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

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Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

I am pleased to learn from your letter of January 9, 1935, that you enjoyed your trip to Portland and your participation in a most interesting phase of the investigation which has followed the kidnaping of Mr. Urschel. I would like to have been present when you unearthed the \$34,000.

I appreciate your congratulations on the work being done by this Division and your thoughtfulness in discussing it with members of Congress.

I hope there will be provided funds adequate for the carrying on of the constantly increasing work.

With my best wishes and kind regards,

I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #709
Portland, Oregon

January 15, 1935.

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the Division's communication of December 27 regarding the attached voucher, the Division is advised that in connection with the search for the Urschel ransom money at Medford, Oregon, it became necessary to go over the premises of A. L. Scott thoroughly, the same consisting of some five acres. Most of this work was performed by agents of this Division with the assistance of Oregon State Police officers, but the well could not be properly searched without pumping out the water therein, and arrangements for the pumping were made with the City Water Commission at Medford, Oregon.

In response to a communication directed to the City Water Commission concerning the variance in rates, I am in receipt of advice that the men are paid on a monthly basis and in order to reduce their salary to an hourly basis it became necessary to divide the number of hours they work each month by their salary. This accounted for the difference in rates for each of the three men employed upon the work as the salary of each varied.

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Very truly yours,

C. C. Spears
Special Agent in Charge

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

FILE NO. **7-7**

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REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-18-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/8 and 11/35	REPORT MADE BY: C. C. SPEARS
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TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; ALVIN H. SCOTT; CLARA FELDMANN, alias Clara Feldman, alias Clara Davis, alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias Miss Ruth Johnson, alias Doris Mansfield, alias Doris Roberts; EDWARD GEORGE FELDMANN, alias Ed Feldman, alias Aral C. Johnson, alias George Feldman, alias — Roberts; BEN B. LASKA, alias Beryl Benjamin Laska; JAMES C. MATHERS. CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.	CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Albert L. Bates, now confined in the Federal Penitentiary at Alcatraz, California, refused to discuss the instant case with Agent. Communication subsequently received from Warden Johnston at Alcatraz with which he enclosed a letter written to him by Bates dated January 2, 1935, and in which Bates stated that he had not retained subject Ben B. Laska as an attorney for his defense in the Urschel Kidnaping Case.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] Denver, Colorado, 12/19/34.

DETAILS:

On January 2, 1935, this Agent visited prisoner Albert L. Bates, register number 157-AZ, at the Federal Penitentiary at Alcatraz, California, in an effort to secure some information from him regarding his contacts and dealings with subject Ben B. Laska and with particular reference to any statements Bates might make as to arrangements made with Laska to pay him a retainer fee for his services as counsel in the Urschel Kidnaping trial at Oklahoma City. The attempt to interview Bates was without results, as Bates would only state that he had

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previously interviewed an Agent from the San Francisco Office some days prior to the call of this Agent and informed him that he did not care to discuss the matter and would not do so. The failure of Bates to discuss the matter was discussed with Warden Johnston who stated that in his opinion the curiosity of Bates might be aroused and he felt that Bates might communicate with him in some manner concerning Agent's visit.

On January 8, 1935, Warden Johnston addressed a communication to this Agent from Alcatraz with which he enclosed a letter written to him by Bates. This letter is set out verbatim particularly in view of the information contained therein to the effect that he did not retain subject Laska as his legal counsel. This is of particular interest inasmuch as Laska is claiming, of course, that he represented Bates as his counsel and, if Bates' statement is true that he did not retain Laska or make any arrangement to that effect, it would appear that Laska was merely "shaking down" the Feldmanns in an effort to secure as much of the ransom money as possible from those parties.

Warden Johnston stated that Bates had informed one of his Deputies that, while he was in the Leavenworth Annex, he sometimes talked with Agents of the Division in the presence of prisoner Bailey, but not otherwise. The Warden also suggested that at the time of the next visit of this Agent to San Francisco it might be possible to secure additional information from Bates by means of interviewing him in the presence of Bailey. It is not, however, believed that any information of particular value may be obtained from Bates in view of his attitude and, unless instructions to the contrary are received, further effort to interview him will be discontinued.

Inasmuch as there are no outstanding leads in this district in this matter, this case is being referred to the office of origin.

Albert L. Bates' letter dated January 2, 1935, reads as follows:

"I am writing you in regards to two unwelcome visits I've had which have caused me considerable annoyance as well as apprehension.

"I realize that I am wearing a number now and haven't any choice in choosing my visitors, however, I endeavored to impress upon the first visitor that I have no desire to discuss any phase of my affairs now or in the future with the Dep't. of Investigation. I have never, since being in their custody, encouraged them to believe that I could or would divulge any information that would be of the slightest interest or benefit

to them, nor has anything occurred since my arrival here to alter my attitude.

"I expect to remain here the rest of my life, so therefore, if it is a case of incurring the enmity of either side, the Bureau of Investigation or my fellow Inmates, I prefer the lesser of the two evils, rather than experience the fate of several whom I could mention.

"For your information I wish to assert that I did not retain Mr. B. B. Laska, of Denver, for Legal Counsel. I offered no defense on the charge of the Gov't. and to the best of my knowledge and belief he merely attended the trial as an interested spectator, choosing to assume the role of Defense Att'y. merely for the publicity--This after I had discussed the possibility of retaining him to defend me on a State charge of bank robbery in Colorado, which became unnecessary when I was remanded to the Gov't., so I had no occasion to donate any monetary remuneration for his services, and whatever action he has taken in my behalf is entirely of his own volition and without mercenary influence. ✓

"I would consider it a great favor to be permitted to serve my sentence in peace, I have plenty of troubles of my own without being molested with others and would appreciate very much if you will please enforce the order that you made known to me upon my arrival here Sept. 4th, that I would be allowed no visitors. ✓

"Thanking you in advance, I am,

Respectfully,

/s/ A. L. BATES
Reg. #137."

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1616 Federal Reserve
Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

January 24, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

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

In accordance with instructions contained in
Division letter of January 17, 1935, I am transmitting
herewith two copies of the report of Special Agent [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] dated January 9, 1935, in order that Kathryn Kelly
may be interviewed concerning her reported retention of
Attorneys Scott, McLean, and Sayers as counsel for R. G.
Shamon.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box #709
Portland, Oregon

January 23, 1935

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the case of "George Kelly
Barnes, et al, Charles F. Urschel (Victim), Kidnaping"
it was necessary to have photographs made of the Alvin
Scott place at Medford, Oregon, where part of the ransom
money was found. The cost of these photographs was
\$4.95 and it is requested that a fiscal control number
be furnished covering this expenditure.

Very truly yours,

C. C. Spears
Special Agent in Charge

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

508 Medical Arts Building,
Nashville, Tennessee,
January 22, 1935.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my wire to the Division on January 16, 1935, and letter to the Birmingham Office dated January 15, 1935 in the above case.

My above mentioned wire was based upon information received from Special Agent [redacted]. I am now in receipt of information from Agent [redacted] to the effect that on January 15, 1935 he telephoned each hotel in the city of Chattanooga, Tenn., as to whether Dr. C. J. Adrienne had been or was then registered there and that the clerk at the Lookout Hotel advised him that this man was registered there.

Agent [redacted] further advised that on January 19th he again telephoned the Lookout Hotel and the clerk informed him that no one by that name was registered there; that he immediately personally interviewed the clerk at the Lookout Hotel, who advised him that when inquiry was first made over the telephone by Agent [redacted] he was under the impression that [redacted] was referring to [redacted] and when he stated that the person was registered in his hotel he was referring to [redacted] and confused the name with Adrienne. This interview determined that Dr. C. J. Adrienne had never registered at the Lookout Hotel and that [redacted] is an illiterate sort of fellow who is a leather worker for the Southern Saddlery Company. Agent [redacted] discreetly interviewed [redacted] and was convinced that he is not identical with Dr. Adrienne. Consequently, Agent [redacted] has been unable to find any trace of Adrienne at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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Special Agent [redacted] is now conducting investigation at Memphis, Tenn., with a view toward obtaining further and more particular information from Chief Inspector Will Griffin of the Memphis Police and 1935 Griffin's informant concerning this matter, and the interested offices will be immediately advised.

cc-Oklahoma City
St. Paul
Birmingham
Detroit

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Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY.**

FILE NO. 7-8-

REPORT MADE AT: Kansas City, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-24-1935	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-22-1935	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; et al CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] not known at 2200 or 3700 Brooklyn Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Name does not appear in city directory or telephone book, Kansas City, Missouri.

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REFERENCE:

Letter of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, January 17, 1935.

DETAILS:

Inquiry was conducted by Agent in an effort to ascertain whether there is such a person as [REDACTED] at 2200 Brooklyn Street and 3700 Brooklyn Street, Kansas City, Missouri. At 2200 Brooklyn Street resides [REDACTED] colored, who conducts a rooming house, and she stated to Agent on inquiry that no one has ever resided at that address by the name of [REDACTED], or any similar name, nor is she acquainted with anyone in the neighborhood with the same, or similar name. The neighborhood is predominantly colored.


DETAILS:

At 3700 Brooklyn Street is the confectionery store of [REDACTED] who has been at this address for several years off and on and he stated to Agent that he never heard of [REDACTED] or anyone of a similar name at his address, or within his immediate neighborhood. Above the store at this address resides the family of [REDACTED] and himself; and the entrance to said premises is at [REDACTED]. These people, likewise, did not know of anyone by the name of [REDACTED].

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 does not appear in the city directory or telephone book at Kansas City, Missouri.

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303 Medical Arts Building,
Nashville, Tennessee,
January 24, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 514,
Birmingham, Alabama.

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

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Dear Sir:

In the above case, this will confirm my telephonic conversation with Special Agent D. O. Smith on January 23, 1935.

Special Agent [redacted] has advised me that Inspector W. T. Griffin, of the Memphis Police Department, told him that his informant in connection with [redacted] is [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Memphis, Tennessee, but [redacted] is now at Florence, Alabama where she is working, demonstrating Labelle Toilet Preparations at the City Drug Store in that town.

Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted] mother of [redacted] who also resides at the above mentioned address, and [redacted] informed him that [redacted] has all the information. Agent [redacted] ascertained that Dr. Adrienne is working for the Rogers Redemption Bureau, Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota. [redacted] received a letter from [redacted] postmarked January 10, 1935 at some point in Georgia and [redacted] was not advised as to his particular location in Georgia inasmuch as [redacted] has this letter in her possession at Florence, Alabama.

It was ascertained that Dr. Adrienne left Memphis on December 22, 1934 and went to Chattanooga, Tennessee and from there to Georgia; that he generally works in a city for a period of between two weeks and a month. [redacted] worked for Dr. Adrienne while he was in Memphis, Tennessee. According to Agent [redacted] he is informed that Dr. Adrienne and his wife are recently from Jonesboro, Arkansas.

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Very truly yours,

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
JAN 25 1935
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Oklahoma City

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Detroit

JAN 29 1935
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA** Chicago FILE NO. **7-26**

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-25-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-11-35	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases BEN B. LASKA, alias Beryl Benjamin Laska, FUGITIVE, et al CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] Ottawa, Illinois, stated that he was sure that the picture of Sam Kronick was a likeness of a man whom he had seen in a cabaret known as The 19th Hole, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and referred to in his letter to the Division.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from the Division dated Nov. 21, 1934;
letter from St. Paul office, Nov. 25, 1934.

DETAILS:

[REDACTED] mechanical engineer and inventor engaged in the manufacture of air moving apparatus, rural route 4, Ottawa, Illinois, stated that he was the writer of the communication to the Division dated November 18, 1934; that while a guest at the West Hotel in October, 1934, the exact date being unknown to him, he became acquainted with a bellhop at the said hotel by the name of Cassidy, that Cassidy was a native of Chicago, and for that reason he and Cassidy found topics in common to discuss. He said that about 10 P.M. Cassidy concluded his work at the hotel and invited him, [REDACTED] to accompany him to a cabaret. After leaving the West Hotel they proceeded south on Hennepin Avenue to 7th Street, where they proceeded west for about a half a block, and then went upstairs, where the 19th Hole, a cabaret, is located.

