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**SUBJECT: GEORGE BARNES
(AKA "MACHINE GUN KELLY")**

FILE: 7-115

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 10, 1935

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

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

Dear Sir:

By reference to the report of Special Agent [redacted] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma dated April 18, 1935 it will be noted that the U. S. Attorney at Oklahoma City is of the opinion that [redacted] will be a necessary witness in the trial of subjects Ben B. Laska and James C. Mathers.

It will also be noted that [redacted] is the person who delivered the message from Albert Bates to Clara Feldman while Bates was confined in the City Jail at Denver, Colorado and that some trouble is being experienced by the Denver and Salt Lake City offices in locating [redacted]

It is suggested that the records of the Identification Unit be examined as to [redacted] his number being [redacted] and a copy of his criminal record forwarded to this office, together with a copy to Denver and Salt Lake City offices, as this may be of assistance in locating this person.

For the information of the Bureau it may also be stated that the U. S. Attorney desires the detention of this man when located and it is therefore suggested that an appropriate notation be made at the Identification Unit that this man is wanted at Oklahoma City as a material witness in this case.

Very truly yours,

7-115-1601

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DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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May 18, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated May 10,
1935, regarding [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I am transmitting herewith
a copy of the criminal record of this person as re-
flected by the fingerprint files of the Federal Bureau
of Investigation.

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In compliance with your request copies of
the criminal record of the above individual are being
forwarded to the Bureau Offices at Denver, Colorado,
and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Please be advised that a notation has been
placed in our files to the effect that this person is
wanted by you, and in the event information is received
relative to his whereabouts, you will be promptly
notified.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #33234.
CC - Bureau Office,
★ Denver, Colorado.
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Salt Lake City, Utah.
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Special Agent in Charge
Portland, Oregon

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

Dear Sir:

Trial of subjects Ben B. Laska and James C. Mathers is tentatively set for June 10, 1935 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Assistant United States Attorney F. M. Dudley has advised that the presence of Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] together with Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears will be necessary at the time this case is tried.

This information is being submitted at this time in order that appropriate arrangements may be made for the presence of these agents in Oklahoma City on June 10, 1935 and in the event it is deemed necessary that further agents of your office appear on the trial date is continued we will advise at a later date.

Very truly yours,

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DNIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Bureau

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San Antonio Office
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date March 10, 1934

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which
fingerprints have been mailed to the United States Bureau of
Investigation:

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Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
S.A.P.D. #3821-A	Louise Magness alias Louise Seaton alias Louise Bryant	Arrested P.D. Houston, Tex. as Louise Magness #7070 5/25/27 burglary & felony theft - transferred to County and cases dismissed.
S.A.P.D. #5414	Mrs. J. D. Dahme alias Esther Magness alias Mrs. Geo. Magness	Arrested P.D. San Antonio Tex. as Louise Magness #5414 7/13/29 burglary & aggravated assault - transferred to County - no prosecution.
P.D. #7070	E. P. Miller alias Mrs. R.L. Seaton	Arrested P.D. San Antonio Tex. 2/12/27 as Louise Magness #3821-A - assault to murder - no prosecution.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones
Special Agent in Charge
(Official Title)

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

St. Paul FILE NO. **7-6.**

REPORT MADE AT: ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-11-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/6/35	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, ET AL; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Dr. C. J. Adrienne and wife not located at West Salem, Wisconsin; register of only hotel in town checked. Owner states no one answering Adrienne's description has stayed there in past six months.

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REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent [REDACTED] Little Rock, Ark., April 9, 1935, and Special Agent [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, April 25, 1935.

DETAILS: AT WEST SALEM, WISCONSIN

This town has a population of one thousand, and has but one hotel, known as the Callman Hotel. It has twenty-two rooms, and is not a first class hotel. Inquiry was made there, however, and [REDACTED] allowed Agent to check the register from September, 1934, up to the present date. Dr. Adrienne's name does not appear nor does his alias of C. J. Clifford. [REDACTED] was then asked if she remembered any such party having been there, and after hearing the description as given in the reference report, she stated that she had never had anyone answering that description as a guest in her place. She further stated that here was the only hotel in the town and anyone staying overnight in the town would have stayed there. She said she knew without looking at the register she had been there in the past two months, as business was very slow and she has not had thirty people in her place in the past two months.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. E. Andersen</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1602	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAY 15 1935
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May 16, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Nashville, Tennessee.

GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, ET AL;
RE: CHARLES F. URSCHELL - VICTIM. Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau file in the above entitled case indicates that this case is not receiving prompt investigative attention in your district.

This matter should be placed in line for early investigative attention and you should submit a report to the Bureau at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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P. O. Box 709
Portland, Oregon

May 16, 1935

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, w. a., et al
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim
Kidnaping

There is attached hereto copy of a letter received by the undersigned from Miss Margaret Hurtienne, sister of Clara Feldmann, subject in the above entitled case.

You will note that she states that she has no further means to care for subject Scott's children and she is asking for assistance and advice, a matter over which this Bureau of course has no jurisdiction. However, I thought it advisable that you might interview Mr. Scott, acquainting him with the circumstances, if he does not already know, to the end that he may have relatives or other persons who may be in a position to assist in the welfare of his children.

I might say that I became rather well acquainted with the members of the Scott family and his children during the course of the investigation and found that his children are well brought up, are attending school, and in my opinion are deserving of every possible consideration.

There is only one course I have been able to take in response to Miss Hurtienne's letter and that is to communicate with [redacted] of the Oregon State Police at Medford who, I am sure, will discuss the matter with Miss Hurtienne and possibly make some arrangements through the county to temporarily provide for them if it is found that the circumstances warrant.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

CCS [redacted]
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May 15, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

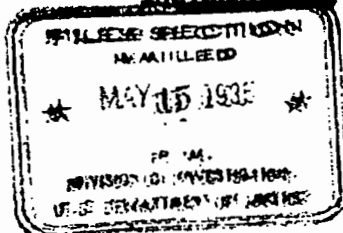
Dear Sir:

For your information there are transmitted herewith photostatic copies of an anonymous letter dated at Fort Worth, Texas, May 3, 1935, relative to the present whereabouts of the ransom money paid for the release of Charles F. Urschel.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Inclosure No. 859080



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J. EDGAR HOOVER,
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION
CHIEF.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

7-115-1604

PORT WORTH, TEXAS

May 3rd, 1935.

J. Edgar Hoover,
Department of Investigation,

This is to help you in getting back the Urshel Kidnap
Money,

When the man Shannon was out on Parole, here, he told a
Friend of his, who took dinner with him at his home here
that Katherine Kelley paid Walter B. Scott, here, \$15,000.
of the Urshel Kidnap Money to defend the Shannons, that he
paid them \$ 4,000, of his own money, besides, that Walter
B. Scott took the Urshel Money, and if you go about it
right, you will find that \$15,000 of the Urshel Kidnap
money, here in the Union Bank & Trust Company, One Dan, F.,

Lydiek is President of the said Bank-and he stands in
with them theres Lawyers Scott & McLean as he was in a
steal with them to steal a dead mans Estate-here, and
that Money is now in the Union Bank & Trust Company here
and if you are wise you will find it there, But do not
let the New United States District Attorney here, one
Clyde O. Eastus, know of this, as he too stands in with
them as he was a Partner with them before he BOUGHT

his way to the District Attorneys office here, as
shown-and he of course will inform them of your activities
as, and they can then COVER up what you do of course,
Mr Blake of the Department of Justice here in Dallas

Texas knows all this-So as Mr Cummings said if the people
would help the Law the Agents would do better in uncover
ing Crime-as he said these Shyster Lawyers were the
Cause of the Crime in the World, as they stand in with
these Criminals and defend them for Money, all through,
And of course these Lawyers are Criminals, The Man Walter
B. Scott knew where the Kelleys were Hiding Out when
he took that Money from Katherine Kelley, and of course
he shielded them and of course was criminal in doing so

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as, as you well knew-The man Clyde O, Eastus stood in with the Underworld here when he was a Lawyer in with them-and he knew of the Kelleys Heudaut all through, You can find that Urse hel Money right here in the Union Bank & Trust Company, if you go about it right, As the se Lawyers Seett & McLean are well known as the SLICKEST Criminal Lawyers in this State-and as Kidnaping is worse than Murder-they should be brought to Justice, The man W. McLean Sr is a Drunken Shyster, and Walter B, Seett is a Sneaking Thief,

The Man Sam, Bayers withdrew from the Firm when he found they had the Urschel Money as they tried to GYP GYP him on his part of it, so you can see, Katherine Kelley will tell you all this if you go about it right I am sure and the man Shannon will tell you all this I am sure The Man he told this to here is an Honest man and he has no motive only to see that Justice is done, So if this will help up you to uncover the Urschel crime as these other Lawyers Lasky and Mathews are under indictment for taking part of the Urschel Money This Walter B, Seett should be sent to the Pen with the rest of them, and that will break up the RING here so use this information for all it is worth to you.

The Man Clyde O, Eastus is now being Investigated for writing a FRAUD letter and sending it through the mail here, in Order to Impede and Obstruct and Defeat Justice, Mr Blake in Dallas, of the Department of Justice here, knows of it, and the Post Master General here Mr Clappett also knows of it-and so you can see he will stand in with these Lawyers Seett & McLean as it was to help them defat Justice that he wrote the said Fraud Letter, He claims they wrote the said letter and FORGED HIS NAME TO IT so you can see he too should be Imprached, so get BUSY and find the Urschel Money right here in the said Bank,

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-7**

REPORT MADE AT: DALLAS, TEXAS.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-16-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5-15-35	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; et al. CHARLES F. URSCHEL (Victim)			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Instant telegram not of record with Fort Worth P.D., having been turned over to Dallas Bureau Office. Copy of telegram in Dallas Files, original having been furnished Oklahoma City Office for use at trial of case.

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REFERENCE:

Report Special Agent **[REDACTED]**, Denver, Colo., dated 5-8-35.

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DETAILS:

Inquiry was made of **[REDACTED]** Detective, Fort Worth, Texas, Police Department, to whom instant telegram was addressed, and he advised that he had turned the original telegram over to the Dallas Bureau Office. Detective **[REDACTED]** further stated that this telegram was sent by Western Union and not the Postal Telegraph Company. A copy of the instant telegram is in the Dallas Bureau Office Files on this case and reflects that the message was taken over the telephone from **[REDACTED]** Chief of Detectives, at Fort Worth, Texas. The telegram was as follows:

DETAILS:

"GEORGE L DAVIS IS HELD IN DENVER WANTED LADONIA AND BLUK RIDGE TEXAS BANK ROBBERY COME AT ONCE BY PLANE AS OTHER PLACES HAVE HOLD IMPORTANT /s/ GEORGE L. DAVIS."

