 by May 1, 1934. Governor Murray of Oklahoma gave 1,341 up to October 31, 1933, among them nineteen convicted of the crime of murder from Tulsa County, Okla., alone.

About \$120,000 of the Urschell ransom money is still missing, and it is believed that some of it was buried by George Bates. "Machine Gun" Kelly's hoard amounted to \$73,250. This was the famous cache in a thermos bottle dug up in a cotton field by the light of the moon while a baby was being born in the ranch house nearby.

"Crime's Paradise," by E. F. Kirkpatrick. Introduction by Walter Ferguson. The Register Co., San Antonio, Texas, 32.

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June 9, 1934.

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

I am attaching hereto, as of possible interest to you, a copy of a memorandum which I have today addressed to the Attorney General, transmitting a copy of an article appearing in the New York World-Telegram for June 6, which is a review of a book entitled "Crime's Paradise."

Very truly yours,

Director.

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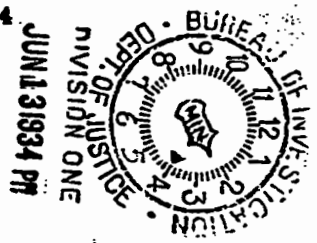
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June 9, 1934

J C Newman
 Division of Investigation
 U. S. Department of Justice
 422 Midland Savings Building
 Denver, Colorado



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June 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMEL.

Mr. Newman telephoned from Denver, Colorado today with regard to the angle of the Urschel case in which [redacted] is interested. He stated they are keeping a close watch on all garages and have been out to various roadhouses which she is known to frequent, but have not been able as yet to get anything definite. Mr. Newman stated he has an informant working in addition to the one who is working with [redacted] and the other informant is equally well versed in the matter and they expect some developments right away.

Mr. Newman inquired how much money he would be authorized to pay, particularly to [redacted] informant, who has mentioned that Brantley said he would give \$100 for information which would lead to the apprehension of the woman. I stated I was personally willing to pay \$100 for this. Mr. Newman states he is perfectly satisfied from the information which has come to him from the informant that this woman can be located within the near future. He stated that the stories which these informants tell check perfectly. I reiterated I was personally willing to pay \$100 for this information, and Mr. Newman stated when this woman is found the matter should be followed up to a logical conclusion. He stated they know another woman who is with her.

I advised that when this woman is located I desired that we have sufficient Agents to handle the situation, without police help.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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June 13, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES,
with aliases, et al
CHARLES FO URSCHEL - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of numerous letters from one [redacted] Dallas, Texas, in which [redacted] claims that arrangements were made with you to pay [redacted] for his services in furnishing information regarding the escape of Harvey Bailey from the Dallas County Jail.

The Division file reflects that on September 11, 1933, Assistant Director Harold Nathan sent a telegram from the Dallas office recommending the employment of [redacted] as a confidential informant for a period of seventeen days at \$6.00 per day, and that on the same date authorization was given to hire [redacted] as a confidential informant. However, in a letter dated at Dallas, Texas, September 12, 1933, Mr. Nathan stated that since requesting authorization to hire [redacted] an investigation had been conducted relative to [redacted] character and as a result of this investigation, it was not deemed advisable to proceed with this employment and it was requested that the authorization be cancelled.

Inasmuch as the Division file does not reflect whether [redacted] performed services for any length of time for the Division, it is requested that you advise whether [redacted] is entitled to any remuneration and for what services this money is due.

Very truly yours,

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

Kidnaping
 of
 Charles F. Urschel



George Barnes, alias George
 "Machine Gun" Kelly.
 Life Sentence.



Mrs. George Barnes, alias
 Kathryn C. Kelly, alias
 Mrs. "Machine Gun" Kelly,
 and many other aliases.
 Life Sentence.



Robert Green Shannon,
 alias "Boss" Shannon.
 Life Sentence.



Ora Lillian Shannon,
 Mrs. "Boss" Shannon.
 Life Sentence.



Harvey J. Bailey.
 Life Sentence.



Albert L. Bates, alias
 E. L. Davis.
 Life Sentence.



Clifford Shelly.
 Sentence - 5 years.

Shortly before midnight, July 22, 1933, Mr. Charles F. Urschel, a wealthy oil man, was kidnaped from his home at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, by two men armed with a machine gun and a pistol.

The Division of Investigation was notified immediately and after Mr. Urschel's release and safe return on July 31, 1933, as the result of payment of \$200,000 ransom there began one of the most intensive man-hunts ever undertaken to solve the crime. Investigations were conducted throughout the United States simultaneously.

Within 90 days after the actual abduction the case had been solved, a considerable portion of the ransom money recovered and the guilty individuals apprehended, convicted and sentenced.

Fifteen individuals involved in the crime in various ways were convicted. Six of this number received life sentences. Additional sentences totaled 31 years, 2 months and 1 day.

The photographs of these 15 individuals are shown on this chart together with the sentences received by each.



Armon Crawford Shannon.
 Sentence - 10 years (suspended).



Edward Bremer.
 Sentence - 5 years.



John C. Reherer.
 Sentence - 2 years and 6 months.



Langford P. Ramsey.
 Sentence - 2 years and 6 months.



Will Casey.
 Sentence - 2 years.



Thomas L. Manion.
 Conspiracy to aid Bailey to escape.
 Sentence - 2 years.



Groves C. Devell, alias Jack Devell.
 Conspiracy to aid Bailey to escape.
 Sentence - 18 months.



Cassie Earl Coleman,
 alias Cass Coleman.
 Sentence - 1 year and 1 day.

June 14, 1954

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[REDACTED]
Dallas, Texas.

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Dear Sirs

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated June 6, 1954, relative to the payment alleged to be due you by this Division for services rendered to Special Agent in Charge Frank Blake in connection with the escape of Harvey Bailey from the Dallas County jail.

