

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report



Case: *Unknown Subjects* Number: *7-277-11*

Specimen: *Handwriting* [Redacted]

Examination requested by: *& f.p. of 16 individuals* [Redacted]

Date received: *10/26/30*

Examination desired: *compare with latents on orig. letter and compare handwriting*

Date of Report: *11/11/30*

Result of examination: [Redacted] Examination by: [Redacted]

*Fingerprints sent to [Redacted]
Exhibition letter is disguised
and there is not sufficient
similarity to say written by [Redacted]
might be but [Redacted] would not
normally write like that.*

All b7C

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Laboratory Report

Case: *George P. Kelly*

Number:

Specimen: *Letter of Kathryn Kelly to her mother*

Examination requested by: *Mr. R. J. Harrison*
Director

Date received: *10/27/33*

Examination desired:

Compare handwriting with that of the
letters signed Geo. P. Kelly the 1/14/33 and Oklahoma
newspaper

Date of Report:

Result of examination:

Examination by:

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5-230

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Laboratory Report

Case: *Unknown Subjects, Lindbergh Case* Number: *7-1*

Specimen: *206 handwriting of John Gorch*

Examination requested by: *San Antonio Office*

Date received: *10/20/33*

Examination desired: *Compare with Extortion Notes*

Date of Report: *11/27/33*

Result of examination: Examination by:

10/20 telephoned Mr. Hylton of similarity and asked for more specimens. Said would phone local office. Additional specimens secured 11/3 comparisons prepared showing similarity and necessity for further specimens before final complete decision made. Believe extreme likelihood Gorch connection with extortion notes.

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Laboratory Report

Case: *Vernon C. Miller et al KC Murder Case* Number: *62-48915-73*
Specimen: *3 specimens handwriting on applications for money orders from Temple of 2 patrons*
Examination requested by: *San Antonio office*
Date received: *10/31/73*
Examination desired: *compare with anonymous letter to*
Karan Thales Temple of 2/25/73
Date of Report: *11/2/73*
Result of examination: *11/2/73* Examination by:

10/31/73. Mrs. Gazier might have written the letter altho' there is insufficient normal writing in the specimens to make positive conclusion.

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Laboratory Report

Case: *John Sudduth Vitaliano et al* Number: *7-223-4*
Specimen: *Report from 10/7/32*
Letter from 9/19/32
Specimen Ernest Everett

Examination requested by: *Gov of Ariz* [redacted]
W. J. Hoff
Date received: *10/31/33*
Examination desired: *2 sets specimens* " "
check " "
photostatics " "
general & check on bomb fragments " "
Date of Report: *11/14/33* " "
Result of examination: *Invoice 2/6/30* Examination by: [redacted]
Calendar
Extortion letter 2/4

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None of these are identical with the extortion letter altho there is insufficient of some signatures to adequately compare.

11/14 spec. to Sanford Appel Bu of Standards to test color of red circle symbol.

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Laboratory Report

Case: *R. J. Reynolds Victim, Extortion* Number:
Specimen: *Envelope & Extortion letter*
Specimens 1 & 2 respectively
Examination requested by: *Mr. Hughes*
Date received: *10/31/33*
Examination desired: *General - Special*
Date of Report: *10/31/33*
Result of examination: Examination by:

no watermark on envelope or paper
Paper 6.72 x 7.39 lines blue .35-
apart starting 1/2" of top one side
1/2" other. Paper torn from
note pad as indicated by glue
on top back.

Envelope 3.62 x 6.5 Postmarked
Winston-Salem N.C. 12/20/33
3¢ stamp.

Embossing cap printed letters
but dots occasionally small v.
small d Guiness, Carlson & Co.
small u.

to FP to Charlotte

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Laboratory Report

Case: *Geo. H. Kelly et al* Number: *7-115*
Specimen: *13 letters and postcard addressed to Kathryn Kelly also 3 letters written by*
Examination requested by: *her to be mailed out.*
Date received: *Mr. Hughes*
Examination desired: *15/31/33*
Date of Report: *general*
Result of examination: *11/13/33* Examination by:

Tested all above by Ultra Violet without result.

Returned Prisoners.

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good figure for others
Tables with Cotton bean
for Ed. M.G.