This telegram was received by the Fort Worth Police Department from Denver, Colorado, and was addressed to Detectives **[REDACTED]** and **[REDACTED]**

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TO AND (ARMED): <i>F. J. [REDACTED]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1605	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAY 20 1935
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The Dallas files on this case have been searched for the original of this telegram and it is not contained in the files. Special Agent in Charge Blake advises that he is of the opinion that this telegram was furnished to the Oklahoma City Bureau Office for use in the trial of this case.

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

FILE NO. 7-6

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-17-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5-10-14-35	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al. CHARLES F. URSCHKE - Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping	

SUMMARY REPORT

On the night of July 22, 1933, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, two men forcibly kidnaped Charles F. Urschel and transported him to a farm near Paradise, Texas, where he was held until July 21, 1933, when he was released after the payment of the sum of \$200,000.00.

Investigation subsequently disclosed that George Kelly Barnes, commonly known as "Machine Gun" Kelly, Harvey J. Bailey and Albert L. Bates were the main perpetrators of this kidnaping and received the ransom money. The investigation further disclosed that Mr. Urschel was held at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon near Paradise, Texas during the ransom negotiations.

Subsequently George Kelly Barnes, alias "Machine Gun" Kelly, Harvey J. Bailey and Albert L. Bates, together with others, were convicted in the United States District Court at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for violating the Statute commonly known as the Lindbergh Kidnaping Statute, and are now confined in Federal Penitentiaries.

Albert L. Bates, one of the persons convicted for this kidnaping, was apprehended at Denver, Colorado and removed to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. At the time of his apprehension, the investigation disclosed he had a portion of the ransom money on his person and a larger part of the ransom money was concealed in a suitcase located at an apartment in Denver.

On December 14, 1934, the Federal Grand Jury at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma returned a True Bill of Indictment charging Ben B. Laska, an attorney of Denver, Colorado, and James C. Mathers, an attorney of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with violation of Section 408 a, Title 18, of the United States Code. This indictment was based upon evidence of the receipt by Laska and Mathers of a

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WJP <i>Wright Brantley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: eu ver ortland la. City (1-U.S. Atty. Okla. City)	7-115-1606 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION MAY 20 A.M. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAY 20 1935 -CHECKED OFF: JUN 7 JACKETED:
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portion of the ransom money received by Albert L. Bates in this kidnaping, which money was received from Edward Feldman, stepson of Bates, and which Laska and Mathers knew was part of the ransom money.

Both Laska and Mathers are at liberty on bond.

WITNESSES:

Charles F. Urschel,
327 N.W. 18th Street,
Oklahoma City, Okla.,

Will repeat the details of the kidnaping that took place on July 22, 1933 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and his subsequent release. (See page 14 of the summary report of Special Agent Gus T. Jones, Oklahoma City, Okla., dated 9-13-33.)

Walter R. Jarrett,
1221 N.W. 18th Street,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Will testify that he was with Mr. Urschel when he was forcibly kidnaped and that he also was forced to accompany the kidnapers, one of whom he will identify as Albert L. Bates. (See summary report of Special Agent Gus T. Jones, Oklahoma City, Okla., dated 9-13-33.)

John G. Catlett,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Will testify that he acted as intermediary in the ransom negotiations and accompanied E. E. Kirkpatrick to Kansas City, Missouri for the payment of the ransom demand. (For details, see summary report of Special Agent Gus T. Jones, Oklahoma City, Okla., dated 9-13-33.)

E. E. Kirkpatrick,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Will testify as to the payment of the ransom money at Kansas City, Missouri to George Kelly Barnes; will testify that the amount of ransom money paid was the sum of \$200,000.00, which amount he received from Mr. Arthur A. Seeligson of Oklahoma City. (See summary report of Special Agent Gus T. Jones, Oklahoma City, Okla., dated 9-13-33.)

[REDACTED]
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Will testify as to the delivery of the sum of \$200,000.00 to E. E. Kirkpatrick, and that he received this money from [REDACTED] of the First National Bank of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. (See summary report of Special Agent Gus T. Jones, Okla. City, Okla., dated 9-13-33.)

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[REDACTED]
c/o First National Bank,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Will testify that upon instructions of [REDACTED] he supervised the recording of the serial numbers on ten thousand Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank notes, each in the denomination of \$20.00, and that this money was delivered to [REDACTED]

This witness can produce and identify the original records showing the serial numbers of these ten thousand Federal Reserve Bank notes in the sum of \$20.00 each. (For further details, see the summary report of Special Agent Gus T. Jones, Okla. City, Okla., dated 9-13-33.)

R. G. Shannon,
c/o U.S. Penitentiary,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Will testify that Mr. Urschel was brought to his farm near Paradise, Texas, where he was held during the ransom negotiations, and will identify Albert Bates as being one of the kidnapers. This witness has stated that he will make a full disclosure of all facts in his possession with reference to the kidnaping of Mr. Urschel and his detention at the Shannon farm near Paradise, Texas.

[REDACTED]
and/or
[REDACTED]
c/o Police Dept.,
Denver, Colorado.

Either one or both of these witnesses will testify that on August 12, 1933 they arrested Albert L. Bates (under the name of George L. Davis), at a parking lot in Denver, Colorado and took him to the Denver Police headquarters where he was confined; that they witnessed a search of his person by Officer [REDACTED] who found the sum of \$777.00 in currency, of which amount \$660.00 was in \$20.00 bills and issued by the Kansas City Federal Reserve; that Bates, alias Davis, immediately wanted to give an order to have this money turned over to Mr. Ben B. Laska; that they took this sum of \$660.00 to the Forestry Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture at Denver, Colorado on August 17, 1933, where the same was photostated in their presence. Either one or both of these witnesses can identify the photostatic copies of these \$20.00 bills. (For further details, see page 27 of the summary report of Special Agent Gus T. Jones, Oklahoma City, Okla., dated 9-13-33.)

[REDACTED]
c/o Police Dept.,
Denver, Colorado.

Will testify that he searched the person of Albert L. Bates, alias Davis, at the time of his arrest in Denver, Colorado and found on his person a wallet containing money; that he turned this wallet over to Officer [REDACTED] who counted the same in his presence, and the money amounted to \$777.00; that \$2.00 of this amount was given to Bates and the balance retained in the files of the Denver Police Department. (For further details see page 27 of the summary report of Special Agent Gus T. Jones, Okla. City, 9-13-33.)

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[REDACTED]
c/o Police Department,
Denver, Colorado.

Will testify that he was present at the Police Department in Denver, Colorado when Bates was brought there by Officers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and that Officer [REDACTED] searched Bates and found a wallet containing some money; that [REDACTED] gave this wallet to him and he counted the money twice, finding that the sum of \$777.00 was contained in said wallet; that he gave Bates \$2.00 of this money and the balance was retained by the Police Department in the custody of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the Denver Police Department. (For further details, see page 28 of the summary report of Special Agent Gus T. Jones, Oklahoma City, Okla., dated 9-13-33.)

[REDACTED]
and/or
[REDACTED]
Police Department,
Denver, Colorado.

Will testify that Officer [REDACTED] delivered to them the sum of \$775.00 in \$20.00 bills, which was found on the person of Albert L. Bates at the time of his arrest, and that a list of this money was made in their presence by Val C. Zimmer, Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice.

Val C. Zimmer,
Special Agent, Fed.
Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Dept. of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.

Will testify that at the Police Department in Denver, Colorado he examined the money taken from the person of Albert L. Bates and made a list and record of the serial numbers appearing on each and all of the \$20.00 bills, which totaled the sum of \$775.00. This witness will identify his original notes containing the list of the serial numbers appearing on these \$20.00 bills. (A comparison of this list with the list of the original ransom money as made by [REDACTED], will show that the numbers on the bills examined at Denver, Colorado are included on the list of the bills comprising the ransom money made by [REDACTED].)

[REDACTED]
c/o Identification Bureau,
Police Department,
Okla. City, Okla.

(DUES TECUM)

Can produce a photograph of Albert L. Bates and testify that he took this picture and developed it, the same being taken while Bates was confined in the County Jail at Oklahoma City. (This photograph can be used for identification as being the husband of Clara Feldman, the same person as was arrested in Denver and convicted in Oklahoma City.)

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[REDACTED]
City Jail,
Denver, Colo.
(DUCES TECUM)

Can exhibit and identify the records of the Denver Police Department which will disclose the commitment of [REDACTED] and Albert L. Bates. These records will further disclose that [REDACTED] was released on August 13, 1933, on which date Bates was still confined in the City Jail. Sergeant [REDACTED] will further testify that a day or so after the arrest and commitment of Bates to the City Jail, Mr. Laska appeared at the Jail with an order for the money that was taken from Bates' possession, but that this order was not signed by the Chief of Police and therefore the money was not delivered which, apparently perturbed Mr. Laska.

[REDACTED]
Chief Clerk,
County Jail,
Denver, Colo.
(DUCES TECUM)

Can exhibit and identify records disclosing that Bates was confined in the County Jail at Denver from August 19, 1933 to August 31, 1933, on which latter date he was delivered to the United States Marshal.

[REDACTED]
Denver Post,
Denver, Colo.
(DUCES TECUM)

Can exhibit and identify the Home Editions of the Denver Post for the period of August 12, 1933 to August 31, 1933 in which editions newspaper articles appear concerning the arrest of Bates and the charges under which he was being held.

Clara Feldman,
c/o County Jail,
Oklahoma City,
Okla.

Will testify that on May 15, 1933 she married Bates, who was using the name of George L. Davis; that in August, 1933 they were living at 1275 Pearl Street, Denver, Colo., with her son, Edward Feldman; that on a Sunday (August 13, 1933) a man called at their address and stated that he had just been released from jail at Denver and had a message for her that this man then gave her a message from Bates that instructed her to look in his handbag and give \$200.00 to this man; that she and Edward then looked in the handbag and found the same was filled with currency; that she then gave this man \$200.00 and later during the day she and Ed left Denver and proceeded to Laramie, Wyoming, thence to Cheyenne Wyoming, where they remained for a week; that after arriving in Cheyenne she and Ed placed the money in two thermos jugs and buried them at a point approximately ten miles from Laramie; that several days after their arrival in Cheyenne and after burying the money, Edward made a trip to Denver, Colo. and upon his return advised her that Laska desired to see them; that it was agreed that Edward would go to see him and thereafter made several trips to Denver for this purpose; that upon his return from one of these trips he told her that Laska had asked for \$10,000.00 to meet expenses and attorney fees, etc. for Bates; that she and Ed then took some money from the thermos jugs and she gave most of it to Ed, who then left for Denver; that later Ed returned and said he had

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delivered the money to Laska; that she and Ed remained in Cheyenne for a short time thereafter and then proceeded to Chicago, where she and Ed resided for a short time and then they proceeded to Portland, Oregon where they resided for approximately one month; that they then returned to Chicago by way of Denver; that while in Denver they called on Laska at his home and at this time she transferred the title to the Buick Coupe that Bates had given her; that this transfer was made before a woman notary public who called at the Laska residence in answer to a telephone call made by Laska in which he told the notary that "a lame man is at my home who can not walk"; that after this visit she and Ed returned to Chicago, where they remained until about the month of January, 1934; that she and Ed then returned to Oregon and later she, together with Alvin Scott, drove to the point near Laramie, Wyoming, where they obtained the buried money and took it back to Oregon where they again buried it, in one thermos jug, on the vacant ranch of her father near Green Mountain, Oregon; that upon her apprehension by officers she disclosed to them, one of whom was Special Agent C. C. Spears of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the place where this money was buried and that these officers then recovered the money in her presence; that she also turned some of the money over to Alvin H. Scott, who buried it on the same farm.

