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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

L.A. FILE NO. 7-19

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Los Angeles</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>6-22-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6-5,12-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[REDACTED] Ventura, Calif. advise a [REDACTED] resided in Ventura from 4-1-34 until about 5-1-34. [REDACTED] of apartment at [REDACTED] Ventura, advised that an A. A. SCOTT and a woman who had [REDACTED] [REDACTED] rented an apartment from her for the period 4-2-34 to 4-23-34, and that she believed the woman was called [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised they drove a black Hudson Sedan with a trailer, bearing Oregon license. Investigation at Post Office, Ventura, disclosed letter received on 6-11-34 addressed to [REDACTED]. Information from [REDACTED] indicates [REDACTED] at present in Central Lake, Michigan. Investigation at Ventura does not indicate that CLARA FELDMAN or ED FELDMAN had ever visited [REDACTED].

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**REFERENCE:**

**DETAILS:**

Portland Division Office letter dated 5-2-34.

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**DETAILS:**

Agent contacted [REDACTED] an apartment court at [REDACTED] Ventura, California, at which place a MR. and [REDACTED] reside - [REDACTED] being [REDACTED] alias CLARA BELL MAXWELL; they advised that a man and a woman, who was [REDACTED]

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>[Signature]</i>	7-115-1284	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>JUN 27 1934</b>
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 5 Division 2 Oklahoma City 2 Portland 2 Los Angeles		UNITED STATES <b>JUN 27 1934 A M</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: [REDACTED] FILE	CHECKED OFF: <b>JUN 27 1934</b> JACKETED:

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[redacted] came to Ventura on about April 1, 1934, and stayed until about May 1, 1934; that they had six children with them, ranging in ages from about eight to twenty, and that they took an apartment at the Fountain Courts on Main Street, Ventura. They further advised that [redacted] and the man, whose name they did not know, drove a black Hudson Sedan with a grey trailer, and that said automobile was a 1930 model and bore an Oregon license.

[redacted] referred Agent to [redacted] of the Fountain Apartments, for further information with reference to these people, stating that she considered [redacted] a very reliable person. [redacted] advised that [redacted] formerly resided in Apartment [redacted] but had been living in Apartment A at the same address since about March 15, 1934. Agent exhibited photograph of ED FELDMAN to [redacted] but they could not identify it as resembling any person who had ever visited [redacted]. Interrogation of [redacted] did not indicate that CLARA FELDMAN or her son ED FELDMAN, alias [redacted] had ever visited [redacted].

[redacted] stated that [redacted] told her, when the above people left Ventura, that they were going East, but did not indicate their destination.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] received a Western Union Telegram on June 1st or 2nd, 1934.

[redacted] the Fountain Court Apartments, 1157 East Main Street, Ventura, California, advised that a MR. A. A. SCOTT and a woman whom she first thought was MRS. SCOTT, but whom she later learned was not, rented the court apartment from her on April 2, 1934, the address of which was 1159 East Main Street; that they had six children with them and a young woman about twenty-two years of age. [redacted] described the young woman as being about 5' 5" tall, weighing 125 pounds, blonde hair and fair complexion. [redacted] described the woman whom she had first thought was MRS. SCOTT, but whose right name she never did learn, as being 32 years of age, brown hair, and very attractive. [redacted] stated that this woman had [redacted] who resides at [redacted] who visited her, and that she believed [redacted] calls this woman [redacted].

[redacted] advised that they drove a black Hudson Sedan with a trailer, which she believed was also black, and that it bore an Oregon license, and further advised that they left on April 23, 1934, but did not indicate their destination. [redacted] advised that they paid cash for their rent, and that as she recalls, it was paid in five and ten dollar bills.

Agent contacted [redacted] mail carrier who covers the address at 1159 East Main Street, and he advised that he had never delivered any mail at this address to A. A. SCOTT, A. H. SCOTT, or [redacted].

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[REDACTED] Superintendent of the Post Office at Ventura, California, after an examination of his records, advised that he had no record of a forwarding address under any of the above names.

Agent contacted [REDACTED] of the Western Union office at Ventura, California, with reference to examining the wire received by [REDACTED] June 2, 1934, and was advised that it was against the rules, and that Agent would have to obtain a court order before examining any wire.

On June 12, 1934, Agent called at the Post Office, Ventura, California and contacted [REDACTED] Superintendent, who advised that he had no record of a CLARA BELL MAXWELL receiving mail at the address of [REDACTED]. He stated, however, that on June 11, 1934, a letter was received for a [REDACTED] addressed to her at [REDACTED].

Agent also on this date contacted [REDACTED] and was advised by them that they had no knowledge of a CLARA BELL MAXWELL having visited with [REDACTED] at any time. [REDACTED] stated that on June 11, 1934, [REDACTED] advised her that she had just received a letter from [REDACTED] (meaning the woman who was there with A. H. SCOTT); that she was now in Central Lake, Michigan.

[REDACTED] also stated that [REDACTED] frequently visited [REDACTED] who resided in Los Angeles, but whose address she did not know, and that they also often went to a vineyard which they owned near Fontana, California.

Agent requested [REDACTED] to, if possible, in a discreet manner ascertain the name and address of the [REDACTED] resides in Los Angeles, and also the exact location of the vineyard near Fontana, California, and also to advise this office by telephone, collect, if [REDACTED] should leave for any length of time, and, if possible, advise this office of their destination.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

FILE NO. **7-9**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>NEW ORLEANS, LA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>6/25/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/9/34 to 6/25/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with-alikes, et al. CHARLES F. CURSCHEL - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Stop notices have been placed in Automobile License Bureaus for States of Louisiana and Mississippi, at Baton Rouge and Jackson, respectively, on Chevrolet Cabriolet, motor #3126905, serial #6 BA 0314291.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Portland office dated 3/2/34.

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**DETAILS:**

On March 25, 1934, agent placed a stop flash card against Chevrolet Cabriolet, motor #3126905, serial #6 BA 0314291, at the Louisiana State Automobile License Registration Bureau, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, which car was last known to have been in the possession of a paramour of Subject Bates, Mrs. Albert Bates, who was traveling in this car under the name of Mrs. Clara Feldman, alias Ruth Johnson, and who was accompanied by her son, Ed Feldman, using the alias of ~~Ed C. Johnson~~. This stop notice was placed against the aforementioned names as well as against the motor number.

Special Agent [REDACTED] of this office, placed a like notice on March 9, 1934, at the Mississippi State Automobile License Registration Bureau at Jackson, Mississippi.

**DETAILS:**

The registration records for the State of Mississippi were not complete as of March 9, 1934, and on April 20, 1934, Special Agent [REDACTED] again contacted the Mississippi License Bureau. A letter is being directed to both the Louisiana and Mississippi License Bureaus to further follow up the stop notices placed when the records were incomplete. This office will be advised in the event this car is registered in either the States of Louisiana or Mississippi and appropriate action will be taken.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">R. Whitley</div> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1070	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>JUN 27 1934</b>
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**From**  
**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN**  
**To**  
**OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK**

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- The Solicitor General*.....
- Assistant to Attorney General Stanley*.....
- Assistant Attorney General Wideman*.....
- Assistant Attorney General Stephens*.....
- Assistant Attorney General Sweeney*.....
- Assistant Solicitor General MacLean*.....
- Assistant Attorney General Blair*.....
- Mr. Stewart*.....
- Director, Division of Investigation*..... **V**
- Mr. Bates, Director, Bureau of Prisons*.....
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- Chief Clerk*.....
- Appointment Clerk*.....
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- Mr. Finch, Pardon Attorney*.....
- Mr. Parrish*.....
- Mr. Ridgely*.....
- Mr. Kiefer*.....
- Mr. Wixson*.....
- Mr. Fisher*.....
- Mr. Ramsey*.....
- Mr. Brabner Smith*.....
- Mr. Preston*.....
- Mr. Fort*.....
- Mr. Millerison*.....
- Mr. Gottshall*.....

**MEMORANDUM**

*I believe that Laska should be accorded the right to see Butts for the reasons set forth in the letter provided*

*As he is searched for weapons*

*↳ a prison official is present at all times during the confinement*

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| <i>Mr. Nathan</i> .....  |
| <i>Mr. Tolson</i> .....  |
| <i>Mr. Clegg</i> .....   |
| <i>Mr. Cowley</i> .....  |
| <i>Mr. Edwards</i> ..... |
| <i>Mr. Egan</i> .....    |
| <i>Mr. Quinn</i> .....   |
| <i>Mr. Lester</i> .....  |
| <i>Chief Clerk</i> ..... |
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B. B. LASKA  
Attorney at Law  
Symes Building  
Denver, Colorado

June 23, 1934.

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Mr Keenan  
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Hon. Homer S. Cummings,  
Attorney General,  
Washington, D. C.,

Dear Sir:

Please be so kind as to grant me the privilege of consulting my client, Albert L. Bates, who is now confined in the United States Penitentiary Annex, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, under Robert H. Hudspeth, Warden.

My request for the consultation is not only based upon legal matters, but I must have his approval, as well as his signature, to an affidavit; such matters can not be accomplished through correspondence, (as you are aware, correspondence between counsel and said Bates has been denied).

Also, owing to a death that just occurred, the deceased I believe is closely related to him, and it is imperative that I have the necessary information and authority from him for the burial, and disposition of the estate, if any exists.

Will appreciate an immediate interview as the same is very important and requires immediate action; trusting that you will confer the said favor without any unnecessary delay,

Very respectfully yours,

Signed: B. B. LASKA

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENE

JUN 28 1934

With regard to the attached communication addressed to the Attorney General by B. B. Laska, who requests permission to see Albert L. Bates, a prisoner in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, I do not believe there is any action which I can take upon this matter, as it does not seem to fall within my jurisdiction. I believe it is a matter for decision between you and Mr. Bates.

Very truly yours,

~~W. B. Keene~~

Director.

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- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson..... ✓
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Cowley.....
- Mr. Edwards.....
- Mr. Egan.....
- Mr. Quinn.....
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*W. B. Keene*

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

June 27, 1934

AIR MAIL

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

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

Dear Sir:

There are forwarded herewith two double negative photographs of Clara Feldman, alias Ruth Johnson, alias Gladys Edwards, alias Ethel Davis, alias Clarabelle Maxwell, and Ed Feldman, alias Axel C. Johnson, alias A. C. Johnson, and one positive photograph of (1) Verna Freimark, alias Freda Freimark, alias Mrs. Ed Bentz; (2) Clara Feldman. This latter picture was made during the spring of 1933 on the Steamer Iroquois, which runs between Seattle, Washington, and Victoria, British Columbia.

It is requested that these photographs be reproduced and two copies of each sent to the following Division offices:

- Portland
- Oklahoma City
- Los Angeles
- Detroit
- St. Paul
- Denver
- Salt Lake City
- San Francisco
- Boston
- Chicago

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The above offices have been notified by report of Special Agent [redacted] Portland, dated June 28th that the photographs would be forthcoming from the Division. It is further requested that the originals be returned to the Portland Division office.

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Very truly yours,

*C. C. Spears*

C. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Portland, Oregon.

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases,  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Portland, Oregon, June 29, 1934, wherein it is noted that the Division would be requested to furnish offices indicated below with copies of certain photographs. There are transmitted herewith copies of the photograph of (1) Verna Freismark, with aliases, and (2) Clara Feldman, which photograph was taken during the spring of 1933 on the Steamer Iroquois, which runs between Seattle, Washington and Victoria, British Columbia.

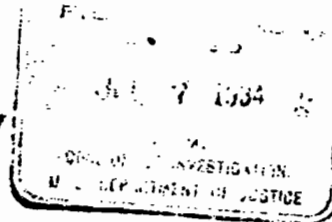
There are also transmitted herewith, and to each of the offices indicated below, copies of a photograph of Clara Feldman and Ed Feldman, alias Axel C. Johnson, alias A. C. Johnson, and copies of an enlargement of this same photograph.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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cc-Oklahoma City  
Los Angeles  
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June 23, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Dallas, Texas.

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RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with alias, et al.  
CHARLES P. URSCHEL - VICTIM.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 19, 1934, in the above entitled case, wherein it is reflected that Rich Clark, Stonewall County, Texas, is supposedly in possession of some of the ransom money in this case.

The Division desires that a thorough and immediate investigation be conducted relative to the authenticity of this information, and that the leads set forth in reference report be given immediate and vigorous attention.

Very truly yours,

7-115-1278  
Director.  
J. E. Hoover

cc-Oklahoma City  
El Paso

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Post Office Box 419,  
Nashville, Tennessee,  
June 28, 1934.

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

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RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, Et Al,  
Charles F. Urschel - Victim,  
Kidnaping  
Nashville File #7-1

Dear Sir:

On June 26 Sheriff ██████████ Clarksville, Tennessee, telephoned this office and advised that he had some important information in the most important criminal investigation which the Division has recently been engaged on, and desired that agents from this office contact him on the following day. On the 27th instant, Special Agents ██████████ and W. A. Rorer interviewed Sheriff ██████████ at Clarksville.

He stated that, according to information furnished him by ██████████ who resides twenty miles Southwest of Clarksville, ██████████ about August 21, 1933, was accosted by strangers and requested to repair the rear axle of an automobile, which car was hidden near the home of ██████████ about a half mile from the highway. That during the past month or six weeks ██████████ has received two letters, the first of which was received about four to six weeks ago, postmarked somewhere in the State of Nevada, which letter was subsequently lost or destroyed by ██████████ and, according to ██████████ was almost unintelligible, the only readable part making reference to a pea patch; that about three or four weeks ago the second letter was received by ██████████ mailed at Ithaca, N. Y., a copy of which is attached hereto, and signed ██████████

The Sheriff stated that the information first came to his attention through Attorney ██████████, of Clarksville, who was a former prohibition agent and recently represented ██████████ in a small criminal case. At the time the Sheriff was interviewed, the note was still in possession of ██████████ who turned it over to Agent Rorer.

██████████ stated that by using a small hand compass he and ██████████ had endeavored to locate the mentioned loot but had been unsuccessful. This matter had also been brought to the attention of ██████████ District Attorney at Clarksville. The matter was discussed with him.