May I advise you that this matter has been referred to Mr. Blake and I shall communicate with you when I hear from Mr. Blake.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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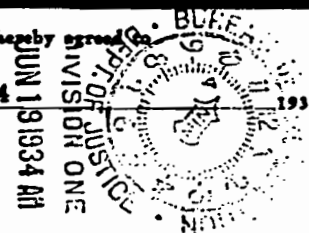
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 J E P Dunn
 Division of Investigation
 U. S. Department of Justice
 617 Federal Building
 Los Angeles, California



GEORGE KELLY BARNES ETAL KIDNAPING TRACINGS FORWARDED BY YOU REFLECT SOMEONE
 AT [REDACTED] LOSANGELES CORRESPONDING REGULARLY WITH
 [REDACTED] AT VENTURA MAY BE UNKNOWN SISTER FELDMAN WOMAN ENDEAVOR DISCREETLY VERIFY AN
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
June 13, 1934

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

Kindly refer to letters from this office to the Division under dates of April 13, and 25, 1934, relative 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 this Division to interview Albert Bates at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, for information concerning the robbery of the Railway Express Agency at Tacoma, Washington, on March 26, 1932.

[redacted] has again called at the Kansas City Division office desiring to be advised as to what information has been received from Washington, D.C., relative to his request.

It is respectfully requested that the Division kindly advise its desires in this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 19, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

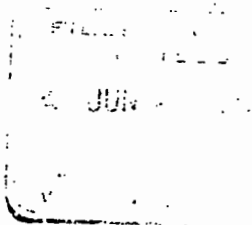
Reference is made to your letter dated June 13, 1934, in the above entitled case, relative to the request of [redacted] of the Kansas City Office of the William J. Burns International Detective Agency, to interview Albert Bates, who is now confined in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

You are advised that this matter was submitted to the Department, and the Division has been informed that the Department has no objection to an authorized representative of the Burns Detective Agency interviewing Bates, if the interview takes place in the presence of a prison official.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JUNE 16, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1457
St. Louis, Missouri



Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al
CHARLES F. URSCHAL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

There is being transmitted herewith a copy of a letter directed to this office by Special Agent in Charge John A. Dowd, Salt Lake City, dated June 5, 1934, concerning recent investigation at Denver, Colorado, to locate a woman believed to have part of the Urschel ransom money obtained by Albert Bates, Bates now being incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, as a result of his conviction and sentence in the Urschel kidnaping case.

Pursuant to that letter correspondence was had with the Secretary of State, Jefferson City, Missouri, to ascertain if a Plymouth Sedan had been registered during the year 1934 for Gladys Edwards under any of the names mentioned in Special Agent in Charge Dowd's letter. A reply has been received from the Secretary of State indicating that the only information which appears pertinent to our inquiry in his records is that one Gladys S. Feldmann, 1032 Madison Street, St. Charles, Missouri, is the registrant of 1934 Missouri license number 104-518, Plymouth 1933 Sedan, bearing motor number PD125253, this car being owned under title number 3818953 and there being a lien of \$468.00 on the car by the Commercial Credit Company, St. Louis, Missouri.

A copy of this letter is being furnished the Oklahoma City Office with the request that that office furnish you with a photograph of Clara Feldman for your use in the investigation requested here below.

It is requested that discreet inquiries be made to ascertain if Gladys Feldmann, above named, may be identical with Clara Feldman, whose location is desired, as indicated in attached copy of Special


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Agent in Charge Dowd's letter.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN, Acting
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Division _____
Oklahoma City
Salt Lake City
Denver

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY

FILE NO. 7-8

REPORT MADE AT: KANSAS CITY, MO.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-14-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6-4-34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al Charles F. Urschel - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

1933 Buick Coupe, Motor #2847132, bearing 1934 Missouri license #335-149, property of [REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri, a gambler and thought to be connected with carnivals, [REDACTED] and wife were on west coast in April, 1934, and thought to be in Kansas City now.

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REFERENCE:

Telegram from the Portland office, dated 6-2-34.

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DETAILS:

Special Agent [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the office of the Automobile Registration Bureau, State of Missouri, Jefferson City, Missouri, and obtained the information that the owner of the car bearing 1934 Missouri license #335-149 was [REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri. This license was issued 3-12-34 for a 1933 Buick Coupe, Motor #2847132. No loss had been reported to the office of the Automobile Registration Bureau.

The city directory, Kansas City, Missouri, reflects that the

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1272 UNITED STATES JUN 18 1934 A M BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: FILE	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUN 18 1934 CHECKED OFF: JUN 19 1934 JACKETED:
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occupant of [redacted] was [redacted] who works at present for the Hudson-Brace Motor Company, 27th and Main Streets, Kansas City, Missouri.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] purchased this residence from him through an agency and still holds part of the purchase price. All payments prior to 6-2-34 were made by cash and on 6-2-34 a \$20.00 check was given on the Commerce Trust Bank, Kansas City, Missouri. In January, 1934, [redacted] had a Chrysler car in which he went to Florida and some time in March or April again left for the west coast with his wife on this trip he took a 1933 Buick Soupe which he had purchased from [redacted] a gambler of Kansas City, Missouri. This car was originally purchased by [redacted] from Simons-Wiles Motor Company, Kansas City, Missouri, and was the car mentioned which was observed in Oregon in April, 1934.

[redacted] Simons-Wiles Motor Company, Kansas City, Missouri, stated that [redacted] had considerable trouble with burned out rods on his car and was thinking of trading it with some dealer who did not know its defects, probably in St. Louis.

The house mentioned which was purchased from [redacted] was occupied by a Mrs. Costello [redacted] and this house was sold through [redacted] who is connected with the Herbert V. Jones Real Estate Company, Bryant Building, Kansas City, Missouri. The week prior to the investigation [redacted] was confined in the Research Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri, for an appendicitis operation. [redacted] stated that [redacted] claimed to be interested in two carnival companies, but [redacted] was of the opinion that he was a gambler.

[redacted] gave the following descriptions:

- Name - [redacted]
- Age - about 30 years
- Height - 5 feet 7 or 8 inches
- Weight - 180 to 185 pounds
- Complexion - that of an inside worker, has a young looking face.
- Eyes - blue
- Hair - extremely light
- Teeth - very good
- No glasses, scars or peculiarities. Jovial type.