Mrs. Feldman will also testify that on one occasion while they were residing in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Edward left for an appointment with Laska at Oklahoma City and that he took a sum of money with him which she believes was \$2,000.00 or more. She will also identify [REDACTED] as the person who delivered the message to her in Denver.

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[REDACTED]
address unknown
but being sought.

Is expected to testify that he was confined in the City Jail at Denver, Colorado at the time Bates was arrested and confined in said jail at Denver; that upon his release from jail he delivered a note to Mrs. Feldman for Bates, for which he received \$200.00 in cash from Mrs. Feldman; that after delivery of this note Mrs. Feldman and her son, Edward, opened a handbag, in his presence, which was filled with currency and from which she paid him the sum of \$200.00.

Alvin H. Scott,
c/o County Jail,
Okla. City, Okla.

Will testify that at the direction of Mrs. Feldman he buried a quart glass jar containing money on the Hurtienne ranch, Green Mountain, Washington and that later he accompanied Mrs. Feldman to Laramie, Wyoming where she obtained a thermos jug filled with money that was buried and they returned to Oregon with this thermos jug, which they also buried on the Hurtienne ranch; that upon his appre-

hension by officers he disclosed to them, one of whom was Special Agent C. C. Spears, Federal Bureau of Investigation, the location of the quart glass jar and which, in his presence, was recovered by the officers.

Scott will further testify that he received other sums of money from Clara Feldman which he concealed in fruit jars and buried the same on his premises, and which was recovered by officers.

[REDACTED]
Special Agent,
Fed. Bur. of Investigation, U.S. Dept.
of Justice,
411 U.S. Court House,
Portland, Oregon.

Will testify that on November 7, 1934 he, together with members of the Oregon State Police, recovered three fruit jars concealed in the ground and on the premises of Alvin H. Scott, which jars contained, among other things, 317 Federal Reserve notes in the denomination of \$20.00 each, and issued by the Federal Reserve of Kansas City. This witness can produce the original notes made at the time of this seizure and which contain the serial numbers on each and every \$20.00 bill. (These numbers agree with certain numbers appearing on the list of the original ransom money prepared by [REDACTED] (For detailed list of property recovered, see report of Special Agent C. C. Spears, Portland, Oregon, dated 11-23-34, pages 5 and 6.)

C. C. Spears,
Special Agent,
Fed. Bur. of Investigation, U.S.
Dept. of Justice,
411 U.S. Court House,
Portland, Oregon.

Will testify that together with other Agents of the Bureau and Captain [REDACTED] of the Oregon State Police, he apprehended Clara Feldman and her son Edward at Dunsmuir, California at which time there was recovered a wallet, identified by Edward Feldman, as being his property and which contained 55 Federal Reserve notes issued at Kansas City, Mo. and each in the sum of \$20.00; that the numbers of these bills were written down and compared with the list of original ransom money. (This witness can produce and identify the list of the serial numbers appearing on these bank notes and which agree with corresponding numbers on the list prepared by [REDACTED])

Mr. Spears will further testify that on December 5, 1934 he, together with Assistant Director Harold Nathan and Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the Portland office of the Bureau, Mr. Urschel and others, accompanied Clara Feldman to the Hurlienne Ranch where there was found concealed under the ground a thermos jug containing \$28,400.00 in \$20.00 bills issued by the Federal Reserve of Kansas City, Mo.; that a list of the serial numbers appearing on these bills was made and compared with the original list made by [REDACTED] (Mr. Spears can exhibit and identify the list of the serial numbers appearing on these bills. A comparison of the same will disclose that they agree with some of the numbers appearing on the list prepared by [REDACTED])

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Edward Feldman,
c/o County Jail,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

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Will corroborate the statements of Clara Feldman with reference to their residence in Denver, Colorado; the delivery of the note by [REDACTED]; the finding of the money in the handbag and their trip to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where the money was buried in thermos jugs. He will also testify that soon after they moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming he received, through [REDACTED] of Denver, word that Attorney Laska desired to see him and his mother; that he then called on Laska at his office, at which time Laska stated that he was to defend Bates and that he would call on them (meaning Feldman and his mother) when he needed money; that Laska then drilled him as to what they should do to avoid detection; that among the instructions given him by Laska was that he should assume the name of Axel C. Johnson and that he and his mother should stay in large cities in the East; that Laska also had him surrender all the papers in his possession that contained his true name, among which was a Colorado automobile driver's license; that upon one of the visits to Laska's office, Laska told him that it would be necessary for him and his mother to pay him the sum of \$10,000.00 for expense money in connection with the defense of Bates, and also discussed the character of the money that he and his mother had, referring to it as "hot" money and offering to have the same exchanged for good money; that thereafter he returned to Cheyenne and obtained a sum of money from his mother, which was taken from the thermos jugs; that he then returned to Denver and delivered to Laska the sum of \$8,000.00 and which was part of the ransom money left with his mother by Bates; that he and his mother then moved to Chicago and resided in an apartment house; that subsequently he drove to Denver and again saw Laska, at which time Laska told him that it would be necessary for him to have an additional \$2,000.00, and arrangements were made whereby this sum was to be delivered at Oklahoma City; that he then obtained this amount and later drove to Oklahoma City, where he called on Laska at the Biltmore Hotel; that in Laska's room at the Biltmore Hotel he was introduced to James C. Mathers to whom, Laska stated, it was necessary that he pay \$1,000.00; that upon instructions of Laska he then placed \$1,000.00 under a small bath rug in the bathroom and that subsequently Mathers and Laska went into the bathroom; that when they came out of the bathroom Mathers stated, "It's O.K." and then left the room, after which he paid to Laska the remaining \$1,000.00, all of which was part of the ransom money.

Feldman will further testify that subsequent to the first visit with Laska and according to his instructions, he used the alias of Axel C. Johnson and under which name he communicated with Laska; also that on one of the visits

Laska asked him to draw a plat showing the location where the ransom money was buried and that he drew such a diagram, but the same was fictitious; that during the month of August, 1934 he and his wife drove to Denver from Idaho, where he was prospecting, and called on Laska at his residence; that this visit was unexpected and Laska, after censuring him, called his next door neighbor and arranged for the storage of his Ford Cabriolet in this neighbor's garage and arranged for them to stay at a hotel in Denver that night; that the Ford was then stored in this private garage and he and his wife remained in Denver at a hotel.

[REDACTED]
Denver, Colo.

Will testify that [REDACTED] is married to George Hurtienne, who is a brother of Clara Feldman; that at the time of the arrest of Bates in Denver, they were living at 724 East 19th Avenue, Denver; that a day or two after Bates was arrested, Laska called at their residence and advised him and his mother that he was representing Bates; that Laska then stated he wanted to get in touch with Clara Feldman and Edward Feldman and desired their address; that he and his mother told Laska that they did not know their address and that Laska then requested them to notify the Feldmans that he desired to see them; that on the following day Ed Feldman came to his residence, at which time he told him that Mr. Laska desired to see him and his mother; that they then looked up the address of Laska's office in the telephone book, the same being the Symes Building, and that he accompanied Ed Feldman to the vicinity of the Symes Building, where they parted.

[REDACTED]
Denver, Colo.

Will verify the statements of [REDACTED] concerning the visit of Ben Laska to their residence shortly after the arrest of Bates.

[REDACTED]
Denver, Colo.

Will testify that he and his family have been next door neighbors to Attorney Laska for about 15 years; that in the summer of 1934 he received a call from Laska who requested permission to use one side of the garage as a "kid from the mountains was visiting there"; that he then moved his car from one side of the garage and later noticed that a new Ford V-8 was stored in the garage for several days.

[REDACTED]
c/o 11th Ave. Hotel,
Denver, Colo.
(DUCES TECUM)

Can produce records of said hotel for the dates of August 7, 1934 to August 9, 1934, which will disclose the registration of Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnson, assigned to Room 29.

Will also produce the daily record of telephone calls made for this period for this room, which will reveal calls to York 5105 and Tabor 2233 on Aug. 9th. (Feldman states this is his registration and is the time he and his wife

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visited Laska and his car was parked in the neighbor's garage. The two telephone numbers are assigned to the office and residence of Laska.)

[REDACTED]
Biltmore Hotel,
Okla. City, Okla.
(DUCES TECUM)

Can produce and identify the records of the hotel that will disclose that Ben B. Laska resided at the hotel from September 15 to September 28, 1933 in Room 1210 and from December 3 to December 5, 1933 in Room 1405.

Manager,
Harvey Hotel,
Oklahoma City,
Okla.

Can identify the register sheet of this hotel for the date of September 16, 1933 and which shows the registration of Axel C. Johnson, Chicago.

(Edward Feldman will identify this registration as being in his handwriting and covers the incident when he was in Oklahoma City and paid the \$2,000.00.)

[REDACTED]
United States Marshal,
Denver, Colorado.

Will testify that on December 17, 1934 he arrested Ben Laska as he was leaving his office in the Symes Building, Denver, Colo.; that this arrest was made upon a Federal warrant and at the time of the arrest he also served on Laska a search warrant for the search of his office; that Deputy U. S. Marshal [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] then conducted a search of the office and listed the property seized under this search warrant.

[REDACTED]
Sp.Agt., Fed. Bur.
of Investigation,
U.S. Dept. of
Justice,
411 U.S. Court House,
Portland, Oregon.

Will testify that on December 17, 1934 he, together with Deputy United States Marshal [REDACTED] of Denver, searched the offices of Laska in the Symes Building; that this search was conducted under authority of a search warrant executed by United States Marshal [REDACTED] [REDACTED] will exhibit and identify the following papers found in the office of Mr. Laska:

1. A piece of 3" x 5" white paper bearing the name Axel Rock, which according to Edward Feldmann was one of the names Ben Laska suggested that he, Feldmann, use.
2. A sheet of legal size yellow lined paper bearing numerous pencil figures and computations which appear to represent the expenses of Laska in connection with both the defense of Bates (in the Urschel case) and Sankey (in the Boettcher case).
3. A 3" x 5" white slip bearing the notation "Hazel Johnson will arrive at 4:04, Warfield, Axel C. Johnson", this slip containing the information which Edward Feldmann claims was the substance of a wire which he sent to Ben Laska from a suburb of Chicago.