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Laboratory Report

Case:

Specimen:

Case: *Geo. H. Kelly et al (murder/kidnap)*
Number: *7-115*
Specimen: *letter to Mr. Keenan*
Murdering
7 airtels Seattle 9/25/33

Examination requested by:

Date received:

Examination desired:

Date of Report:

Result of examination:

Unit 1
1079/33
general
10711/33

Examination by:

appd

cut at 7 5/16 x 5 5/8 folded Env. 4 x 5 7/8
Watermark
Paper both Env. & letter are
watermark "grained" to resemble linen.
on lower right corner of note paper
running diagonally almost 1/4 of
sheet via flower design watermark
some not known. Handwriting resembles
woman or young person - *Shella*
Kelly "Kelly" sometimes & "Kelley" another
variant - signs as "the going Pat"
Handwriting & printing do not compare
any specimens Kelly case or similar case or
orig to Miller, Underhill etc.

orig by photo.

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Laboratory Report

Case: *Geo. R. Kelly* Number: *7-110*
Specimen: *1 box 45 cal. cartridges
1 cart case & bullet*

Examination requested by: *Birmingham office*
Date received: *10/9/33*

Examination desired: *compare other specimens such as
Kansas City "Mound"*
Date of Report: *Nov 10 1933*
Result of examination: *Not similar to pictures of
Kansas City bullets & shells but have
photos forwarded to KC for comparison
& return to be kept in Lab.*
Examination by: *Adler*

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Laboratory Report

Case: *Geo. J. Kelly (Carrhell) Kidnapping* Number: *7-115*
 Specimen: *Photo. of letter addressed to Mr. Keenan*
by Kathryn Kelly 9/20 from Chi.
 Examination requested by: *Chgo. City Office Mr. Nathan*
 Date received: *10/2/33*
 Examination desired: *compare handwriting*
 Date of Report: *10/3/33*
 Result of examination: Examination by: *cropper*

Handwriting is that of Mrs. Kathryn Kelly. I did not have possession of original which was in custody of messenger from Mr. Cowley & returned to him.

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Room 5519

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<input type="checkbox"/> Phone Me	<input type="checkbox"/> Note & Return
<input type="checkbox"/> Record & Return	<input type="checkbox"/> Record & Route

Shall we send?

al ignorant Charles,
Just a few lines to
let you know that I
am getting my plane
laid to destroy your
so called mansion, and
you and your family
immediately after this
trial. And young fellow
I guess you've begun
to realize your serious
mistake.

Are you ignorant
enough to think the
government can guard
you forever?

I gave you ~~more~~ ^{more} ~~more~~ than that,
and figured you thought
too much of your
family to jeopardize them
as you have, but
if you don't look out
for them why should
me. I dislike hurting
the innocent, but I told
you exactly what would
happen and you saw
but \$200,000 more every
thing I said will be
true. You are living
on borrowed time now

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You know that the
Shannon family are
victims of circumstances
the same as you were

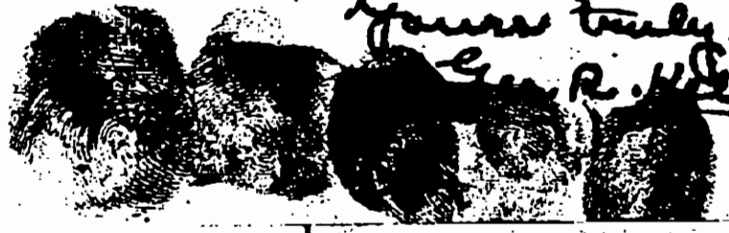
You don't seem to
mind prosecuting the
innocent, neither will I
have any conscience
qualms over brutally
murdering your family

The Shannon have
put the heat on, but I
don't desire to see the
prosecuted as they are
innocent and I have

You might state for
Mr. Keenan's benefit that
he has never come any
where near catching me
although I have even
been in Oklahoma City
four nights and up
town each day.

We will see how
the trial progresses and
can adjust our end
accordingly. I am putting
my prints on this so you
will know it is genuine.

Yours truly,
Gen. R. Wiley.



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a much better method
of settling with them,
as far as the guilty
being punished you
would probably have
lived the rest of your
life in peace had you
tried only the guilty,
but if the Shamons
are convicted look out,
and God help you, for
he is the only one that
will be able to do you
any good.