While taking a drink with Cassidy and another bellhop, whose name was unknown to him, [REDACTED] advised that he saw a heavy set man, whom he described as being about 55 years

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of age, 5'8" tall, weighing between 180 and 200 lb., very dark complexion, deep lines about the mouth, heavy nose, strong chin, enter the cabaret and approach the bar, where he spoke to the bartender in a manner that would indicate a previous experience.

further advised that while the man was standing there, Cassidy, remarked to him that the man at the bar had passed the Urschel "dough"; that later he and Cassidy left, while the man remained in the cabaret.

described Cassidy as being about 40 years of age, 5'6" in height, weighing 140 lb., slender build, smooth shaven, complexion medium, eyes blue, hair brown; slight limp due to a broken hip.

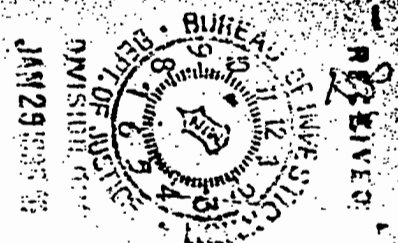
Agent showed a photograph of Samuel Kronick, which had been furnished by the St. Paul office. after looking at same stated that he was sure that this picture was that of the man whom he had seen at the bar in the 19th Hole Cabaret in St. Paul, Minnesota.

In view of the letter from the St. Paul office advising that Sam Kronick, whose picture was exhibited to was acquitted on charge of receiving and passing portion of the ransom money in this case, and also advising that if identified this picture as a likeness of the man who had been pointed out to him at the above referred to cabaret, no further investigation would be necessary, no lead is being set out for the St. Paul office.

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Postoffice Box 514,
Birmingham, Alabama,
January 28, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Nashville, Tennessee.

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

RECORDED KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 24, 1935, relative to the identity of informant, [redacted] who apparently has been approached by Dr. C. J. Adrienne, stating that Dr. Adrienne is alleged to possess a part of the ransom money in this case.

JAN 30 1935

Please be advised that Special Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted] at a private residence in Florence, Alabama, where she is demonstrating toilet articles. [redacted] stated that she is employed by the Madam Deubelle Cosmetics Company, Farnsworth Building, Memphis, Tennessee; that she has previously been a nurse; that some time ago [redacted] approached her relative to borrowing \$500.00, stating that Dr. C. J. Adrienne could furnish \$2,000 of the Urschel ransom money as security, and that the President of the Rogers Redemption Bureau, Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, Minn., has \$10,000 of the ransom bills. [redacted] further advised that she has not seen Dr. C. J. Adrienne recently; that Adrienne uses the alias of [redacted]; claims to have a brother, [redacted] Adrienne, who resides in Detroit, Michigan; that [redacted] is acquainted with [redacted] a reputable physician who resides in Memphis, Tennessee; that C. J. Adrienne admitted to [redacted] that he was held in custody of the Sheriff or police at Piggott, Arkansas for five months, probably during the summer of 1934, for operating a swindle game in that vicinity.

The interview with [redacted] developed that the Rogers Redemption Bureau operates a racket whereby the representatives call on dairy managers, poultrymen, hatcheries, etc. and exhibit silverware that is really manufactured by the William A. Rogers Company, and induce the prospect to agree to furnish certain products under promise of giving them coupons as a bounty; that in reality the coupons are manufactured by the Rogers Redemption Bureau, and the representatives sell a large portion of the coupons to the dairy or poultry representatives at a reduced price, with promises of redemption; obtain a post

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dated check and then disappear from the vicinity.

[redacted] further advised that she directed a letter to the Rogers Redemption Bureau, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and received a reply dated January 2, 1935, and signed by [redacted] indicating that C. J. Adrienne was then receiving mail care General Delivery at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and planned to work in Georgia and Florida later.

[redacted] requested that her name be kept confidential during the course of this investigation, and in event it is desired to locate her later that the agent calling at her headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee not advise her superiors relative to his identity; that she plans to remain in Florence, Alabama for approximately one week and will advise this office relative to her itinerary later.

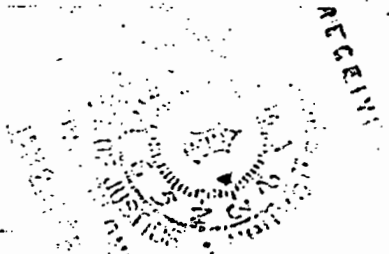
Immediately after a detailed report is received from Agent [redacted] you will be advised accordingly.

It is suggested that the Little Rock office conduct appropriate investigation at Piggott, Arkansas, for the purpose of verifying if C. J. Adrienne was held in custody there recently, obtaining all facts relative to his identity, probable location and activities. For the further information of the Little Rock office, it is stated that the Division desires to locate Dr. C. J. Adrienne at present. However, he should not be approached or interviewed, pending Division instructions.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

- CC:
1 Division
2 Little Rock
1 Oklahoma City
1 St. Paul
1 Detroit.



P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California.
January 25, 1935

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JAN 30 1935

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

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARRIS, w. a.; et al.
Kidnaping. CHAS. F. URSCHEL - Vic.
L. A. File 7-19.

Dear Sir:-

On January 24, 1935, CHARLES E. RISTIG, 1132 Poli St., Apartment "A",
Ventura, Calif., and [redacted]
came to the Los Angeles office along with BESSIE M. RISTIG, 1724 South Burlington
St., Los Angeles, Calif., to report a matter, and Special Agent [redacted]
was assigned to interview them. The substance of the interview is as follows:-

Mr. Ristig stated that he [redacted] had \$964.52
in the U. S. Postal Savings in the Broadway Department Store branch of the Los
Angeles Post Office, and that on December 17, 1934, his wife went to the post
office and checked out the entire savings without letting him know anything about
it; that he has since learned that she received a draft for their postal savings
(\$964.52) and that she kept said draft until January 18, 1935, at which time she
cashed same; that the postal authorities wondered why she had not cashed the draft
and wrote her about it, and that he has learned that she wrote and stated that a
great necessity existed at the time that she obtained the draft for her savings,
and that said emergency had passed and that she did not need to cash the draft,
and that it was her intention at an early date to redeposit the funds with the
postal savings department.

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Miss Bessie Ristig stated that [redacted] borrowed from her \$200
on or about December 18, 1934, which [redacted] stated to her she desired to
send to a lawyer by the name of [redacted] at Tacoma, Wash., for the purpose of paying
him to represent her sister, MARGARET HURTIENNE, and that [redacted] had [redacted] the 1935
money to employ [redacted] and [redacted] of Portland, Oregon, to represent
[redacted] at Portland in the removal proceedings which were instituted to
remove her, ALVIN SCOTT, OLARA FELDMAN (DAVIS), and ED FELDMAN to Oklahoma City
for trial in connection with the URSCHEL Kidnaping.

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Mr. Ristig stated that his wife left her home in Ventura, California,
on January 22, at about 2 P.M., and took with her all of her personal belongings,
clothing, valuables, etc., and left a note which said, "Dinner is in the stove.
There is \$8 on the table which will last you to pay-day." Mr. Ristig stated that
she said nothing about where she was going, when she was coming back or that she
was coming back at all; that he has no idea where she could have gone unless she
has gone to Medford, Oregon, to look after Alvin Scott's children, and that if she
is in Medford she will be at the home of Olara Feldman's daughter, and that her
address is on Peach Street but that he does not know the number. He stated that
his wife took with her all letters, deeds, valuable papers, insurance policies,
et cetera.

Mr. Ristig stated that he was of the opinion that his wife had lost her mind; that she seemed to be all right in every way until her sister, [REDACTED] and other parties mentioned, were arrested and removed to Oklahoma; that she then seemed to devote her entire time to worrying about the predicament in which her sisters (Clara Feldman and [REDACTED]) have gotten into.

A copy of this letter is being sent to both the Denver and Portland offices for whatever value this information may be to said offices.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division
Portland
Denver

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
Director

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 29, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In compliance with the request of [redacted] I am transmitting herewith two copies each of abstracts of criminal records and descriptions as appearing in the files of the Identification Unit of John Dillinger, deceased, our file #688382, George Haller, alias Alvin Karpis, our file #199217, Harvey J. Bailey, our file #312470, George Nelson, deceased, our file #542742, John Hamilton, our file #110358, Harry L. Pierpont, deceased, our file #4268, Charles Floyd, deceased, our file #24653, Dock Barker, our file #289428, F. G. Ward, alias Fred Barker, deceased, our file #59163.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-10**

REPORT MADE AT: Birmingham, Ala.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-29-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-17,24-35	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al; CHARLES URSCHHEL-VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No record indicating Dr. C.J. Adrienne has registered at better class hotels, Birmingham, Ala. [REDACTED] saleslady, Madame du Belle Cosmetic Co., Memphis, Tennessee temporarily located at Florence, Ala., advises that Adrienne told her he had \$2,000. of Urschel ransom money in safe deposit box, Minneapolis, Minn.; that he represents Rogers Redemption Bureau, Minneapolis; [REDACTED] has \$10,000 of this ransom money; that he, Adrienne, was reared in Oklahoma City, Okla; and advised that parties recently prosecuted there in connection with instant case were guilty and professed to be greatly troubled in this respect; that he has relations with big-time gangsters and formerly made considerable money performing abortions; that during the summer of 1934 he was confined for six weeks in jail at Piggott, Ark. in connection with fraud case, using alias A.J.Clifford; [REDACTED] further advises that Rogers Redemption Bureau is a racket, selling coupons to dairy and poultry representatives alleging that the Bureau is a subsidiary of Wm. A. Rogers Company, a well known and reputable silverware concern.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from Nashville office to Birmingham office, 1-15-35
 Telegram from Birmingham to Nashville office, 1-19-35
 Letter from Nashville office to Birmingham office, 1-24-35.
 Letter from Birmingham office to Nashville office, 1-25-35.

DETAILS:

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Agent, with respect to the possible registration of Dr. C. J. Adrienne, made a check of the following better class hotels:

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- • Thomas Jefferson
- • Tutwiler
- • Molton
- • Bankhead
- • Redmont
- • Birmingham Athletic Club

No information was obtained indicating that Adrienne had registered at any of these hotels, but the authorities of each of the above mentioned, expressed their willingness to notify the Birmingham office in the event this individual subsequently put in an appearance.

AT FLORENCE, ALABAMA

It was ascertained through discreet inquiry at the City Drug Company that [REDACTED] was not demonstrating toilet articles there; that, however, she was in the city at the present time for the purpose of selling cosmetics and that she was temporarily residing at the Bon Haven, a rooming house [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was contacted at the above rooming house located at [REDACTED] at which time she stated that she has no knowledge of the present whereabouts of Dr. C. J. Adrienne, but is of the opinion that he is touring the larger cities of Georgia and Florida. [REDACTED] advised that she had met Dr. D. J. Adrienne shortly before Christmas, 1934, through a cousin whose name she did not divulge; that through Adrienne she had become interested in the Rogers Redemption Bureau and had contemplated working for that concern as a saleslady, but had later abandoned the idea when she ascertained that this concern was a fraud upon the public. [REDACTED] reasons in this respect will hereinafter be set forth.

She stated that Adrienne is a talkative individual given to boasting at great length on his illicit enterprises and his relations with big-time gangsters of the underworld; that on one occasion she stated that if she, [REDACTED] would lend him \$500.00, he in turn would give her \$2,000.00 of the Urschel ransom money as security; that he had this ransom money in a safe deposit box at Minneapolis, Minn; that he himself had invested \$500.00 in obtaining this currency; that in this connection, [REDACTED] had \$10,000.00 of this ransom money which he had secured for \$2,500.00. Adrienne mentioned the fact that he was reared in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and appeared to be exceedingly troubled in regard to the recent prosecution of lawyers and others at Oklahoma City with reference to the Urschel case, advising that these parties were guilty.

It was further developed by [REDACTED] that Adrienne's full name is Clifford J. Adrienne; that some time last summer he was confined at the City Jail at Piggott, Arkansas for about six weeks under the alias of A. J. Clifford, in connection with some fraud case similar to the present operations of the Rogers Redemption Bureau.