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4. A small black memorandum book labeled 1933 General Electric, from which it will be noted that a notation appears on the page beginning Sunday, 13 August 1933, "Bates got money order but no cash as it was Urschel money. Received \$1,000.00 as fee for Bates", and on the page beginning Sunday 20 August, 1933, "Received \$2,000.00 for Bates as fee". There also appear several other notations regarding transportation and expenses in connection with the defense of Bates.
5. A small red diary which bears notations in same regarding expenses for Bates.
6. A small slip of torn paper bearing in pencil writing "George Hurtienne, 724 E. 19th Avenue, second floor apartment. [REDACTED] apartment [REDACTED] brother." b7C
7. A file marked U. S. vs. Feldmann, et al, containing telegrams and letters between Ben Laska and Edward Feldmann subsequent to his arrest, Feldmann's, by the Portland office.
8. 1933 Colorado operator's license #105957, made out to Edward G. Feldmann, 724 E. 19th Avenue, Denver.
9. 1933 Colorado operator's license #105656, made out to Mrs. G. L. Davis, Auditorium Hotel, Denver, Colorado.
10. 1933 Washington motor vehicle operator's license #454627, made out to Edward G. Feldmann.
11. State of Colorado registration license, 1933, signed Mrs. G. L. Davis.
12. Certificate of inspection, Colorado Brake Company, showing owner G. L. Davis.
13. Photostatic copy of State of Illinois 1933 registration #787918, showing owner Mrs. G. L. Davis.
14. Identification card of Edward G. Feldmann, showing, in case of accident or illness, notify A. H. Scott.
15. State of Colorado certificate of title to motor vehicle #388615 in the name of Mrs. G. L. Davis, Auditorium Hotel.

The following exhibits are now contained in the file of this case at the Oklahoma City Office and can be exhibited and identified by the following witnesses:

1. Green one-gallon thermos jug in which was found the sum of \$28,400. of ransom money and which was dug up on the William A. Hurtienne ranch. Buried and pointed out by Clara Feldman.
Identifying witness: Special Agent C. C. Spears.
2. Quart glass jar in which was found \$5,620.00 of ransom money and which was dug up on the Hurtienne ranch. Buried and pointed out by Alvin Scott.
Identifying witness: C. C. Spears.
3. Yellow covered fruit confection can in which was a 1 pint thermos bottle and contained \$1520.00 of ransom money. Buried by Edward Feldman on the Hurtienne ranch and pointed out by Feldman.
Identifying witness: C. C. Spears.
4. Green one-gallon thermos jug. Recovered on the Hurtienne ranch by Edward Feldman but was found to be empty.
Identifying witness: C. C. Spears.
5. Quart size "Ball Perfect Mason" fruit jar in which there was found \$1460.00 of ransom money and \$90.00 in gold. Recovered on the Alvin Scott farm.
Identifying witness: [REDACTED]
6. Quart size "Ball Perfect Mason" fruit jar in which was found a money belt containing \$799.00 in currency (not ransom money), a bank draft in the sum of \$2,000.00 payable to Mrs. G. L. Davis and dated July 17, 1934, a marriage certificate of George L. Davis and Clara Feldman, a small snapshot photograph of Edward Feldman, a paper bearing the initials and dates of birth of the children of Clara Feldman, and a blank piece of paper in which was folded three newspaper articles. Recovered on farm of Alvin Scott.
Identifying witness: [REDACTED]
7. Quart size fruit jar in which was found the sum of \$4,680.00 of ransom money. Recovered on farm of Alvin Scott.
Identifying witness: [REDACTED]
8. 1,248 Federal Reserve notes in the sum of \$20.00 each, issued by the Federal Reserve of Kansas City, and representing ransom money recovered in Oregon. Total amount - \$24,960.00. This money is now in the possession of the Federal Reserve Bank, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Identifying witnesses: C. C. Spears.
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9. The following envelopes contain the papers found in the office of Laska when searched on December 17, 1934:

Envelope A, labeled "The enclosed articles were located in a file entitled 'Bates'. This file was located in the lower file cabinet in the inner office of Ben B. Laska."

Envelope B, labeled "The enclosed articles were found in the center of the left hand section of the pigeon-hole of the desk located in the inner office of Ben B. Laska."

Envelope C, labeled "The enclosed were found on the desk of Ben B. Laska."

Envelope D, labeled "The enclosed were located in a file entitled U.S. vs. Feldman et al."

Envelope E, labeled "The enclosed were found in a brown envelope entitled 'Motor Vehicle Receipts' in Laska's general files."

For a detailed list of the papers contained in these envelopes, see the itemized list attached to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Denver, Colorado, dated December 19, 1934.

Identifying witness: [REDACTED]

10. Registration sheet of the Harvey Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla., for period of September 12, 1933 to and including September 18, 1933.

The records of the Identification Unit of the Bureau at Washington, D.C. disclose that neither Laska nor Mathers has a criminal record.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812,
Chicago, Illinois.

May 18, 1935

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

Dear Sir,

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

Reference is made to your letter of May 1, 1935,
relative to 1931 model Ford coupe, motor number A-4515042,
possession of which was obtained from Charles Caplan on
October 11, 1933.

In an effort to secure a court order placing
title to this car in the Government, the matter was presented
to Assistant United States Attorney E. A. Fisher, who referred
the matter to Assistant United States Attorney A. W. Bosworth,
inasmuch as the latter was the person who had handled previous
cases of automobile confiscation.

The circumstances concerning the means by which pos-
session of this automobile was obtained from Charles Caplan,
as contained in report of Special Agent [redacted] b7C
Chicago, Illinois, January 3, 1934, were outlined to both of
the above mentioned Assistant United States Attorneys and after
considering same, Assistant United States Attorney A. W. Bos-
worth advised that in his opinion the Government had no right
to obtain title to this automobile and made the following

*Reviewed
by [redacted] 5/25/35
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notation, which is being retained in the Chicago Bureau files:

"May 17, 35

No basis for forfeiting car to the government. Car was not abandoned & the owner is known & claims title thereto. I have been unable to find any statute which authorizes the forfeiting of a car to the government in this type of case.

/s/ A. W. Bosworth
Asst. U.S. Atty."

Assistant United States Attorney Bosworth further stated that the confiscation of automobiles heretofore made was upon the theory that such automobiles had been abandoned and no one claimed title thereto, and that a reasonable search failed to reveal anyone claiming title, but such, however, are not the facts in this case.

It may further be mentioned that Assistant United States Attorney Fisher verbally expressed a like opinion.

Will you please advise if this Office should continue using instant automobile?

Very truly yours,

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M. H. Purvis
M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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May 25, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 18, 1935 in the above entitled case. In your letter you state that the Office of the United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois has stated with reference to the 1931 model Ford coupe, motor number A-4515042, possession of which was obtained from Charles Caplan on October 11, 1933, that there is no basis for forfeiting this car to the Government. In view of this opinion, it is the opinion of the Bureau that you should not use the instant automobile and that appropriate steps should be taken to have it disposed of by the Court.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

May 18, 1935.

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

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to Bureau letters of May 1 and May 15, 1935, attaching photostatic copies of anonymous communications addressed to Homer S. Cummins, Attorney General and J. Edgar Hoover, Department of Investigation, respectively; I am satisfied these letters were written by [redacted] of [redacted] Fort Worth, Texas, although when interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] of this office on May 16, 1935, [redacted] denied having done so.

Since the matter mentioned in the anonymous communications have been thoroughly investigated by this and other offices, I feel that nothing can be gained by further activity at this time.

Very truly yours,

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F. J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DALLAS, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **62-506**

REPORT MADE AT: DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/17/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/15.,16/35	REPORT MADE BY: <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px; display: inline-block;"></div> b7c
TITLE: THOMAS L. MANION			CHARACTER OF CASE: MISCELLANEOUS - Ascertaining Financial Worth

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Thomas L. Manion owns home at 1626 Poplar Street, Dallas, Texas, tax evaluation being \$450. In debt several hundred dollars. At present getting \$37.50 per month pension as Spanish-American War Veteran. Owns personal property valued at \$800. by Mrs. Manion. Has no known bank account, Mrs. Manion having account with balance of \$1.27 on 5-14-35.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon a request by letter of Clyde G. Hood, Assistant United States Attorney, Dallas, Texas, dated May 2, 1935, that an investigation be instituted for determining the eligibility of Thomas L. Manion to make application for a pauper's oath in connection with a \$10,000. fine assessed against him for aiding a Federal prisoner to escape.

A check of the United States Internal Revenue records at Dallas, Texas, for the years 1932 and 1933 failed to disclose any record of Mr. Manion having filed any return for those years.

Also a thorough check was made of the records of the Retail Credit Company, Dallas, Texas, but neither Mr. nor Mrs. Manion appeared to have any credit rating with that company.

The writer was advised at the Merchant's Retail Company located at 2112 1/2 Jackson Street, Dallas, that Mrs. Manion has no rating there, but their card on Mr. Manion showed him to be the owner of a piece of property valued at \$500.00, location unknown; also that some time during March of 1934 Mr. Manion had received from some Insurance Company unknown to the Merchant's Retail Association about \$400.00; and that Mr. Manion was at present receiving \$250.00 pension from the

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these had to be cashed; that he at present has one policy of \$3000.00 with the Woodmen of the World, straight life, which she, Mrs. Manion, is keeping up payments on. Mrs. Manion stated that she too had a small policy but had to drop it over a year ago, being unable to meet the premiums due.

Mrs. Manion further advised that Mr. Manion did not have a bank account at any place, but that she kept a small one at the National Bank of Commerce, Dallas, Texas, and that about the only transactions she has with that bank is when she deposits the \$37.50 pension check, above referred to, or draws on such deposits.

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Mr. and Mrs. Manion have one son, age 18 years, and a daughter, age 21 years. The son, [REDACTED] is at present working at one of the Goodluck Filling Stations located in Oak Cliff, Dallas, Texas, and makes \$10.50 per week. The daughter takes subscriptions for magazines working on a commission basis, which nets her approximately from one to five dollars weekly; one week, however, making as much as ten dollars and then another week earning only fifteen cents.

The above information concerning the financial status of Mr. Manion and his family was all possible to be secured from the sources named herein. Mrs. Manion was positive that Mr. Manion had no property or money other than that set out above, and added that her family is at present entirely dependent on the above mentioned pension and the earnings of her son and daughter.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 21st, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,
Portland, Oregon.

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, ET AL.
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated May 16, 1935, please be advised that Alvin H. Scott, presently incarcerated in the Oklahoma County Jail, has been acquainted with the circumstances in regard to the welfare of his children. He had not been previously acquainted with these circumstances, and stated that he will endeavor to obtain some assistance for them through his brother-in-law located in Ventura, California.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice
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Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 21, 1935

Mr. Egan
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Egan
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

DB: *b7C*
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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, ET AL:
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a section of the Oklahoma News, of Sunday, May 19, 1935, which contains an article by E. E. Kirkpatrick of Tulsa, Oklahoma, relative to the Urschel case.