In the event of
my arrest I am already

formed a outfit to
take care of our destiny
you and yours the
same as if I was
there. I am spending
your money to have
you and your family
hilled - nice - eh!

You are bombing
people that have
cash - planes - bombs
and unlimited contacts
both here and ~~abroad~~
I have friends in
Oklahoma City that know
every move and every

plan you make, and
you are well too don't
to figure out the finger
man there
all my brain was
no longer than
the government would
have had me long
ago, as it is I am
drinking good beer
and will yet see ^{you} and
your family like I
should have left you
at first stone dead.

I don't worry about
Bates and Paule they

will be out for the
ceremonies, "your slaughter"

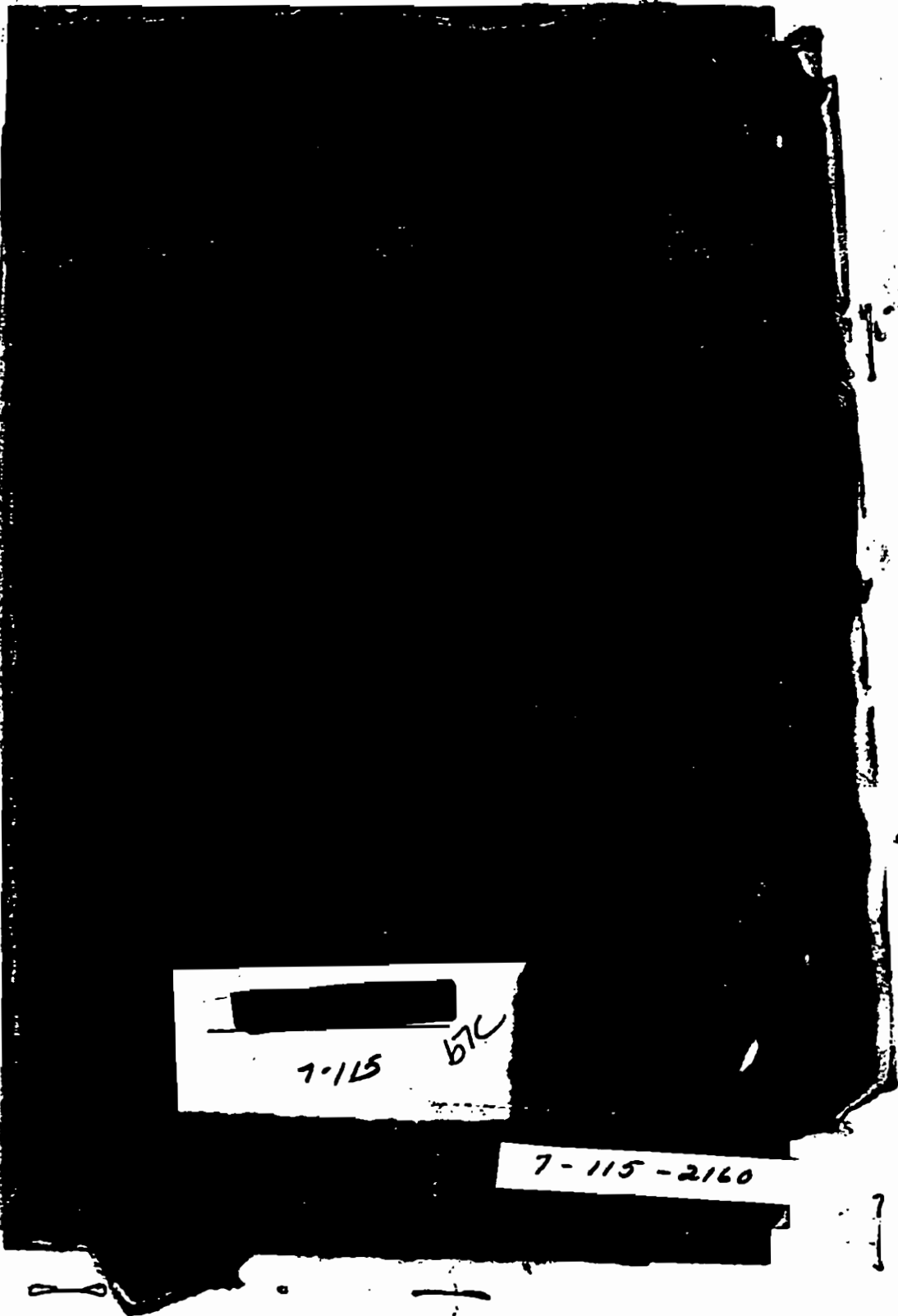
Now I say - it is
up to you, if the
shadows are converted
you can get your soul
and wife in Hell, because
that will be the only
place you can use our
"Adios" meant our
your worst enemy,

Geo. R. Kelly,
I will put my prints
below so you can't see
some crack, wrote this
(over)



Give Kenan my
regards and ^{feel} tell
him maybe he would
like to meet the owner
of the above.