Agents ██████████ and Rorer, accompanied by the Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff and Attorney ██████████ proceeded to the home of ██████████ and with him located the spot where ██████████ claims that on August 21, 1933 he was taken by a stranger

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and where he saw a Buick Coupe and a Chevrolet Sedan; that these cars contained two women and three men; that the rear axle of the Chevrolet Sedan was broken and the strangers gave him \$5.00 to proceed to Clarksville and obtain a second-hand axle, which he did and which he installed; that after installing it he was paid an additional \$5.00, at which time one of the men asked him for his full name; that he remembers this person, by the use of a fountain pen, wrote his full name down, stating that he might later hear from them.

He stated that he received no further information until about four or six weeks ago, when he received a letter which, according to his recollection, was apparently posted at a railway Post Office or on a train in Nevada; that the handwriting of this letter was practically unintelligible, and that the only information which he obtained from the letter was the mention of a pea patch. He stated that he did not mention this letter to any of his family or friends with the exception of [redacted] and he did not mention it to [redacted] until after the second letter was received.

[redacted] further stated that about three weeks ago he received the letter which was subsequently turned over to Attorney [redacted] and is now in the possession of the Division, which letter carries postmark of Ithaca, N. Y., no date and is franked with Permit No. 1, Meter No. 2397. The letter was opened by tearing off the left end, and although there is a return address thereon, it has been torn therefrom with the exception of the word "System". From an examination of the typing of the addressee on this envelope, it appears that a typewriter was not used, but the address was placed thereon by an addressograph machine. It is further apparent that the letter was misssent to Sewanee, Tennessee, where it was postmarked May 3, 1934, 5 P. M., with a notation thereon that it was misssent thereto. [redacted] several times affirmed the fact that he is positive the second letter was received in this envelope.

He stated that when the second letter was received, in company with [redacted] he proceeded to the place where he had repaired the automobile and from there located the sugar tree, which is in fact a maple tree, and that he climbed this tree where about thirty feet from the ground on the trunk he found carved the following: "N.Y.C. A. CHAS. BAILEY (or Balley) SLEPT IN THIS TREE AUG. 20, 1933".

This tree was climbed by Agent [redacted] and the above notation verified and, according to Agent [redacted] it is apparent that this carving was probably made more than six months ago.

During the interview with [redacted] he was obviously nervous and was requested to write the contents of the second letter to the best of his recollection, which he did. It is noticed that the wording is very similar to that of the note which he claimed to have received. He stated that he is very familiar with the contents, in view of the fact that he read it many times.

Interview was had with County Surveyor [redacted] at Clarksville, who stated that the compass reading set out in the note is ambiguous; that the

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first reading is "So 67 $\frac{1}{2}$  degrees" without any indication of the distance to be followed in such direction. He further stated that the direction "E 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  degrees" is not a proper compass reading. He stated that it is not possible to follow the readings as set out, and it was his opinion that it would be very difficult to follow one-half degree readings without the use of a surveyor's compass, and that it would be impossible with a hand compass.

While at the maple tree, where the carving was found, Agent Rorer commented in [redacted] presence that it was impossible to follow the compass readings, whereupon [redacted] stated that it was not, that they could easily be followed. One of the compass readings was intentionally misstated by Agent Rorer, whereupon [redacted] immediately corrected him and stated that he is familiar with the readings. [redacted] although nervous, appeared to be loquacious in the matter and when asked point blank whether he wrote the note, informed Agent Rorer that he did not. While writing the letter according to his recollections, his hands were noticeably shaky and when he was asked whether he wrote the letter himself he did not become angry or peeved. Several times when asked if he had shown this letter to any of his friends or family prior to exhibiting it to Attorney [redacted], he stated he had not, but finally he did admit that he had shown the second letter to [redacted]. When questioned as to why he had denied this at first, he stated he had not been asked whether he had shown it to anyone other than his family.

The maple tree referred to in the letter is located one mile, or a little more, from the main highway and a quarter of a mile or more from the spot where [redacted] repaired the automobile last summer. It is inconceivable that anyone would carry a four hundred pound safe to such a spot in order to bury it, when a more suitable place could be found in the woods nearer the highway. It is further obvious that if the note were genuine the writer would not have mentioned the fact that the money involved was part of the money obtained in Oklahoma, apparently referring to the Urschel kidnaping case. There would be no object in such a reference. It further appears that the writer would not have signed his name with the initials and referring to the fact that a stranger would contact [redacted].

[redacted] stated that on the afternoon of June 12, <sup>25 1934</sup> about 4:00 P.M., two men accosted him as he was about to turn off the main highway toward his home; that one of the men who addressed him had a handful of cards and [redacted] obtained the impression that he was a candidate for county office; that the man asked him his name and [redacted] replied [redacted]; that the man then asked him what his first and middle names were and, after being told, said "I am [redacted] Did you get the letters?", and [redacted] replied "What letters", and the stranger said "The letters about the loot"; that [redacted] denied having received any letters or knowing of what the stranger spoke, whereupon the stranger said "The letters were not returned and we know you got them. You have the money with you at midnight Thursday night and meet us on the bridge and if anybody is with you we will take care of him"; whereupon they left and [redacted] claims not to have been able to see the license plates on the car.

[redacted] stated that the second letter, when received by him,

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had a stamp placed over the permit number in the righthand top corner, and that he showed this letter to [REDACTED] with the stamp still on it, but tore the stamp off in order to look underneath the stamp, and lost it. It is noted that the letter does not carry any markings indicating such a stamp was cancelled, although the paper in the righthand corner was torn, indicating the possibility that a stamp was placed thereon and torn therefrom.

[REDACTED] is 36 years of age, weighs 175 pounds, of medium build, brown hair, has an eighth grade education, is married with one ten year old child, claims to have no criminal record.

Arrangements are being made to have agents in the vicinity of the bridge on the night of the 28th instant, and if no one comes [REDACTED] will be thoroughly questioned to ascertain whether he wrote the note as a hoax.

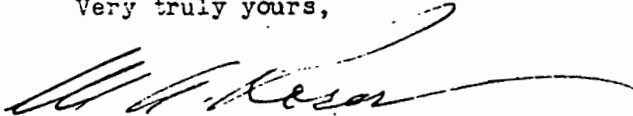
After going over this matter with the Sheriff, the Sheriff is of the opinion that [REDACTED] probably wrote the note. He stated that he does not place any credence in [REDACTED] statements.

The aforementioned letter is being forwarded to the Division for the attention of the laboratory, and it is requested that efforts be made to ascertain the person or firm to whom the franking permit printed thereon was issued and whether such person or company has the name of [REDACTED] on its mailing list. It is probable that this letter was received by [REDACTED] with a circular or similar matter contained therein and, after writing the note himself, he placed it therein.

There is also being forwarded to the Division a long-hand pencil writing of this note, which was written from memory by [REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,

  
W. A. RORER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Laboratory Report

Case: George Kelly Barnes, with aliases, Et Al,  
Charles F. Urschel - Victim

Number: 7-115-1289

Specimens: One original letter printed with pencil on one side of two sheets  
of paper and beginning, [redacted] "You remember  
where you fixed our car, etc."  
One envelope in which the above letter was alleged to have been  
mailed, postmarked Ithaca, N.Y. Permit No. 1, Meter No. 2397.  
One page of handwriting specimens by [redacted]

Examination requested by: Nashville Division Office.

Date received: July 2, 1934

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Examination requested: Laboratory only

Result of examination:

Examination by:

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422 Midland Savings Bldg.,  
Denver, Colo.  
June 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

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

Dear Sir:

This office has been advised by [redacted] an informant in this case, [redacted] Denver, that Clara Feldman, who is reported to have been in and around Denver during the past month, is now possibly in Kansas City, Mo., where she is expected to contact persons by the name of [redacted] or [redacted] who live at [redacted] that city.

Informant [redacted] claimed to have secured this information from [redacted] a former inmate of the Colorado State Penitentiary along with Subject Albert Bates and himself [redacted]. The informant claims to have met [redacted] on the streets in Denver on or about June 23rd, at which time he informed that he had met Clara Feldman on the street here a few days previously and that she expressed to him her intention of going to Kansas City. Further, according to [redacted] Clara Feldman promised [redacted] that she would call on some friends of his there by the name of [redacted] or [redacted] who reside at the address given; namely, [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri.

For the information of the Kansas City office, Clara Feldman, the supposed wife of Subject Bates, who is believed to possess part of the Urschel ransom money, is reported to have been seen at De-John's Venetian Night Club, in Denver, the night of June 8, 1934, at which time she was in company with a young man and young woman who, from their descriptions, are believed to be [redacted] and one [redacted] with whom [redacted] is known to have lived in Medford, Oregon, during the past winter.

Following are the descriptions of these persons:

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Name--CLARA FELDMAN alias RUTH JOHNSON alias ETHEL  
DAVIS alias GLADYS EDWARDS  
Age--Approximately 41 years  
Height--5'6 1/2"  
Weight--120#  
Hair--Light chestnut (possibly dyed dark brown or  
henna  
Eyes--Gray-blue

Name--ED FELDMAN alias AXEL C. JOHNSON alias  
A. C. JOHNSON  
(Description as furnished by Portland office)  
Age--Between 20 and 25  
Height--About 5'8" or 9"  
Weight--145-150#  
Eyes--Blue  
Hair--Light brown  
Peculiarities--Scandinavian appearance; fairly promi-  
nent nose; smooth shaven; well dressed;  
slender hands  
Scars--Three cut scars on right arm sustained October  
28, 1933 in accident. One a two inch gash on  
inside forearm; a second on the upper arm and  
a third on the back of the right shoulder.

Description of persons with Clara Feldman at DeJohn's Venetian  
Night Club in Denver:

MAN  
Age--about 20 years  
Height--5'11" or 6'  
Weight--150#  
Build--Slender  
Complexion--Light  
Hair--Light brown; wavy  
Appeared to be college type

WOMAN  
Age--20-25  
Height--5'8" or 5'9"  
Weight--150#  
Build--Medium Slender  
Complexion--Medium  
Hair--Dark  
Face--Thin  
Peculiarities--Had  
mans hair-cut and had  
the appearance of a  
young man.

67C In addition to the above information, informant [redacted] advised  
[redacted] a reporter for the Rocky Mountain News, Denver,  
on June 25, 1934, that he had just observed a Chevrolet automobile  
in front of the Franzonia Apartments, 230 Downing Street, Denver,  
which appeared suspicious to him, this car bearing 1934 Missouri  
license 437900. b7D

~~the Kansas City office~~ respectfully requested that investigation be made by ~~the Kansas City office~~ to locate Clara Feldman and the persons who were alleged to be accompanying her. It is also desired that all pertinent information with reference to 1934 Missouri license No. 437900 be secured.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

June 27, 1934.

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

Re: THOMAS L. MANION;  
GROVER C. BEVILL.  
Obstruction of Justice.  
(Release of Federal Prisoner  
Harvey J. Bailey.)

Dear Sir:

Special Agent [redacted] of this office recently took a training course at Washington, and upon his return he advised me that [redacted] of the Technical Laboratory requested that the Dallas Division Office furnish the Division with any available interesting photographs taken during the Harvey J. Bailey escape investigation at Dallas so that such photographs might be used for demonstration purposes in the school of instruction at Washington. Photographs particularly desired are those showing the three sawed jail bars, Stilson Wrench with broken teeth, hack-saw blades, pistol used by Bailey in effecting his escape, the desk in the jailer's office where the pistol was planted, cells, etc. With the exception of the photographs of the three sawed jail bars, Stilson Wrench and hack-saw blades used by Bailey, this office can furnish the other photographs, which are being forwarded with copies of this letter. The three pieces of sawed jail bars, Stilson Wrench and hack-saw blades are being transmitted to the Division by parcel post. For your information, a brief outline of the Harvey J. Bailey Escape Case investigated by the Dallas Division Office, is being furnished herewith.

Harvey J. Bailey, a notorious criminal wanted by the Division on Identification Order #1189, was arrested on August 12, 1933, during a raid on the Shannon Farm at Paradise, Texas on suspicion of having been involved in the abduction of Charles F. Urschel, a millionaire oil man of Oklahoma City.

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Bailey was placed in the Dallas County Jail at Dallas, Texas on the same day, under the name of Sam Jones. On August 16 Harvey J. Bailey was formally committed to the Dallas County Jail under his true name as a Federal Prisoner in default of \$100,000.00 bond.

At about 7:10 A.M. on Labor Day, September 4, 1933, Bailey escaped from the Dallas County Jail and was captured four hours later at Ardmore, Oklahoma, and taken to the County Jail at Oklahoma City. Subsequently he was tried with the Shannons and George Bates, and convicted with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, and was sentenced by the court to life imprisonment in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Investigation by the Dallas Division Office of Bailey's escape disclosed that Thomas L. Manion, jailer, smuggled a revolver, hack-saw blades and a Stilson Wrench into Harvey J. Bailey's cell by which means Bailey effected his escape. The revolver and hack-saw blades were procured for Manion by one Grover C. Bevill, a butcher of Dallas, Texas. Manion and Bevill were tried for aiding Bailey to escape, convicted in Federal Court at Dallas, and sentenced to the penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, where they are now confined.

Immediately after the Dallas Division Office was notified of Bailey's escape, an investigation was started at the Dallas County Jail. Numerous persons were interviewed and statements secured, without any apparent effect. Photographs were also taken showing different views of the death cell where Bailey was confined, before and after his escape. The three steel jail bars which had been cut from Bailey's cell were quickly taken over by the Dallas Division Office from the Sheriff, who intended to keep them as souvenirs. They were closely examined and found to bear small indentation marks and in some places the aluminum paint appeared to have been scraped from the bars. Two expert machinists were consulted. They both agreed that some sharp instrument was used in twisting the bars, the bottom parts of which had not been sawed completely through, the leverage not being sufficient to permit jerking the bars from the cell door by a man without the aid of some sort of instrument. One of the experts stated that, in his opinion, a small wrench - possibly a No. 10 Stilson wrench with broken teeth - had been used for this purpose. This wrench was later found in the bottom of the right

hand drawer of jailer Manion's desk. It was immediately submitted to the experts, who stated that the teeth in the jaws of the wrench fitted perfectly into the indentations on the bars. These experts testified accordingly at the trial, stating that in their opinion it was the identical wrench used in twisting the three bars from the cell door from Bailey's cell, demonstrating the same before the court and jury. The wrench at the time it was found indicated that the teeth contained a white, foreign substance. A laboratory at Dallas, Texas made a chemical examination of the substance taken from the teeth of the wrench and reported that it contained aluminum paint but would not be able to testify that it was the same aluminum paint scraped from the three sawed jail bars. This testimony was therefore not used. In the meantime, a prisoner was located who observed jailer Manion late one evening place a large dark pistol in the lower right hand corner of Manion's desk after removing the drawer. Three fingerprints, which an expert stated appeared to have been made on the back board of the drawer of the desk, were of no use inasmuch as this expert was unable to lift them, stating that the desk was of soft pine wood which completely absorbed the perspiration, and besides the wood contained too much grain, which offset any possible chance of bringing out any prints for identification purposes. The commode in Bailey's cell was found to contain two small pieces of a broken hack-saw blade which experts stated was similar to the hack-saw blades manufactured, containing 18 pitches to the inch.