This appears to be identical with the material contained in Kirkpatrick's book, titled "Crimes Paradise."

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl. *W*

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What Have We Today

By MEREDITH WILLIAMS.

Two things occupy the attention of this little department of the paper today, and the task of proceeding from here to the bottom of the page is approached with mixed feelings.

I am tempted to snicker aloud at the frantic ecstasies of the Republican party in these parts on one hand. On the other I am striving valiantly not to lose all restraint in commenting on the action of the group of kindly old ladies up in Massachusetts who petitioned Congress the other day against the erecting of a statue of "Robert H. Lee or any other traitor."

Not long ago I attended a meeting of Republicans in a downtown hotel with a number of distinguished guests. I had assumed that the discussion of the party's future would be undertaken by "Carpenter" Wood. At the speaker's fourth or fifth phrase and that the orator of the occasion would be glad to know the newspapers had not overlooked the meeting and so left them to pound the table and extol the mysteriously hidden virtues of the Great Hoover solely for the edification of the handful of the faithful gathered there.

Much to my surprise the chief orator of the occasion professed his remarks by stating he was pleased to note that no newspaper men were present. He had something to say that was too good for the general public.

A LADY immediately I determined that the only honorable course for me was to slip out as quietly as possible. A lady who was almost drooping in anticipation of the good things she was about to hear got up and made her way hysterically toward the door to stoop it against alien ears. She also closed the door although it was a stuffy evening.

Several things assailed my natural conscience in determining upon a hasty exit. I was there on assignment, and need to listen to Republican orators here as frequently. Moreover, I was overdue for a weekly game of—shall I say—"Auto Mr. Walker Miller's Business" because there is profitable and exhilarating as if one is fortunate enough to hold the thorn and a pair of Harold Bell's the same.

But all I feared that if I lingered, I was obviously out of sympathy with all the other one should believe that I was a Ray.

THE sudden fear and panic that ap-

The Oklahoma News

SECOND SECTION

OKLAHOMA CITY, SUNDAY, MAY 19, 1935

E. E. KIRKPATRICK, GO BETWEEN, REVEALS THE INSIDE STORY OF THE SENSATIONAL \$200,000 CHARLES F. URSCHEL KIDNAPING

THESE SKETCHES SHOW HOW THE SNATCH GANG PLOTS A KIDNAPING; NABS ITS VICTIM; GETS RANSOM, AND VANISHES



In all kidnappings, the man who starts the ball rolling is the "puller." He is the member of the gang proper, he leads out by using means that John Doe, local magazine, has any \$200,000 in his bank.

Having found out how much money John Doe has, the "puller" goes to work in the "pulling." He then he divides it into four parts. One part he keeps for himself. The "puller" has to be very careful and the gang must be very tight.

For the next step, the member of the gang proper to the "puller" shadows the proposed kidnap victim. Finding out all he can about John Doe's habits, a time is set for the kidnaping. At that hour, the gang's "rough men" armed appropriately, surround the victim and rush him away, via car, in the "kidnaping."

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Next comes the "ransom." Sent four or five days after the kidnaping, to the family has had ample time to become terrified and distraught. It is a note from the kidnapers demanding that whatever ransom money is asked be paid. This, in other words, is the note that sets the ransom amount.

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of the...
he tells the...

By E. K. KENNEDY...
of the...
the...

A LONG hour...
of the...
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On Sunday, July 23, 1933, a...
of the...
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At one side...
of the...
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On July 23, 1933, at 11:30 a. m., Charles F. Donald...
of the...
the...

As she...
of the...
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My mind...
of the...
the...

JACKSON...
of the...
the...

Leading the...
of the...
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THE AUTHOR...
of the...
the...

By **LEN HUGHES**...
of the...
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It is...
of the...
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THESE authentic...
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Her arrival...
of the...
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Another brother-in-law...
of the...
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Each telephone...
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Today's Short Short Story - - - CONCERT

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MOTHER JUST DIED HER LAST WOUNDS WERE DO YOUR BEST DOCTOR MOCK.

RENO DAM DUE FOR CHANGE TO SILENCE CRITIC

Objection of Johnson Believed Only Stumbling Block For Project

Plans were about Saturday to allow the specifications of the first dam to meet objections raised by Congressmen and Johnson, so that the project could be started. The first objection to the new world-wide program.

Leaders of the Chamber of Commerce have taken charge of the fight to get the Federal Government's approval of the dam project. It is estimated that the dam will cost a little more than \$100,000,000 and will supply and flood control scheme evolved by the army engineers.

On July 21, one bunch of about 100 men accompanied by the United States Army and the United States Navy, arrived at the dam site. The dam is to be built on the Colorado River, about 100 miles from the mouth of the river.

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E. E. Kirkpatrick, Urschel Go-Between, Tell Inside Story of City Kidnaping

Continued from page 1. The kidnaping of the two boys in Kansas City is the subject of the article. The article is a detailed account of the events leading up to the kidnaping and the subsequent search for the boys.

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SHARECROPPERS IN MARCH TO CAPITAL

Bedraggled Group Asks Aid For Tenant Farmers

WASHINGTON, July 21.—On the heels of farmers leading the AAA group came today to officials. The head of the group who met here this week to show their gratitude to the Administration had been told that the group was to be disbanded.

Mary Mitchell, secretary of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, led 14 followers, mostly negroes, to AAA Administrator Chester C. Davis, who listened for more than an hour to charges of placid "terrorism" and "un-American activities" caused by the cotton control program.

The principal demand was for AAA support for any legislation giving farmers the right to organize. They sought a provision in the farm program act to allow "terrorist" activities, the group charged.

U. S. GUARDS WOMAN IN BREMER TRIAL

ST. PAUL, July 21.—A woman whose name is closely guarded by the Government will be one of the chief witnesses in the attempt to convict Harry Sawyer of complicity in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, it was disclosed Saturday, Sawyer, accused as the "finger man" in the BREMER abduction, is to be arraigned June 1.

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Continued from page 1. The article continues with a detailed account of the events leading up to the kidnaping and the subsequent search for the boys. It includes interviews with E. E. Kirkpatrick and Urschel, who were involved in the case. The article also discusses the role of the police and the public's reaction to the news.

722 Midland Savings Bldg.
Denver, Colo.
May 21, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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Dear Sir:

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

Confidential Informant of the Denver Bureau Office, called at the office today and spoke to Special Agent [redacted] who is acting in charge at this time concerning Ben Laska.

[redacted] has called at the office several times advising this Agent that Laska is greatly perturbed about his coming trial at Oklahoma City in the instant case, and that knowing that he, [redacted] had been connected with the Government at one time, and believing that he might be able to contact some one in the Bureau, approached him inferring that some arrangements might be possible whereby he would turn in other persons connected with the Orschel case, if possible, in consideration for leniency on his behalf.

On May 2, 1935, the day prior to the apprehension of [redacted] [redacted] called at this office and advised Agent [redacted] that Laska had intimated to him that through connections he would be able to locate [redacted] for the Department, if some arrangements could be made whereby he, Laska, would be given credit for turning in [redacted]. As [redacted] was apprehended the following day, no action was taken concerning the matter.

[redacted] also informed Agent that Laska had intimated that if things became too bad for him that he might kill himself, and this information is being forwarded to you so that you may take the necessary precautionary steps to prevent self-destruction on Laska's part, should it become necessary for you to take him into custody and guard him. [redacted] advised Agent [redacted] that he told Laska that it was his opinion from the manner in which the Bureau worked that they would make him no promises but that if he would talk to some of the Agents of this Bureau, telling

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them what persons connected with the Urschel case were not known at this time, and particularly locating the person who "fingered" Urschel, that it was his, [REDACTED] understanding that his action in telling these details might be of assistance to him.

Agent [REDACTED] made no commitment or arrangements of any nature. This information is being forwarded to you because [REDACTED] intimated that Laska is intending to go to Oklahoma City about the first of June, at which time [REDACTED] may go to Oklahoma City also. It was thought advisable that you should be apprized of this background should Laska or [REDACTED] approach you concerning the turning in of other persons connected with the Urschel case by Laska.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE,
Special Agent in Charge

[REDACTED]
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cc Bureau

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Division of Investigation,
U. S. Dept. of Justice,
Suite L - Federal Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

(Name and address of Contributor)

Date March 12, 1934

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

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which
fingerprints have been mailed to the Bureau of Investiga-
tion:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
X Ft. Worth PD#2703	Louise Seaton, alias	As Esther Magness arrested
	Louise Magness, alias	Des Moines, Ia. 8-1-27.
	Esther Magness	Disposition released.

Information on document kept in post RDB

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

Very truly yours,

M. C. SEAR ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

(Official Title)

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

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P. O. Box 709
Portland, Oregon

May 23, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

This will refer to instructions received by Special Agent [REDACTED] of this office to proceed to Washington, D. C., public business permitting, and report to Special Agent in Charge J. M. Keith for assignment.

The Bureau is advised that Special Agent [REDACTED] together with the undersigned and Special Agent [REDACTED] are necessary witnesses at Oklahoma City in the case involving Ben B. Laska, pertaining to the handling of ransom money in the Urschel Kidnaping matter. Agent [REDACTED] has one case coming to trial in Federal Court, Portland, this date and a second case which may come to trial prior to his leaving for Oklahoma City, both of which require his appearance here in Portland. It is believed advisable that Agent [REDACTED] proceed to Oklahoma City to arrive there on June 10th, and then at the conclusion of the trial in Oklahoma City, he will proceed to Washington, D. C., from that point. Agent [REDACTED] desires to drive his personal automobile from Portland to Oklahoma City and from Oklahoma City to Washington, D. C., and authority of the Bureau is hereby requested for him to perform such travel.

Copy of this letter is being routed to the Washington Field office for its information.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPILARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Wash. Field

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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5-28-1935.