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- Name - [redacted]
- Age - about 24 years
- Height - 5 feet 2 inches
- Weight - 100 pounds

Hair - blonde (not natural)
Eyes - blue
Teeth - extremely large and uneven.
Face - long
Girlish appearance and retiring type.

Name - Mrs. Costello
Age - about 45 years
Height - 5 feet 6 inches
Complexion - dark
Hair - dark gray
Eyes - dark
Glasses - for reading only

Mrs. Costello claims to have worked at Myron Green's Restaurant, Kansas City, Missouri, and her husband was for years with the Nichols Steel and Wire Company, but has been dead for the past two years.

A telegraphic summary of this information has been sent to the Portland office and they have advised discontinuing the investigation.

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P. O. Box #709
Portland, Oregon

June 14, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
422 Midland Savings Bank
Denver, Colorado

JUN 19 1934 AM
DIVISION ONE

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

Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to your letter of the 5th inst. to the Division relative to the reported presence of Clara Feldman in Denver in the early part of the current month. It is noted that the informant is reported to be one [redacted] In this connection, I am forwarding herewith Seattle P. D. photograph [redacted] of [redacted] who is a member of the Bentz-Bailey-Kelly gang, and as such, is undoubtedly personally acquainted with Clara Feldman. I am forwarding this photograph to you to determine whether by any chance the informant known as [redacted] would be [redacted] After submitting this photograph for identification purposes, please return same to this office.

Very truly yours,

All b7c

C. C. Spears
Special Agent in Charge

CCS [redacted]
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cc Division
Oklahoma City
Salt Lake City
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From
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN
 To
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- Assistant Attorney General Sweeney
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- Mr. Bates, Director, Bureau of Prisons
- Division of Accounts
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- Mr. Brabner Smith
- Mr. Morrison
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- Mr. Norris
- Mr. Gottshall
- Miss Brookley
- Miss Broomhead

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Springfield, Missouri June 8, 1934

Hon. Jos. B. Keenan
Washington DC

Reference is made to the Urschel kidnapping case where such parties as Coleman, Kelly, Bates, Bailey and others were involved.

The object of this letter is to arrange for a conference to give you some information as regards the money yet to be recovered as well as some movements of these parties prior to the kidnapping.

You will of course use every precaution to call upon me here at this institution therefore I suggest that when a call is made that the subject of this letter not be mentioned to others

I offer the names of two Government officers to whom I would convey such information if you are unable to give it personal attention. The names are W.E. Dunigan former Special Agent in Charge at Washington or [redacted] of Intelligence Unit at Kansas City, Mo. All conferences must be in strict confidence and in private. All that I ask is that whoever calls remember that I am taking a desperate chance and for the sake of my family, I am willing to take this chance.

This envelope is being addressed in my own handwriting and marked strictly personal and confidential, a privilege given inmates.

(S) [redacted]

PS Please do not write any letters to me.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

JUN 21 1934

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a letter dated June 8, 1934, from [redacted] with the return address [redacted], Springfield, Missouri.

It is requested that you interview [redacted] for the purpose of ascertaining any information he may have in regard to the ransom money paid in the Urschel kidnaping case. Care should be taken not to embarrass [redacted] in this investigation.

In accordance with the request contained in [redacted] letter, the Division is not acknowledging the same.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

422 Midland Savings Bldg.,
Denver, Colo.
June 18, 1934.



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

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases et al.
CHARLES URSCHEL--Victim
Kidnaping

Reference is made of my letter to you on June 5, 1934,
reporting developments of the investigation made at Denver in an
effort to locate Clara Feldman and her son Ed Feldman.

Since writing you I have maintained close contact with
[redacted] of the Rocky Mountain News, and
with Reporter [redacted] of this paper. Also, with inform-
ant [redacted] who originally gave [redacted] the information that
the Bates woman had been seen by him in Denver.

On June 6, 1934, [redacted] and I interviewed [redacted]
[redacted] of DeJohn's Venetian Night Club in Denver, at which
place [redacted] and [redacted] allegedly saw Clara Feldman the night of
June 3, 1934 as mentioned in my letter. I was introduced as a
newspaper reporter by [redacted] who was well known to [redacted]. The
latter stated that the persons in question had been there on
June 3, were unknown to him, and had never been seen by him before
or since.

In questioning Informant [redacted] as to the selection of
DeJohn's place for the meeting on June 3, he advised me that Clara
Feldman, whom he stated was well acquainted around Denver, had
selected this place.

[redacted] was questioned regarding his telephone call to the
York Hotel, Denver, from DeJohn's place and stated that he had
called a friend, one [redacted] who had resided here for a long
time and who was not acquainted with the Bates woman or knew
anything about the matter. Through telephonic communication it
was found that [redacted] resides at this hotel.

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██████████ advised that the night Clara Feldman and party were at DeJohn's, he attempted to secure the license number of their automobile but was unable to get a view of the license plates. He described the automobile as being a comparatively old Chevrolet Coupe. ██████████ further advised that Informant ██████████ wife had accompanied him and ██████████ to DeJohn's, but that he was the only one who had observed the car operated by these persons. ██████████ and the ██████████ stated that the Feldman woman, while in Denver, was wearing a brown straw hat with a wide brim, tipped low over her eyes, and a tan dress. They advised that she kept her head down practically all the time so as to keep her face hidden.

The photograph of Ed Feldman forwarded to the Denver office by the Portland office under date of June 8, 1934, was exhibited to ██████████ both of whom advised that same closely resembled the young man they had seen with Clara Feldman at DeJohn's place, but that they were unable to positively identify this photograph. ██████████ left Denver June 10, 1934 on a two weeks vacation, consequently, it has been impossible to exhibit the photograph to him for identification purposes.

Special Agent ██████████ has made investigation with negative results at all Plymouth automobile dealers in Denver and vicinity. Photographs of Clara Feldman and her son were exhibited by Agent ██████████ to the managers of these concerns and the sales records were checked under all known names used by these persons. Also, questionable sales transactions were gone into. The Motor Vehicle records in the office of the Secretary of State, Denver, were also examined by Agent ██████████ with negative results.