Further investigation revealed that Grover C. Bevill purchased three Victor, 18-pitch, hack-saw blades, and 12 44-calibre cartridges in a hardware store which were supposed to fit the old 44-calibre pistol smuggled into the jail by jailer Tom Manion. The 12 cartridges were later found in the right hand pocket of Bailey's pants when he was captured at Ardmore, Oklahoma. Grover Bevill, who had been confined in the Dallas County Jail for over a week, finally consented to make a signed statement of his complicity in aiding Bailey to escape.

It is interesting to note that the three sawed steel jail bars and the Stilson Wrench mentioned above, were introduced in evidence at the trial. No attempt was made by the defence counsel to break down the testimony of the expert witnesses. The indentations on the steel bars and the Stilson Wrench with the broken teeth in one of the jaws, were practically the two important pieces of evidence that lead to the solution of this case.

In a later interview with the defense attorney, he admitted that there was a preponderance of the good circumstantial evidence against his client Manion that the broken teeth in one of the jaws in the Stilson Wrench which fitted perfectly into the apparent teeth marks in the three sawed steel jail bars, and the fact that the wrench was found in Manion's desk about which Manion failed to explain, he considered this very damaging evidence against his client.

It is requested that the photographs - marked as Exhibits 1,2,3,5,7,8,9 & 10 - three sawed steel jail bars, Stilson Wrench and hack-saw blades be preserved as it is possible that they might be needed as evidence in a bribery case now pending in Federal Court at Dallas, Texas; and an additional pending case in the State Courts at Dallas both against Thomas L. Manion and Grover C. Beville.

Very truly yours,

*F. J. Blake*

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 10, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Dallas, Texas.

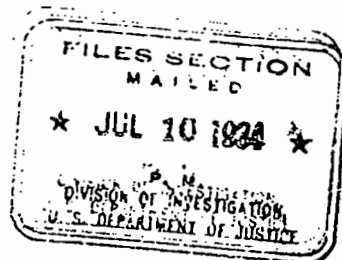
Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of your letter of June 27, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Thomas L. Manion, Grover C. Beville, Obstruction of Justice; (Release of Federal Prisoner Harvey J. Bailey), and the photographs and materials, together with a description of this case from an interesting case standpoint.

The Division is particularly interested in gathering information of a scientific nature similar to the photographs and exhibits in this case and desires the appreciation of the Division be conveyed to Agent Dowd for gathering the material.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City**

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

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Los Angeles</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>6-27-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6/16 to 23/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

MISS BESSIE M. RISTIG, 1724 So. Burlington St., Los Angeles, Calif., is [REDACTED] Ventura, Calif., and states she has no knowledge of present whereabouts of CLARA FELDMAN, but gave valuable information relative to the HUERTIENNE family. Copy of report submitted to the Police at Denver, Colo., by [REDACTED] Sheriff, Port Orchard, Wash., obtained from Police Department at Los Angeles and copied in this report, which gives information relative to the Huertienne family.

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**REFERENCE:**

Telegram from the Portland Division Office dated June 14, 1934, and report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Los Angeles, Calif., June 22, 1934.

This is the joint report of Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

**DETAILS:**

Upon receipt of telegram of reference investigation was made by Special Agent [REDACTED] at Ventura, Calif., and information obtained at that point is set forth in his report dated June 22, 1934.

Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] made immediate investigation at 1724 South Burlington St., Los Angeles, Calif., for the purpose of ascertaining the names and identity of the parties living at that address, and from the Superintendent of Mails at the Pico Heights Postal Station secured the information that MISS BESSIE M. RISTIG and SYLVIA OILER are the only parties

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receiving mail at that address. Agent [redacted] then, under pretext that he was getting information for the City Directory, ascertained from Sylvia Oiler, an elderly lady, that Bessie M. Ristig owns the house at that address and that she works at the Broadway Department Store in the Dress Department in the basement, telephone Mutual 9371, Branch 408.

Agents then contacted [redacted] Assistant Superintendent of the Broadway Department Store, and he looked up the record of Miss Ristig and stated that she has been steadily employed there since June of 1926, and that she is [redacted] and has been considered thoroughly reliable. Arrangements were made to have MISS RISTIG come to the office for an interview.

MISS BESSIE M. RISTIG, 1724 So. Burlington St., Phone Atlantic 7332, was interviewed by Agent [redacted] at the Los Angeles Division Office. Miss Ristig is a maiden lady approximately 50 years of age and appears to be a lady of good character and reliable. She has a good record at her place of employment, where she has been for the past eight years, and she owns her home at 1724 So. Burlington St. She stated that she knew as soon as she was approached that it was the HUERTIENNE matter that we desired to discuss with her.

Miss Ristig stated that the HUERTIENNE family is composed of ten children and she stated regardless of the fact that [redacted] (Ventura, Calif.) is [redacted] none of them are any good; that they are a worthless family and nearly all of them have been in some scandal or trouble or some sort. She stated that CLARA (HUERTIENNE) FELDMAN is wholly irresponsible and would do anything which she considered smart or glamorous.

Agent gave Miss Ristig the impression that the office wanted to locate ED BENTZ, and that we believed Clara Feldman was associating with him. Miss Ristig stated that she was perfectly willing to aid in every way in her power to locate Clara Feldman and Ed Bentz. She stated that she had no contact with any of the Huertienne family, except with [redacted] at Ventura, Calif., and that she sometimes hears from [redacted] the one who is with ALVIN H. SCOTT. Miss Ristig gave Agent the following information with reference to the members of the Huertienne family:

She stated that the real name of the family is de Huertienne, but this name will be carried as Huertienne, as it appears heretofore in all reports.

MRS. MARIE HUERTIENNE, the mother, is dead  
WILLIAM HUERTIENNE (he always signs his name de Huertienne), the father, lives at Manitou, suburb of Tacoma, Wa. [redacted] (Mrs. Alvin H. Scott), [redacted] Tacoma, Washington.  
[redacted] (not [redacted] now [redacted] or [redacted])

[redacted] works for the railroad in Tacoma, Wa., but Miss Ristig does not know the nature of his employment.

[redacted] is not on friendly terms with the other members of the

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family and she believes that [REDACTED] would help in any way in her power to locate Clara Feldman, but she suggested that it would not be wise to let [REDACTED] know that Clara Feldman is wanted on any criminal charge.

[REDACTED] is now with Alvin H. Scott, and she was the cause of Alvin H. Scott separating from his wife, [REDACTED]

GEORGE HURTIENNE, brother, about 40 years of age, is now in Manitou, near Tacoma, Washington, living with his father. He is married to an Indian woman and the people of his wife have a dairy near Denver, Colo. Miss Ristig stated that she did not know the name of George's wife's people; that George is known as "PINKY" in the gambling world, and that he is a card shark and devotes a great deal of his time to that kind of gambling.

[REDACTED], lives at [REDACTED], ventura, Calif., and [REDACTED]

HATTIE HURTIENNE (Mrs. Murray) is the oldest sister and lives on Pine St., Tacoma, Washington, and has one daughter, [REDACTED] about 25 years of age. Her husband, Walter Murray, died in April, 1934.

[REDACTED] lives in Tacoma, Washington, but Miss Ristig stated that she does not know anything about him; that he has held himself somewhat aloof from the other members of the family; that he has a family of grown children, but she does not know anything about them.

[REDACTED] is single and lives in a shack at Manitou, a suburb of Tacoma, Washington.

[REDACTED] is married to a Swiss dairyman and they live at Puyallup, Washington. The husband of [REDACTED] is a brother of Clara Feldman's husband. Clara's husband (Feldman) is dead.

CLARA HURTIENNE (Clara Feldman), sister. Miss Ristig stated that she has seen Clara Feldman only twice in her life.

Miss Ristig further stated that [REDACTED] is now with ALVIN H. SCOTT, and she was the cause of Alvin H. Scott separating from his wife, [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] is now living with Scott and she perhaps passes as Mrs. Scott at times, away from people who know her personally. Miss Ristig stated that she does not as a rule pass as Mrs. Scott as there are six children ranging in ages from ten to twenty years and that they all live with their father, Alvin H. Scott and that to them, at least, [REDACTED] does not pass as Mrs. Scott; that there has been some claim that [REDACTED] and Scott are married,

but Miss Ristig is satisfied there is no truth to this claim. She stated that [redacted] at Ventura, Calif., received a telegram from [redacted] on June first or second, 1934, from some place in Michigan, but she has not been able to ascertain the point in Michigan from which the telegram was sent; that this telegram related to some property matters which the Huertienne family are endeavoring to get straightened out; that [redacted] and Scott have lived in Portland, Oregon; that about the first of April, 1934, [redacted] and Scott and Scott's six children came to Ventura, Calif., and stayed there about three weeks, and while there were at the residence of [redacted] a good deal of the time.

Miss Ristig stated that while [redacted] and Scott were at Ventura they came to visit her at 1724 So. Burlington St., and remained at her place for two nights; that they went back to Ventura about the first of May, 19, 1934, and stayed for a few days and then they went away, stating they were going East and did not let anybody, so far as she knows, know where they were going, and so far as she knows, no one knew where they were until the above mentioned telegram was received from [redacted] on June 1 or 2, 1934, from some point in Michigan. Miss Ristig stated that the six children of Scott are with Scott and [redacted] and that their names are as follows:

[redacted]	a girl, about 22 years of age
[redacted]	15 years of age - badly crippled
Twin boys	13 years of age - names not known as they are always referred to as "the twins".
[redacted]	11 years of age.
[redacted]	10 years of age.

Miss Ristig stated that she asked [redacted] about CLARA FELDMAN when she was at her home in April and that [redacted] stated that she had not heard from Clara for more than a year.

On June 20, 1934, Miss Ristig called the Division Office and stated that [redacted] and Scott and Scott's children had arrived in Ventura that day and that they were traveling in a Hudson Sedan with black body and black trailer, bearing Oregon 1934 license #82,476, and stated that she understood they were going to stay a day or so only. Miss Ristig called the next day, June 21, 1934, and stated that Scott and [redacted] had come to Los Angeles to see her; that they remained a short time only, and stated they were going back North. [redacted] did not state where they were going and Miss Ristig asked her definitely where they were going and [redacted] just stated they were going to Oregon and did not say anything more. Miss Ristig says she believes Scott and [redacted] will go to Jacksonville, Oregon. This information was wired to the Portland Division Office.

Miss Ristig later called and stated that Scott and [redacted] and the family had departed for the North and that she had no other information.

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Miss Ristig stated that while [redacted] visits with [redacted] she does not tell many of her secrets; that she, Miss Ristig, has talked many times to [redacted] about Scott and his family and [redacted], but that [redacted] states to her that she knows very little about [redacted] and Scott, or their movements.

With reference to CLARA FELDMAN, Miss Ristig stated that she has seen Clara Feldman only twice in her life - once some 12 or 15 years ago when she made a trip up north and called on the Huertienne family, soon after her, Miss Ristig's, brother had married Clara Feldman's sister [redacted] that the other time she saw Clara Feldman was on Saturday before Labor Day, 1932; that she did not see anyone but Clara Feldman at that time as Clara called her up at her home and stated she was coming out to see her and was bringing her "men" friends along with her; that she informed Clara that she was welcome to come and call on her at any time, but that she was to leave her men friends away as she did not want to meet them and that she did not want them to come to her house; that Clara Feldman came in a cab to her house and remained there about an hour and left; that she has not seen her and has not heard from her directly since that date, and the only information she has about her since that time she obtained either from [redacted] or [redacted]

She stated that about that time [redacted] told her that Clara had a new man, and when Agent asked her if BATES was the name, she stated she believed it was. Agent then asked her if she knew anything about BENTZ and she stated, "yes", that she had heard of Bentz and that she understood that Bentz was Clara's former man and that BATES, if the name were Bates, was the new man. She stated that [redacted] also informed her at that time that ED BENTZ was in Los Angeles and was unquestionably with Clara and her other friends, and that this time Bentz had a new woman with him, a very young woman not more than 20 years of age.

Miss Ristig also stated that Clara Feldman has three children; that the oldest is [redacted] that her information is that [redacted] and her husband are now living at the old Clara Feldman place in Tacoma, Wash.; that she does not know the address but it is only a block or two from where the old man Huertienne lives. [redacted] son of Clara Feldman, is approximately 22 years of age, is a golf player and a caddy and he is supposed to be living in Portland, Oregon, but she has no further information relative his address there. EDDIE FELDMAN, second son of Clara Feldman, is about 18 or 19 years of age and is now, according to her best information, in Denver, Colo., driving a car for an elderly rich woman. Miss Ristig stated that Eddie Feldman is very fond of his uncle GEORGE HUERTIENNE now at Tacoma, and that he is contemplating taking up the profession of his uncle George, that is, a card shark gambler.

Miss Ristig stated that she did not believe Clara Feldman would communicate with any one of her children, even if she were in the same city where they are located, for the reason that they are all worthless and shiftless and if she had any money they would be after her constantly for it and would probably make the man with whom Clara is associating made.

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Miss Ristig stated that ALVIN H. SCOTT was the post tailor at Camp Lewis, Washington, and that he lost his position there about two years ago on account of the divorce scandal at the time he divorced his wife and took up with [REDACTED]

Miss Ristig stated that Sylvia Oiler, the lady who lives with her at 1724 So. Burlington St., is not related in any way to her or to any of these other people and that she knows nothing about them except what she may have stated to Miss Oiler.