See you in the



[Redacted]
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7-115-2160

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

1200 Tower Petroleum Bldg.

Dallas, Texas

May 28, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

A letter has been received from [redacted] Texas State Bank, Jacksonville, Texas, dated May 21, 1940, advising that the bank had misplaced the list of serial numbers of the currency used in payment of the URSCHEL kidnaping case several years ago. He requested this office to send him two copies of that list. He further advised that if an Agent of this office is in the vicinity of Jacksonville, Texas, he would like to talk to him.

An examination of the files of the Dallas office fails to reveal any copies of the ransom list, in connection with this case. In view of such circumstances, it is requested that the Bureau furnish this office with six copies of that ransom list, two of which will be sent to [redacted] at Jacksonville, Texas.

A letter has been directed to [redacted] advising him that no extra copies of the ransom list are at hand at this office, and that same will be secured, and when same are received here, he will be furnished with two copies of same. [redacted] was further advised that when an Agent was next in the vicinity of Jacksonville, Texas, he will call upon him.

Very truly yours,

All b7C

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

EEC [redacted]
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cc: Oklahoma City

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<input type="checkbox"/> Miss Gandy	<input type="checkbox"/> Translation Unit
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Gauthier	<input type="checkbox"/> Bring file up to date
<input type="checkbox"/> Miss Stalcup	<input type="checkbox"/> Send File
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Albaugh	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Bryant	<input type="checkbox"/> Call me regarding this
<input type="checkbox"/> Miss Conlon	<input type="checkbox"/> Note and Return
<input type="checkbox"/> Miss Friedman	<input type="checkbox"/> Search, serialize and route
<input type="checkbox"/> Typists - 5724	<input type="checkbox"/> Stenographers 5724
<input type="checkbox"/> Stenographers 5706	<input type="checkbox"/> Stenographers 5730
<input type="checkbox"/> See Me	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare tickler for
	<input type="checkbox"/> Call these files

Send it to him

R
E. A. TAMM - 5734

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June 12, 1940

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Special Agent in Charge
Dallas, Texas

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, w.as.;
et al. CHARLES P. URSCHEL -
VICTIM; Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated
May 28, 1940, advising of a request from
[redacted] of the Texas State
Bank, Jacksonville, Texas, to be furnished two
copies of the ransom list prepared in instant case.

Pursuant to your suggestion there are
enclosed herewith six copies of these lists, dated
August 7, 1933, two of which may be transmitted to
[redacted]

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. Nathan _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Egan _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. _____

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
 MAILED
 ☆ JUN 12 1940 ☆
 P. M.
 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[Handwritten signature]
[Handwritten initials]

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Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-7**

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 7-5-40	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-18-40	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE GEORGE KELLEY BARNES, with aliases, etal; CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] Texas State Bank, Jacksonville, Texas, requests that an Agent contact [REDACTED] Texas State Bank, Sacul, Texas.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated June 12, 1940

DETAILS:

On May 21, 1940, [REDACTED] Texas State Bank, Jacksonville, Texas, by letter requested lists of serial numbers of the money used in payment in instant case and requested that an Agent contact him personally. [REDACTED] was contacted on June 18, 1940 by the writer at Jacksonville, Texas, at which time [REDACTED] advised that one [REDACTED] of the Texas State Bank, Sacul, Texas, possessed information concerning the passing of some of the URSCHEL kidnaping money and had requested [REDACTED] to have an Agent contact him at Sacul, Texas.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

At Sacul, Texas, will contact [REDACTED] of the Texas State Bank for information he may have concerning the passing of the URSCHEL kidnaping money.