On June 9, 1934 Informant ██████████ advised ██████████ and myself that at 3:30 P.M. June 8, his wife had observed the Feldman woman in a new black Plymouth Sedan bearing Missouri license plates; that this woman was driving this car between Logan and Pennsylvania Streets on East 20th Street in Denver. According to Informant ██████████ this woman was in the same automobile she was operating at the time he saw her in Denver the afternoon of June 3, 1934. On that occasion ██████████ also advised that at 6:45 P.M., June 9, he and his wife had observed the Feldman woman in the same Plymouth car parked at the curb at Lincoln and East 20th Street across from the Crest Hotel. ██████████ was interviewed and the same information was furnished by her husband with reference to having seen the Feldman woman on June 8. ██████████ and his wife described the Plymouth as being a new black sedan, having a red pin stripe around the body; they stated that this car was equipped with six wheels, two of them being mounted in tire wells on the front fenders. They both stated that when they observed the car near the Crest Hotel it possessed Illinois license plates but they were unable to obtain the numbers ██████████ further stated that she was

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unable to ascertain the number of the Missouri license which she believed to have been on the car when observed by her the day previous.

All garages in the vicinity of the Crest Hotel were checked but no trace of the car allegedly driven by the Feldmans could be found and no one was able to identify their photographs. Inquiry at the Crest Hotel also proved unproductive.

Saturday night, June 9, 1934, Agent [redacted] and I accompanied by [redacted] and the [redacted] visited Joe's Cafe, 760 Santa Fe Drive, Denver, and several other night clubs mentioned by Informant [redacted] as being likely places for the Feldmans to frequent. However, this woman or her companions could not be located and no trace of the Plymouth car could be uncovered.

While Agent [redacted] and I remained outside [redacted] and the [redacted] went into the Twin Towers, a night club [redacted] located on West Colfax Avenue, just outside of the city limits of Denver. [redacted] is well known and served time with Informant [redacted] in the Colorado State Pen and is now out on parole. After spending approximately an hour in this place, Informant [redacted] who had become intoxicated, advised me that [redacted] whom he had questioned in confidence, had informed him that Clara Feldman had been there the night previous and would be there again later that night. Accordingly, we waited at this place until 1:30 A.M. June 10, 1934 but this woman did not appear.

Following the experiences of that night, I questioned [redacted] as to whether he had given Informant [redacted] any money and he stated that he had given him considerable money and had defrayed his expenses in the past at numerous night clubs at which they had gone on information furnished by [redacted] to locate if possible the Feldman woman. [redacted] further stated that he had lost faith in [redacted] and somewhat doubted whether it was the Feldman woman they had seen at DeJohn's place on June 3, 1934. I again exhibited the photograph of this woman to [redacted], who stated that the woman he had seen somewhat resembled this photograph, but that he was not able to positively identify same.

On June 12, 1934, Informant [redacted] advised me that he had met a former inmate of the Colorado State Pen, one [redacted] who like himself was acquainted with Subject Bates and the Feldman woman. He took a ride with [redacted] driving the latter's automobile in view of the fact that [redacted] was pretty well intoxicated. [redacted] according to [redacted] instructed him to drive out East Colfax Avenue, stating that he wanted to see a party out that way. [redacted] drove, according to his statement, to the U.P. Cabins, located at Xanthia and East Colfax, almost to the city limits of Denver. Here [redacted] told him to pull along the side of a parked car and much to his

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surprise he observed Clara Feldman sitting in this car with a young man, who was unknown to him. He, [redacted] spoke to the Feldman woman according to his story and [redacted] asked her how she was getting along, inquiring if she desired to "step out" that night. Whereupon she stated that she might go to the Palais Royale, a night club located at 4800 Pecos Street in Denver. [redacted] claimed that no further conversation was had with this woman and he and [redacted] returned to the downtown section of Denver. [redacted] stated that the Bates woman was wearing the same brown, straw hat she had on at DeJohn's place and he described the young man with her as being about 22 years of age, quite tall, and blond. He stated that this man was not the same individual he had seen with Clara Feldman at DeJohn's place.

The night of June 12, 1934, Agent [redacted] and I, accompanied by Informant [redacted] and wife went to the Palais Royale arriving at approximately 9:30 P.M. Agent [redacted] waited in a car, while the [redacted] and myself remained inside. We waited until about 1:00 A.M. but the Feldman woman or her companions did not appear. During this time [redacted] who appeared to be known by [redacted] and others connected with the place, informed me that through conversation with one of these individuals he had determined definitely that Mrs. Feldman would be there that evening. However, she did not make her appearance. [redacted] who had become quite intoxicated, finally admitted that she quite likely would not come.

On June 13, 1934, accompanied by [redacted] and Agent [redacted] I went to the U. P. Cabins, the place where [redacted] had seen the Feldman woman on the day previous and suggested that she was quite likely stopping at this tourist camp. Inquiry was made at the camp by Agent [redacted] who exhibited photographs of Mrs. Feldman and her son to the manager and his wife, both of whom advised that they had never seen these persons and they were positive no one had stopped in an automobile in front of their place the day previous as described by [redacted]. The records of this camp also failed to reveal any of the names used by the Feldmans.

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It was obvious from conversing with Informant [redacted] that he had been misleading [redacted] for the purpose of getting entertainment for himself and wife at various night clubs. I informed [redacted] that I would pay him \$100 for information resulting in the location of the Feldman woman but that I did not wish him to waste my time in following out leads which he knew had no value. He promised to make discreet inquiry among his hoodlum friends and advise this office if he should secure any information of worth. [redacted] questioned as to her husband's activities admitted that she did not have faith in all of his statements and attributed [redacted] actions to the fact that he had been drinking heavily of late.

The night of June 16, 1934, Agent [redacted] and the writer interviewed [redacted] of the Twin Towers night club, whom Agent [redacted] had met in connection with the case entitled [redacted] with aliases, et al; [redacted] -Victim; Kidnaping; Denver File No. 7-2." [redacted] being on parole, is very cautious not to become involved in any trouble. He was shown photographs of the Feldmans and stated that he had never seen these persons and did not know them. He was questioned confidentially as to whether anyone had made inquiry relative to these people and stated that no one had approached him in this regard. He promised to be on the lookout for these persons and to notify the Denver office if they put in an appearance at his club.