With respect to the Rogers Redemption Bureau and Adrienne's method of operating and representing this firm, [REDACTED] submitted the following explanation to substantiate her opinion that this business is a racket:

Adrienne will register at an apartment-hotel in the residential section of a large city. He will then proceed to contact hatcheries, poultry farms, dairy farms and the like, in the outlying districts. He will convey the idea that he is representing the Wm. A. Rogers Company, a well known and reputable silverware concern. If pressed too hard by the prospect, he will display stationery of the Rogers Redemption Bureau, alleging that the latter concern is a subsidiary of the Wm. A. Rogers Company. He is a very fluent and persuasive talker and will impress upon the prospect the idea of advertising and furthering his business by giving a coupon with each separate sale of his commodity after which the customer, after collecting a certain number of these coupons, can turn them in to the Rogers Redemption Bureau and receive in return silverware of the Wm. A. Rogers Company. Upon selling the idea to the prospect, Adrienne will enter into an agreement to deliver not less than \$5,000 of these coupons for distribution to customers in consideration of \$18.50. The Rogers Redemption Bureau, which has its own printing machine, will print the desired number of coupons, inscribing the name of the dairy or hatchery as the case may be on the front of which will appear - "Trade here and get Wm. A. Rogers Silverware free". "Genuine Wm. A. Rogers Twenty-Five year Guarantee Silverware". On the back of each coupon is set forth that one cent shall accompany each coupon when turning the same in to the Rogers Redemption Bureau. This qualification is not mentioned by Adrienne at the time of his initial sales talk to the prospective purchaser of the coupon. The Rogers Redemption Bureau, to protect itself legally, will purchase Wm. A. Rogers Silverware and actually redeem the coupons, but due to the qualification mentioned above, the Bureau is not called on to redeem on an average of more than twenty-five percent of these coupons, whereby they derive a sizeable profit in their operations.

On a number of occasions Adrienne upon receiving an order for 5000 or more coupons will obtain a post dated check from the purchaser which he will have cashed in the neighborhood and then leave the vicinity. [REDACTED] could cite no definite operations of the above but she believes Adrienne in this connection had contacted a [REDACTED]

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of the Forrest Hills Dairy, Memphis, Tennessee, and also a dairyman at Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, whose name she does not recall, but believes it may possibly be [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] further advised that she has not seen Adrienne since he left Memphis, at which time he told her that he would tour the larger cities of Georgia and Florida. She later endeavored to ascertain his location from the Rogers Redemption Bureau and received a reply dated January 2, 1935, advising that the firm had a letter from Mr. Adrienne that morning to the effect that his mail should be addressed for the remainder of the week in care of General Delivery, Chattanooga, Tennessee. This communication which [REDACTED] displayed to agent, was on the letterhead of the Rogers Redemption Bureau, Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was signed by A. L. Anderson, Office Manager.

[REDACTED] also ascertained through Adrienne that in connection with his former practice of medicine, he interned at Des Moines, Iowa; that he has a brother, [REDACTED] at Detroit, Michigan; that he is personally well acquainted with [REDACTED] who is a reputable physician at Memphis, Tennessee; that he previously made thousands of dollars by performing abortions; that he drives a four passenger Packard, about a 1930 model, black in color with white wheels.

As an afterthought, [REDACTED] advised that Adrienne had further confided to her that he, a party by the name of Drummond who is also connected with the Rogers Redemption Bureau, and a Judge Bailey of Denver, Colorado, had \$370,000.00 cached in some little church in Mexico; that Judge Bailey had made arrangements for Drummond and Adrienne to fly down there and get the money.

[REDACTED] advised that she is a saleslady for the Madame du Belle Cosmetic Company with headquarters at Farnsworth Building, Memphis, Tennessee; that she will remain at Florence, Alabama for another week, after which she will tour the Northern part of Alabama, stopping at Athens, Huntsville and Decatur; that she will advise the Birmingham office or any agent of this Division, in the event she obtains information relative to the location of Adrienne.

[REDACTED] requested that this information be kept strictly confidential; further, that if an agent of the Division should contact her through her headquarters at Memphis, Tennessee, that he not divulge his identity.

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For the information of interested offices, it is stated that [REDACTED] confidentially informed W. T. Griffith, Inspector of Memphis Police Department, that Dr. C. J. Adrienne, of French extraction, reported to be former police surgeon in Detroit, approached her, endeavoring to borrow \$500.00, stating he would repay her with a part of the ransom money paid in this case; that Dr. Adrienne alleged he had \$2,000 of the money, and the President of the Rogers Redemption Bureau had \$10,000.00 of the ransom money. Adrienne was described by [REDACTED] as follows:

Age	Approximately 40 yrs.
Height	6' 2"
Weight	About 225#
Hair	Black
Eyes	Black
	Fair dresser, and master salesman.

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The Division was advised that efforts would be made to locate Dr. C. J. Adrienne, however he should not be interviewed relative to his possession or knowledge of the ransom money paid in this case, pending Division instructions.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE, at Piggott, Arkansas, will contact the police authorities there and ascertain all available data relative to the confinement of Adrienne under the alias of A. J. Clifford, with a view of determining his location.

THE NASHVILLE OFFICE, at Memphis, Tennessee, will discreetly interview [REDACTED] relative to the present whereabouts of Dr. C. J. Adrienne; will also locate the [REDACTED] Forrest Hills Dairy, Memphis, for possible information concerning the alleged racket of the Rogers Redemption Bureau; at Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, will also endeavor to locate the dairyman, possibly known as [REDACTED] for the same purpose.

THE DETROIT OFFICE, at Detroit, Michigan, in ascertaining if there is a [REDACTED] there, will discreetly interview him relative to the present whereabouts of Dr. C. J. Adrienne.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE, at Oklahoma City, will conduct appropriate investigation to locate Dr. Adrienne.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
422 Midland Savings Bldg.
Denver, Colo.
- January 29, 1935

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

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

With reference to your letter of January 10, 1935, request-
ing the determination, if possible, of the points to which
the unknown parties telephoned from the telephone located
in the garage at Greeley, Colorado, [redacted]
[redacted] as set out in the report of Special Agent [redacted]
[redacted], dated at Denver, Colorado, January 5, 1935, kind-
ly be advised that the telephone company records were
checked at Greeley, Colorado, by [redacted] of the
Greeley telephone office, who advised Special Agent [redacted]
[redacted] that the only records kept on coin station calls
would be toll tickets, and these are kept only for a per-
iod of one year; therefore, the Greeley office had no re-
cords to check covering the period for which check of num-
bers is desired.

[redacted] stated further that there might possibly be a
further record at Denver, but [redacted] State Cash-
ier of Colorado, advised that they have no further record
than the toll tickets described by [redacted] and that
they kept those only for a period of one year. [redacted]
also added that it was impossible to check any collect
calls that might be made from that coin telephone as only
the receiving office would have kept a record of any such
calls.

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Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman

JAY C. NEWMAN

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A Telephone on 22

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 17, 1935

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman..
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....

Time - 3:15 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The secretary to Congressman Lanham of Texas telephoned me and stated that the Congressman had received an inquiry from one of his friends in Fort Worth, Texas, who stated that George Kelly (Machine Gun Kelly) owns a residence in Fort Worth, and wanted to know whom he should see to purchase this residence. I told the party calling that the Government did not confiscate any real estate of Kelly when he was sent to prison; that Kelly would have to be communicated with through his attorneys, the names of whom could be ascertained through the United States Attorney.

Respectfully,


E. A. TAMM

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 2, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM *L*

Concerning telephonic advice furnished Mr. Newby on February 1, 1935, please be advised that a fingerprint card in the Identification file 711147 for Langford Poland Ramsey, U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia No. 44206, indicates that he was received in that institution on March 25, 1934 from Memphis, Tenn. to serve a sentence of two years for conspiracy to harbor a fugitive. The date of sentence is given as October 23, 1933. Sentence began March 25, 1934. Sentence is to expire March 24, 1936; with good time sentence to expire November 1, 1935. Nothing appears in the Identification Unit files to indicate that any type of clemency has been granted in this case.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

L. C. Schilder.

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FEBRUARY 4 1935

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
411 U S COURTHOUSE
PORTLAND OREGON

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ASKA TRIAL SET FOR EIGHTEENTH BUT USA ADVISES WILL BE PASSED UNTIL AFTER
DECISION CIRCUIT COURT APPEALS STATES NOT NECESSARY YOU APPAR EIGHTEENTH
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224 Fed. Bldg.

cc Division



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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FILE

Chas. W. ...

CT:

February 2, 1935

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[Redacted]

New York City.

Dear [Redacted]

Reference is made to your inquiry concern-
ing Langford Ranney, who was convicted in connection with
the Urshel kidnaping case.

The records disclose that Ranney was
sentenced on October 21, 1933, to serve six months in
the Shelby County Jail at Memphis, Tennessee, on convic-
tion for harboring and also was sentenced the same day
to serve two years in the United States Penitentiary at
Atlanta on conspiracy to harbor, the sentences to run
consecutively and the jail sentence to be served first.
Apparently, he served five months in the County Jail as
he was received at the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta,
Georgia, on March 25, 1934, to begin the two years'
sentence. I believe this will answer your inquiry.

Cordially yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Baughman..
- Chief Clerk.....
- Mr. Coffey.....
- Mr. Edwards.....
- Mr. Egan.....
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- Mr. Quinn.....
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- Mr. Tamm.....
- Mr. Tracy.....
- Miss Gandy.....

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 6, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Confirming telephonic advice furnished Mr. Lowdon on February 1, 1935, please be advised that an examination of the Identification Unit file #710899, which refers to John Calvert Tichenor, reveals that this individual was arrested at Memphis, Tennessee by the Police Department on September 26, 1933 for conspiring to harbor a fugitive, violation of section 141, U. S. Penal Code, and that on September 26, 1933, the case was referred to the Government.

A fingerprint card appearing in the file indicates that on September 26, 1933, Tichenor was arrested by the United States Marshal at Memphis, Tennessee for harboring fugitives. No record of the receipt of Tichenor at any penitentiary appears in the Identification Unit file. ✓

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

L. C. Schilder.

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Form 2

February 4, 1935

D Brantley
 Division of Investigation
 U. S. Department of Justice
 224 Federal Building
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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



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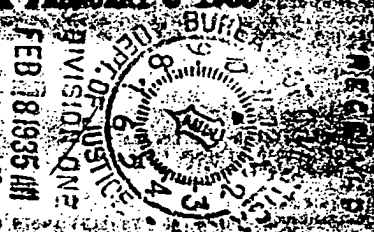
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OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA FEBRUARY 5 1935

D O SPRESS
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
434 U S COURT HOUSE BUILDING
PORTLAND OREGON

Re: Urschel Kidnaping.



ALASKA TRIAL SET FOR APRIL NEXT YOUR PRESENCE UNNECESSARY

THIS MONTH

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Official Business
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Charge: Div. of Investigation
224 Federal Building

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E. S. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWBORN CARLSON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

W. C. WEAVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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- Mr. Schilder
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE

FORM NO. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-6**

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2/18/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/8-9/35	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, ET AL; CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS of FACTS: **[REDACTED]** reporter for Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, Okla., advises he wrote articles quoting **Laska** as saying he possessed ransom money, but that statements were made in glowing activities of Laska and apparently were not made as statements of fact. Investigation at Oklahoma City fails to reveal any information concerning Dr. Clifford J. Adrienne, U. S. Attorney, Oklahoma City, advises that trial of Laska and Mathers will probably be held in April, 1935.

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 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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FEB 18 1935 AM



REFERENCE: Letter from Denver office dated January 8, 1935 and report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** Birmingham, Alabama, dated 1/29/35.

DETAILS: At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma:

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For the information of the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City, on January 8, 1935, the Denver office forwarded to the Oklahoma City office an article appearing in the Denver Post at Denver, Colorado on December 18, 1934, which article contained statements made by Attorney Laska during the original trial of this case and which indicated that he was in possession of ransom money. The newspaper article mentioned that at one time Laska pulled a roll of bills from his pocket and stated, "Why, look, that bill is Boettcher ransom, that bill is Bohn and here is a Hamm ransom bill", and the following day related that he had offered to pay his hotel bill with \$20 bills from the Urschel ransom money, stating, "I told the clerk, if he took the bills

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he would be liable to prosecution, and if he didn't, he'd have to cancel my bill because I had offered to pay it." The article further states that these statements of Laska were in reply to a statement of Assistant Attorney General Keenan to the effect that everyone connected with the manipulations in this kidnaping would be prosecuted. The complete article, as taken from the Denver Post, is now contained in the Oklahoma City file, and the Denver office advised that the article was a re-write from an Associated Press Dispatch from Oklahoma City.