Miss Ristig further stated that she did not believe that Clara Feldman would ever go back to ED BENTZ as Bentz has a young wife not more than 20 years of age, but that she would not be surprised to know that Ed Bentz and his wife and Clara and some other man are associating together and are engaging in various forms of criminal endeavor.

Agent [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED] Fugitive Detail, Los Angeles Police Department, whose man worked with Special Agent [REDACTED] on this case several months ago, and [REDACTED] called Agent's attention to a copy of a report which had been received from the Denver Police Department, dated Jan. 5, 1933, which report had been made by [REDACTED] Sheriff, Port Orchard, Washington. This report contains information of value to this investigation, and is as follows:

"Following is a report of an investigation in the matter of Albert Bates, alias Albert Harris, alias James King, alias Bernard McLaughlin, etc., and George Ryan, Leavenworth No. 29362, and George Kelly, and Mrs. Clara Feldman alias Mrs. George Hurtienne wanted by Sheriff [REDACTED] Sheriff, Colfax, Washington.

"Sheriff [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] by phone on December 2nd that the above parties were receiving mail in [REDACTED] Denver, Colo., and were wanted by him for bank robbery there; that Harris, alias Bates, was also wanted in Paw Paw, Michigan, for bank robbery and jail break.

"We checked P. O. Box 2565 and found that that box had been rented on April 4, 1927, by one [REDACTED] who gave her address at that time as [REDACTED] Denver, Colo., and gave as reference, [REDACTED] Edgewater, Colo., and Attorney [REDACTED] Foster Building, now in the Midland Savings Bank.

"The following persons have been receiving mail in the box, who are all relatives of the [REDACTED] girl: [REDACTED] father and mother; [REDACTED] brothers and musicians. Also the names of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] appears on the box OK to receive mail in the box.

"The [REDACTED] are Mexicans and are supposed to have come from Rapid City, South Dakota, several years ago. They are all now living at [REDACTED], in a furnished apartment with the exception of [REDACTED]

who is a musician and now playing with Ted Mack's Orchestra in Fort Worth, Texas. The father of [redacted] is now confined to his bed dying from cancer. [redacted] is not working, neither is [redacted] who is now married to George Hurtienne.

"Hurtienne has been living at the above address until about two weeks ago and is now supposed to be in Kansas City, Mo., whose age is about 25 to 30 years; light complexion, blonde hair, about 5'6-8" tall; occupation unknown. Our information is that Hurtienne is in Kansas City, Mo., ill with the Flu. On December 3rd, his wife received an airmail letter from him stating he was sick with the Flu and wanted her to come to him, but she was unable to go.

"There were also two other letters in the box on December 3rd, one to [redacted] from [redacted] Herrick, South Dakota, and one to the same box from [redacted] of Winner, South Dakota, and mailed at Winner.

[redacted] was formerly a taxi dancer and [redacted] the attorney who was given as reference by [redacted] when she got the P. O. Box is a high class attorney here in Denver, and [redacted] came to him some five or six years ago claiming the family were Indians and were claiming some land in South Dakota, and he has not seen her in five years and did not know he was given as reference on that box.

"There is also a young boy about 18 years old, son of Mrs. Feldman, living at the 19th Avenue address, whose name is unknown to the neighbors, but the neighbors were told he was a nephew of [redacted] husband, George Hurtienne, and strongly resembles him.

"About two months ago a woman whose name was unknown, but was told to the neighbors that she was a sister of [redacted] husband, George, came in a taxi cab to the 19th Avenue address, which is a small apartment house, and asked if the [redacted] lived there. She was supposed to have stayed only a few days and before she left, on October 10th, she called long distance telephone from Tobar 8835 to A. H. Scott, brother-in-law, 10th Field Artillery, Fort Lewis, Washington. The substance of the conversation was about the children.

"The neighbors claim that [redacted] told them this woman, who was her husband's sister, was also traveling and had left for Texas. The neighbors are unable to identify the picture of Clara Feldman.

"The description of the man who is calling for the mail is a young man of Spanish or Mexican type who we believe to be [redacted] brother.

"There is no automobile in the family and neither has there been one answering the Cadillac Convertible Coupe mentioned in the letter seen around the [redacted].

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"There is none of the handwriting of the letters delivered to P. O. Box 2565 similar to the tracings sent by Sheriff [redacted] of Tacoma, Washington.

"The local Postoffice authorities here are cooperating with us in covering the mail and will let us know from time to time when mail is received. We will forward same to Sheriff [redacted] at Colfax, Wash., and Sheriff [redacted] of Tacoma, Wash.

"If Clara Feldman returns to the [redacted] or any strange man, we will be notified at once. We will publish description of Bates in our Police Bulletin." (Signed) [redacted]

[redacted] of the Los Angeles Police Department, had one picture of CLARA FELDMAN, alias MRS. BERNARD McLAUGHLIN, and he made a number of copies from this photograph (which is not an identification picture) and furnished the Los Angeles Division Office with several copies of same. One copy of this photograph is being furnished to each of the offices to which a copy of this report is being sent, and one copy is being forwarded to the Division. She is described as follows:

Clara Feldman, alias Mrs. Bernard McLaughlin, alias Mrs. G. L. Davis, alias Mrs. Bates, Approximately 45 years of age; short and slender; brown hair; teeth contain much gold.

[redacted] also turned over to Agent an identification photograph of [redacted] alias [redacted], Seattle Police #17109, and one copy of this photograph is being sent to the Division and to each of the offices to which copies of this report are being sent. [redacted] is described as follows:

Age	21 years	F.P.C. 17 - 12
Complexion	Medium	3 a
Hair	Light brown	
Eyes	Blue	Wife of ED BENTZ
Build	Slender	
Occupation	Housewife	
Nativity	Wisconsin	

Miss Ristig stated that she would gladly aid in the matter of locating Clara Feldman, but she has not been informed that Clara Feldman may be wanted on a criminal charge. However, it is Agent's belief that she would aid, even though she knew that Clara Feldman was wanted on a criminal charge. Miss Ristig left Los Angeles on Saturday, June 23, 1934, for a three weeks' tour of the Northwest. She stated that she would go as far as Oregon, then she was going to Yellowstone National Park and back through Salt Lake City, Utah, and other points. She said that she would not visit any of the Huertismne family either in Oregon or Washington and stated that she would not be in a position to obtain any information until she returns to Los Angeles.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

Los Angeles Division Office: Miss Ristig will be contacted after she returns to Los Angeles in about one month, to see if she has any further information of value relative to this matter.

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FELDMAN, Clara

Mrs. Bernard McLaughlin  
Claims to be wife of Bates  
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LA FILE

Mrs. Ed Benz

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Res. Tacoma; Nativity, Wis;  
occupation, housewife; 21 yrs;  
slender build; med. complexion;  
blue eyes; light brown hair.

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This is Bentz' wife

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

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Portland, Oregon</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>6-28-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6-22/25-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Kidnaping</b>

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mr. A. H. Scott and five children, [REDACTED] and her father, left Oregon March or April, 1934, traveling to Minnesota through Denver, Colorado and returned to Jacksonville, Oregon, where they are presently prospecting for gold. Whereabouts of Clara Feldman not established except that six year old daughter of Scott stated that her Aunt Clara was in Denver, Colorado.

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REFERENCE: Telegram from Los Angeles office dated June 20, 1934.

DETAILS:

Reference telegram advised this office that A. H. Scott and [REDACTED] of Clara Feldman who was known to have been consorting with Albert Bates at the time he was picked up in Denver and is thought to have a part of the ransom money paid in this case, was leaving Ventura, California, on June 20, 1934, in a black Hudson Sedan, Oregon 1934 license 82-476, the car having a black trailer, and proceeding to Jacksonville, Oregon.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1293	RECORDED AND INDEXED JUL 5 1934
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: Division - 3 Oklahoma City - 2 Los Angeles - 2		BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION JUL 5 - 1934 A M DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	CHECKED OFF: JUL 6 - 1934 JACKETED:

Agent proceeded to the Oregon-California state line and at 4:30 P.M., June 24, 1934, this car was seen crossing the Oregon state line and from there proceeded to Jacksonville, Oregon. Agent conducted discreet investigation the following morning which revealed that Mr. A. H. Scott, who is a brother-in-law of Clara Feldman, in company with [REDACTED] of Clara, and Mr. Scott's five children, had settled on a plot of ground, erecting a tent, for the purpose of later prospecting. Mr. Hurtienne, father of [REDACTED] and Clara Feldman, accompanied these parties.

Agent under pretext conversed with the five children and Mr. Scott, where it was learned that they had been in Jacksonville, Oregon during April and May, 1934, in quest of property to conduct a mining business but that not being successful they had left the state of Oregon, going through California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Indiana, to Central Lake, Michigan, and that they had spent some time in Duluth and Grand Marais, Minnesota. The exact purpose of this trip could not be determined, but Mr. Scott stated that they had always been interested in mining and that although he had looked over the eastern section of the United States, that that was not the purpose for his trip East. He also stated that he had spent some time in Indiana because he had been born and raised in that state; the exact city in Indiana could not be learned.

Mr. Scott further stated that he had driven 11,000 miles on this trip and that he had returned to Oregon by way of Nebraska, Wyoming, Salt Lake City, Utah, Reno, Nevada, Los Angeles, and that he had stayed for a short visit at Ventura, California, coming directly to Jacksonville from Ventura.

Agent spent one entire day talking with members of this party and learned from [REDACTED] one of the children, who is about six years of age, that their grandfather, Mr. Hurtienne, who had made the trip East with them, left Jacksonville the morning of June 24th on the train for South Tacoma, Washington, where he had a twelve acre farm. The Portland office has been keeping a surveillance over Mr. Hurtienne's residence in South Tacoma.

[REDACTED] made the statement that her grandfather had fifteen children. She tried to remember all of them, and gave the following names and addresses: [REDACTED] traveling with Mr. Scott, presently at Jacksonville; [REDACTED] Ventura, California; [REDACTED] California; [REDACTED] and George, Washington; Clara Hurtienne Feldman, Denver, Colorado. She could not give any address as to where Clara could be located.

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Agent visited Mr. Scott's camp where it was observed that he had been driving a 1927 Hudson Super Six, color blue; Oregon 1934 license 82-476, motor #542462. He also had a black trailer which stood about five and one-half feet from the ground on which he carried all camping equipment and luggage.

Through discreet inquiry it was learned that a 1931 Hupmobile Sedan, color blue, California license 3 W 8553, came from California on June 22, 1934, the occupants being a [REDACTED] and his sister, mother and father. These people appeared to be acquainted with Mr. Scott and are presently camping in a small house on the same ground with Scott and his relatives. [REDACTED] had made the statement that he was previously from Oklahoma City, but that for the past nine months he had been living in California. His present intention is to purchase land and mine for gold. On June 24th, [REDACTED] left Jacksonville for Hornbrook, California, returning the same day with an elderly man who is known to be an old prospector in this vicinity. They also made the statement that their stay was to be indefinite; that they had no plans as to where they may do their prospecting, but thought that it would be in the vicinity of Jacksonville.

[REDACTED] is described from agent's observation as being about 32 years old; five feet ten inches; 190 pounds; hair dark brown; appearance clean-cut, the athletic type. His sister, [REDACTED] is described as being about 28 years old; 5 feet 7 inches; 150 pounds; hair black, bobbed; complexion fair; pretty.

[REDACTED] Jacksonville, Oregon, has been quite friendly with the Scotts and stated to agent that he would watch their movements and transmit any information of value to the Portland office. [REDACTED] is a very reliable man, who is working a gold mine on the property next to where the Scotts are camping. The pretext assumed by agent, referred to in the second paragraph on page two hereof, was effected through agent's representing himself as being interested in prospecting in the vicinity of Jacksonville, Oregon, and through cooperation of [REDACTED] agent assisted him during one entire day in his mining operations, and it was during this time that A. H. Scott and his children called at the [REDACTED] property and engaged in conversation with agent.

A cover was placed on the mail of Mr. Scott and any one by the name of Hurtienne at the Post Office at Jacksonville,

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From a review of the Portland file, for the information of other interested offices, A. H. Scott is known to have a very close personal contact with Clara Feldman and it is known that he traveled from Portland, Oregon, to Denver, Colorado, with Clara Feldman shortly after the apprehension of Albert Bates in Denver in August, 1933. A Buick automobile belonging to Bates, which was recovered at Denver, contained among the effects therein a knapsack bearing the name of Scott.

From a confidential informant, whose name has previously been furnished the Division, this office learned that Clara Feldman was in possession of two cans containing money which was thought to be part of the ransom money. A check has been made of all banks in this vicinity to establish whether any of the money is being spent in the Northwest, without result.

It is known to this office that (Ed Feldman and his mother, Clara Feldman, traveled together extensively during the fall of 1933 and the spring of 1934, during which time they have purchased several automobiles, paying cash in all instances. In October, 1933, they arrived in Portland in a Dodge Sedan purchased at Chicago, Illinois, this car being wrecked late in October, 1933, by Ed Feldman near Junction City, Oregon, whereupon he purchased a Chevrolet Cabriolet at Eugene, Oregon, paying cash for same. This car has disappeared, the disposition not being known.

Early in April, 1934, Ed Feldman flew from Medford, Oregon to Portland. From investigation agent discovered that Ed Feldman had been living in Medford and was consorting with one [REDACTED]. Agent had an opportunity to observe Ed Feldman and it appeared that he was very interested in gold mining and purchased equipment, proceeded to Rogue River, Oregon, but did no actual mining. A surveillance was kept over Ed Feldman until he disappeared from the vicinity of Medford in May for the purpose of going to some unknown destination to get sufficient money to take up gold mining on a large scale. He has never been reported to have returned to Medford from this date. On leaving Medford he took [REDACTED] and it is thought that they have been married and at present are traveling some place in the East. It is believed that possibly Ed Feldman may be in company with his mother, Clara. At the time these people left Medford they were driving in a 1929 Ford Roadster, color faded grey, Oregon license 12-434, motor A 1729745. This car is registered under the name of Axel C. Johnson, which name he has been using at all times while in the state of Oregon.