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PENDING

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. E. Conroy</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">7-113-2123</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">JUL 22 1940</div>
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 - Bureau 2 - Oklahoma City 2 - Dallas 2 - S. J. [REDACTED]	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> COPIES DESTROYED 20 5 MAR 17 1965 </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px; font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;"> JUL 8 P.M. BARBO </div>

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

FILE NO. **7-7**

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 9-11-40	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-22-40 and 8-20-40	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE GEORGE KELLEY BARNES, with aliases, ET AL; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] Sacul, Texas, advised that one [REDACTED] had allegedly been approached by [REDACTED] Rusk, Texas, in effort to get [REDACTED] to change some of the URSCHEL ransom money into money that was not "hot". [REDACTED] now residing at Houston, Texas. [REDACTED] is alleged to have come into possession of information concerning the whereabouts of part of the URSCHEL ransom money while serving time in the County Jail, Tyler, Texas.

RUC.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated July 5, 1940, at Dallas, Texas.

DETAILS:

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Inasmuch as there was another employee in the Texas State Bank at Sacul, Texas, on July 22, 1940, [REDACTED] when contacted by Special Agent [REDACTED] was fearful of divulging the information that he had concerning certain alleged facts as to the possible whereabouts of the URSCHEL ransom money. The writer made an appointment with [REDACTED] on August 20, 1940, in order to ascertain what information was in [REDACTED] possession. Mr. [REDACTED], at that time advised that about one year ago an individual by the name of [REDACTED] of Rusk, Texas, had been convicted in the Federal Court at Tyler, Texas, for having forged some government bonds and cashed same. As the result of this conviction, he was sentenced to six months in the County Jail, at Tyler, Texas. While stationed at that point, [REDACTED] is supposed to have contacted someone who was in possession of information concerning the whereabouts of

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part of the URSCHEL ransom money. The proposition had been made to [redacted] that if he could raise a thousand dollars, \$10,000 of this ransom money would be turned over to him to be exchanged for money which was not "hot". In effort to raise this thousand dollars [redacted] is alleged to have approached one [redacted] Sacul, Texas, to help him ascertain that amount. The reason for wanting to raise that amount was explained by [redacted] to [redacted] and at the same time there was discussed the possibility of obtaining some local person to exchange part of this money at the Texas State Bank at Sacul, Texas, whereupon the name of [redacted] was mentioned. [redacted] was alleged to have been approached either by [redacted] or [redacted] relative to the exchanging of part of this money at the Texas State Bank. Upon being approached in this regard, according to the story given by [redacted] [redacted] approached [redacted] and asked him if there was any reward out for the return of the URSCHEL ransom money. [redacted] stating that he was more interested in getting a reward than he would be in having in his possession any "hot money". Upon being asked why he wanted to know if there was any reward out for the URSCHEL ransom money [redacted] related the above facts to [redacted]. In addition [redacted] advised [redacted] that the ransom money was supposedly buried somewhere in North Texas, and consisted of twenty dollar bills and that some woman was supposed to know the whereabouts of this money.

[redacted] stated that he did not feel that [redacted] actually had any knowledge as to the whereabouts of any of the URSCHEL ransom money, but he was fearful that [redacted] might be in possession of some counterfeit money and would attempt to pass same at his bank. However, as an additional precaution, he had requested of [redacted] of the Texas State Bank, at Jacksonville, Texas, a list of serial numbers of the ransom money in instant case.

[redacted] stated that although he did not actually promise [redacted] that he would not mention this matter to anyone, he would not desire that [redacted] be advised that he, [redacted] had related all the above facts but suggested that [redacted] merely be approached upon the proposition that he had been asking if there was any reward out for the URSCHEL ransom money and it was believed that if approached in this manner [redacted] would relate all the facts in his possession.

[redacted] did not know [redacted] exact address in Houston, Texas, inasmuch as he had just recently moved there from Sacul, Texas, and could be located through [redacted] Houston, Texas. Both [redacted] and [redacted] are employed as machinists in Houston.