Through inquiry at the Daily Oklahoman and at the office of the Associated Press, it was ascertained that the above statements of Mr. Laska were not reported in the Daily Oklahoman or Times, their papers containing only the statement made by Assistant Attorney General Keenan. Special Agent [redacted] obtained from [redacted] of the Oklahoman, a list of the reporters who covered the original trial at Oklahoma City, and by interview with these reporters now in Oklahoma City, it was ascertained that the article in question had been written by [redacted] who is now connected as a reporter with the Daily Oklahoman but was formerly employed by the Times.

[redacted] was interviewed at the Oklahoma City office by the writer and stated that he distinctly recalls writing the article in question which appeared as a re-write in the Denver Post; that when this case was set for trial at Oklahoma City, he was assigned to cover the same and upon the arrival of Assistant Attorney General Keenan, he contacted him for a statement; that Mr. Keenan gave him a statement to the effect that all person who had handled the ransom money paid in this case or had anything to do with the manipulations would be prosecuted and that he immediately had this statement published in the evening edition of the Times; that thereafter he interviewed Attorney Laska and asked him what reply he had to Mr. Keenan's statement, to which Laska replied "Tell him I laughed"; that the following morning, in the court room and before court adjourned, Mr. Laska was at the Judge's bench, surrounded by reporters and he was again asked for a statement with reference to Mr. Keenan's previous statement, at which time he pulled a roll of bills from his pocket and stated that it was ransom money, taking off several bills and designating them as being ransom money in the Boettcher case, ransom money in the Bohn case, ransom money in the Hamm case, after which he placed it back into his pocket and before he could be questioned further, he left the court room; that subsequent to this incident, Mr. Laska made another statement to the effect that he had paid his hotel bill with Urshel ransom bills and at that time told the hotel clerk that the bills were ransom money and that he might be prosecuted if he accepted the same, etc.

[redacted] stated that all of the reporters who attended this trial considered Laska as being an attorney who was always clowning and the statements made by Laska with reference to the ransom money were considered as clowning activities on his part, and he thought were not intended to be statements of fact. He further stated that he was sure that [redacted] an

Associated Press reporter now stationed at Tulsa, Oklahoma, witnessed the display of bills by Laska and his statements that the same consisted of ransom money in several kidnaping cases.

With reference to Dr. Clifford J. Adrienne, mentioned in the reference report of Special Agent [REDACTED], Special Agent [REDACTED] made inquiry at all of the first class hotels in Oklahoma City to ascertain if he was registered but with negative results. [REDACTED] of the Better Business Bureau had no record of Dr. Adrienne of the Rogers Redemption Bureau. The Bureau of Vital Statistics at the State Capitol has no birth records prior to 1908. The records of the Identification Bureau of the Oklahoma City Police Department and Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office contain no information as to Dr. Adrienne, nor was Adrienne known to the General Delivery Clerks, or the complaint division of the Oklahoma County Medical Association.

In a consultation with United States Attorney W. C. Lewis with reference to the trial of this case which had previously been set for February 18, 1935, Mr. Lewis stated that the case would not be tried on that date but would probably be set for trial in the month of April, 1935 so that they would have the benefits of the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals in the case now pending in that court with reference to the receipt of ransom money. Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears of the Portland office was advised of the change of date in the trial of this case pursuant to his telegraphic request.

The ransom money recovered by the Portland office in and around Seattle, Washington, and brought to the Oklahoma City office by Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears and others, was placed in safety deposit box No. 5512 at the First National Bank in Oklahoma City, rented jointly in the names of C. C. Spears, Dwight Brantley, and [REDACTED]. Subsequent to the placing of this money in the bank and at the instance of United States Attorney W. C. Lewis, \$25,000.00 of this money was delivered to Charles F. Urschel and the balance is now in said safety deposit box.

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[Redacted]

Fort Worth, Texas

Feb. 7, 1935.

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- Mr. Tolson.....
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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Mr. Hoover:

As one who has watched with keenest interest and deepest admiration your remarkable and successful administration of cleaning up the criminals of the United States, I am writing you concerning an important matter.

It has become the talk here that a certain firm of lawyers turned over \$40,000.00 of the Urschel kidnaping money, and that they succeeded in getting by the clutches of the law by their political pull. I have made investigation of this matter, and the sources are too reliable to be lightly dismissed.

Your Mr. Nathan called on me in connection with the Pretty Boy Floyd case, and I am personally acquainted with your Mr. Frank Blake, for whom I have the greatest admiration.

Yours very truly,

[Redacted Signature]

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March 6, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 15, 1935 in the above entitled case, with which were forwarded copies of a letter dated February 7, 1935 addressed to the Bureau by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Fort Worth, Texas, and in which it was requested that your office discreetly interview [REDACTED] relative to certain information which he claims to possess concerning the disposition of a portion of the Urschel ransom money.

Please inform the Bureau of the results of your inquiry in this regard.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al
CHARLES F. URSCHER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find copies of a letter addressed to the Bureau by [redacted] Fort Worth, Texas, dated February 7, 1935, in which certain information is set forth pertaining to a firm of attorneys who are reported to have handled a portion of the Urachel ransom money. You will also find enclosed herewith a copy of my reply to [redacted] dated February 15, 1935.

It is requested that you give this matter appropriate attention and have an Agent from your office interview [redacted] in the near future.

The Bureau has noted on several occasions that [redacted] has appeared in news reels and newspaper photographs in connection with the christening of the son of the late Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. In view of [redacted] connection in this regard, it is desired that you have this interview with him conducted with the utmost discretion and caution. Kindly give this matter your early attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Fort Worth, Texas.

My dear [REDACTED] b7C

Your letter of February 7, 1935, in which you advised that you possess information pertaining to a firm of attorneys who are suspected of having handled certain of the money paid as ransom in the Urschel kidnaping case, has been received and I wish to thank you for your interest and courtesy in communicating with me in this regard.

Please be informed that I have referred copies of your letter to Mr. F. J. Blake, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 420 Post Office Building, Dallas, Texas, whom you mention in your letter, in order that he may give this matter appropriate attention and have an Agent from his office interview you relative thereto in the near future.

Permit me to thank you for the commendatory remarks contained in your communication.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

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

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-16-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/18 & 2/14, 15/35	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; BEN E. LASKA, alias BERYL BENJAMIN LASKA, FUGITIVE, et al. CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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[REDACTED] St. Paul, Minnesota, [REDACTED] SAM KOZBERG who was tried and acquitted at Oklahoma City in this case, denies knowing whether any part of the \$1,000.00 which he gave to [REDACTED] in the summer of 1933, was part of the ransom money in this case, or that he later learned such to be the fact. [REDACTED] claims no efforts made to get this money back as is alleged in confidential information with this office. [REDACTED] also denied that anyone else was holding some of this money which he was trying to get back. From information obtained that one, [REDACTED] of "KID CAN", paid some \$700.00 on a liquor deal to one, [REDACTED] Mankato, Minnesota.

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REFERENCE: Division letter dated January 17, 1935.

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DETAILS:

Under date of January 11, 1935, Special Agent [REDACTED] was advised by a confidential informant to the effect that [REDACTED] a physician and surgeon in the Lowry Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, was buying a lot at White Bear Lake at the time of the Urschel kidnaping; that [REDACTED] approached [REDACTED] of SAM KOZBERG, a defendant in the Urschel case, for a loan to pay on this lot and succeeded in borrowing \$2,000.00 from [REDACTED] is related to [REDACTED] of St. Paul, Minnesota. Further information furnished was to the effect that, after it was discovered that the \$2,000.00

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which [redacted] borrowed from [redacted] was part of the ransom money in the URSCHEL case, [redacted] attempted to recover it from [redacted] but it had already been paid on the lot. The confidential informant also stated that he further learned that [redacted] was paying \$500.00 a month to a prohibition agent named [redacted] and at the time of the URSCHEL case paid \$500.00 to [redacted] after which it was discovered that this \$500.00 was part of the ransom money and that [redacted] sought a return of this money but [redacted] refused to return it but placed it in a safe deposit box where, as far as is known, the money is still kept.

The name of the confidential informant herein is included in the memorandum submitted by Special Agent [redacted] copies of which were forwarded to the Division with a letter from the St. Paul Office dated January 12, 1935.

On February 14, 1935, [redacted] upon interview advised that he knew [redacted] intimately and, while he was no relation of [redacted] he, however, was a member of a number of clubs, or societies, to which [redacted] belonged. He advised that in the summer of 1933, about the last of July, or the first of August, his records not being immediately available, he borrowed \$1,000.00 from [redacted]. He stated that, at that time, he was buying a lot at White Bear Lake, near St. Paul, and in order to take advantage of an option and a discount, he needed cash which he borrowed for immediate payment. [redacted] gave him the \$1,000.00 in cash. [redacted] recalls that there were no large bills like fifty or one hundred dollars but does not recall the denominations otherwise. The money was paid the same day, [redacted] stated, to [redacted] agent of the Realty Company in Forest Heights, White Bear, Minnesota, payment being made at the First National Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, that is, that both went there to complete the deal. As [redacted] does not do business with the First National Bank, he did not know any of the representatives of the bank who were present at that time. [redacted] advised [redacted], at the time, that he would like to get the money back as soon as possible but made no effort to get this particular money back and nothing was said about it. [redacted] repaid the loan to [redacted] in approximately six weeks, by check, as he now recalls. [redacted] appears to be a reputable physician and the type of patients who were viewed in his office at the time of this inquiry appeared to be of the better class. [redacted] was somewhat disturbed at this interview but offered to render all the assistance that he could. He desired to know if it would be all right to consult [redacted] about this and was requested to refrain from so doing at the present time. However, it is noted that this same day he communicated with [redacted]

After efforts to locate [redacted] were unsuccessful, on the date of the interview with [redacted] [redacted] was interviewed on 2-15-35, at 776 Grand Avenue, which is the location of the Belco Products Company, makers of toilet water articles, and perfume, [redacted] being [redacted] of this company. [redacted] admitted that [redacted] had called him on 2-14-35, asking about the money which he had borrowed from [redacted] in the summer of 1933, stating that inquiry had been made concerning same. [redacted] advised that he had let [redacted] have \$1,000.00 around the first of

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August, 1933, and he was certain that there were no large bills in the amount which was given to [REDACTED] in cash. He recalls this because of the fact that he seldom has bills of this denomination in his possession. He stated that he got this money out of the safe and took it directly to [REDACTED]. He admitted that he was a [REDACTED] of SAM KOZBERG; that KOZBERG had [REDACTED] and that KOZBERG owed him a sum of money in the amount of about \$1200.00 or \$1500.00, at one time; as this was a friendly loan, upon which no interest was paid, he stated that he did not keep a close account of it but does not think KOZBERG paid him back in cash. In agent's presence, [REDACTED] called up the KOZBERG liquor store and talked to [REDACTED], who takes care of the business end of KOZBERG'S liquor store. [REDACTED] asked if SAM KOZBERG had paid him in cash or by check for the loans which [REDACTED] had made to him. It was possible to hear her answer over the telephone, stating that the payment was made by check and a request to know why this inquiry was made. [REDACTED] advised that the Government was making the inquiry with reference to certain money in his possession. This telephone call had all the appearance of a pre-arranged call and in about two minutes [REDACTED] called back and wanted to know why [REDACTED] had called her and what KOZBERG'S debt to COHEN had to do with the present inquiry.