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 Mr. Tamm
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 Personnel Files Statistical Section
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 Chief Clerk's Office


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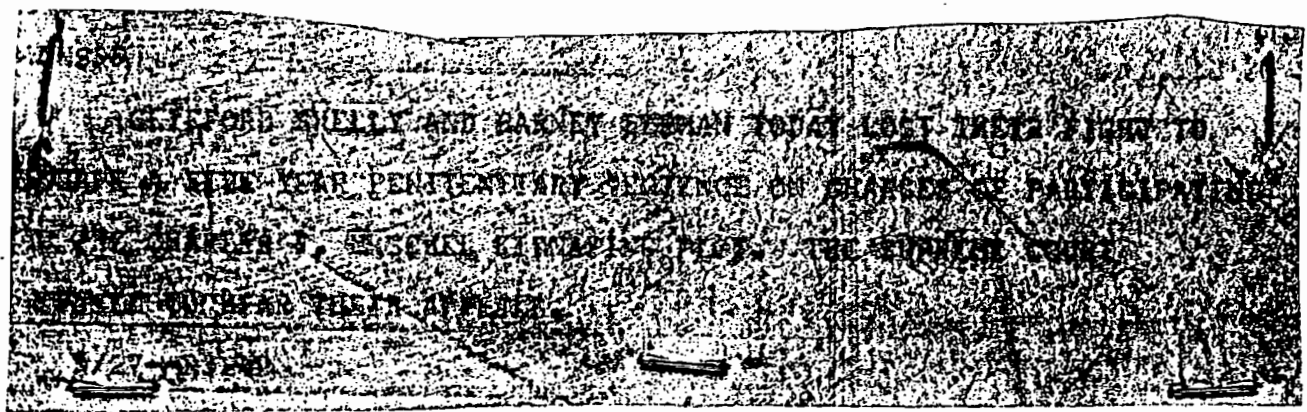
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Mr. Tolson
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Above reads:

Clifford Skelly and Barney Berman today lost their fight to escape a five year penitentiary sentence on charges of participating in the Charles F. Urschel Kidnapping plot. The Supreme Court refused to hear their appeal.

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Handwritten mark

Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
May 24, 1935.

DB:
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Special Agent in Charge,
Denver, Colorado.

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with
aliases, ET AL; Charles F.
Urschel, Victims: Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letters of May
21st and 22nd, 1935, with respect to certain information
being furnished you by one [REDACTED]

Please be advised that I have discussed the
contents of your letters with United States Attorney W. C.
Lewis at Oklahoma City and it is not deemed advisable to
employ [REDACTED] as an informant in this matter at this time.
You are advised that there are no indications at Oklahoma
City at this writing to the effect that any jury will be
"fixed" by Laska.

It is suggested that contact be maintained
with [REDACTED] and that this office be given the benefit of any
statements he may make with reference to the trial of Laska
or of matters relating thereto.

Very truly yours,

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DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

✓cc Bureau ✓

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
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722 Midland Savings Bldg.
Denver, Colo.
May 22, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

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

In my letter of May 21, 1935, I called your attention to the activities of Ben Laska at Denver, Colorado, which were ascertained through an informant, one [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] called at the Denver Office again today and spoke to Special Agent [REDACTED] and advised him that Laska had approached him through [REDACTED] Denver attorney, who it is understood will be one of the attorneys representing Laska at Oklahoma City. [REDACTED] stated that Laska had told him that he was afraid of the Klu Klux Klan at Oklahoma City and therefore he was interested in having [REDACTED] who is well acquainted in Oklahoma City, check the jury to determine whether any Klu Klux Klan are paneled thereon, making the statement that all he would need was a couple of jurymen to win that case.

[REDACTED] advises that he definitely indicated that what he really wanted to do was to possibly "fix" the jury and that he, [REDACTED] upon sensing that that was what Laska was driving at, told him he would have nothing to do with it. [REDACTED] claims to have connections in Oklahoma City through which he would be able to determine who was going to handle the fixing of the jury, and advised Agent [REDACTED] he would have nothing to do with the case unless he were working for the Bureau.

At this time, he is leaving Denver to do some under-cover work for the Narcotic Squad at Topeka, Kansas, but he will advise the Denver Office of his whereabouts and where he may be reached, should it be decided that his services as an informant would be desirable at Oklahoma City to determine through whom and what measures might be taken by Laska to "fix" the jury in the case about to come to trial.

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MAY 25 1935

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Kindly advise whether or not there are indications at Oklahoma City that such steps may be taken by Laska, and as to what your opinion is as to the desirability of [REDACTED] as an informant in this matter.

Very truly yours,

F. P. GUINANE,
Special Agent in Charge

[REDACTED]
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cc Bureau ✓

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OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA
MAY 28 1935

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C C SPEARS
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
US DEPT OF JUSTICE
411 U S COURT HOUSE
PORTLAND OREGON

USA OKLAHOMACITY DESIRES PRESENCE HERE C C SPEARS RE LASKA TRIAL NOT
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✓ cc Bureau ✓

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-1**

REPORT MADE AT: Little Rock, Ark.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/31/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/27/35	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, Et Al. CHARLES F. URSHEEL, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] Jonesboro, Arkansas, of Dr. C. J. Adrienne states received a letter from her daughter about two weeks ago from Roanoke, Virginia; present whereabouts unknown to her and does not know how to get in touch with daughter and son-in-law.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Little Rock, dated 4/29/35.

DETAILS: Inquiry at the Police Department and Sheriff's Office Jonesboro, Arkansas revealed no information had been received by them regarding the present whereabouts of Dr. C. J. Adrienne.

[REDACTED] Jonesboro, Arkansas, Mrs. C. J. Adrienne advise their daughter and her husband have not been in Jonesboro since their marriage but stated they hear from their daughter quite often. It will be noted [REDACTED] has been interviewed by this Agent on prior occasions and has furnished information regarding the whereabouts of her daughter and her husband. [REDACTED] stated she was opposed to the marriage of her daughter and was very inquisitive as to the reason the Bureau desired to locate Dr. Adrienne.

DETAILS:

For the information of Agents who may interview [REDACTED] in the future this Agent advised [REDACTED] that the Bureau was desirous of locating Dr. Adrienne for the purpose of obtaining information regarding another party; no further information was furnished [REDACTED] both of whom stated they would be willing to advise the whereabouts of Dr. Adrienne if they knew it. [REDACTED] exhibited to this Agent a letter from her daughter, post-marked at Roanoke, Virginia, May 16, 1935. [REDACTED] stated her daughter had stated in the letter that she and her husband expected to remain in Roanoke for

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<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p>	<p>7-115-1613</p>	<p>RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUN 3 1935</p>
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about a week and might locate there permanently and expected to rent a cabin at that place. ██████████ stated her daughter and Dr. Adrienne moved about so much she was never able to write them and they never furnished a forwarding address. The letter exhibited to this Agent bore no name and no return address. ██████████ advised Adrienne is still selling coupons for Rodgers Silverware.

██████████ stated if she heard again from her daughter she would immediately notify ██████████ Deputy Sheriff so he might advise the Little Rock Bureau Office as to the present whereabouts of Adrienne and his wife.

██████████ Deputy Sheriff advised if any information were received by him he would immediately transmit it to the Little Rock Office by phone.

For the information of the Washington Field Office which has not received previous copies of this report. Dr. C. J. Adrienne is reputed to have made the statement that he had several thousand dollars of the Urschel Ransom money and knew where there was ten thousand more. If located, Dr. Adrienne should not be openly interviewed, The Bureau should be advised of his location and instructions awaited before contact is made.

The following description of Adrienne is set out for the information of the Washington Field Office.

Name	Dr. C. J. Adrienne, alias C. J. Clifford
Age	40 yrs.
Height	6' 2"
Build	Heavy
Hair	Black
Complexion	Dark
Race	White
Nationality	American
Weight	241 lbs.
Residence	Detroit, Michigan.
Arrested and fingerprinted	P.D. Jonesboro, Ark., 4/9/34.
Occupation	Salesman coupons Rodgers Redemption Bureau.
	Traveling with his wife.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE at Roanoke, Virginia is requested to locate Dr. C. J. Adrienne, advise the Bureau and the Oklahoma City Office of his location in order that information can be furnished for thorough questioning of Dr. Adrienne for any information regarding the Urschel Ransom money.

THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE at Jonesboro, Arkansas when next an Agent is in that vicinity will interview ██████████ for any information regarding the whereabouts of Dr. Adrienne and his wife.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-40**

REPORT MADE AT: BUFFALO, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/31/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5/17-29/35	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases CHAS. F. URSCHEL, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



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[REDACTED] reported to have alleged he knew where \$25,000 of the Urschel ransom money was. Advised has no knowledge of ransom money this case. Assertions previously made were based on item read in Walter Winchell's column and gossip of common knowledge about Minneapolis.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated 4/27/35.

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DETAILS:

For information of Office of Origin reference letter related to a communication from [REDACTED] Plattsburgh, N.Y. in which he stated that he possessed information concerning instant case.

AT PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK

DETAILS:

[REDACTED] was interviewed and stated that during the fall of 1934 and in connection with his position as administrator of local relief employment he had become acquainted with a person by the name of [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had been reared in Plattsburgh by relatives but had lived in the West for a number of years and alleged himself to be a lawyer. He stated that he had given [REDACTED] relief work and had become rather well acquainted with him in this manner; that [REDACTED] had informed him that he [REDACTED] had been in trouble with the police either in Seattle or Tacoma, Washington or Portland, Oregon and had also had some sort of difficulty at Minneapolis, Minn. He stated that [REDACTED] was given to telling various lurid tales and his reputation for veracity was not very good.

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██████████ continuing advised that on one occasion when ██████████ had been drinking heavily he ██████████ had stated that he knew where \$25,000 of the Urschel kidnap money was, and when questioned further stated the Mayor of a city on the Mississippi was in possession of said amount of said money but was not spending it for fear it would be traced.

██████████ stated he did not think much of the matter at the time due to ██████████ propensities for departing from the truth but that when he later chided ██████████ about it at a time when ██████████ was sober he was informed that "that was one bit of information that was on the level".

██████████ stated that he did not report the matter at the time but in view of the fact that ██████████ subsequently passed several worthless checks and left town and in view of his reported past criminal record, after consideration he had felt the matter worth checking up and so had reported it to the Bureau.

██████████ stated that ██████████ had a wife and child who came to Plattsburgh with him in 1934 but who had since left him and returned to Minneapolis, Minnesota which he understood was her home.

He advised that the last he had heard of ██████████ he was living with an Uncle, ██████████ on a farm outside of Plattsburgh. He described ██████████ as follows:

Name	██████████
Age	27 years
Height	5' 8"
Weight	170 lbs.
Build	Stocky
Hair	Black
Eyes	Blue
Marital Status	Married
Occupation	Claims to be a lawyer

██████████ Plattsburgh, N.Y. was interviewed and advised that he was working the ██████████ farm and that ██████████ had been living with him until the latter part of March 1935 when he had left for parts unknown. He advised that ██████████ had been employed as a salesman for the "Home Comfort Stove Company" of St. Louis, Missouri; that he had forged checks against the company and others and had then skipped out.

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██████████ advised that ██████████ was an orphan and had been reared by relatives ██████████ brother and sister of ██████████ Plattsburgh, N.Y. who were the owners of the farm on which he resided. He stated that these relatives knew that ██████████ was crooked but he doubted whether they would divulge any information of his whereabouts. He referred agent to a ██████████ who boarded with the ██████████ and stated that ██████████ would be a reliable source of information.

██████████ was interviewed at his shop in the rear of ██████████. He advised that he resided at ██████████ but took his meals at ██████████ and knew ██████████ well.