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On June 14, 1934, [redacted] Empire Hotel, telephone Keystone [redacted] Denver, the wife of [redacted] alias [redacted] alias [redacted], a subject in the [redacted] case, called at this office. In the past this woman has furnished considerable information in connection with the above case. While here I exhibited to her a photograph of Clara Feldman without revealing her identity. She immediately identified this as being a photograph of Subject Bates' woman whom she knew as Mrs. Davis. She stated that she had last seen this woman in Denver approximately two years ago at the Junior Rooms, 1028 19th Street, which is [redacted] [redacted] stated she would be on the lookout for the Feldman woman and her companions and would notify this office in the event she saw them.

The Denver office will continue investigation of this matter and keep the Division advised.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman

JAY C. NEWMAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Oklahoma City
Portland

File No. 7-7

422 Midland Savings Bldg.,
Denver, Colo.

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June 18, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of June 14, 1934, this is
to advise that the photograph of [redacted] Seattle
police department [redacted] is not that of [redacted] the
Denver informant in this case.

As requested, I am returning herewith the photo-
graph of [redacted] forwarded with your letter.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. MURMAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division ✓
Oklahoma City, Okla.
Salt Lake City, Utah.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 18, 1934



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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your letter dated March 2, 1934 in the above entitled matter in which you requested that it be ascertained from the Oklahoma and Arkansas Automobile Registration Bureaus whether Chevrolet Cabriolet, Motor #3126905, Serial #6BA-0314291, was registered in Oklahoma or Arkansas during 1934, or if a registration was made in these Bureaus under the names of Ruth Johnson or ~~Alvin C. Johnson~~ during 1934.

The records of the Automobile Registration Bureau of Oklahoma at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and the Arkansas License Bureau at Little Rock, Arkansas have been checked and it has been ascertained that the above described automobile has not been registered during 1933 or 1934 and that there have been no registrations of automobiles under the names of Ruth Johnson or ~~Alvin C. Johnson~~ during 1934 in these Bureaus.

Stop orders have been placed with these Bureaus regarding the above described car with the request that if this car is registered that the Oklahoma City office or Little Rock office be notified immediately.

Very truly yours,

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EARLE M. BLACK, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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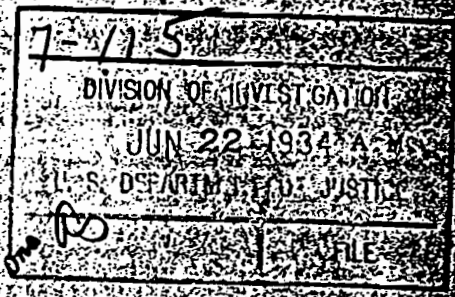
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Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear ██████████

My good friend, Inspector ██████████ has presented to me the drawing, "His Trigger Finger" of George (Machine Gun) Kelly, which was originated and designed by you. It really is one of the most interesting portrayals of not only Kelly, but of the science of fingerprints. I have the picture on the wall in my office, and it has already attracted considerable attention from my friends who have called to see me. I want you to know how grateful I am to you for this very unusual and unique piece of work. You are to be congratulated upon having designed such an interesting portrayal of Kelly.

With expressions of my best regards and good wishes,
I am

Sincerely yours,

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

June 19, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

In reply to Division letter of 6/13/34 concerning one [redacted] of Dallas, Texas, who is claiming he made arrangements with me to pay him for services in furnishing information regarding the ESCAPE OF HARVEY J. BAILEY from the Dallas County Jail:

[redacted] is in error in making such statement, as no such arrangement was made with me. [redacted] did assist agents [redacted] and [redacted] in that investigation and arrangements were made through the office of the U.S. Attorney with the Department whereby [redacted] would be paid as an expert witness; but subsequent developments made it inadvisable to call [redacted] as a witness. However, he was tendered the expert witness fee for his attendance, which he declined to accept - claiming a larger amount.

It is true, also, that [redacted] did render valuable assistance in connection with the investigation and probably it would not be amiss to recompense him in some degree, but his claim for a period of 17 days at \$6.00 per day is unreasonable.

Agent [redacted] is thoroughly familiar with all negotiations between [redacted] and himself, but he is absent in the field at this particular moment, and when he returns I will take this matter up with him and advise the Division of his recollection of the matter.

Very truly yours,

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

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

June 18, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

In accordance with my recent conference with you relative to Division Chart number 34-31 entitled, "Kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel", this particular chart is being issued in the form agreed upon. A copy of the chart is attached.

You will recollect that we purposely omitted the sentence and photograph of one subject who received a sentence of a year and a day several months subsequent to the convictions of the outstanding subjects in this case, in view of the fact that to have included this last named subject's picture and sentence would have necessitated doing away with that part of the history of the case contained in the chart which states "Within 90 days after the actual abduction the case had been solved, a considerable portion of the ransom money recovered and the guilty individuals apprehended, convicted and sentenced".

In further compliance with your instructions, one large photographic copy of this chart has been forwarded to the Chicago office to be used in the Division's exhibit at the World's Fair and appropriate copies are maintained in this office. Dry lith copies are being prepared by the Equipment Section but have not yet been furnished this office.

Respectfully,

W. H. D. Lester

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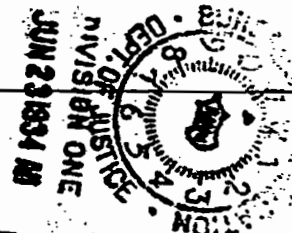
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

FILE NO. **7-7-**

REPORT MADE AT: DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/19/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/9/34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, ET AL. CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.



SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Twenty-dollar Federal Reserve Bank Note, Urschel ransom money, received by First National Bank at Aspermont, Texas, from **Rich Clark**, resident of Stonewall county, Texas. [REDACTED] of Elk City, Oklahoma, suspected of dealing in Urschel ransom money.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is based upon a telephone call from Sheriff [REDACTED] of Aspermont, Texas, to United States Marshal [REDACTED] of Dallas, advising that a ransom note in the Urschel case had been located at Aspermont.