[REDACTED] stated that he knew the whole story and that there was no use denying that he was familiar with the facts and he stated that if he had any such money in his possession which might be considered ransom money and had loaned it to someone he would certainly try to get it back and clear himself, but that frankly speaking, if such had been the case he could not so inform agent. However, he claimed that he did not know the source of this money but did not think it had any connection with any ransom money. He does not recall ever getting \$1,000.00 at any one time. He advised that he has loaned numerous persons from \$100.00 to \$300.00, some of which has been repaid in full and some still outstanding, but he does not recall having paid \$1,000.00 at any one time. With reference to SAM KOZBERG, he stated that KOZBERG had all the grief one man was entitled to in one case, particularly where he was not guilty and that he was certain KOZBERG was only a victim of circumstances in being involved in the handling of the money in this case. [REDACTED] advised that he would give a lot to know how the information concerning the \$1,000.00 loan to [REDACTED] was obtained. [REDACTED] was asked if he had given any sum of money to any other party or if any party was holding some which he was trying to get back. He advised that he had not, except small amounts, as above stated, that he had loaned out; particularly, he mentioned one man, who was a cripple, having lost both legs and whom he loaned \$300.00 to go to Rochester, Minnesota, to obtain artificial legs and which party he has never heard of since.

Inquiry was made of the various Assistant United States Attorneys, at St. Paul, Minnesota, but none of them had ever heard of a prohibition agent by the name of [REDACTED]. However, agent called the Alcoholic Tax Unit by telephone

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and learned that there was a [redacted] in the permit section, being inspector in charge of that section, located in about room 706 of the New Post Office Building, in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Inasmuch as it appears that if any of this money came into the possession of [redacted] it was obtained from KOZBERG, who was tried and acquitted at the Oklahoma City trial in connection with this case, and inasmuch as the information at hand is to the effect that [redacted] did not know that this was ransom money at the time, no further investigation is being made at this time concerning this angle of the case.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Mankato, Minnesota, on January 18, 1935:

On January 18, 1935, [redacted], Alcoholic Beverage Unit, Mankato, Minnesota, advised that had recently obtained information to the effect that a [redacted] a bootlegger, living at [redacted] was in possession of some part of the URSCHEL ransom money and that it was supposed to be buried on his brother's farm, which adjoins [redacted] place. Further, that [redacted] the wife of [redacted] would furnish the details if she could be interviewed alone, inasmuch as [redacted] and his brothers were very unfriendly towards her.

[redacted] was contacted at her home, located at [redacted] at which time [redacted] was supposed to be cutting wood somewhere on his property. [redacted] stated that the adjoining farm to theirs is run by [redacted] brothers, [redacted] that they are now engaged in the liquor business and that they dealt with a group of bootleggers in Minneapolis, Minnesota, known as the "OLD SYNDICATE". Further, that on one occasion, [redacted] took a load of liquor into Minneapolis, and a member of the so-called "OLD SYNDICATE" referred him to a [redacted] who is a member of a bootlegging ring in Minneapolis, called the "YOUNG SYNDICATE". [redacted] stated further that in this particular deal with [redacted] received a large sum of money and the fact developed a few days later that [redacted] was taken into custody by the Department of Justice and questioned concerning his having possession of a portion of the URSCHEL ransom money; that [redacted] in reality, was the one who had the ransom money and that he had paid [redacted] with the same. Further, that [redacted] immediately notified [redacted] after [redacted] had been arrested, and that [redacted] was drunk at the time he was informed and he talked a good deal about the situation and exhibited the money to [redacted] and a man by the name of [redacted] stated further that she later heard [redacted] say he had buried the money, and although he did not mention where the same was buried, she felt sure it had been hidden on his farm.

[redacted] advised that a member of the "OLD SYNDICATE" of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was supposed to have originally come into possession of the ransom money and that he is now serving a sentence in Fort Leavenworth Penitentiary. Further, that the only name she had ever heard him called was "KID CAN".

[redacted] Janesville, Minnesota, operates a bar in that town and is bootlegging at the present time. [redacted] stated that he had a great deal of trouble with [redacted] and his brothers; that he had not seen the money in question, but he had heard [redacted] brag about having it in his possession. Further, that [redacted] had stated that he had received \$700.00 of the URSCHEL money and a quantity of alcohol in payment for a load of whiskey and that he claimed he had dealt with [redacted] of Minneapolis. [redacted] reiterated [redacted] statement. As a matter of record, [redacted] advised that [redacted] whom he claims, [redacted] and [redacted] stayed with while in Mankato during the spring of 1934, was seen at a cabin on the highway between Red Wing and Hastings, Minnesota, on January 15, 1935.

During the month of September, 1934, [redacted] a subject of a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act Case, St. Paul File No. 26-2504, had furnished the writer with information to the effect that such money was located in Mankato, Minnesota, but was unable to furnish any particulars concerning the same, saying that [redacted] a well known bootlegger in that town, had complete knowledge of the same. At that time, such information was recorded in the miscellaneous files in the St. Paul Division Office.

Thereafter, The St. Paul Division Office received a communication from the Omaha Division Office advising that [redacted] of Mankato, Minnesota, had recently made a trip to Fort Leavenworth Penitentiary to contact an unknown prisoner for the purpose of determining the location of \$70,000.00, believed to be URSCHEL ransom money. Shortly thereafter, [redacted] was interviewed relative to the information received from the Omaha Division Office, at which time he refused to furnish any information of value. Under the circumstances, it is very likely that "KID CAN" is identical with the person whom [redacted] attempted to contact at Fort Leavenworth relative to the location of such money. "KID CAN'S" correct name is ISIDORE BLUMENFELD. He was tried and acquitted in this case at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

A copy of this report is being furnished the Omaha Division Office.

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

FILE NO. **7-10**

REPORT MADE AT: DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE: 2/20/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/14/35	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al. CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No record at Detroit Police Department, City Board of Health, Wayne County Medical Board, Michigan State Board of Medicine, Nurses' Registry, telephone directory or city directory of Dr. C. J. Adrienne or [REDACTED]

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama, dated 1/29/35;
Bureau letter dated 1/16/35;
Bureau letter dated 1/24/35;
report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri, dated 1/9/35.

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DETAILS:

At Detroit, Michigan

Agent interviewed Inspector [REDACTED] in charge of the Special Investigation Squad, Police Department, who advised that he had never heard of a Dr. C. J. Adrienne connected with the Detroit Police Department. Inspector [REDACTED] Detroit Police, in charge of all cases pertaining to abortions, malpractices and licenses, advised that he has never heard of a Dr. C. J. Adrienne, either as a member of the medical staff of the Detroit Police Department, or as ever having been arrested or investigated within the city of Detroit for any offense. [REDACTED] Chief Police Surgeon for the past 21 years, states he has never heard of a Dr. C. J. Adrienne connected in any manner whatsoever with the Police Department.

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Don Lawson
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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[REDACTED] Detroit City Board of Health, advises she never heard of a Dr. C. J. Adrienne or a [REDACTED] to William J. Burns, Executive Secretary of the Wayne County Medical Board, 4421 Woodward Avenue, advises she has no record of a [REDACTED] or Dr. C. J. Adrienne. [REDACTED] Michigan State Board, Registry in Medicine, at Lansing, Michigan, telephonically advised that no person by the name of Adrienne had secured a license to practice within the State of Michigan. Records of the Nurses' Official Registry, 51 West Warren, were searched, and Agent was advised they have no record of anyone by the name of Adrienne who has applied for a registration as a nurse. The Identification Bureau of the Detroit Police Department reflects no record of a doctor by the name of Adrienne. A search of the telephone and city directories reflects no one by the name of Dr. C. J. Adrienne or [REDACTED] nor the name of the Rogers Redemption Bureau.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: The Detroit Office at MILAN, MICHIGAN, at the United States Detention Farm, will interview Kathryn Kelly along the lines set forth in reference report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri, dated 1/9/35.

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GEORGE KELLY BARNES WA CHARLES URSCHEL VICTIM KIDNAPING REFER REPORT [REDACTED]
BIRMINGHAM TWENTYNINTH ULTIMO [REDACTED] WIFE OF C J ADRIENNE RESIDES JONESBORO
ARKANSAS MOTHER OF [REDACTED] RECEIVED LETTER SIX DAYS AGO FROM [REDACTED] THOMAS JEFFERSON
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February 23, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

For your confidential information, there are transmitted herewith copies of the following communications pertaining to the removal of Alvin H. Scott from Portland, Oregon to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma by Deputy United States Marshal R. Fred Williams:

Memorandum of the Director, addressed to the Attorney General, dated December 28, 1934.

Letter of Mr. William Stanley, The Assistant to the Attorney General, addressed to [REDACTED] Esquire, United States Marshal, Portland, Oregon, dated January 2, 1935.

Letter of [REDACTED] United States Marshal, addressed to the Attorney General under date of January 16, 1935, with copies of the enclosures to that letter, which are statements dated January 17, 1935 by Deputy United States Marshals [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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February 5, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

This matter is sent to you for your
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Brian McMahon
Special Assistant to the Attorney General

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February 23, 1935.

**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRIEN McMAHON, SPECIAL ASSISTANT
TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

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There are being returned herewith the following communications which you kindly submitted for my consideration, by your memorandum dated February 5, 1935, concerning the removal of prisoner Alvin H. Scott from Portland, Oregon to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma by Deputy United States Marshal [redacted]

My memorandum addressed to the Attorney General, dated December 28, 1934.

My memorandum for The Assistant to the Attorney General, Mr. William Stanley, dated December 28, 1934, transmitting copy of the above memorandum for the Attorney General under the same date.

Two copies of letters dated January 2, 1935, addressed to John T. Summerville, Esquire, United States Marshal, Portland, Oregon by Mr. William Stanley, The Assistant to the Attorney General.

Letter of J. T. Summerville, United States Marshal, addressed to the Attorney General under date of January 16, 1935, with copies of the enclosures to that letter, which are statements dated January 17, 1935 by Deputy United States Marshals [redacted] and [redacted]

Memorandum for Mr. McMahon, dated January 25, 1935 from Mr. G. E. Stewart, Administrative Assistant to the Attorney General.

The contents of these communications have been noted and it is requested that you advise whether an investigation should be instituted.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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January 25, 1955.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McNAUGH

Attached hereto is a letter from [redacted] Hills, United States Marshal at Portland, Oregon, which was written in response to our letter of January 2, 1955, a copy of which is also attached, concerning the alleged attempted escape of Alvin H. Scott.

There is also attached a statement from [redacted] deputy Marshal for the district of Oregon, and a statement from [redacted] another deputy Marshal, in explanation of this incident, - all this for your information.

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C. E. Stewart
Administrative Assistant
to the Attorney General.

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January 2, 1935.

[REDACTED] Esq.,
United States Marshal,
Portland, Oregon.

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Dear Sir:

Permit me to refer to Chief Deputy Marshal [REDACTED] report, under date of December 11, 1934, concerning the escape of [REDACTED] on December 7, 1934, while in the custody of deputy United States Marshal [REDACTED] and a guard who were taking the prisoner to Alcatraz. This man was known to be a desperate criminal. He had escaped from custody on a previous occasion and he had been sentenced to serve fifteen years imprisonment.

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It appears to the Department from the report of deputy [REDACTED] that the proper precautions had not been taken against [REDACTED] escape. A criminal of his reputation should either have been handcuffed or at least been secured by leg-irons. It is fortunate that [REDACTED] has been apprehended and is now confined at Alcatraz. This incident illustrates, however, that every precaution should be taken with desperate characters of this kind. It is difficult to apprehend them in the first place and to being about their conviction. Certainly, after that is done officials of the Department who are charged with the responsibility of their custody should see to it that they do not escape.

This incident and another one to which I am inviting your attention make it appear that your deputies have yet to learn that in dealing with Federal prisoners and particularly in transporting them to one of the penitentiaries they are handling desperate men who will take advantage of the least slip or carelessness on the part of the deputy.

The Department's attention has been brought to the delivery of Clara Feldman, [REDACTED] and Alvin H. Scott, from Portland, Oregon, to the county jail at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on December 11, 1934. It appears that one of the

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Special Agents of the Oregon Short Line Railroad has informed officials of this Department that while the train on which the above-mentioned defendants were being transported to Oklahoma by deputy United States Marshal [REDACTED] and guards was in motion in the early morning of December 9, 1934, deputy Marshal [REDACTED] was sleeping soundly in a lower berth with prisoner Scott above him; that Scott dressed and emerged from the upper berth and was in the act of securing the deputy Marshal's gun when a colored porter observed his actions and immediately shouted and threw the bedding off the deputy, awakening him in time to prevent the prisoner's escape.