██████████ also stated that he had been attached to the Army Intelligence service department of the Department of Justice during the war and that he and his wife had occasion to be of service to said Department since that time in connection with a White Slave matter.

██████████ advised that the last he had heard of ██████████ was a letter he received from him postmarked "Burke, N.Y. March 30, 1935" with a return address ██████████ Smith Hotel, Malone, N.Y. The letter requested him to have certain persons in Plattsburgh write letters of recommendation for him to the Wrought Iron Range Company, 5661 Natural Bridge Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri and stated he expected to connect with them. ██████████ turned over the letter to Agent and it is being filed at the Buffalo Office. ██████████ was of the opinion that the name ██████████ used on the return address was an alias ██████████ was using.

██████████ advised that he had never heard ██████████ mention the Urschel case but that ██████████ had a criminal record and was mixed up in the Fauchet (phonetic) Brokerage case at Minneapolis. He was of the opinion that ██████████ was wanted in Minneapolis. He stated that he doubted whether ██████████ relatives would give information of his whereabouts if they know but stated that he would make inquiry of them, would also procure the name and address of ██████████ wife and sister who live in Minneapolis, and also the name of an acquaintance to whom ██████████ writes in said city, and that he would gladly communicate this information to the Buffalo Bureau Office, the address of which was furnished him.

Subsequently by letter dated May 20, 1935 ██████████ advised the Buffalo office that ██████████ was seen in Canton, N.Y. one week previously driving a horse and buggy; that ██████████ sister ██████████ is alleged to have been last employed by the Relief Association at St. Paul, Minn. altho not known whether such association was State or Federal; that ██████████ wife was ██████████ with whom their daughter ██████████ is now residing somewhere in Minneapolis.

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██████████ further stated in his communication that ██████████ has a cousin, ██████████ who is very fond of him and who is allegedly living with a ██████████ family in Troy, N.Y. but may be located through Albany Business College, Albany, New York.

AT GOUVENEUR, NEW YORK

As the result of information received from ██████████ Plattsburgh, N.Y. by letter dated May 20, 1935 to the effect that ██████████ had been seen in Canton, N.Y. driving a horse and buggy about a week previous an extended inquiry was conducted in and about Canton, N.Y. to locate said ██████████

██████████ was located in Gouverneur, N.Y. where he was employed as a salesman for the "Home Comfort Stove Company of St. Louis, Missouri". When questioned as to what information he possessed relative to the possessor of \$25,000 of the ransom money of instant case he denied he had ever made the statement that he knew that a Mayor of a city on the Mississippi had such an amount of said money. He stated that he recalled reading in Walter Winchell's column some time ago that a Mayor of a mid-western city was reported to be holding such an amount of said money and that he remembered remarking that if this fact were so he knew who the mayor was. He stated that the mayor he had in mind was "Buzz" Bainbridge of Minneapolis. He advised that the only grounds for this belief were facts of common knowledge, namely, that there had been a shake up in the police shortly after said case broke; that several people had gone down from Minneapolis to testify at the trial and other minor gossip of a like nature.

██████████ further advised that if he had made any assertions that he knew more than above stated about instant case he was under the influence of liquor at the time.

██████████ stated he had left Plattsburgh because he had overdrawn his checking account while intoxicated; that this was a common failing with him; that he had been arrested in Denver, Colorado on a similar charge. He stated this was the only criminal record he had. He advised that he had formerly been employed as a bond salesman for ██████████ who was now serving a sentence for illegal stock promotion but that he had not been involved in any way in this case.

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No address is being listed for [REDACTED] as he is continuously travelling. He stated that his nearest relative is a sister, [REDACTED] Minot, North Dakota.

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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 1, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Lasker Case

Time - 12:25 p.m.

Mr. Brantley called from Oklahoma City. He said he had taken up the matter of Spears' presence at the Lasker trial on June 3th with the United States Attorney, and the United States Attorney urgently requests that Spears be there. The United States Attorney was told of the case upon which Spears is working, but he nevertheless feels that Spears' presence in Oklahoma City is necessary to the success of the Oklahoma City trial.

I believe it would be best to see what the conditions are on the morning of June 6th, as that will give Spears time to reach Oklahoma City by the 8th, before coming to a final decision.

Respectfully,

H. Nathan.

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FOUR TWENTY POST OFFICE
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GEORGE KELLY BARNES WAETAL SUBPOENAS HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO MARSHAL NORTHERN DISTRICT FOLLOWING PERSONS [REDACTED] BOTH COLEMAN TEXAS [REDACTED] BOTH PARADISE TEXAS [REDACTED] BRIDGEPORT TEXAS [REDACTED] DARE WESTERN UNION DALLAS TEXAS [REDACTED] DECATUR TEXAS PLEASE CONTACT MARSHAL AND IF SERVICE IS NOT HAD ON ANY OF THESE WITNESSES WIRE IMMEDIATELY LASKA TRIAL SET JUNE TENTH

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May 29, 1935.

CT: [redacted]

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

[redacted] communicated with me this afternoon stating that the Attorney General was working on a special matter and desired information pertaining to the Urschel Case. He stated he had previously seen a copy of the Urschel chart showing the pictures of persons convicted together with sentences imposed and I gave him another copy of the chart. He later informed me that the Attorney General desired information as to the charges under which some of the less important persons in this case were convicted. I told him this information was not readily available in the Bureau but I thought it could be secured from the Criminal Division.

Respectfully,

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Clyde Tolson.

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
SEVEN TWENTY TWO MIDLAND SAVINGS
DENVER COLORADO

GEORGE KELLY BARNES WARRANT SUBPOENAS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS

[REDACTED] US COMMISSIONER LAST KNOWN ADDRESS
OF ALL WITNESSES EXCEPT [REDACTED] WILL BE NOTED IN YOUR FILE LASKA TRIAL SET JUNE
TENTH PLEASE CONTACT MARSHAL AND IF SERVICE NOT HAD ON ANY THESE WITNESSES WIRE
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 29, 1935.

Time - 11:05 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Urschel Kidnaping Case.

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Chief Clerk
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Mr. Coffey
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Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schmidt
Mr. Schilder
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During a telephonic conversation which Mr. Spears had with Mr. Newby, Mr. Spears stated that he is in receipt of a telegram from the Oklahoma City regarding the above entitled case, in which it is stated that Mr. Spears will be needed in Oklahoma City not later than June 8, 1935, in connection with the case.

In view of the emergency situation existing in the Portland Office district, Mr. Spears requested that the Bureau take up with the Oklahoma City Office the matter of his going to Oklahoma City, and see if it is absolutely necessary that he be there on the date above mentioned.

Please do so.

J. E. H.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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RE: URSCHEL KIDNAPING CASE

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I called Brantley at Oklahoma City with regard to the desire of the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City that Agent Spears be there not later than June 8th in connection with the Laskey angle of the Urschel kidnaping case. I told him Spears is tied up in the [redacted] case; that Spears, of course, has local contacts in that vicinity which are valuable and that, if at all possible to get along without Spears it would be extremely desirable to do so. Brantley is going to take this up with the United States Attorney and advise the Bureau.

It would appear that Agent in Charge Jones is in Oklahoma City at the present time at the request of the United States Attorney for a conference with him as to the original phases of the Urschel case.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

Chicago Illinois

June 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, with
aliases, et al; CHARLES F.
URSHEL, Victim; KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 25, 1935,
regarding the disposal of the car confiscated from Subject Charles
Caplan, on October 11, 1933.

From the time this Office first commenced using this
car there was expended the amount of approximately \$36.00 for
necessary repairs to put the car in good running condition. It
has not, however, been used for the past two months.

In discussing further the disposal of this car with
the United States Attorney's Office, I have been informed that
the matter of disposing of this car is not one for the Courts to
decide inasmuch as no Court action was ever instituted to get
title to it. It would appear, therefore, that the only other
procedure is to return the car direct to Caplan.

Accordingly, it is my intention, providing it meets
with your approval to contact Caplan and return the car to him.
If possible I intend to endeavor to secure for the Government
reimbursement from Caplan for the repairs made on this car.

It would be appreciated if you will advise me at your
earliest convenience whether the above procedure meets with
your approval.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis
M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 8, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: CONFISCATED AUTOMOBILE

Reference is made to your communication dated June 3, 1935, wherein you advise that you are contemplating returning to Charles Caplan the automobile which was confiscated from him on October 11, 1933.

It is not believed that it will be possible for you to demand payment for the repairs made on the automobile since it has been confiscated by you. The Bureau has no objection whatsoever to your returning this automobile to Caplan.

The Bureau should be advised immediately upon the return of this automobile.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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E. J. [Signature]

URSCHEL CASE USA OKLAHOMACITY DESIRES FOLLOWING AGENTS

PRESENT LASKA TRIAL NINE AM JUNE TENTH JOHN A DOWD

ZIMMER [REDACTED] C C SPEARS [REDACTED]

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June 5, 1935.

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT **CHICAGO**

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OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

GEORGE KELLY BARNES WA ETAL ALL SUBPENAS MENTIONED YOUR WIRE JUNE FIRST RECEIVED BY MARSHAL EXCEPTING [REDACTED] STOP ALL SERVED EXCEPT [REDACTED] WHO NOW RESIDES [REDACTED] WASHINGTON DC STOP MARSHAL ADVISED HE RECEIVED SUBPENNA FOR AGENT VC ZIMMER NOT NOW ASSIGNED HERE

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RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases
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^D GEORGE KELLY BARNES USA HERE ADVISES AGENT [REDACTED] IS

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 - Chief Clerk ✓
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 - Mr. Tamm ✓
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DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 5, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: URSCHEL KIDNAPING CASE

The prosecution of the Laska phase of the Urschel case will be initiated in Federal Court at Oklahoma City on Monday, June 10th. The United States Attorney desires Spears in Oklahoma City on Saturday, June 8th, and two other Agents now attached to [redacted] squad have been subpoenaed for the 10th, i.e., [redacted] and [redacted].

I recommend that these men be instructed to leave for Oklahoma City by airplane so as to permit them to remain on the Weyerhaeuser detail as long as possible. I do not think it would be desirable to keep them away from Oklahoma City, inasmuch as the United States Attorney there is putting on the usual circus, is going to put Urschel on the stand and go through the greater part of the original trial, and we will be accused of not cooperating if we do not have our Agents there.

Will you please advise me so that I may notify [redacted]

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

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AGENT [REDACTED] AUTHORIZED RETURN PORTLAND AFTER TERMINATION TRIAL URSCHEL
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

June 7, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: ~~BEN~~LASKA - et al;
CHAS. F. URSCHEL - Victim;
Kidnaping

Time - 12:00 Noon

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Scheidt	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Smith	.....
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

Mr. Brantley called from Oklahoma City to advise that they have been reviewing files for the trial of Ben Laska on Monday and came across a notebook, which was obtained in the office of Laska during the search last December and found therein a page on which had been written some information in pencil but had been erased and which may be of assistance in the above trial. He wanted to know if there is some way by which the Laboratory could bring the information out. I told him the Bureau had some success in bringing out erased writing but it depends on the paper and material used, also the age of the writing and a great many things. I suggested he send the notebook air mail, special delivery and if necessary a code telegram will be sent him as to the results. Mr. Brantley suggested that an Agent bring the book to Washington, if it was possible for the Laboratory to work on it, because it was needed Tuesday and he thought it important enough to do this. I told him this would be all right.