On June 8, 1934, [REDACTED] Sheriff, Stonewall County, Aspermont, Texas, advised the writer that shortly after January 1, 1934, he received an anonymous letter written on cheap tablet paper, enclosed in a plain envelope addressed "Sheriff, Stonewall County", bearing a Wichita Valley Railroad mail stamp, indicating that same had been mailed on a train at a point between Aspermont and Wichita Falls, Texas, in which letter he was advised that **Rich Clark** is offering to sell some of the Urschel Kidnap money at a discount". The Sheriff advised that he did not lend much credence to the letter, which he immediately tore up and threw in the waste paper basket along with the envelope in which the letter was enclosed. That shortly thereafter he visited [REDACTED] and discussed the letter he had received, and was advised by [REDACTED] that a few days prior he had been told by an ex-convict from Oklahoma, that one [REDACTED] of Elk City, Oklahoma, [REDACTED] has been passing some of the Urschel money through a gambling house at McLain, Texas.

Continuing, Sheriff [REDACTED] stated that he still did not lend much credence to the report that **Rich Clark** was handling some of the Urschel

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ransom money, but that about May 18 or 20, 1934, he met Rich Clark at the Court House in Aspermont, and in a conversation with him Clark advised him that James E. Mathers, Attorney at Oklahoma City who defended the Kellys and Harvey Bailey in their trial at Oklahoma City on charge of Kidnaping Charles F. Urschel, was a visitor at the home of Clark's on a ranch 25 miles Northwest of Aspermont, last Fall; and that Mathers had asked to be remembered to Sheriff [redacted] and further that James H. Mathers is [redacted]

The Sheriff stated that upon learning of the relationship between [redacted] and Mathers he conferred with [redacted] of the First National Bank at Aspermont, and requested him to closely scrutinize all twenty-dollar bills received by the bank from Rich Clark; that on the morning of June 7, 1934 he received a telephone call from [redacted] of the First National Bank, requesting him to come by the bank; that he immediately went to the bank and was shown a twenty-dollar (\$20.00) Federal Reserve Bank Note, issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Missouri, bearing the serial No. J-03235472-A, which number appears on the list prepared by the Division, of the Federal Reserve Bank Notes paid as a ransom for the release of Charles F. Urschel.

[redacted] of the First National Bank of Aspermont, Texas, stated to the writer that about 4:00 PM, on June 6, 1934, after the front door of the bank had been closed, Rich N. Clark and [redacted] came into the bank and requested a cashier's check in the amount of \$500.00, payable to Rich N. Clark; that he prepared cashier's check No. 6358 in the amount of \$500.00 payable to Rich N. Clark, and received as part payment on said check from Rich N. Clark, 9 twenty-dollar bills, among which was the Federal Reserve Bank Note in question, and 8 other Federal Reserve bank notes of twenty-dollar bills, issued by the Federal Reserve Bank at Dallas. In addition to the twenty-dollar Federal Reserve Bank Notes, Rich N. Clark paid \$70.00 in ten and five dollar bills, making a total of \$250.00 paid by Rich N. Clark. The remaining \$250.00 was paid by [redacted] in the form of a personal check drawn on his account with the First National Bank of Aspermont, Texas.

[redacted] further stated that the currency of \$250.00 received from R. N. Clark, appeared to have been separated into three or four different rolls which Clark removed from his pocket and counted out on a desk; that after having counted out \$225.00 Clark reluctantly reached in his pocket and withdrew a twenty-dollar Federal Reserve Bank Note and a five-dollar bill. That after having issued the cashier's check, [redacted] was requested by Clark to cash a check for him to be drawn on the First State Bank of Jayton, Texas; [redacted] cashed said check for [redacted], giving him two \$10.00 bills and one \$5.00 bill.

[redacted] stated that he does not know whether or not the twenty-dollar bill in question was the one which Clark reluctantly removed from his pocket along with the five-dollar bill to make up the total of \$250.00 paid him in currency. That after Clark and [redacted] left the bank, he [redacted] checked over the currency that he had received from Clark and upon discovering that one of the

twenty-dollar Federal Reserve Bank Notes was issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, he checked the number thereon against the list he had received from this Division, and discovered that said bill was part of the Urschel ransom money.

[redacted] further advised that the cashier's check issued to Rich N. Clark on June 6, 1934, is still outstanding and that in his opinion the check was obtained for the purpose of obtaining clemency for [redacted] and [redacted] Rich N. Clark, who was convicted on May 21, 1934 in District Court at Aspermont, Texas on a charge of robbery and assault, and was sentenced to serve 20 years in the Texas State Penitentiary.

In this connection, Agent was advised by Sheriff [redacted] later in the day, that he had just received instructions from the Governor of Texas that a furlough of 60 days had been granted [redacted] and that he was to be immediately released from the Stonewall County Jail.

With regard to the assault and robbery charge against [redacted] Agent was advised by Sheriff [redacted] that on May 13, 1933, an elderly couple, Mr. and Mrs. John York, who reside about one quarter of a mile from the home of Rich N. Clark, 25 miles Northwest of Aspermont, were assaulted and robbed of a few dollars in their home. The Sheriff stated that in his investigation of the matter he learned that some time prior to May 13, 1933, John York had discussed with Rich N. Clark the condition of the State Bank at Jayton, in which he (York) had a deposit of slightly more than \$500.00; that York advised Clark he had about \$500.00 in the bank and was afraid the bank was going to close; that Clark advised the old man York to withdraw his money and keep it in his home. That he (Clark) felt sure the bank at Jayton would soon close and that he had no faith in any banks.