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- On June 23, 1934, agent directed a registered, special delivery letter to [REDACTED] Medford, the envelope bearing a Portland return address. Her acquaintances instructed the special delivery clerk to hold the letter in general delivery as they had not heard from [REDACTED] for some time. They referred the

postman to [redacted] mother, [redacted] Medford, who stated that [redacted] was traveling throughout the country at the present time, but that she expected her to return in the near future. A mail cover was placed on [redacted] mail at Medford.

A description of Ed Feldman is as follows:

Age	20
Height	5' 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 dressed in corduroy trousers, sweater and leather windbreaker; riding boots and trousers.

Description of [redacted]

Age	About 20 years
Height	5' 5"
Weight	135
Hair	Dark brown, bobbed

Attractive appearance

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Through a confidential informant, whose name is being furnished the Division under separate cover, Special Agent [redacted] ascertained the information that Clara Feldman was in the vicinity of Portland approximately from six to eight weeks ago at which time she was alleged to have been riding in a pea-green color Pontiac Sedan bearing California license plates, number unknown. This car was reported to have carried a black trunk on the rear. Through this informant, it is alleged that Clara Feldman wrote a letter from Ventura, California on or about June 8, 1934, addressed to a party in Portland whose identity the confidential informant would not disclose, advising that she and her sister intended to drive to Portland during that week from Ventura. This informant furnished information that Clara Feldman has been using the alias of Clara Belle Maxwell.

Through arrangements made with the confidential informant, who resides in Seattle, Washington, the informant proceeded to Portland, Oregon, and conducted discreet inquiries for the purpose of ascertaining further information regarding Clara Feldman. He advised that he had information that Clara Feldman was friendly with a family by the name of Johnson who resided in the vicinity of Milwaukie, Oregon, Johnson reputedly being an onion raiser. The informant's information

was that Clara Feldman usually contacted Johnson and his family when she was in this part of the country.

Special Agent [REDACTED] and Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears conducted investigation at and in the vicinity of Milwaukie, Oregon, in an effort to obtain substantiating information regarding the Johnson family. Contact was had with Constable [REDACTED] at Milwaukie, who is a reliable peace officer, and general inquiry was made in that community without any definite results. There is no record at the Milwaukie Post Office that Clara Feldman has received mail through that office under her true name or aliases. It was further developed that there was a family by the name of Johnson who previously lived near Milwaukie who specialized in raising onions, but this family had removed from that vicinity and their exact whereabouts was not known except they were supposed to have moved to the vicinity of Washougal, Washington.

As a result of the information referred to above pertaining to the confidential informant that Clara Feldman had corresponded from Ventura, California, contact was had with the Los Angeles Division office, but no information was obtained indicating that Clara Feldman had been in Ventura. It was ascertained, however, by the Los Angeles office that [REDACTED] of Clara Feldman, who resides at Ventura, had recently received a letter from one of her sisters at Central Lake, Michigan, and while the informant who furnished this information was not familiar with the identity of the sister who wrote from Central Lake, [REDACTED] gave the impression that the letter was from [REDACTED]. This coincides with information developed by this agent that A. H. Scott, [REDACTED] and Scott's children had been traveling in the East, and it is believed that they visited Central Lake, Michigan, for some unknown reason and while at Central Lake [REDACTED] corresponded with [REDACTED] at Ventura. It is believed possible that relatives of Clara Feldman may reside in Central Lake, which appears to be a small community, and investigation is being requested of the Chicago office for the purpose of obtaining any information of value, if possible, at Central Lake, Michigan.

The Portland office has transmitted photographs of Clara Feldman and her son Ed Feldman, alias A. C. Johnson, alias Axel C. Johnson, to the Division with request that copies thereof be made and an appropriate number of same be forwarded to all offices receiving copies of this report. It should be stated that of the two photographs of Clara Feldman, the one which was taken on board the Steamer Iroquois is the most recent picture, having been taken in the spring

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of 1933. The other photograph of Clara Feldman was presumably taken from ten to twelve years ago, but it is reported to be a fairly good likeness of her. The woman shown in the photograph of Clara Feldman taken on board the Steamer Iroquois is Mrs. Ed Bentz, wife of Ed Bentz, who is a known bank robber and former associate of Albert Bates and George Kelly Barnes. Information reported to this office by the confidential informant referred to herein, who resides at Seattle, Washington, is that Clara Feldman has dyed her hair a red or henna color and it is known that she has considerable gold in her teeth which is decidedly noticeable.

Attention is invited to the investigation recently conducted by the Denver office at Denver, Colorado, based upon information furnished by one [REDACTED] who has claimed that he has recently observed Clara Feldman upon several occasions in Denver. It is believed in this connection that the information obtained by agent from one of the children of A. H. Scott that her Aunt Clara was in Denver, should be given consideration as it now seems to coincide with the information furnished by informant [REDACTED] at Denver.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS.

PORTLAND OFFICE: Will continue investigation at Jacksonville, Oregon, and Tacoma, Washington.

CHICAGO OFFICE: Will conduct appropriate investigation at Central Lake, Michigan, to determine if Clara Feldman using the name of Ruth Johnson, Gladys Edwards or Clara Belle Maxwell, has recently been in Central Lake, and conduct further inquiry to determine whether there are any persons residing in the vicinity of Central Lake with the family name Hurtienne, this being the family name of Clara Feldman.

DENVER OFFICE: It is suggested that the Denver office contact the Automobile Registration Bureau in the state of Colorado to determine whether Ed Feldman has registered the Ford Roadster described herein. It is also suggested that inquiry be made for the registration of any automobiles under the name of Clara Belle Maxwell, Gladys Edwards or Ruth Johnson.

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July 5, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

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Edna C. Munkel

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated  
June 19, 1934 wherein it was requested that you inter-  
view [redacted], Springfield,  
Missouri.

The Division desires to be advised of the  
results of your interview with [redacted]

Very truly yours,

Director.

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July 5, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

At the time of reallocation of the State of Arkansas from the Oklahoma City Office to the Little Rock Office, there was transmitted here copy of your letter dated June 18, 1934, addressed to the Portland, Oregon, office setting forth that you had placed a stop order at the Arkansas Automobile Registration Bureau for Chevrolet Cabriolet Motor #3126905, Serial #6BA-0314291.

File was opened at this office on the entitled case although it appears now that same was unnecessary in view of the fact that the matter pertaining to this district had been given appropriate attention. Accordingly, for purpose of administration and pending further request from your office, this case will be considered as referred upon completion.

Very truly yours,

K. E. COBBY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

June 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In view of the comprehensive nature of the Division's activities in the Urschel case, it is suggested that one large photographic copy of Division Chart #34-31, entitled, "Kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel", should be forwarded to each Field Office to be framed and displayed in a conspicuous place.

Respectfully,

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

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- Supervisor, Steno. Pool
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Urschel Kidnaping forward photograph Clara Feldman  
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July 10, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 21, 1934, in connection with the case entitled George Kelly Barnes, et al; Charles F. Urschel - Victim; Kidnaping. A search of the fingerprint files of the Division fails to disclose any record of the fingerprints of Mr. Charles Urschel.

The fingerprints of [REDACTED] have been located in the Division's files. They have been compared with the latent fingerprints previously developed in this case as have the fingerprints of [REDACTED] but in no instance has an identification been effected. Should it be possible for your office to obtain the fingerprints of Mr. Urschel they should be submitted in order that they may be given proper attention in the Division.

Very truly yours,

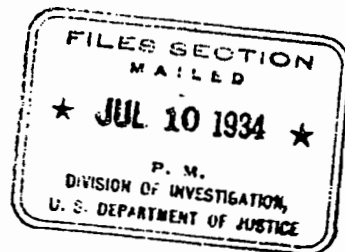
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July 9, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Birmingham, Alabama. *ALL FIELD OFFICES*

Dear Sir:

There is being forwarded to your office under separate cover one large photographic copy of Division Chart #34-31, entitled KIDNAPING OF CHARLES F. URSCHEL.

In view of the comprehensive nature of the Division's activities in this case, it is desired that this chart be framed and displayed in a conspicuous place in your offices.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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July 9, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,

Attention: Mr. J. M. Keith.

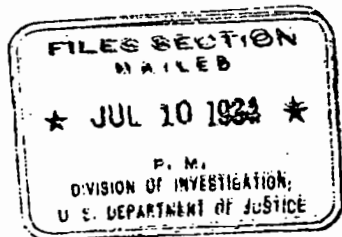
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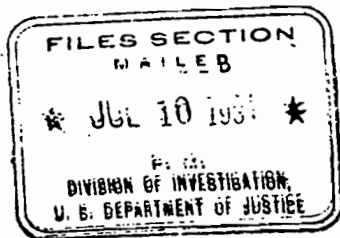
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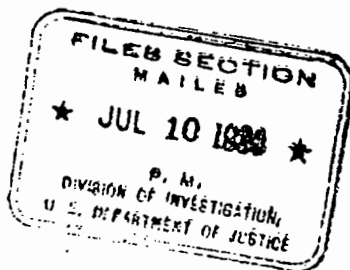
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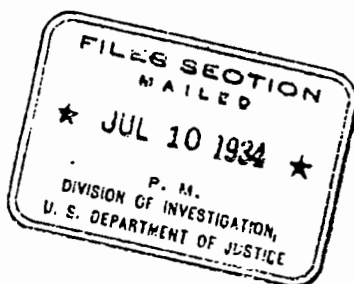
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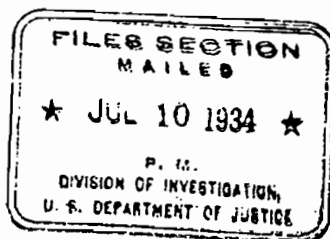
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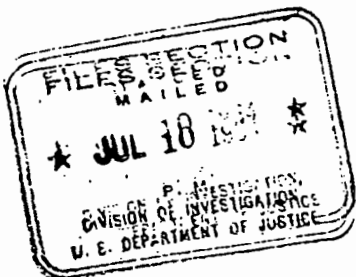
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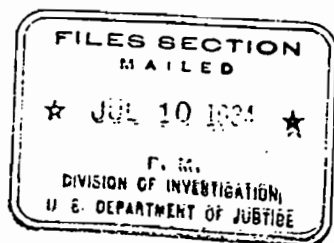
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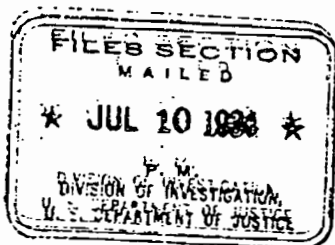
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-7-**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>DALLAS, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>7/7/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>7/5/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, Et Al; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Armond Shannon, Paradise, Texas, interviewed, and his place searched for ransom money alleged to have been buried. Search fails to reveal the location of any of the ransom money.

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**REFERENCE:**

Telephone call from Special Agent in Charge Colvin, El Paso, to Special Agent in Charge Blake, Dallas, Texas.

**DETAILS:**

Reference telephone call from SAC Colvin to SAC Blake was to the effect that Special Agent in Charge Colvin, El Paso, Texas, had contacted [REDACTED], Deputy Sheriff of Winkler County, Texas; [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], both of Wink, Texas; the three of whom indicated that they possessed information that about \$120,000.00 of the Urschel ransom money was buried on the farm of Armond Shannon, at Paradise, Texas, and had requested that an agent from the Dallas Division office meet them at Ft. Worth, Texas.

The writer and Special Agent (A) [REDACTED] of the Dallas Division office, went to Police Headquarters, Fort Worth, Texas, where they contacted [REDACTED] Deputy Sheriff, Winkler County, Texas; [REDACTED] oil-pumper; and [REDACTED] lawyer, the latter two of Wink, Texas. In a conversation with these persons, the writer ascertained that they had information which they had already imparted to SAC Colvin, at El Paso, Texas, that \$120,000.00 of the Urschel ransom money was supposed to be buried under the Armond Shannon shack where Charles F. Urschel was kept a prisoner, the designated spot being according to [REDACTED] under or near the middle of the house near an entrance or exit without a door.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>F. J. Blong</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1000	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>JUL 12 1934</b>
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The house of R. G. (Boss) Shannon and the shack of Armond Shannon were visited. [REDACTED] stated that from his description of the house and grounds the ransom money is alleged to have been buried under the Armond Shannon shack. [REDACTED] who states he is a Civil Engineer and at present employed as an oil-pumper for the Magnolia Oil Company at Wink, Texas, went over the place very carefully, and after digging in various places under the house and in the vicinity of places where doors might have been missing, and other places, which seemingly might have been dug before, finally gave up and stated that the information received by him in overhearing two men talk while attending a dance at Monahan, Texas, probably is erroneous.

In the meantime, the writer and Special Agent [REDACTED] interviewed Armond Shannon, who stated that there was never a door missing on his house or that of his father's house; that he is convinced that none of the ransom money was buried under either of the houses or on any of the land owned by his father, Boss Shannon. He further stated that about two months ago, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Urschel came to his place for the purpose of taking pictures, and at that time Mr. Urschel told Armond to try to locate the ransom money, and in the event it was found, he, Armond Shannon, would be handsomely rewarded. Armond stated that after his release from jail and return to Paradise, Texas, he immediately searched his premises as well as that of his father, but failed to find any clue that might lead him to think that the money was buried there. Armond further stated that after his conversation with Mr. Urschel he again made a search, without success. According to Armond, he doubts very much if Albert Bates buried the ransom money at Paradise. In this connection he stated that the day Bates came to the shack to return Urschel to Oklahoma, Bates was there about one hour and a half and it would have been impossible for Bates to bury the money without his (Armond's) seeing him do so. After Bates left the shack, Armond stated, Bates never returned to Paradise, Texas to his (Armond's) knowledge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Dallas, Texas.

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases,  
et al, CHARLES F. ORSCHEL -  
Victims Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 19, 1934 in the above entitled case relative to the services performed by [redacted] of Dallas, Texas in connection with the furnishing of information relative to the escape of Harvey J. Bailey from the Dallas County Jail.