The railroad's Special Agent further stated that this commotion terrorized all the passengers in the Pullman Car, so that the porter and the Pullman conductor patrolled the train until it arrived at Huntington, Oregon, at which point the conductor requested the assistance of Special Agents of the Railroad Company to protect the deputy Marshal and the passengers from the possible danger of a further attempted escape.

I would like a complete report on this incident. I think in this case that deputy [REDACTED] is subject to disciplinary action and possibly separation from the Service. In any event the Department would like a complete detailed report from you and from him with respect to this matter and you will then be advised of the Department's action in the premises.

Very truly yours,

William Stanley
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

All b7C

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

December 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

With reference to the recent developments in the Urschel kidnaping case, I desire to bring to your attention certain information which I have just received concerning the removal of Clara Feldman, [REDACTED] and Alvin H. Scott, from Portland, Oregon to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where Clara Feldman and Scott were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury on December 14, 1934. These subjects were taken from Portland, Oregon, on the night of December 8, 1934, by Deputy United States Marshal [REDACTED] and two women guards, and were delivered to the County Jail at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on December 11, 1934.

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I am now advised by the Butte, Montana Office of this Division that a Special Agent of that office quite recently was informed by [REDACTED] Special Agent of the Oregon Short Line Railroad, that while the train on which the above mentioned defendants were being transported, was in motion somewhere near Pendleton, Oregon, in the early morning of December 9, 1934, Deputy United States Marshal [REDACTED] was sleeping soundly in a lower berth, with the prisoner, Scott, in the berth above him; that Scott dressed and emerged from the upper berth and was in the act of securing the Deputy Marshal's gun when a colored porter observed his actions and immediately shouted and threw the bedding off the Deputy, awaking him in time to prevent the prisoner's escape.

The Railroad Special Agent, [REDACTED] further stated that this commotion terrorized all the passengers in the Pullman Car, so that the porter and the Pullman conductor patrolled the train until it arrived at Huntington, Oregon, at which point the conductor requested the assistance of Special Agents of the Railroad Company to protect the Deputy Marshal and the passengers from the possible danger of a further attempted escape, it being felt by the railroad employees that the prisoner, Scott, might have attempted to rob the passengers in the Pullman Car should he have succeeded in securing the Deputy Marshal's gun.

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Railroad Special Agent [REDACTED] boarded the train at Nampa, Idaho, and accompanied it to Pocatello, Idaho, where he was replaced by another Special Agent of the railroad to accompany the train to Green River, Wyoming. A third Special Agent of the Oregon Short Line Railroad then accompanied the train to Denver, Colorado, and arrangements were made for Special Agents of the Santa Fe Railroad to assist in the guarding of the train to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

[REDACTED] also advised that when Scott was eating, the Deputy Marshal would unlock the shackles from his legs in such a manner that the prisoner might easily have kicked him in the head and otherwise assaulted him had he cared to do so and had not [REDACTED] been there to prevent it. According to [REDACTED], the Deputy Marshal was apparently more interested in one of the women guards than he was in the prisoners.

Respectfully,

/s/
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

All b7C

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January 2, 1935.

John T. Summerville, Esquire
United States Marshal
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

The Department is advised that Deputy United States Marshal [REDACTED] accompanied by two women guards, removed Clara Feldman, [REDACTED] and Alvin H. Scott from Portland, Oregon to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where Feldman and Scott were indicted by the Grand Jury on December 14, 1934.

According to our information, in the early morning of December 9, 1934, Deputy Marshal [REDACTED] was sleeping soundly in a lower berth, with the prisoner, Scott, in the berth above him; that Scott dressed and emerged from the upper berth and was in the act of securing the Deputy Marshal's gun when a colored porter observed his action and immediately shouted, awakening the Deputy Marshal in time to prevent the prisoner's escape. We are informed that the conductor of the train requested the assistance of Special Agents of the Railroad Company to guard the prisoner. We are further informed that when Scott was eating, the Deputy Marshal would unlock the shackles from his legs in such a manner that the prisoner might easily have escaped had it not been for the presence of the Railroad Special Agents.

If our information is correct, it is clear that the prisoner was handled in a careless and negligent manner, and serious consequences might well have resulted. Please report to me immediately on this matter.

Very truly yours,

All b7C

William Stanley
The Assistant to the Attorney General

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

FILE NO. **7-1**

REPORT MADE AT: Nashville, Tenn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-27-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2-21, 22-35	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al; CHARLES URSCHEL - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] of Forest Hill Dairy, Memphis, state they do not know Dr. C. J. Adrienne, never came into contact with him and consequently cannot assist in locating him. [REDACTED] Forest Hill Dairy, states he heard vague rumors last fall of some one victimizing milk producers but knows nothing of the circumstances.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Birmingham, Alabama, dated January 29, 1935.

DETAILS:

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

[REDACTED] very reputable physician of Memphis, with offices at [REDACTED] advised agent he had never heard of Dr. C. J. Adrienne and, from description given him by agent, had never met such a person. Neither, he said, does he know [REDACTED] who gave the information that Adrienne had told her he was a friend of [REDACTED]. To make sure, [REDACTED] looked through all his records of patients back to 1933 and did not find either Adrienne or any patient named [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] of the Forest Hill Dairy, which is a big distribution concern of Memphis, advised agent he had never had any dealings with Adrienne and while it was possible that Adrienne may have called on him to interest him in a silverware promotion scheme, yet he said if such call was made that he does not remember anything about it. He said that his company does not engage in any premium-giving devices to stimulate trade, having been "burned" once about five years ago and steering clear since then. When given description and alias

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of Dr. Adrienne, he said that he did not remember the individual at all.

[REDACTED] for the Forest Hill Dairy, advised agent he heard some rumors during the fall of 1934 that some of the smaller milk producers out in the country around Memphis had been victimized by some man, but did not know if this was Adrienne or some one else. He said that milk and produce producers are always being fleeced in some way or another by sharpers, but he said he could not give any direct information concerning the present instance.

As [REDACTED] when interviewed at Florence, Alabama, gave a very good outline of the scheme being worked by Dr. Adrienne, this being based on her own knowledge by reason of having been associated with Adrienne, the undeveloped lead in the reference report to interview a dairyman at Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, possibly known as [REDACTED] will not be covered unless request is made by the office of origin.

As stated by [REDACTED], when questioned as to the possibility of locating Adrienne by attempting to ascertain the names of victims around Memphis, the last thing Adrienne would do would be to let his victims know his whereabouts.

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Mr. John J. Ryan
Superintendent
U. S. Detention Farm
Milan, Michigan

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My dear Mr. Ryan:

I am returning herewith the three different letters which you gave to Special Agent [redacted] for my observation.

I feel that it would be all right for [redacted] to visit Kathryn Kelly, and also the letter from Mooresville, Indiana, can be given to [redacted].

It appears that Kathryn is becoming somewhat of a poet and, in view of the fact that I thought our Director would like to see her progress in this respect, I have had a copy made of the letter to [redacted] and am forwarding same to Washington. There is every indication that she has toned down considerably since the time she was involved in the highlights of Chicago.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you very kindly for sending these letters to me. Your very fine cooperation is heartily appreciated.

Very truly yours,

All b7C

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

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Dear Sir:

The Bureau has received a copy of your communication of February 28, 1935, addressed to Mr. John J. Ryan, Superintendent of the United States Detention Farm at Milan, Michigan. It is assumed with reference to your statement concerning letters which were supplied to a Special Agent of the Bureau that the actions of the Special Agents assigned to your office in examining these letters does not in any manner violate any Federal Statute.

Relative to your advising Mr. Ryan that [redacted] should be permitted to visit Kathryn Kelly, the Bureau does not desire that any of its officials or Special Agents assume the responsibility of passing upon the propriety of specified persons interviewing prisoners in Federal Penitentiaries. While the Bureau is of course interested in knowing the identity of visitors to those prisoners who are known to be associates of dangerous criminals, it is not desired that the Bureau assume the responsibility of stating that specific individuals may interview these prisoners.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida

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February 28, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
500 Rector Building
Little Rock, Arkansas



Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases; et al
CHARLES F. UNSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

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Reference is made to your telegram of February 21, 1935, calling attention to the report of Special Agent [redacted] of the Birmingham Office, dated January 20, 1935, informing that [redacted] wife of C. J. Adrienne, resides in Jonesboro, Arkansas, and that her mother received a letter about six days ago from [redacted] at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel in Tampa, Florida, requesting that the Jacksonville Office ascertain Adrienne's location, advising the Bureau.

Please be advised that C. J. Adrienne registered at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel, Tampa, Florida, on February eighth and checked out on February 12, 1935. The Thomas Jefferson Hotel on February twenty-first received a communication from Adrienne requesting that his mail be sent to the Gilbert Hotel in Sebring, Florida.

In a telephone conversation with the writer, the Manager of the Gilbert Hotel in Sebring, advised that Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Adrienne left Sebring last Saturday, February twenty-third; that he accompanied them as far as Tampa, Florida, where they informed him they were leaving for their home in Jonesboro, Arkansas, 112 Drake Street, and that all mail received for them at the Gilbert Hotel should be forwarded to this latter address.

The above information was furnished you by telegram on February twenty-seventh. In view of this, no further investigation is being made by the Jacksonville Office and the matter is being considered as REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge.

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

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Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith copies of a letter directed to [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, by Kathryn Kelly Barnes, wife of "Machine Gun" Kelly, who is incarcerated in the U. S. Detention Farm at Milan, Michigan.

The original letter was sent to this office by Superintendent Ryan, to be censored, and it was felt that the Bureau would be interested in noting its contents.

Very truly yours,



Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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Chicago, Ill.

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"Dear [REDACTED]

"Your letter received and read, this morning with much interest, and great pleasure, my daughter wrote me some time ago of you and of your kindly interest in her and I most sincerely thank you and I feel very grateful and thankful to the heavenly father for my previous baby's conversion and I pray constantly for him to watch over and to guide her little feet upon the right pathway.

"I have read all of the scriptures today also, that you referred to and so has mother. We each have a nice bible that some kind unknown friend sent us and each day I read some new message of comfort from its pages.

[REDACTED] I can sincerely say that I have completely accepted God in my heart and I have dedicated my life to him and whether free or incarcerated I shall devote my life to serving him for ever more. When I entered the walls of prison I felt like it was the end of the road for me. I was "done for" but when I turned to God and felt the comforting power of his love in my bleeding heart, when I felt a feeling of peace stealing over this aching heart and harassed mind, I decided, "Well, this isn't the end of the road," but perhaps only the beginning of a long and beautiful journey with God as my companion perhaps this terrible tragedy has brought me closer to God than any other incident ever could. Since God has entered my heart I never feel alone. I feel calm and at peace and that his will is my cheerful obedience. I've prayed constantly for courage and strength and guidance in adjusting myself to prison life and God has given me that calm, peaceful courage and no matter how bitter the cup I can cheerfully drink of it. I will indeed be glad to have you visit mother and I, however, Chicago is 260 miles from here. Milan is thirty two miles from Detroit. I ask you to pray for mother and I and my daughter. She has a load of sorrow upon her tiny shoulders and she needs a bit of encouragement from you, I know, as she has much faith and love in her heart for your.

"I have never been baptized but I would love to be, but if I cannot be, I can and have already accepted Christ and I feel that he has forgiven the sins I have confessed to him and that the bitter tears of repentance I have shed for past mistakes have showed God I earnestly desire his

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ever ready love to flow upon me. Here is a little verse that is very comforting to me. One of our matrons gave me.

"In pastures green, not always he,
Who knoweth best dost leadeth me,
In Weary paths where shadows be
Sometimes he, who knoweth best, leadeth me
But whether on the hilltops high and fair
I dwell or in the valleys of despair
Tho' the shadows lie, "What Matters?"
For He is there

"I wish to sincerely thank you for your kindly letter and I do trust that I may know you personally at some future date. May God ever bless you and I trust that you may baptize me too, some day.