Continuing, the Sheriff stated that in his investigation he found that [redacted] and one [redacted] of Elk City, Oklahoma, were visitors in the home of Rich N. Clark on the night of May 12, 1933 and that [redacted] returned to his home at Elk City sometime during the day of May 14, 1933. That the grand jury returned an indictment against [redacted] and [redacted] charging them with robbery and assault of [redacted] that as yet he has been unable to apprehend [redacted]

[redacted] of the First State Bank of Jayton, Texas, and [redacted] of the Bank of Peacock, Peacock, Texas, stated to the writer that about June 3 or June 4, 1934, Rich N. Clark made application to him in the bank at Jayton for a loan of \$50.00; that he advised Clark he would let him have the money and Clark stated he was not sure he would need it, but in the event it was needed he would issue checks for that amount then come into the bank and execute his note for like amount to take up the checks; that the check of \$25.00 given by Rich N. Clark to the First National Bank of Aspermont on June 6, 1934, has not yet been presented to the First State Bank of Jayton for payment.

[redacted] stated to the writer with reference to the general reputation of Rich N. Clark, that he knows of no criminal activities of Clark, but is convinced that Clark is closely associated with certain criminals in Oklahoma and at Ft. Worth, Texas. That about 1927 an attempt was made to burglarize the bank at Peacock. The burglars removed the safe from the building and took it out as far as the edge of the sidewalk; that in attempting to load the safe on the truck one of the burglars dropped his pistol and accidentally shot himself in the foot; that later his foot became infected and he went to a hospital in Ft. Worth, Texas, where he died from the infection. That prior to his death he gave the names of his two accomplices, who were apprehended and convicted of the burglary in the State District Court at Aspermont, Texas. That during the trial of the case Rich N. Clark was closely associated with the defendants and with their attorney - one [redacted] of Ft. Worth. Further, that he [redacted] has observed numerous cars going into and leaving the farm home of Rich N. Clark, which is about six miles Northeast of Jayton, Texas, and joins a ranch owned and operated by [redacted] a [redacted] in the First State Bank of Jayton.

Personal description of Rich N. Clark as furnished by [redacted] Sheriff at Aspermont, Texas is as follows:

Name: Rich N. X Clark
Age: 45 years
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 150 lbs.
Build: Medium
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Complexion: Rugged
Peculiarities: Constantly moistens lips with tongue.
Marital Status: Married, one step-son, named Red Robertson, age - 25 years.
Occupation: Farmer and stockman
Address: Jayton, Texas.
Relatives: [redacted] brother, Elk City, Okla.
[redacted] brother-in-law, Aspermont, Texas.
James H. Mathers, uncle, (Attorney) Okla. City, Okla.

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[redacted] of the First State Bank at Jayton, Texas, which bank has been opened only about six weeks, was given a list of the Urschel ransom notes, and he stated that he would immediately notify the Dallas Division office if any of said money is received in his bank.

[redacted] of the First National Bank of Aspermont, Texas, stated that he would continue to check all currency that comes into his bank and would immediately notify the Dallas Division office if any of said money is received by him.

Sheriff [redacted] advised the writer that he will address a letter to [his brother, [redacted] Deputy Sheriff, Tatum, New Mexico,] and request him to give whatever information he had or has concerning this matter to any Agent of this Division who may interview him, particularly concerning the ex-convict from Oklahoma who advised him that [redacted] is passing some of the Urschel ransom money through a gambling house at McLain, Texas. Sheriff [redacted] stated further that [redacted] Chief of Police at Clinton, Oklahoma, is well acquainted with [redacted] and [redacted] of Elk City, Oklahoma; that [redacted] is a reliable officer, a friend of his and will give full cooperation to an Agent of this Division.

The twenty-dollar Federal Reserve Bank Note in question was obtained by this Agent and has been turned over to Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake of the Dallas office. }}}

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION OFFICE, at Clinton, Oklahoma, will consult Chief of Police, [redacted] as to his knowledge of [redacted] and the probability that he is passing or dealing in Urschel ransom money, keeping in mind the alleged and probable connection of James Mathers.

THE EL PASO DIVISION OFFICE, at Tatum, New Mexico, will interview Deputy Sheriff [redacted] as to his knowledge of [redacted] passing Urschel ransom money.

THE DALLAS DIVISION OFFICE, at McLain, Texas, will make inquiry at the banks to determine whether any of the Urschel ransom money is passing through the banks.

At Aspermont, Texas, will make further investigation relative to Rich Clark.

At Paducah, Texas, will contact Sheriff [redacted] for any information he may have regarding Rich Clark.

PENDING.

June 20, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In connection with the phone call from Mr. Clegg to you today, wherein he stated that he was in receipt of a letter from one [redacted], Little Rock, Arkansas, indicating that a former prosecutor of Arkansas is now serving a sentence in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, having been convicted on a charge of harboring kidnapers, please be advised that I have no personal recollection of a former County Attorney in Arkansas who is serving a sentence under the above circumstances. There is, however, a memorandum in the Kenne case, submitted by Special Agent [redacted] dated September 16, 1933 at Little Rock, Arkansas, wherein he states that an informant, [redacted] advised him that a former prosecuting Attorney, whose name he believes to be [redacted] is an associate of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. There is nothing in the memorandum to indicate that [redacted] has been prosecuted and I caused the files of the Identification Unit to be checked under this name, as well as the index of the Division. An examination was also made of the list of gangsters submitted by the Oklahoma City Office, without locating the name of any individual who may be serving a sentence under the circumstances above related. I requested Mr. Coffey to examine the personal appearance sheets submitted by the Oklahoma City Office and he furnished me with the following names of known kidnapers who have an Oklahoma State Penitentiary record:

[redacted]

The above names were checked with the Division index without success, these individuals apparently being subjects of State kidnaping cases.

Incidentally, Langford P. Hensley is an attorney who was prosecuted and received a sentence of two years and six months in

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connection with his harboring George "Machine Gun" Kelly. The file does not show where Ramsey is serving his sentence but it is presumed that he was sentenced to the Leavenworth Penitentiary.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NEWBY

During telephonic conversation this morning, Mr. Clegg stated he had in his possession a letter which had just been received by [redacted] from one [redacted] Fort Smith, Arkansas, stating that there is a prisoner serving time in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, for harboring a gang of kidnapers, who was formerly a county official. It was stated in this letter that his prisoner has information as to how to locate the kidnapers of [redacted]. Mr. Clegg stated he had just called the Oklahoma City Office on this matter, but that he thought possibly the files here might indicate what county official in Arkansas had been sentenced for harboring this particular gang. He suggested that if information in this regard is found here, it might be well to transmit it to the Oklahoma City Office for its information.