Mr. Brantley further advised that he had about \$5100 and two automobiles which he got from three bank robbers, [redacted] and another individual and which he would like to get rid of. The United States Attorney does not want to take over some of the money which was received from the Fort Smith, Ark. district. I suggested that the United States Attorney be given the part which belongs to him to keep in the possession of the Clerk of the Court and send the part which belongs to the Fort Smith district to SAC Shivers registered mail to be given to the United States Attorney in that district. The two automobiles were taken from two of the robbers and were not stolen cars. I suggested that he ask the robbers what they desired done with the cars.

Respectfully,

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E. A. Tamm.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases,
ET AL: CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim,
Kidnaping.

At the time of the arrest of Ben B. Laska in Denver,
Colorado, his office was searched and certain documents and memo-
randa were taken and forwarded to this office.

In a further examination of these exhibits, in order
to determine just which would be used in evidence in the case, a
thorough examination was made of the black "G. E." notebook, which
contained certain entries relative to Laska's connection with Al-
bert L. Bates. A further examination this morning developed on a
page of this notebook under date of September 11, 1933, a penciled
memorandum had been erased. Such examination as is possible to
make here brings out the word "contacted" and a name following
this word thought to be "Axel". The words "bring with" are also
discernible.

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According to the statement of Edward ~~Feldman~~, he was
instructed by Laska to assume the alias "Axel ~~Johnson~~". Feldman
further stated that he contacted Laska in Denver, Colorado on Sep-
tember 11, 1933 and at that time Laska instructed him to bring
\$2,000.00 to Oklahoma City and that \$1,000.00 of this money was to
be paid to someone associated with Laska in the case. The records
here disclose that Feldman did arrive in Oklahoma City on September
16, 1933 and according to his statement he contacted Laska in the
Biltmore Hotel on September 17, 1933 with the \$2,000.00 of the ransom
money and was instructed by Laska to place same under a rug in the
bathroom of Laska's room at the Hotel. The witness further states
that it was at that time that he saw Attorney James ~~Mathers~~, a de-
fendant in this case, in the room of Laska.

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It is believed that the notation erased from this book recorded the contact of Laska with "Axel" and recorded the instructions given him relative to bringing the \$2,000.00 to Oklahoma City. If our deductions are correct this will be a vital bit of evidence in this case. In accordance with telephonic conversation between Special Agent in Charge Brantley and Mr. Tamm today, it is desired that a laboratory examination be made in an effort to develop what was written on the page bearing the erasure. An Agent from this office is leaving by plane today for Washington with this book. If the writing is brought out and it has a bearing on the contact between Feldman and Laska and Feldman's trip to Oklahoma City, the employee in the laboratory who develops the writing will have to return to Oklahoma with the Agent who brings the book back, in order to testify to his findings. The trial starts Monday morning and as there are other entries in the book that will be evidence in this case it is absolutely essential that the book be back in Oklahoma City not later than Tuesday, June 11, 1935.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: GEORGE JAMES B. WELLS, with aliases,
ET AL: O. H. W. J. BRONDEL, Victim,
Kidnaping.

Number: 7-115-1627

Specimens: One black "B. L." notebook.

Examination requested by: Oklahoma City Bureau Office.

Date received: 6-12-65

Examination requested: Indented writing.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appel

W. J. M. Appel

- Dec. 1977

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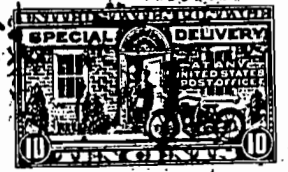
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AUTHORITY GRANTED AGENTS [redacted] AND [redacted] USE PLANE OKLAHOMA CITY RE
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- Chief Clerk
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Edwards
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- Mr. Harbo
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LETTER OKLAHOMA CITY JUNE FIFTH TO YOU ERRONEOUSLY FORWARDED BUREAU ADVISES
AGENTS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] NECESSARY WITNESSES OKLAHOMA CITY
JUNE THIRTEENTH IN CASE [REDACTED] WA ETAL ER AGENT [REDACTED]
NECESSARY WITNESS OKLAHOMA CITY JUNE TENTH IN CASE BEN B LASKA ETAL
REQUESTS AGENTS PRESENCE OKLAHOMA CITY DATES NAMED

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

FILE NO. **7-8**

REPORT MADE AT: Kansas City, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-10-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6-5 & 8-35	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] b7C
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, ET AL CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mother and wife of [REDACTED] unable to reveal present whereabouts of Dr. G. J. Adrienne. [REDACTED] Politician, Little Rock, Arkansas, may know where Dr. Adrienne is at the present time. [REDACTED] has not heard from Dr. Adrienne since he left Jonesboro, Arkansas.

R. U. C.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Little Rock, Arkansas, dated 4-29-35.

DETAILS:

The telephone and city directories for Kansas City, Missouri fail to list a Linmont Apartment. Inquiry was made at the Linmont Apartments, 1206 Linwood, Kansas City, Missouri, but the records at that apartment failed to show any registration for [REDACTED] **b7C**

DETAILS:

The [REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri, advised that the National Bond & Investment Company at Kansas City, Missouri had made inquiry concerning [REDACTED] on May 22, 1935. The records of the National Bond & Investment Company showed [REDACTED] address as being [REDACTED]. At this address the writer interviewed [REDACTED] mother of [REDACTED] who stated that her son was at the present time out of the city and she did not know exactly when he would return; that at the present time he is selling hair dressing devices manufactured by himself in the basement of his mother's home to jobbers in this vicinity. [REDACTED] stated that she was positive that her son had never heard from Dr. Adrienne since he left Jonesboro, Arkansas, but suggested that the writer contact [REDACTED] wife, who is employed at the Hutton Beauty Shop, 7112 Wornell, Kansas City, Missouri. **b7C**

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [Signature]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE 7-115-1630	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUN 12 1935
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3 - Bureau 3 - Oklahoma City (1 U.S. Atty., Okla. City) 2 - Chicago 2 - St. Paul 2 - Little Rock		UNITED STATES JUN 12 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: [REDACTED] FILE

██████████ stated she was positive her husband had never seen or heard from Dr. Adrienne since he left Jonesboro, Arkansas; that her husband had answered an ad in a newspaper for a salesman and that it was in this manner that he became acquainted with Dr. Adrienne; that he sold merchandise for Dr. Adrienne, not knowing anything at the time concerning the illegality of these sales, and that it was because of Dr. Adrienne that her husband had been arrested at Jonesboro, Arkansas in April 1934 for obtaining money under false pretenses. ██████████ further advised she understood Dr. Adrienne was a good friend of ██████████ a big politician in Little Rock, Arkansas, and thought that ██████████ might be able to reveal Dr. Adrienne's present whereabouts.

On June 8, 1935, ██████████ called the writer and advised he had not heard from or seen Dr. C. J. Adrienne since he left Jonesboro, Arkansas; that Dr. Adrienne told him at that time that he was going to Little Rock, Arkansas, where ██████████ had offered him a job and the ██████████ might be able to tell where Dr. Adrienne could be located at the present time. ██████████ advised that Mrs. Adrienne's maiden name was ██████████ (phonetic), and that her father resided at St. Joe, Michigan; that Dr. Adrienne had mentioned having been in St. Joe, Michigan on several occasions, and suggested that he might have returned to that city. It is being left to the discretion of the office of origin whether any inquiry should be made at St. Joe, Michigan, in an effort to locate Dr. Adrienne.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE LITTLE ROCK BUREAU OFFICE at Little Rock, Arkansas, will interview ██████████ a local politician, relative to the present whereabouts of Dr. C. J. Adrienne. Whether or not ██████████ should be interviewed directly is left to the discretion of the Little Rock Office.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 10, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

5:15 P.M.

RE: URSCHEL KIDNAPING CASE

Brantley at Oklahoma City advised that the Laska case was brought to trial this morning; that the jury has been selected and the opening statements are now being made; that any developments of an extraordinary nature will be promptly reported. He asked whether it would be all right to send in a summary wire on this matter each night, and I advised that it would.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
U.S. Dept. Justice, Wash. D.C.

Dear Sir JUN 20 1935 RECORDED & INDEXED

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The enclosed clipping mentions you Shyster Lawyers, who defend known criminals, and fight for their ill gotten money. To get them free to commit more crime. are not good citizens and should be put before the firing squad with the rest of the gangsters.

Why not try this plan, when you get these crooks, no water, nothing to eat, until they tell of every one, who may have been implicated with the crime.

Respectfully submitted
[Redacted Signature]

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P. G. Pa. Gov.

Is there any sense allowing
lawyers to get this stolen money
for defending criminals, why not
get it back and give it to the
rightful owner.

Yours Respectfully
[Redacted]

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The U.S. Judge in the case
inclosed, ought to resign, for that
decision is absolutely against the
law abiding citizen.

KIDNAP ATTORNEYS WIN POINT IN TRIAL

By The United Press

OKLAHOMA CITY, June 10—
Counsel for Ben F. Laska, Denver,
and James C. Mathers, Oklahoma
City, attorneys charged with receiving a portion of the Charles F. Urschel ransom as fees, claimed a major victory as the trial opened today.

U. S. Judge Edgar S. Waught said he would instruct the jurors that an attorney has a right to represent a person accused of any crime, and that the attorney does not need to inquire where the accused person got his money or what kind of money was to be used in paying the fee.

David Tank, Oklahoma City attorney who entered the case for Laska at the last moment, had contemplated appealing to the American Bar Association for assistance, on the plea that all attorneys might be jeopardized by conviction of Mathers and Laska.

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June 18, 1935

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[REDACTED]
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

The contents of your letter of June 10, 1935, concerning so-called "shyster lawyers", and the newspaper clipping enclosed with your letter, have been noted.

Your interest in furnishing this Bureau with your views on this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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GEORGE KELLY BARNES CHARLES F URSCHEL VICTIM KIDNAPING AGENT

DEPARTED LAST NIGHT FOR WASHINGTON WITH DOCUMENT FOR

EXAMINATION MENTIONED MY CONVERSATION TAMM YESTERDAY ARRIVING

FIVE THIRTY THIS EVENING SUGGEST HAVE EXPERT AVAILABLE FOR

THIS EXAMINATION THIS EVENING AND TOMORROW AS EARLY RETURN OF

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

Dear Sir:

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

Please furnish for the use of this office
twelve copies of the list of ransom bills in the
above-entitled case at the earliest practicable date.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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