The Division desires to be advised what arrangements were made by Special Agent [redacted] relative to the services allegedly rendered the Division by [redacted]

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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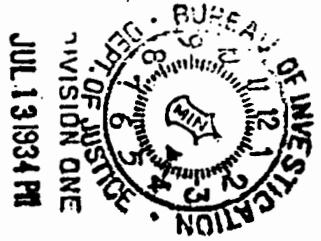
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503A U.S. Court House & F.O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
July 9, 1934.



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

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases.  
CHARLES F. GROSCHER - Victim.  
Kidnaping. S.L. File 7-10.

Dear Sir:

Sections one and three of Salt Lake City file 7-10  
in the above entitled matter were left with Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] of your office by Special Agent [redacted] of this office,  
and I will be pleased if you will see that Sections 1 and 3 of  
the Salt Lake City file are returned to this office as soon as  
is practicable.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division.

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Chicago, Illinois  
March 20, 1934  
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Date 3/20/34

Mr. J. E. Hoover,  
Director, U. S. Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the U. S. Bureau of Investigation:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
	LOUISE MAGNESS, aliases: Louise Seaton, Louise Bryant, Louise	
GRF # 5326	Carpenter, Mrs. J.D. Dahmer, Esther Magness, Mrs. Geo. Magness, Mrs. E.F. Miller, Mrs. R. L. Seaton, Jaqueline Logan, Louise Donovan, Genze Magness.	Arrested Grand Rapids Police Department 11/6/30, charge shoplifting. Disposition, released to leave down.

This form to be submitted to the U. S. Bureau of Investigation to report dispositions of cases in which prints were forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, discharges from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

Very truly yours,

*M.A. Curtis*  
Special Agent in Charge  
(Official Title)

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY; OKLAHOMA**

FILE NO. **7-1 G**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Nashville, Tenn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>7/12/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6-28/29-34 and 7-6-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al; CHARLES F. CURSCHEL - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE.</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Yellow Creek Bridge near Clarksville, Tennessee, covered on night of June 28, 1934, and no one put in an appearance to obtain the money from [REDACTED] continues to deny having written instant note; printed handwriting specimens obtained from him. Orders of Nolle Prosequi entered at Memphis, Tenn. 6-28-34 as against Travis and Ramsey.

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**REFERENCE:**

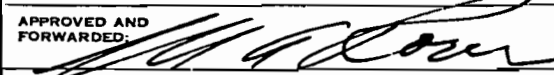
Letter from Nashville Office to Director dated June 28, 1934, and Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama, dated April 10, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

AT CLARKSVILLE, TENN.:

On the night of June 28, 1934, Agent accompanied by Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] together with Sheriff [REDACTED] and Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] met [REDACTED] on the road between Clarksville and the Yellow Creek Bridge. [REDACTED] stated that he would refuse to go on the Bridge to keep his rendezvous with parties mentioned in the reference letter for fear that said persons would kill him inasmuch as he did not have the money required, or that he would be shot by officers, should they appear on the bridge for same. After some difficulty he agreed to station himself on the bridge, which was done at about 11:15 P.M. Agent and the above named persons stationed themselves appropriately at both ends of each bridge. No one, either afoot or via auto, passed over the bridge from 11:15 P.M. until 12:45 P.M.

On several occasions Agent questioned [REDACTED] as to whether he originated the instant matter by writing the notes he claimed to have been received

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by him but on each occasion he stoutly denied same.

Agent interviewed [REDACTED] Route 1, Slayton, Tennessee; mentioned by [REDACTED] in reference report as the only person to whom the contents of the letter were made known prior to delivering same to [REDACTED] Attorney at Clarksville. He stated he lives three-quarters of a mile from [REDACTED] and has known him all his life; that about thirteen years ago [REDACTED] worked a share crop for [REDACTED] for three years; that he at all times has been regarded as sane, the only peculiarity ever having been noted is that he has a very high temper. [REDACTED] was requested to advise Agent of the contents of the note shown to him and he gave the substance of same quite comprehensively. He also made known to Agent that the note was shown to him on the same day that [REDACTED] claimed to have received it, same being about 30 days ago; that on that day he accompanied [REDACTED] to the maple tree and assisted him in locating same; that the next Sunday he again accompanied [REDACTED] to the designated spot and with the assistance of one [REDACTED], a farmer who lives in their neighborhood, a make-shift compass was used in an endeavor to locate the buried loot.

On June 29, 1934, Agent questioned [REDACTED] in detail and he then admitted that [REDACTED] did accompany him and [REDACTED] in an endeavor to locate the buried loot and that he had shown the letter to him previous to delivering it to Attorney [REDACTED] further, that he had also shown the letter to his Step-mother, [REDACTED], and to his Father, [REDACTED] prior to delivering it to [REDACTED]. It will be noted that in reference letter [REDACTED] denied that he had ever shown the letter to anyone except [REDACTED] and made admission to that effect only after considerable questioning by Special Agent in Charge Rorer, which it will be noted indicates that he is reluctant in making known all the facts in this matter. Further questioning of [REDACTED] was unproductive of results whereupon the Agent obtained two printed handwriting specimens from him, having him to write certain portions of the note claimed to have been received by him, and same are herewith forwarded to the Division for comparison with the note mentioned in reference letter as having been forwarded to the Division.

Sheriff [REDACTED] advised Agent that he would keep the Nashville Office advised of any further developments of this matter.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] at Memphis, Tenn.:

William McClanahan, U. S. Attorney, after examining the records of his office, advised Agent that on June 28, 1934, upon prior authorization of the Attorney General, he entered orders of Nolle Prosequi at Memphis, Tennessee, as against Seymour Eaton Travis, charged with harboring George Kelly Barnes, and as against Langford Poland Ramsey, charged with being an accessory after the fact of kidnaping Charles F. Urschel and also with conspiracy to violate the kidnaping statute.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>EL PASO, Texas.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>7/11/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>7/7/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
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TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, et al CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** [REDACTED] Rich Clark, and [REDACTED] are old time friends and clients of lawyer Mathers, of Oklahoma City. [REDACTED] has no direct evidence of either of the above persons handling Urschel money.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Dallas, 6/19/34.

**DETAILS:** At Tatum, N.M.

This Agent while at Tatum interviewed [REDACTED] Deputy Sheriff of Lee County, N.M. [REDACTED] stated that he recently was visited by his brother [REDACTED] of Stonewall County, Texas; that his brother told him about receiving an anonymous letter advising that [REDACTED] was attempting to sell some of the Urschel money.

This brought to his mind what [REDACTED] had told him in the early part of the winter, stating that [REDACTED] was the daughter of [REDACTED] of Lovington, N.M., and visits her father quite often; that on one of their visits last winter, [REDACTED] told him that he was well acquainted with Attorney Mathers who defended George Kelly and Harvey Bailey; that in fact Mathers had on several occasions defended him and [REDACTED] and that he and [REDACTED] had ridden in the big car that Mathers received from Geo. Kelly for defending Kelly, stating that Mathers was the best criminal lawyer in Oklahoma.

[REDACTED] further stated that [REDACTED] home was in Elk City, Okla., but he and [REDACTED] have recently been operating a gambling joint in McClain, Texas;

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that [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] brothers are notorious crooks; that his understanding is that Mathers has defended Rich and [REDACTED] several times for some of their crooked work in Oklahoma; and that they have quite a connection with the underworld and were in Hobbs, N.M., during the boom days; that while the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were in Hobbs, they were connected with one [REDACTED] a crook and rough gambler, and [REDACTED] also a gambler who is operating at Borger, Texas, and has slot machines at all the small towns in the Borger district; that it is his opinion that if any one is handling the Urschel money that the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are the ones as they claim to be good friends of Attorney Mathers and would not hesitate to do any thing that Mathers would request them to do.

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] wife was now in Lovington and had told him that her husband [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were in McClain, Texas, operating a gambling joint and it was his belief that [REDACTED] was there with them or spends some of his time there with them.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

DALLAS OFFICE - It is suggested that the Dallas Office investigate this matter at McClain, Texas, as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are operating a gambling joint at that point and are possibly handling the Urschel money in the operation of their gambling place and furnishing Rich Clark with some to put in circulation,-- the money being furnished them by Attorney Mathers.

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**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

P. O. Box #1155,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

July 13, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of one large photo-  
graphic copy of Division Chart #34-51, entitled KIDNAPING  
OF CHARLES F. URSCHEL.

Very truly yours,



WALTER HAWNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
503 ad. S. Court House & P. O. Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah


Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated July 9, 1934,  
we are returning herewith by registered mail sections 1  
and 3 of the Salt Lake City file 7-10, title--GEORGE KELLY  
BARNES, et al, CHARLES F. DURSCHEL--Victim, KIDNAPING, which  
sections of your file were loaned to this Office.

You will note from the files that in some instances  
where your file contained duplicate copies of reports that  
one has been removed and placed in the Denver file in order  
to make the file in the Denver Office as complete as possible.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. HERMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge

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

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, ET AL  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

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

Reference is made to Division letter of June 19, 1934, instructing that an interview be had with [redacted] Springfield, Missouri, in regard to ransom money paid in the Urschel kidnaping case.

The records of the U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents, Springfield, Missouri, reflect that [redacted] was received at that Institution on March 3, 1934, under register number [redacted] under sentences of two years and one year and one day to be served concurrently for conspiracy to violate the Narcotic Act and Contempt of Court. It appears from the records that [redacted] a former Narcotic Agent, was arrested at Nevada, Missouri, June 1, 1933, and was sentenced at Springfield, Missouri September 23, 1933. It further appears that he was received at the U. S. Northeastern Penitentiary on September 25, 1933, and later transferred to the U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents at Springfield, as before noted.

[redacted] of the Institution, advised that [redacted] is normal mentally but in poor physical condition. He advised that the prisoner has a good record but said he did not trust the individual. In connection therewith he advised that a short time ago [redacted] came to him and said that a prisoner quartered in a room near his was attempting to make an escape by sawing the bars over his window. [redacted] made an inspection and discovered that the bars to the window of the room of this individual had been slightly nicked, though not noticeably sawed. He said that after making inquiry he felt satisfied that the prisoner in question had not attempted to saw the bars but that during this individual's absence [redacted] had defaced the bars in order that he might have

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something to report which would ingratiate him with prison officials.

[REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agent [REDACTED] who had checked the records of the hospital as noted heretofore. The interview was conducted in private. The prisoner related that one Will Casey, of Santa Ana or Coleman, Texas, was transferred to the Hospital from Leavenworth in January or February of this year. According to [REDACTED] this individual admitted that he had participated in 23 bank robberies with George Kelly, Harvey Bailey, and Cass Coleman, all three of whom were convicted in the Urschel case.

The story related by Casey, in brief, is as follows: Some time prior to the Urschel kidnaping Casey rented his farm to George Kelly and his wife, Kathryn, and these two individuals took up the residence at the farm, which is located near Coleman, Texas. Kelly made many trips about the country, at which time Casey stayed with Mrs. Kelly. Casey became cognizant of the kidnaping plans and took some part in the kidnaping, the exact nature of which he would not divulge to [REDACTED]. However, he did say that just prior to the kidnaping of Mr. Urschel Mrs. Kelly purchased a car from the Buick Dealer in Brownsville, Texas, which was used in connection with Urschel's abduction.

Just prior to the kidnaping Kelly, Bailey, Coleman and Casey had several conferences at a filling station and tourist camp near Coleman, Texas. This camp was operated by a woman who later married a man named [REDACTED] and after the kidnaping episode moved to a 70 acre tract of land north of Little Rock, Arkansas. This woman, according to Casey, had knowledge of the kidnaping plans.

When the ransom money was secured from the associates of Mr. Urschel, according to Casey \$47,000.00 of the amount which belonged to Coleman and Casey was buried in a bread box in the vicinity of Coleman's farm, at Coleman, Texas. This money was later recovered by Government Agents. In connection with this statement it should be noted that the sum recovered by the Government was far in excess of the amount mentioned above. The unrecovered portion of the ransom money, amount unknown, according to Casey, belongs to Kelly, his wife and some third party. It is said to be buried on a farm in Texas near Coleman in a canvas wagon cover. When the money was buried, Casey, through pre-arrangement with Kelly and Coleman, called at the home of a widow woman who lived on the farm and while he distracted her attention Coleman and Kelly buried the money.

Repeatedly, while furnishing this information, [REDACTED]

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mentioned that he was scheduled to be released on parole in September of this year. He pointed out that he would like to be released sooner and intimated that if given an immediate parole he would be able to get more definite information from Casey. He suggested that Agent [REDACTED] inform [REDACTED] that he [REDACTED] had furnished very valuable information and suggest to the Doctor and to a member of the Parole Board, who was expected that day, that he should be released on parole in order that he might cooperate further with the Government. He left a very definite impression with Agent [REDACTED] that he had very little information of value concerning the Urschel case, and that his sole motive in communicating with the Government was his desire to secure an immediate release from custody.

It should be noted that when pinned down for definite information he was vague and dodged the issue. The information set forth above was only secured from him after a lengthy interview and after specific information was requested. It appears that [REDACTED] may have secured some general information from Casey, which, supported by his knowledge of the newspaper accounts of the Urschel case, furnished him with some basis for the story he told. When Agent [REDACTED] informed [REDACTED] that he would take no immediate action to have him released on parole he lost interest and assumed a rather injured attitude asking just what was going to be done for him in return for the valuable information he had just furnished. He was informed that the information set forth above would be forwarded to Washington for such action as it might merit.

In connection with the interview with [REDACTED], it should be noted that during the afternoon of July 3, 1934, [REDACTED] U. S. District Court, Kansas City, Missouri, furnished information to Special Agent [REDACTED] to the effect that [REDACTED] had communicated with his wife, informing her he had valuable information which would probably completely solve the Kansas City Massacre case. In this letter he requested that [REDACTED] send a Federal Agent to interview him, mentioning that the Agent must be one who [REDACTED] would vouch for.

In consequence, during the interview with [REDACTED] the matter of the Kansas City massacre was broached. He theorized that the Buick car purchased by Kathryn Kelly at Brownsville, Texas, and used in the Urschel case, might have been used by the perpetrators of the massacre. He was questioned for details but said that his theory was based purely upon assumption. Although he was thoroughly

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interrogated in respect to the massacre case it was plain to Agent [REDACTED] that he had no information concerning it. His motive in communicating with reference to this case appeared identical with his motive in writing the Government regarding the Urschel matter.