[redacted] stated that he felt that [redacted] had approached [redacted] in order to raise the thousand dollars because [redacted] was not of the highest type of character and he had just recently inherited a little property and [redacted] probably thought [redacted] might be in possession of some ready cash. However this was very unlikely according to [redacted] [redacted] was of the opinion that [redacted] had been approached relative to the exchange of this

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money because he ran with a type of crowd that might engage in trying to exchange "hot" money for good money and would be a logical person for this exchange although he himself did not bear a criminal reputation. It is deemed inadvisable at this time to contact either [redacted] or [redacted] until [redacted] has been interviewed in order to verify information in his possession. Therefore, no leads are being set out to interview either [redacted] or [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he was going to be on the alert for the possibility of any URSCHEL ransom money passing through his bank now that he had been supplied with a list of ransom serial numbers.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION:

At Houston, Texas: Will through [redacted] locate [redacted] concerning any facts in his possession as to the possible whereabouts of any of the URSCHEL ransom money. It should be borne in mind that at the time [redacted] is interviewed [redacted] did not desire that he be advised that any facts other than [redacted] had asked about a possible reward be revealed to him.

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

FILE NO. **7-7**

REPORT MADE AT HOUSTON, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 10/25/40	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/22-23/40	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE GEORGE KELLEY BARNES, with aliases, ET AL; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] of Rusk, Texas supposedly peddling URSCHEL ransom money. [REDACTED] not in possession of any facts concerning whereabouts of instant ransom money.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at Dallas, Texas, 9-11-40.

DETAILS:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

[REDACTED] employed with the Houston Pattern and Modal Company, M & M Building, [REDACTED] informed writer that he had been given to understand last spring by [REDACTED] of Sacul, Texas, who is now working for L. B. Price Company at Palestine, Texas, that [REDACTED] knew where it was possible to get some of the URSCHEL ransom money very cheaply. [REDACTED] got his information from [REDACTED] of Sacul, Texas, and [REDACTED] got his information concerning this matter from [REDACTED]

According to [REDACTED] was to get \$60,000 of instant ransom money for changing into un-numbered general currency. [REDACTED] contact was some unknown woman who had this money, and he was to take her to see her husband at some unknown penitentiary in order to make arrangements concerning it.

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7-7, [REDACTED] HOUSTON, 10-25-40

According to [REDACTED] is a bootlegger, drunkard, and gambler, and is thoroughly unreliable in every way.

[REDACTED] stated his story very frankly and advised that he had consulted [REDACTED] relative to this matter.

[REDACTED] stated that he had seen [REDACTED] since that time, but had never heard any more concerning the matter. He promised to contact the writer at the Houston Office should he hear of anything in connection with it.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
OCTOBER 31, 1940

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE KELLEY BARNES, with aliases; ETAL
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

The report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Houston,
Texas, dated October 25, 1940, indicates no information was
obtained which would justify further investigation. Therefore,
the case is closed.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Re: Research

The Bureau has received information that Kathryn Kelly, serving a life sentence for complicity in the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, in the Federal Correctional Institution at Terminal Island, California, is assistant editor of the prison magazine, "The Gull."

It is desired that you discreetly obtain recent issues of this magazine which contain articles written by Kathryn Kelly and forward the same to the Bureau as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Mr. Tolson _____
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- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Oklahoma City Times
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 25, 1940

FOUR—MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1940

OKLAHOMA CITY TIMES

Kathryn Kelly, Urschel Kidnap Figure, Turns Writer in Prison

Her Article in Publication for Inmates Reflects That Way of Transgressor Is Hard; She Also Pens a Poem

"It isn't play, it is sapping one's very life blood drop by drop. It is seeing 365 days filled with golden opportunities slipping away year by year, each day gone forever from the span of life."

Thus does Kathryn Kelly, serving a life sentence for complicity in the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, city oil man, reflect that, after serving seven dreary years of her term, the way of the transgressor is hard.

Kathryn, wife of George "Machine Gun" Kelly, who also is serving a life sentence for the same kidnaping, tries to temper the bitterness of her confinement with a self-styled "Pollyanna" article in the prison publication at Terminal Island, Calif., where she is confined in a federal correctional institution.

"We Gild the Lily" is the title of Kathryn's "Thanksgiving" day article written for "The Gull," prison publication. She is assistant editor of the prison organ. In the quip column in another part of the magazine, Kathryn indicates she hasn't lost her sense of humor by making the following contribution:

"Wanted—a 30-day vacation (without pay) once every five years. Same to be spent in a Los Angeles beauty shoppe smoothing away the 'Ravages of Time.'"

Also in the publication is a poem by Kathryn entitled, "The Want of You," which shows literary merit. Here is the first verse:

"In groping for cheerful words a poem to write,
I find I cannot grasp the gay in life tonight:
Years loom so long, fate is a devil, mad with glee,
Tossing poison arrows into the soul of me:

My heart is numb, yet aching with the need of you.
Orim, stark sadness dims everything I try to do.