"Yours truly,

"Kathryn Thorne Kelly"

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

FILE NO. **7-10**

REPORT MADE AT: Detroit, Michigan	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-28-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2-25-35	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases; ET AL; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM.		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px; margin-left: 20px;"> Kathryn Kelly admits hiring Scott, McLean and Sayers, attorneys, to represent R. G. Shannon but will not directly admit paying them anything. Indirectly admits paying Scott, McLean and Sayers with her own money, which she carried with her, and not ransom money or check. </div>			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri, dated 1-9-35. Letter from the Kansas City Office dated 1-24-35. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Detroit, Michigan, dated 2-20-35.			
DETAILS: <u>AT MILAN, MICHIGAN</u> Kathryn Kelly was interviewed at the United States Detention FACIL. At first she stated that she had absolutely nothing to say concerning the retaining or paying of Scott, McLean and Sayers as attorneys for R. G. Shannon. However, she finally admitted that she had retained these attorneys for Shannon. Mrs. Kelly would not directly admit that she had paid them any money, but indirectly did admit paying them. She asserted very positively that she had never touched a cent of the Urschel ransom money.			

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and that she had not paid Scott, McLean and Sayers with any of it. She said, "They would have had better sense than to take any of it." She also denied paying these attorneys by check stating that she was "too hot at that time to use checks." However, Kathryn Kelly admitted having quite a large sum of money with her during the time she was being sought and said that if she had paid these attorneys anything, she would have paid them with this money which she termed "good" money. She would say nothing further concerning any money she may have had.

It should be noted that Kathryn Kelly did not directly admit that she had paid the firm of Scott, McLean and Sayers any money but in answering questions she inferentially admitted paying them and positively stated that she did not do so with any of the ransom money or by check but used some money of her own which she was carrying with her.

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WILLIAM STANLEY
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

William Stanley

Department of Justice
Washington

March 1, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

You are hereby advised that no
further investigation is requested concern-
ing the removal of Alvin H. Scott from Port-
land, Oregon to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma by
Deputy Marshal [REDACTED] b7C

Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Backus
Mr. Baughman ..
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The Assistant to the Attorney General

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

FILE NO. **7-1**

REPORT MADE AT: Little Rock, Ark.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3/5/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/19 & 27/35 3/1/35	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; ET AL. CHARLES F. OURSCHEL, VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Dr. C. J. Adrienne arrested by Police Department, Jonesboro, Arkansas, April 9, 1934, under name of C. J. Clifford; released to Clay County, Arkansas, on charge of false pretense; released by Clay County and returned to Jonesboro, where he married [REDACTED] of Jonesboro. [REDACTED] states heard from his daughter about February 10, 1935, from Thomas Jefferson Hotel, Tampa, Florida, registered under name of C. J. Adrienne.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED], Birmingham, Alabama, January 29, 1935. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, February 12, 1935. Telegram from the Jacksonville office, dated February 27, 1935.

DETAILS:

[REDACTED] Deputy Sheriff, Corning, Arkansas, which is the County Seat for the western half of Clay County, Arkansas, advised that during 1934 two men had come to Corning, Arkansas, driving a 1929 or 1930 Model Packard Sedan; that these two men had represented themselves to [REDACTED] of Corning as being connected with the Rogers Redemption Bureau and had sold [REDACTED] some coupons which were to be redeemable in silverware. Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had purchased quite a large amount of these coupons on March 6, 1934, but the next day had become suspicious and had wired the company which one of the men had told him was in Kansas City, and the wire had been returned with a notation, "no such company." [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] swore out a warrant charging C. J. Clifford and [REDACTED] with obtaining money under false pretense and later these two men were arrested in Jonesboro, Arkansas, and turned over to the authorities in Clay County, Arkansas, where they were kept in jail for several weeks and then released. [REDACTED] could furnish no further

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information regarding Clifford or [REDACTED] and stated he had not fingerprinted them.

[REDACTED] dairyman, Corning, Arkansas, stated that on March 6, 1934, two men who gave their names as C.-J. Clifford and [REDACTED] had approached him for the purpose of selling him some coupons, alleging that they represented the Rogers Redemption Bureau, and stating that he could give these coupons away with purchases and they would later be redeemed with silverware of the Rogers Silverware Company, and that in this way he could increase his sales. [REDACTED] stated he had purchased about \$25.00 worth of these coupons and the next day had wired the company in Kansas City, at which place he had been told the Rogers Redemption Bureau was located, and the wire had been returned with the notation that there was no such company. [REDACTED] stated he had then sworn to a complaint charging Clifford and [REDACTED] with obtaining money under false pretense, and a month or so later they had been arrested in Jonesboro, Arkansas, and turned over to the authorities of Clay County, Arkansas, but had been released.

The description of Clifford as furnished by [REDACTED] corresponded with the description of C. J. Adrienne as set forth in the reference report. [REDACTED] stated that in August he had received a check from [REDACTED] from Booneville, for the sum of \$21.00, in payment of part of the money which had been obtained by [REDACTED] for the sale of the coupons to Oliver.

[REDACTED] Chief of Police, Jonesboro, Arkansas, stated that he and [REDACTED] Police Captain, had arrested C. J. Clifford and [REDACTED] in Jonesboro, Arkansas, on April 9, 1934, on suspicion and had released them to the authorities from Clay County, Arkansas, and soon thereafter Clifford had returned to Jonesboro, Arkansas, where he remained for several weeks.

Chief [REDACTED] stated he fingerprinted C. J. Clifford and [REDACTED] on April 9, 1934, the date of their arrest, and mailed the fingerprint cards to the Identification Unit at Washington, D. C. The descriptions of Clifford and [REDACTED] as obtained from the files of the Jonesboro Police Department will be set forth later in this report.

Chief [REDACTED] stated he had been very suspicious of Clifford, but did not arrest him again as he had nothing on him and had received no notice from the Identification Unit that he was wanted. Chief [REDACTED] advised that Clifford while in Jonesboro had married a Jonesboro girl named [REDACTED] whose parents presently reside in Jonesboro and who if approached discreetly might furnish information as to the whereabouts of Clifford and his wife. Chief [REDACTED] also stated that Clifford told him his correct name was C. J. Adrienne.

[REDACTED] North Jonesboro, Arkansas, were interviewed. They were very suspicious and wanted to know if there was anything wrong with Adrienne, stating they had not approved of their daughter's marriage to him. Agent assured them there was nothing wrong with Adrienne, but that the Bureau desired to interview him regarding the whereabouts of a second party, whom Dr. Adrienne's brother in Detroit had stated could be located through him.

[REDACTED] stated they knew very little about Dr. C. J. Adrienne and had been very suspicious of him because he was going under the name of C. J. Clifford

when their daughter first met him, but Clifford had told them the reason he did this was that when he first came to Jonesboro he had lived with a woman named Clifford, to whom he was not married, and he had used her name to prevent his getting into trouble. [redacted] stated Adrienne had told her he was a doctor and his home was Detroit, Michigan, and he presently had a brother who is a doctor in Detroit, but they had disagreed over some family inheritance and he had left. [redacted] stated her daughter and Adrienne had left Jonesboro and she has not seen them since, but hears from her daughter quite regularly. [redacted] stated Adrienne had been in Memphis, Tennessee, during December, 1934. It will be noted that [redacted] mentioned in the reference report of Special Agent [redacted] stated she had obtained her information from a cousin, whose name she refused to divulge. It is quite likely that [redacted] is the relative to whom she referred; however, Agent was afraid to appear too inquisitive and did not question [redacted] along this line. [redacted] stated she had received a letter from her daughter about February 10, 1935, from Tampa, Florida, and her daughter had advised her to write to her in care of the Thomas Jefferson Hotel, Tampa, Florida, under the name of C. J. Adrienne.

The above information was telephonically communicated to the Special Agent in Charge of the Little Rock Bureau office in the event it was desired to communicate immediately with the Jacksonville office. The descriptions of Adrienne and his wife were also furnished the Special Agent in Charge of the Little Rock office.

The following description of Dr. C. J. Adrienne, alias C. J. Clifford, was obtained from the files of the Jonesboro, Arkansas, Police Department:

Name	Dr. C. J. Adrienne, alias C. J. Clifford
Age	40
Height	6 ft., 2 in.
Weight	241 lbs.
Build	Heavy
Hair	Black
Eyes	Black
Complexion	Dark
Race	White
Nationality	American
Residence	Detroit, Michigan
	Arrested and fingerprinted by the Jonesboro, Arkansas, Police Department, April 9, 1934

The following description of [redacted] was obtained from the files of the Jonesboro Police Department:

Name	[redacted]
Age	30
Height	5 ft., 11 in.
Weight	200 lbs.
Build	Stocky
Hair	Light brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Race	White
Nationality	American
Residence	Lulmont Apartments, Kansas City, Missouri

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The following description of [REDACTED] was obtained from a police officer to whom she is known:

Name -	[REDACTED]
Age	27 (furnished by her mother)
Height	5 ft., 5 in.
Weight	130 lbs.
Build	Heavy (has very prominent hips; seem to hang down)
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Race	White
Nationality	American
Occupation	Waitress in cafe prior to marriage
Residence	Jonesboro, Arkansas
Parents	[REDACTED] Jonesboro, Arkansas

[REDACTED] Police Captain, Jonesboro Police Department, stated [REDACTED] had advised him he had met C. J. Clifford by answering an advertisement which had appeared in a Denver paper and had met Clifford in Denver, Colorado.

On February 27, 1935, the writer telephonically communicated with [REDACTED] Chief of Police at Jonesboro, Arkansas, who had furnished information regarding C. J. Adrienne, as reflected in this report. This Agent advised Chief [REDACTED] that C. J. Adrienne had left Sebring, Florida, en route to Jonesboro, Arkansas. Chief [REDACTED] was advised that the Bureau did not desire the arrest of Adrienne and did not desire any inquiries made regarding him, but was desirous of knowing his present whereabouts. Chief [REDACTED] stated he would personally conduct the investigation relative to whether Adrienne had arrived in Jonesboro, Arkansas, to visit his wife's parents.

On March 1, 1935, Chief [REDACTED] communicated with the Little Rock office and advised that C. J. Adrienne had not yet arrived in Jonesboro, Arkansas, and that upon his arrival he would immediately notify the Little Rock office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The Little Rock office will keep in touch with [REDACTED] Chief of Police, Jonesboro, Arkansas, and report the arrival in Jonesboro of Dr. C. J. Adrienne. It will be borne in mind that Adrienne is to be located, but not interviewed until the Bureau so instructs.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

March 9, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania at 9th Street, NW,
Washington, D.C.

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to Bureau letter of March 6, 1935,
making reference to Bureau letter of February 15, 1935:
I have been unable to interview [redacted]
of Fort Worth, Texas, by reason of the fact that I have
been engaged upon matters which would not permit such
interview. As soon as possible I will interview [redacted]
[redacted]

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

FILE NO. **7-26**

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-19-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-16-35	REPORT MADE BY: D. M. Ladd - DML: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases; ET AL CHARLES F. OURSCHEL - VICTIM		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



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All leads in this district having been completed, this case is being considered.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated Chicago, Illinois, January 25th, 1935.

DETAILS: A review of this file reflects that all investigative action in connection therewith has been completed in the Chicago Bureau Office district.

Prosecution in connection with ABE CAPLAN will be followed and reported in the case entitled ABE CAPLAN, alias Harry Carper; ET AL; HARBORING AND CONCEALING PERSONS FOR WHOM WARRANTS HAD BEEN ISSUED, and CONSPIRACY.

DETAILS:

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March 18, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, w.a. - et al.
Charles F. Urschel (Victim)
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Bureau letter of February 15, 1935,
enclosing copy of a letter written by [redacted]
[redacted] at Fort Worth, Texas, concerning dis-
position of a portion of the Urschel ransom money, I interviewed
[redacted] at his office on March 14, 1935, with reference to this
matter and he said that [redacted] his attorney, could fur-
nish me the information. [redacted] said he had just come from the
office of [redacted]

[redacted] stated that Scott, McLean and Sayres, Attorneys,
Fort Worth, Texas, were the recipients of this money. That \$46,000
of the ransom money had been conveyed to New York by plane, ex-
changed for good money, returned to Fort Worth and delivered to this
firm and that a member thereof took the money to the office of the
United States Attorney in Fort Worth and had it examined for de-
termination as to whether it was ransom money. This incident is al-
leged to have occurred about the time Harvey Bailey and the Shannons
were in custody at Dallas. He said that he considered Mr. Walter
Scott, member of this firm, a rascal of the worst type, who would
do anything for money.