For the purpose of completing the record it was ascertained by Agent [REDACTED] that Will Casey, register number 224DD was received at the U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents on February 21, 1934, from the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, where he was received October 21, 1933, from San Angelo, Texas, under a sentence of two years for conspiracy to harbor criminals. It appears he was sentenced October 17, 1933, having been arrested at Coleman, Texas. The clinical records at the Institution reveal that Casey is suffering from senile debility and chronic heart disease. In order to keep faith with [REDACTED] and at the latter's request, Casey was not interviewed.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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July 20, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases -  
(Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS,  
with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201;  
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,  
with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1934;  
ET AL.  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

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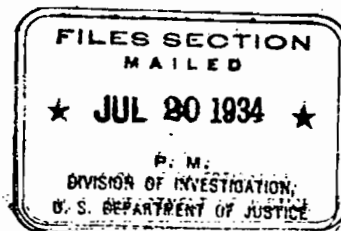
GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al.  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated July 14,  
1934, setting forth the results of an interview had with  
[redacted] United States Hospital  
for Defective Delinquents, Springfield, Missouri, please  
be advised that the Division does not deem it advisable to  
take any action with regard to the request made by [redacted]  
that he be released on parole.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 419,  
Nashville, Tennessee,  
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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice, Att: LABORATORY  
Washington, D. C.

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al;  
CHARLES F. MURSCHEL - Victim;  
KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE.

Dear Sir:

In the above case reference is made to letter from the  
Nashville Office addressed to the Division under date of June 28,  
1934, with which was forwarded to the Laboratory a letter received  
by [REDACTED]

There are being forwarded herewith two handwriting  
specimens submitted by [REDACTED] and it is requested  
that the Laboratory endeavor to ascertain whether [REDACTED] is the  
author of the original letter which he claims to have received.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Division

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Laboratory Report

July 13, 1934.

Case: George Kelly Barnes with aliases, et al,  
Charles F. Urschel, Victim.

Number: 7-115-1289

Specimens: One original letter printed with pencil on one side of two sheets of paper and beginning [REDACTED] You remember where you fixed our car, etc." One envelope in which above letter was alleged to have been mailed postmarked Ithaca, N. Y., Permit No. 1, Meter No. 2397. One page of handwriting specimens by [REDACTED]

Examination requested by: Nashville Office.

Date received: July 2, 1934.

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Examination requested: Laboratory only.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel.

July 2. It is believed that the envelope was addressed with an addressograph. The U. S. postage permit No. 1, meter No. 2397, is presumably listed in the Post Office Department in Washington, D. C. A copy of this report and of the envelope are therefore being forwarded to the Washington Local Office with the request that the Nashville Division Office and the Division be advised of the possessor of this permit.

There are no watermarks which would help to identify the paper. The handwriting has been compared with anonymous letters of cranks and others received during Urschel's detention by the kidnapers and after he was returned home but no identification was effected.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division ~~July 2, 1934.~~

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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Enclosure:

cc - Washington Field.

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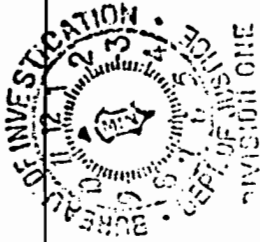
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FILE NO. **7-7**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Denver, Colorado</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>7-14-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6/7 - 7/14/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al CHARLES F. WRSCHEL--Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS of FACTS:**

Informant [REDACTED] has been unsuccessful in furnishing any information of value to date. Records of Auto Registration, Taxi Drivers, and Chauffeur Licenses checked but fail to reveal any information regarding Ed Feldman. No record of Ford roadster Motor A 1733745 found in State Automobile Records. No registration records located for Clara Feldman, with aliases. Both Ed Feldman and Clara Feldman have 1935 Colorado operator's license.



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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED], Portland, Oregon, 6-26-34

**DETAILS: AT DENVER, COLORADO**

DETAILS:

On June 21, 1934 informant [REDACTED] appeared at the Denver Division office and advised Special Agent in Charge Jay C. Newman and the writer that he had seen the girl named Ethel he had previously referred to and whom he claims to be Clara Feldman on the street in Denver and that she advised him that she would be at Vito's Night Club in North Denver that night. Accordingly, arrangements were made to meet [REDACTED] at 9:00 P.M. on June 21 and Agent Newman and the writer accompanied him to Vito's Night Club, where a watch was kept at the place until approximately 2:30 A.M. on June

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22nd. Clara Feldman did not put in her appearance at that place. During the evening, one [redacted] a waiter at Vito's and whom [redacted] stated was acquainted with Ethel Davis, was questioned by Agents in a casual way and he advised that Ethel had been to Vito's Night Club on the night of June 20th; that she frequently came to the Night Club.

On June 30th, informant [redacted] again appeared at the Denver Division office and stated that about 9:45 P.M. on the night of June 27th he had telephoned to [redacted] the waiter at Vito's, and [redacted] stated that Ethel Davis had been there earlier that night and would be back later. He stated that he had also informed [redacted] of this information and that he, [redacted] together with [redacted] went to Vito's and remained from 11:30 P.M. until 1:25 A.M. on June 28th. [redacted] said he later, the following day, called [redacted] on the telephone and [redacted] said Ethel Davis had come to the Night Club about 1:45 A.M. on June 28th; that she was with a young fellow and two other men, one remained in a car outside the Night Club and the others came in side; that he, [redacted] had never before seen the other man who came into the Night Club with Ethel Davis.

[redacted] has since been into the office on several occasions; stated that he thought he would be able to develop some information from [redacted] and a man named [redacted] who were both fellow convicts at the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado; but to date [redacted] has been unable to furnish any information of value.

[redacted] also stated to the writer that he was certain [redacted] the Twin Towers on West Colfax Avenue, was acquainted with Ethel Davis, he, [redacted] having been a convict at Canon City at the same time that he, [redacted] was incarcerated, and that [redacted] had told him that Ethel Davis had been to his night club some few days ago. Inasmuch as the writer is quite well acquainted with [redacted] from a past investigation, he was questioned confidentially as to whether any party had made inquiry of him regarding an Ethel Davis. He stated that no one had. [redacted] name was mentioned to [redacted] and he stated that [redacted] had been to his place on several occasions but had never mentioned the name of Ethel Davis or asked if any other woman had come to the Twin Towers. [redacted] also stated that he did not believe it possible for [redacted] to have met Bates' woman at Canon City, Colorado inasmuch as visitors for one convict are not allowed to see other convicts at the penitentiary; that [redacted] wouldn't have had any occasion or opportunity to see and visit with Clara Feldman unless she had specifically come to the Penitentiary to visit with him. He also stated that [redacted] had a reputation

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in Denver of being a liar and that he could not be trusted, and related one occasion where [REDACTED] had given false testimony in the trial of a former warden at Canon City.

The photographs of Clara Feldman and her son, Ed Feldman, have been shown on several occasions to [REDACTED] and his wife. These persons have been unable to definitely identify these photographs as being those of the persons seen by them at DeJohn's Venetian Night Club the night of June 3, 1934, about all they are able to state in this regard is that these photographs somewhat resemble the persons seen by them.

The photographs of Clara Feldman and her son, Ed Feldman, contained in the Denver Division file, together with the photographs of these persons transmitted to this office by the Division under date of July 7, 1934, have been exhibited to [REDACTED] a reporter for the Rocky Mountain News, Denver, who has advised that he is unable to positively identify same as being the photographs of the persons seen by him at DeJohn's Venetian Night Club on June 3, 1934 while he was in company with [REDACTED] and his wife. [REDACTED] stated that an old picture of Clara Feldman, contained in the Denver file, somewhat resembles the older woman of the two who were at DeJohn's place. However, he stated that he could not state positively that this was the person seen by him. In addition, [REDACTED] stated that from all indications [REDACTED] had been endeavoring to get money and entertainment from him by claiming to be able to assist him in locating Clara Feldman. He stated, however, that he had lost faith in [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] of the Rocky Mountain News, had refused to stand any more expense incurred in connection with information furnished by [REDACTED] and had forbid him, [REDACTED] from accompanying [REDACTED] further in this matter until the latter could furnish definite information as to the whereabouts of Clara Feldman.

It is the opinion of Agent Newman and the writer that [REDACTED] has been giving misleading information for the purpose of getting entertainment for himself and his wife at various night clubs and that if he knows Clara Feldman he has not seen her in Denver recently or at least has not furnished any accurate and dependable information concerning her. However, in the event [REDACTED] furnishes further information to this office it will be checked carefully.

Special Agent [REDACTED] has made investigation with negative results at all Plymouth automobile dealers in Denver and vicinity, photographs of Clara Feldman and her son, Ed Feldman, were exhibited by Agent [REDACTED] to the managers of the Plymouth automobile dealers and all sales records were checked under all names known to have been used by these persons. All questionable sales

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transactions were checked carefully by Agent [REDACTED]

Agent [REDACTED] also checked the Motor Vehicle Records in the office of the Secretary of State under all names known to have been used by Clara and Ed Feldman, also with negative results.

The writer checked at the License Bureau, Denver Police Department, where all photographs were examined in the Taxi Drivers' License Records. No information was secured that Ed Feldman had ever secured a taxi driver's license in Denver.

Agent [REDACTED] checked at the State Auto License Department for chauffeur's license and operator's license under the name of Ed Feldman with alias Axel C. Johnson. It was found that operator's license No. 105937 was issued to Edward G. Feldman on May 17, 1933, address 24 East [REDACTED] Avenue, Denver, Colorado. (This address is the former address of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] previously referred to in reports). Description on this operator's license was:

- Age--21
- Height--5'
- Weight--165#
- Color of eyes--Light Blue
- Hair--Light Brown

It was found that no chauffeur's license had been issued under the name Ed Feldman, alias Axel C. Johnson. Applications for registration and certificate of title were also checked under the name Ed Feldman and Axel C. Johnson, and none were found; also, application for registration and certificate of title of Ford roadster 1929 Model, Motor No. 1729745, and no record of this car being registered was found. Clara Feldman with known aliases was checked for issuance of operator's license, and it was found that an operator's license was issued to Mrs. G. L. Davis on May 12, 1933, giving the address Auditorium Hotel, Denver, Colorado. With Agent [REDACTED] the writer checked the hotel register at the Auditorium Hotel for several months prior and subsequent to May 12, 1933 and no record of this party being registered there was found. Two photographs of Clara and Ed Feldman were displayed to the owner and the clerks on duty. No one, however, recalled having seen either of these parties at the hotel at any time.

It should be noted that from previous reports Mrs. George L. Davis had 1933 Colorado license plates 1-65,483 issued to her on a 1933 Buick Victoria coupe, motor No. 2635917 and furnished her address at that time as the Auditorium Hotel, Denver, which information was checked at the time Bates was apprehended in Denver and found to be incorrect. This Buick car mentioned is the car which was seized and held by the American Express Company at the time of Bates' apprehension.

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Agent [redacted] also checked the Auto License Records, registration Bureau, for any license issued to Clara Feldman, with aliases, for the year 1954, with negative results.

The writer interviewed Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] of the Denver Detective Bureau, who were the officers who apprehended Bates and who have been seeking to cause the apprehension of Clara Feldman and they advised that one [redacted] a taxi owner and operator at Colorado Springs and who is known to Chief of Detectives [redacted] at Colorado Springs, is supposed to have taken Clara Feldman from Colorado Springs to Denver on several occasions in the past; that they had not been able to go to Colorado Springs and check this information. They also advised that they had not received any information of value recently regarding the whereabouts of Clara Feldman, but would cooperate with this office in causing her apprehension.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE DENVER OFFICE: at COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, thru Chief of Detectives [redacted] will locate and interview [redacted] the taxi owner and operator, relative to whether he is acquainted with Clara Feldman and whether he transported her from Colorado Springs to Denver on several occasions in the past; will bear in mind that the first information that [redacted] gave to Agent [redacted] of the Oklahoma City office while in Denver was to the effect that Clara Feldman was supposed to have gone to Colorado Springs; to develop thru [redacted] any information regarding the whereabouts of Clara Feldman.

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P. O. Drawer 1487.  
St. Louis, Missouri  
July 17, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
503-a U. S. Court House & Post Office Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 8, 1934, directed to the Kansas City Division Office in the case entitled GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al. CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM, Kidnaping, and also to the Kansas City Division Office letter dated June 16, 1934, directed to this office in the same case.

An examination of the records of the Commercial Credit Company, 3713 Washington Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri developed that [redacted] Charles, Missouri had, on August 26, 1933, purchased 1933 model Plymouth Sedan, motor number PDL25353 from the George Schneider Estate [redacted] of St. Charles, Missouri, and that said purchase was financed by the Commercial Credit Company, which company held a mortgage upon the car in the sum of \$468. [redacted] Collection and Credit Manager of the Commercial Credit Company, after a perusal of the [redacted] file, stated that, at the present time, [redacted] is indebted to said credit company in the sum of \$61.28, and further that their investigation concerning [redacted] developed that she carried an excellent credit rating in St. Charles, Missouri and had been employed with the Prudential Insurance Company, 20 North Main St., St. Charles, Missouri, for approximately two and one half years prior to August 26, 1933. Nothing detrimental was developed during the investigation by the Commercial Credit Company, it further being ascertained that [redacted] was well known in St. Charles, Missouri and came from a family of good reputation and character. [redacted] up to the date of agent's interview with [redacted] had made payments regularly upon the above referred to automobile, in fact, on November 28, 1933 she paid twelve instalments of \$26 each, total amount \$312, and on March 27, May 2, June 4, she made ten dollar payments by money order; however, the details as to the point of origin of said money orders, were not available.