Will you please take care of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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P. O. Box 1870
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 22, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri

JUN 25 1934 PM
DIVISION ONE
DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al
CHARLES FOURSONEL - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir :

With reference to the above titled matter, and to letter to you from the Kansas City office, dated June 16, 1934, I am enclosing herewith two photographs of Clara Feldman to be used by your office in connection with the investigation suggested by the Kansas City office.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge

cc Division
Kansas City
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W. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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

Los Angeles, Calif. June 25, 1934

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C. O. Spears
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
411 U. S. Court House
Portland, Oregon



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GEORGE KELLY BARNES ETAL KIDNAPING A H SCOTT AND [REDACTED] WITH CHILDREN LEAVING VENTURA TONIGHT IN BLACK HUDSON SEDAN CURRENT OREGON LICENSE EIGHT TWO DASH FOUR SEVEN SIX CAR HAVING BLACK TRAILER PROCEEDING TO JACKSONVILLE OREGON EXACT DESTINATION THERE UNKNOWN

CHARGE GOVT RATE
Div. of Inv. 617 Fed. Bldg.
4:50 P.M.
RES [REDACTED]
cc Division

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THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 21, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

Referring to Division letter of February 14, 1934 and to previous correspondence in connection with the threatening letter addressed to Mr. Urschel, postmarked Bridgeport, Texas, January 22, 1934, please be advised that inquiry has developed that Mr. Urschel, [redacted] and [redacted] the latter in the employ of Mr. Urschel, are said to have handled this letter.

Mr. Urschel's fingerprints are already of record in the Division, so he states. The fingerprints of [redacted] have been taken and are transmitted herewith.

[redacted] recently appeared at this office and his fingerprints were taken, and I am advised inadvertently were placed in the outgoing mail without any cover letter attached thereto or anything to indicate for what purpose they were forwarded to the Division. In the event the Division is unable to locate these prints, please advise and an effort will be made to obtain the prints of [redacted] when he again appears in Oklahoma City, at which time, they will be forwarded to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **St. Paul, Minnesota.**

St. Paul FILE NO. **62-894**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-22-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6-13-34	REPORT MADE BY: R. C. Coulter
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS		CHARACTER OF CASE: WRITING ANONYMOUS LETTERS TO ASST. ATTY. GEN. JOSEPH B. KEENAN, JUDGE EDGAR S. VAUGHT, AND CHARLES URSCHEL.	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <div style="float: left; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-right: 10px; text-align: center;"> JUN 26 1934 AM DIVISION ONE </div> <p>Handwriting on threatening letters to Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan, Federal Judge Edgar S. Vaught, and Charles F. Urschel does not appear identical with the handwriting of the Twin Cities subjects in the Urschel kidnaping case. VERNON MILLER, whose initials appear at the bottom of the note to Mr. Keenan, has since been killed. Case will be reopened on receipt of further information.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">C.</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Division letter dated October 26, 1933, and letter from Oklahoma City Division office dated October 26, 1933.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p><u>At St. Paul, Minnesota.</u></p> <p>Reference letter from Oklahoma City Division office transmitted photographic copy of a letter and envelope addressed to Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan, Washington, D. C. The envelope in question was cancelled at Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 11, 1933, at 2:00 p.m., the figure "5" appearing within the cancellation circle. This note, according to the Technical Section of the Division, was printed with a pencil. In the note, the threat was made that the writer would get him and his children. The note was signed "V.M." VERNON MILLER with aliases, who it was thought may have had some connection with the writing of this note, has since been killed at Detroit, Michigan.</p>			
DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1282	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUN 25 1934	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 2 - Division 2 - St. Paul 1 - Oklahoma City		BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION JUN 25 1934 A M. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	CHECKED OFF: JUN 26 1934 JACKETED:
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The Division letter of reference transmitted photographic copies of letters to Edgar S. Vaught, Oklahoma City; George Kelly, Oklahoma City; and Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City. The letter to Kelly was postmarked Muskogee, Oklahoma, October 11, 1933, at 11:30 p.m., and the letter to Urschel was postmarked at Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2:00 p.m., October 11, 1933; both letters were printed. The letter to Kelly was promising him help, and the letter to Urschel threatened to kill him, his wife, and family.

The letter to Judge Vaught, postmarked St. Paul, Minnesota, September 25, 1933, at 3:00 p.m., is in small writing and his life was threatened if he did not release "Minneapolis boys". The letter further stated that they were good friends of Lehmer, the Minneapolis Police Chief, and were just gamblers and bootleggers and would not mix up with any kidnaping job.

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The writing on these notes was compared with the specimens of the writing of CHARLES ALBERT WOLK, SAM FREDERICK, SAM KRONICK, SAM KOZBERG, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. From a comparison, it was plainly evident that none of these notes were written or printed by any of the above named individuals. This agent has seen the signature of BARNEY BERMAN, ISADORE BLUMENFELD, and CLIFFORD SKELLY; and in the opinion of this agent, none of these notes were written by any of the above mentioned individuals.

In view of the fact that no latent fingerprints were found on the notes and there is no information available indicating who the author or authors may be, this case is being considered closed at this time, subject to be reopened in the event any information is received in the future. This matter is, of course, being kept in mind as other investigations are being made.

CLOSED.

From

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

to

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

June 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I am attaching hereto an article appearing in the New York World-Telegram for June 6, 1934, and which is a review of a book entitled "Crime's Paradise" written by Kirkpatrick. It is a story of the Urschel case. I thought you would be interested in this review.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

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*Thanks for it
J.E.H.*

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June 11, 1934.

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Mr. Harry Hansen,
c/o New York World Telegram,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Hansen:

I have just been reading your recent review of the Kirkpatrick book dealing with the Urschel case. Your article is so well written and so highly helpful in what we are endeavoring to do that I cannot refrain from expressing to you my personal thanks for it.

Kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

signed
HOMER CUMMINGS

Attorney General.