I interviewed [redacted] at his offices,
[redacted] Fort Worth, and he stated that he had no direct in-
formation of any character about the ransom money. He said he had
heard rumors that \$40,000 had been paid the firm mentioned, but
could not say whence he heard the rumor and that he felt it was
much the same type of rumor that would circulate relative to any
legal employment in a case of that character.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] his client, was prone
to exaggeration and that nothing he had said to [redacted] would
justify the statement that he [redacted] was in possession of direct
evidence concerning this alleged transaction.

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Various offices of the Bureau have endeavored to trace some of this money to the law firm mentioned without success.

My letters of June 26, and July 11, 1934, captioned "VERNON C. MILLER (deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALLATAS, Fugitive, I.O. 1201, CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, w.a. I.O. 1194, et al, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, make mention of [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 27, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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

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[REDACTED]
at Fort Worth, Texas, by letter dated February 7, 1935, informed the Bureau he was in possession of information to the effect that a certain firm of attorneys had handled \$40,000 of the money paid as ransom in the above named case.

Pursuant to Bureau instructions, [REDACTED] was interviewed on March 14, 1935 by Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake, who was advised by [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] his attorney, could furnish the information to which [REDACTED] referred and which indicated that the law firm of Scott, McLean and Sayres of Fort Worth, Texas had been the recipients of \$46,000 of the ransom money, which had been conveyed to New York City by plane, exchanged for good money, returned to Fort Worth and delivered to this firm, a member of which then took the money to the office of the United States Attorney at Fort Worth and had it examined to determine whether it was ransom money. This incident is alleged to have occurred about the time Harvey Bailey and the Shannons were in custody at Dallas. [REDACTED] advised that he considered Mr. Walter Scott, a member of this firm, a rascal of the worst type, who would undertake anything for money.

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Upon interview, [REDACTED] informed Special Agent in Charge Blake that he had no direct information of any character concerning the ransom money but had merely heard rumors that \$40,000 had been paid the above mentioned law firm; that he could not say where he heard this rumor and that he felt it was much the same type of rumor that would circulate relative to any legal employment in a case of that character. [REDACTED] further advised that [REDACTED] his client, was prone to exaggeration and that nothing he had said to [REDACTED] would justify the statement that he, [REDACTED] was in possession of direct evidence concerning this alleged transaction.

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For your further information in this regard, the Bureau previously

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received advice that such a rumor was being circulated and in an endeavor to ascertain its authenticity R. G. Shannon was interviewed at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Shannon advised that Kathryn Kelly had hired Scott, McLean and Sayres as his attorneys to represent him in his appeal, but that he had never paid that firm any money, that transaction probably having been cared for by Kathryn Kelly.

Upon interview, Kathryn Kelly admitted having hired this firm to represent R. G. Shannon and inferentially admitted having paid them with her own currency and not with ransom money or by her personal check.

In the absence of instructions to the contrary, no further investigation in this regard is being conducted by any of the field offices.

Respectfully,


G. N. Lowdon.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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With reference to the kidnaping of Mr. Charles F. Urschel, kindly be informed that the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, sitting at Denver, Colorado, on March 21, 1935, filed an opinion upholding the judgment and sentence imposed upon Edward Barney Berman and Clifford Skelly by the United States District Court at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on October 7, 1933. You will recall that these individuals had been charged with complicity in the disposal of a portion of the money paid as ransom in this case.

In this connection it is interesting to note that virtually the same point of law is involved in the cases now pending against [redacted] who is under indictment in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case, and Ben B. Laska, the Denver, Colorado attorney who is under indictment in connection with the Urschel case. It is felt that this favorable ruling by the Circuit Court of Appeals will be most helpful in the successful prosecution of these individuals.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
MR. STANLEY

With reference to the Urshel kidnaping case,
there is attached hereto copy of a memorandum which I
have today submitted to the Attorney General, concerning
the confirmation of the sentences imposed upon Edward
Barney Bernan and Clifford Skelly.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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FILE NO. **7-7**

REPORT MADE AT: DALLAS, TEXAS.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-31-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-28-35	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; et al. CHARLES F. URSCHEL (Victim)			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED], who may know where part of Urschel ransom money is located now supposed to be residing McAllen, Texas.

R.U.C.

DETAILS:

Information was had at the office of the Texas Power & Light Company, Gainesville, Texas, that [REDACTED] was no longer in their employ and that his present whereabouts is unknown.

[REDACTED] recently employed as a cook at the Powell Cafe, Gainesville, Texas, advised that [REDACTED] who formerly hung out at that cafe, moved to McAllen, Texas, during the early part of January of this year, but that he could not give his address or by whom employed.

The Dallas Office having previously been advised by the sheriff's office at Gainesville, Texas that [REDACTED] had made inquiry as to whether any reward would be paid for the recovery of any of the Urschel Kidnaping Ransom Money, and had indicated that he might know where some could be located, effort had previously been made to locate [REDACTED] at McKinney, Texas, where he was located for a short time, but had left that place to return to Gainesville, Texas. Sheriff [REDACTED] at Gainesville stated that it was his opinion that [REDACTED] was merely participating in idle gossip, but that of course he might be induced to disclose some information of value, therefore no further effort will be made to locate him.

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PLATTSBURGH POST No. 20
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March 25th. 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

Will you please forward me two(2) finger print cards so that I may file the prints of my two daughters, for your Non-Criminal Division files.

Some time when it is convenient for your nearest office, will you have an Agent stop in to see me at this address. I have some information that may be of service to you in clearing up the kidnapping of Mr. Uruchel, or however he spells his name, I am referring to the oil man in Oklahoma, unless your department considers the case closed.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the first mentioned matter, I beg to remain,

Yours truly,

Cecil A. Scherer

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Mr. Cecil A. Scherer,
Plattsburgh Post No. 20,
The American Legion,
City Hall,
Plattsburgh, New York.

Dear Sir:

In reply to the request contained in your letter of March 25, 1935, I am forwarding herewith two fingerprint cards for your use in order that the fingerprints of your daughters may be filed in the Civil Identification Section of this Bureau.

For your further assistance in this regard, there is also enclosed herewith a pamphlet issued by this Bureau entitled "Fingerprints".

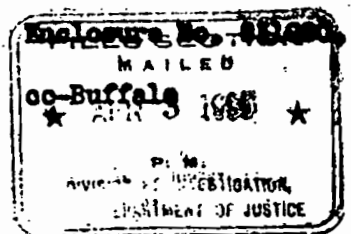
With reference to the second paragraph in your letter, in which you advise that you possess certain information pertaining to the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, please be informed that I have forwarded copies of your letter to Mr. J. P. MacFarland, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 612 Marine Trust Building, Buffalo, New York, in order that an Agent from his office may be assigned to interview you relative to this matter in the near future.

I wish to thank you for your interest in submitting this information to the attention of this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Please be informed that on April 2, 1935 the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, sitting at Denver, Colorado, filed an opinion upholding the conviction and sentence of Kathryn Kelly, which had been imposed in the Federal Court at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on October 12, 1933 for the kidnaping of Mr. Charles F. Urschel.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

**John Edgar Hoover,
Director.**

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

Attached hereto is a copy of a memorandum
which I have today addressed to the Attorney General
concerning the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

April 3, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

RE: George Kelly Barnes, w.a.; et al.
Charles F. Urschel - Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:-

[redacted], Ft. Worth, Texas,
called at the Dallas Bureau office on 4/2/35 and stated he
believes he can locate some \$10,000.00 to \$30,000.00 of the
Urschel ransom money.

I advised him that we would be very much interested
in receiving whatever information he might possess, but he
stated he was desirous of knowing the amount of the reward
that would be paid for the recovery, and that since there was
some danger attached to the undertaking he was not inclined
at this time to divulge the information without knowing what
reward would be paid.

When he first came into the office he inquired for
Mr. Keenan, stating he was under the impression that Mr. Keenan
was in Dallas; but I advised him that so far as I knew such was
not the case.

[redacted] stated he will return to this office in
about 10 days to ascertain whether any reward will be paid,
and if so - the amount thereof, and at that time may desire to
advise what information he possesses.

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Very truly yours,

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

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Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

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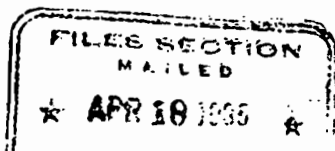
Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; ET AL.
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of April 5, 1935, in which you advise that [redacted] of Fort Worth, Texas, professes to be in possession of information relative to a portion of the money paid as ransom in the above entitled case, and is desirous of ascertaining whether any reward will be paid for its recovery, please be informed that no such reward has been authorized by the Bureau. It is desired, however, that you inform [redacted] if the information which he submits results in the recovery of any portion of this money, his assistance in the matter will be brought to the attention of the legal owners of the money recovered, who may be willing to compensate him for his services.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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April 6, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Re: **GEORGE KELLY BAKER with aliases, ET AL;**
CHARLES F. WENZEL - VICTIM. KIDNAPING.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Birmingham, Alabama, January 29, 1935, which sets forth information secured from [redacted] concerning Dr. G. J. Abrams. Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Little Rock, Arkansas, March 5, 1935, indicating that Dr. Abrams was last heard from in Tampa, Florida, on February 18, 1935.

With regard to the information secured, indicating that Abrams is in possession of \$2,000 of the money paid as ransom in the above entitled case, which he has stored in a safe deposit box in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and with regard to other information secured, indicating that Abrams represents the Rodgers Reclamation Bureau of Minneapolis, Minnesota, [redacted] please be informed that the Bureau desires the St. Paul Office to conduct an early and appropriate investigation relative to this information. In this regard, the Nashville Office is directed to promptly forward to the St. Paul Office a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] referred to above.

The Jacksonville and Little Rock Offices are directed to continue their investigations, endeavoring to locate Abrams, who should be thoroughly questioned concerning any information which he may possess relative to the above entitled case, upon his being located.

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In view of the fact that certain subjects in this case, who are under indictment, will probably be tried in the near future, it is desired that the necessary investigation be conducted promptly.

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cc-Minnesota City
cc-Little Rock
cc-Jacksonville
cc-St. Paul
cc-Birmingham

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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508 Medical Arts Building,
Nashville, Tennessee,
April 9, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minn.

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; ET AL;
CHARLES W. URSCHKE - Victim;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

As requested in Bureau letter dated April 6, 1935,
I am forwarding herewith a copy of the report of Special Agent
[redacted] dated at Birmingham, Ala., January 29, 1935.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROHR,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Oklahoma City
Bureau

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REPORT MADE AT: Denver, Colo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/5/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/20, 24/35 4/3/35	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases; et al CHARLES F. CURSCHEL -- Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, Denver, Colo., affirmed convictions in District Court of Oklahoma City of Clifford Skelly, Edward Berman, R. G. Shannon, Ora L. Shannon, Harvey J. Bailey, and Kathryn Kelly. </p> <p style="text-align: center;">- F -</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> The records of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals of the Tenth Circuit at Denver, Colorado, disclosed that the decisions as handed down in the Federal District Court of Oklahoma City were upheld and affirmed on the basis that the evidence supported the verdict of guilty with respect to the defendants in instant case as hereafter set out: </p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"> The verdict of guilty of Harvey J. Bailey was affirmed on November 30, 1934. The conviction of Clifford Skelly and Edward Berman was affirmed by the Court on March 20, 1935. Judgment affirming the finding of R. G. Shannon and Ora L. Shannon guilty was given by the Court on March 22, 1935. On April 2, 1935, judgment of guilty was affirmed on the appeal of Kathryn Kelly. </p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">PENDING</p>			

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Attached hereto is a memorandum concerning the number of people arrested, the number convicted and the number awaiting trial for the kidnaping of Mr. Charles F. Urschel. No one was killed in connection with that case.

There is also submitted herewith a memorandum concerning the number of subjects involved in kidnaping cases thus far investigated by the Bureau and the number of those subjects who have received some form of clemency.

Respectfully,

G. W. Lowden.

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April 10, 1935.

Re: KIDNAPING OF CHARLES F. URSEHEL.

For the kidnaping of Mr. Charles F. Urshel,
a total of thirty-one individuals were arrested.
Sixteen of these have been convicted and seven are
awaiting trial. Three were acquitted; one "no bill"
was returned; two nolle prosequis were filed and two
demurrers were sustained.