On July 5, 1934, the Commercial Credit Company received a ten dollar money order, number 50774 dated July 2, 1934, purchased at the U. S. Post Office, St. Charles, Missouri by [redacted]

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On displaying the photograph of Clara Feldman, alias Mrs. G. L. Davis Bates, as supplied this office by the Oklahoma City Division Office, [redacted] and other employees of the Commercial Credit Company, advised that they did not believe same was the photograph of [redacted]

On July 3, 1934, Special Agent [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted] of this office, interviewed Postmaster [redacted] St. Charles, Missouri, at which time, the money order clerk, selling money order 350774, advised that he lived just across the street from [redacted] knew her and her family personally, and he added that they bore an excellent reputation and character in the community. He was then shown the photograph of Clara Feldman, and immediately stated that same was not the photograph of [redacted] known to him, who resides at [redacted], St. Charles, Missouri. Postmaster [redacted] stated that [redacted] had been employed for approximately two and one half years by the Prudential Insurance Company, 26 North Main St., St. Charles, Missouri, and had not been out of the city, as far as he knew, on any extended visit.

It was further ascertained that the 1933 Plymouth Sedan license number and other details, were not known to these individuals.

At the Prudential Insurance Company, 26 North Main St., St. Charles, Missouri, [redacted] was interviewed, at which time, it was obvious that Clara Feldman and [redacted] are not the same individual. [redacted] verified the purchase of the above described Plymouth Sedan, under circumstances related previously, herein, and added that she had never been in Denver, Colorado, with said car and had not driven the car for possibly the past six or eight months. She further stated that she had been employed at said Insurance Company for the past two and one half years and had worked steadily. Her description from observation, as obtained by Special Agent [redacted] is as follows:

Name	[redacted]
Age	26 (supplied by her)
Height	5 feet 2 inches
Weight	125 pounds
Build	medium small
Hair	dark brown
Eyes	brown, no glasses
Complexion	medium fair
Teeth	good
Scars	none noticed
Peculiarities	none
Residence	[redacted] St. Charles, Mo.
Occupation	stenographer and bookkeeper
Marital status	single
Race	White

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Nationality American

Additional description of [REDACTED] is not available at this time.

Very truly yours,

L. B. NEED,  
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Post Office Building,

Dallas, Texas.

July 17, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to Division letter of July 15, 1934, Special Agent [redacted] says that [redacted] did materially assist in the investigation of the escape of Harvey Bailey from the Dallas County jail, and he [redacted] discussed the employment of [redacted] as a confidential informant with Mr. Nathan, subsequent to [redacted] suggestion that he could be of assistance. However, before any agreement was reached it became apparent that [redacted] could not be employed and Agent [redacted] told him that due to urgent necessity for economy we could not employ him, but that it could be arranged so that he could draw expert witness fees.

Authority was secured from the Department by the U.S. Attorney to pay him and although he was not called as a witness by the Government, although he was called by the defense, (his testimony did neither side any good or damage), he was tendered by the U.S. Attorney \$75.00 as expert witness fee, which he refused to accept, demanding \$50.00 per day for three days. He has never been paid any portion of the amount as witness fee. Mr. Nathan never did talk to [redacted] relative to employment, nor did Agent [redacted] ever promise him employment.

I feel, and so does Agent [redacted] that [redacted] was very helpful and should be recompensed in some form, and if the Division concurs and will name the amount, I will endeavor to satisfy him.

Very truly yours,

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F. J. Blake

F. J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sirs

With further reference to your letters to this Division relative to payment of money allegedly due you for services presumably rendered in connection with the escape of Harvey Bailey from the Dallas County jail, may I advise you that I have discussed this matter with Mr. F. J. Blake, Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas office of this Division.

In view of the fact that no agreement was entered into with you by either Mr. Blake or any Special Agents of this Division relative to the payment of compensation for services to be rendered by you, I regret to advise you that this Division will be unable to compensate you for the services which you allege to have rendered.

Mr. Blake advises me that it is his understanding that an agreement was entered into between the United States Attorney at Dallas, Texas, and yourself relative to the payment of expert witness fees. However, this is a matter, as I have previously informed you, which you should take up with the United States Attorney with whom you made these arrangements.

Very truly yours,

J. EDGAR HOOVER

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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422 Midland Savings Bldg.  
Denver, Colo.  
July 17, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: EDWARD WILHELM BENTZ with aliases, et al  
CALEDONIA NATIONAL BANK, Danville, Vt.  
BANK ROBBERY

With particular reference to wire of the Boston Office, dated July 14, 1934, advising that Edward Wilhelm Bentz, with aliases, Theodore Bentz, Melvin O. Battis, and [redacted] had been identified as participants in the Caledonia National Bank robbery, and in which it is stated that the wife of Eddie Bentz and a woman by the name of [redacted] was accompanying them at present, it is believed that the wife of Eddie Bentz or the woman by the name of [redacted] may possibly be Clara Feldman, with aliases, who is being sought in connection with the case of GEORGE KELLY BARNES, CHARLES F. URSCHEL--Victim, KIDNAPING. It is also believed that [redacted] reported as being a nephew of Eddie Bentz may possibly be Ed Feldman, with aliases, one of which is [redacted] being the son of Clara Feldman.

It will be noted from report of Special Agent [redacted] Portland, dated June 28, 1934, submitted in the case of GEORGE KELLY BARNES, CHARLES F. URSCHEL--Victim, KIDNAPING, that on page 5, thereof is set forth a description of Ed Feldman, which is practically identical with the description of [redacted] set forth in the wire of the Boston Office, dated July 14, 1934, in the Caledonia National Bank case at Danville, Vermont.

It is also noted in report of [redacted] Los Angeles, dated June 27, 1934, in the GEORGE KELLY BARNES, CHARLES F. URSCHEL--Victim, KIDNAPING file that in the 3d paragraph appearing on page 5 thereof, that [redacted] of Clara Feldman's makes mention of the fact that Bentz was Clara Feldman's former man and that Bates was her new man, and advises that at the time that Ed Bentz was in Los Angeles he was unquestionably with Clara and her other friends, and at that time Bentz had a new woman with him, a very young woman, not more than twenty years of age.

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It should also be noted in report of Special Agent [redacted] Portland, dated December 7, 1933, GEORGE KELLY BARNES, CHARLES F. URSCHEL--Victim, KIDNAPING, that on page 1 and 2 of said report it is mentioned that several years ago Clara Feldman lived with Ed Bentz in Tacoma, Washington, and that Ed Bentz introduced Clara Feldman to Albert Bates. Shortly thereafter, Albert Bates and Clara Feldman commenced living together as man and wife.

It has also been noted from investigation performed in the CHARLES F. URSCHEL case that Clara Feldman and her son Ed Feldman have been practically unseparable for a great period of time and have traveled together extensively throughout the United States. It is believed that after Bates was apprehended and convicted that Clara Feldman may have returned to her former son, Eddie Bentz.

This information is being submitted for what possible value it may have and it is suggested that pertinent serials of the GEORGE KELLY BARNES, CHARLES F. URSCHEL--Victim, KIDNAPING file, which relate to the activities of the Bentz brothers, Eddie and Theodore, be furnished to the Boston Office.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-6**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Oklahoma City, Okla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>7-19-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>7-9-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, Et Al. CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Kidnaping</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Chief of Police Lon Covin, Clinton, Oklahoma, died June 25, 1934. [REDACTED], better known as [REDACTED] is a notorious bootlegger in western Oklahoma and well known to [REDACTED] Undersheriff, Beckham County, Sayre, Oklahoma. Officials at Oklahoma National Bank, Clinton, and First National Bank, Elk City, Oklahoma on lookout for any Urschel ransom money being passed at these banks.

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**DETAILS:**

[REDACTED] Chief of Police, Clinton, Oklahoma, stated that Lon Covin, former Chief of Police, died suddenly June 25, 1934. He stated that he is well acquainted with [REDACTED], who is a notorious bootlegger, but has no knowledge of [REDACTED] dealing in the Urschel ransom money and does not believe that Mr. Covin possessed any knowledge concerning same as Mr. Covin always discussed important official matters with him. He stated that in the event he did learn of any Urschel ransom money being passed, he would immediately get in touch with the Oklahoma City office.

**DETAILS:**

[REDACTED] Oklahoma National Bank, Clinton, Oklahoma, stated that he knows [REDACTED] whose real name is [REDACTED] and who receives mail at Elk City, Oklahoma; that [REDACTED] is a well known bootlegger and an underworld character. [REDACTED] stated that he has a list of the Urschel ransom money and will keep a close watch for any of this money being passed at his bank.

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COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3-Division 1-Dallas 1-El Paso 2-Oklahoma City	BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION JUL 23 1934 A.M. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	CHECKED OFF: [REDACTED] JACKETED:
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[REDACTED], First National Bank, Elk City, Oklahoma, stated he has known [REDACTED] for many years; that he is a well known bootlegger and not only fraternizes with the bootlegging element but is seen in company with the underworld in general. He stated that the First National Bank has a list of the Urschel ransom money and while [REDACTED] does but little business at the bank he, [REDACTED], will keep a close watch for any of the Urschel ransom money being passed.

[REDACTED], Undersheriff, Beckham County, Sayre, Oklahoma, stated that he is well acquainted with [REDACTED] who is a well known bootlegger in western Oklahoma. He stated that during the trial of Kelly at Oklahoma City for the kidnaping, [REDACTED] was seen driving a Cadillac Sedan, alleged to have belonged to Kelly; that he does not know how it came in possession of [REDACTED]. He stated that he has no knowledge of [REDACTED] passing any of the Urschel ransom money, but believes if he is doing so that it can be learned. He stated that he has a confidential informant, who is a bootlegger and an enemy of [REDACTED] and who would be only too willing to assist in securing information as to whether [REDACTED] is passing any of the Urschel ransom money; that he will get in touch with this informant and if anything is learned of interest, he will immediately get in touch with the Oklahoma City office.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Sayre, Oklahoma will at a later date interview Undersheriff [REDACTED] for any information he may have regarding [REDACTED] passing any of the Urschel ransom money.

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Laboratory Report

Case: Harvey Bailey with aliases, et al  
Charles F. Urschel - Victim

Number: 7-115-1313

Specimens: One postal card addressed to Mr Harvy Bailey Fort Leavenworth  
Kansas City Kansas and postmarked Uniontown, Pa. Jul 4, 1934, 1 PM.

Examination requested by: Unit #1, Division Office

Special Instructions: CC to interested Field Offices.

Date received: July 26, 1934

Examination requested: Decode message.

Result of examination:

Examination by:

*Dr. Blair*  
*Dr. Blair* This is a code message  
not code. There is a man in  
who formerly was attorney  
in main office D. J. may  
still be there.  
Copy sent to Signal Corp.

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August 10, 1934.

Mr. William F. Friedman,  
Office of the Chief Signal Officer,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

With further reference to the case of John Herbert Dillinger (Deceased), with aliases, et al, and that of Harvey Bailey with aliases, et al, Charles F. Urschel - Victim, and the so-called code messages supposed to have been sent back and forth between members of Dillinger's Gang, there are transmitted herewith copies of a radio message believed to have been picked up in Indiana from certain unlicensed stations, the receiver of which believes it to be between members of a gang.

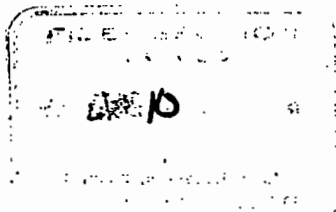
There is also transmitted a copy of a postal card addressed to Harvy Bailey at Fort Leavenworth postmarked Uniontown, Pennsylvania, July 4, which is said to be a cipher.

It will be appreciated if you will advise if there is any message deciphered from either of these communications.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #667676.



*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*  
A large handwritten signature, possibly 'J. Edgar Hoover', is written across the bottom right. To its right are several other initials and a checkmark, including 'EAC' and 'JPH'.

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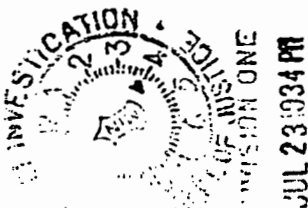
P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
July 20, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Dallas, Texas

Re: LOUISE SEATON with aliases;  
Harboring Fugitives.

Dear Sir :

Transmitted herewith is a copy of a letter from the  
Federal Industrial Institution for Women, relative to the  
above named subject. The criminal record of this woman is  
requested by said institution. Please furnish it.



Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
July 20, 1934



Dr. Mary B. Harris,  
Superintendent,  
Federal Industrial Institution for Women,  
Alderson, West Virginia

Re: LOUISE SEATON with aliases;  
Harboring Fugitives.

Dear Madam :

The receipt is acknowledged of your communication of July 15, 1934, in which you request the criminal record of Louise Seaton, now an inmate of your institution.

Please be advised that I am not aware of any criminal record of this individual in the State of Oklahoma. You are advised, however, that this woman has a criminal record in Texas. The investigation of the case which resulted in her conviction and sentence to your institution was handled by our Dallas office, and I am accordingly requesting said office to furnish you with the criminal record of this woman, as known to it.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division  
Dallas

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U. S. Department of Justice

1216 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Texas.  
July 18, 1934.

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Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Crowley	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am attaching hereto copy of letter written the  
Detroit office concerning a watch that was picked up by Deputy  
Sheriff [redacted] at the time of the raid on the house at  
160 Mahncke Court that had been occupied by George and Katherine  
Kelly and Mrs. Luther Arnold.

Myself and Special Agent [redacted] have thoroughly  
covered the pawn shops and jewelry stores in San Antonio for several  
weeks on the theory that if Katherine Kelly did leave a necklace in  
the house and it was stolen it might show up at some of these places,  
however, we have been unable to obtain any evidence concerning this  
necklace and we do not know whether Katherine Kelly left a necklace  
in the house or not and if so we do not know whether Mrs. Arnold could  
have purloined it or whether it could also have been picked up by one  
of the Deputy Sheriffs who aided in the raid.

I do not know just how to figure out the actions of  
Deputy Sheriff [redacted]. The watch in question, in my opinion, is  
not worth the sum of \$5.00 and the fact that he told the Jewelry Com-  
pany that it was a souvenir from George Kelly might in some way sub-  
stantiate his claim that he simply picked it up as a souvenir. Regard-  
less of his claims the simple fact is he stole the watch and I so stated  
to Sheriff [redacted] and Chief Deputy Sheriff [redacted].

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It may be the decision reached by the Sheriff's office  
in discharging [redacted] and not attempting a misdemeanor prosecution  
against him may have been the best course to pursue, as it certainly  
would be impracticable to attempt to return George or Katherine Kelly  
here for the purpose of identifying the watch in a misdemeanor prosecu-  
tion case.

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Very truly yours,  
Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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