That banner in courage I carried fell apart:
The want of you is like no other thing, dear heart."

In her Thanksgiving day article Kathryn says:

"Putting in 365 days per year for the government is not an assignment for 'softies,' neither is it a daily dose of the priceless vitamin 'golden sunshine.' We realize that every 'feminine fluff' beneath our roof carries within her heart a full quota of loneliness, grief and mental suffering. None of us likes to do 'time.' The government can never fashion from steel and stone a prison that will mean 'home' to any of its inhabitants.

"We are definitely no less a human



Kathryn Kelly

being because we bear a number. Neither is it necessary to carry a gleaming torch above our prison number in the way of self pity or utter despair.

"We can moan, groan, rebel, weep and create a world of gloom for ourselves, or we can fashion a happier one by grasping sunshine and beauty."

Kathryn wonders if the feminine sex after all is the weaker one, what with women in her institution facing a "real man-sized load of 'time.'"

"We soon realized for the first time in our lives we were forced to stand on our own feet," she wrote.

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December 30, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

SAC Fletcher called from Memphis relative to the material which had been furnished for the use of the Memphis Press-Scimitar in preparing several feature articles dealing with the Bureau's work. SAC Fletcher stated that Joe Guess of the Press-Scimitar who is preparing the articles had been able to write three or four from the material furnished and that he desired to have material to prepare three or four additional articles and after all of them had been prepared, they would be sent to the Bureau for prior approval. A letter is attached sending the material requested.

SAC Fletcher stated ^{Chas} one of the articles Guess was writing dealt with the Brachal case and that he wanted as much local data as possible dealing with the apprehension of "Machine Gun" Kelly and Kathryn Kelly at Memphis. I authorized Fletcher to furnish appropriate information from the Memphis files since we will have an opportunity to eliminate any possible undesirable material upon review.

Respectfully,

R. C. Hendon

- Mr. Tolson _____
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Special Agent in Charge
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your telephone conversation with Mr. Mendon on December 30, 1940, there is being forwarded under separate cover additional material which you may furnish to Mr. Joseph Guess of the Memphis Press-Scimitar for use in connection with the stores he is preparing on the Bureau's activities.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

UNDER SEPARATE COVER:

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2 photographs of Thomas H. Robinson, Jr.
Photograph of hideout of Robinson
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I. O. No. 1233

I. C. #7-2561

Photograph of Benny Dickson
Photograph of Estelle Dickson
Wanted Notice

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Memo. Re: Benny and Estelle Dickson

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January 22, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 19, 1940, wherein you were requested to discreetly obtain copies of the magazine, "The Gull," published by inmates of the Federal Correctional Institution at Terminal Island, California.

To date the Bureau has not received this material and it is desired that you obtain the same and forward it as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Reply in files on January 21, 1941.

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February 26, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. UOO J. A. CARUSI
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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

Recent press releases indicate that an application for clemency has been filed with the Department seeking leniency on behalf of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, the mother of Kathryn Kelly, and mother-in-law of George "Machine Gun" Kelly. Mrs. Shannon is now serving a life term for her participation in the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City oil man, in 1933.

You will recall that Urschel was held captive for several days while he was securing his release upon the payment of \$200,000.00 in ransom, at the farm owned by Mrs. Shannon and her husband, located near Paradise, Texas. The investigation revealed that Mrs. Shannon probably influenced her husband to engage in this enterprise. Prior to her marriage to Shannon she had operated a small hotel in Fort Worth, Texas, which was possessed of a very questionable reputation. The character, conduct, and attitude of her daughter, Kathryn Kelly, toward law enforcement is of course well known and unnecessary to relate here.

It is believed that Mrs. Shannon received approximately \$10,000.00 as her share of the ransom money, and investigation showed that she actively participated in holding Urschel prisoner on the farm. During, and previous to this same period of time, Special Agents ascertained that the Shannon farm had been used as a hideout and rendezvous for individuals engaged in illegal liquor operations, and other underworld characters, from whom the Shannons received money for this protection.

I thought you would be interested in having this information in reference to Mrs. Shannon readily available in your files.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Quiet Drive Made to Free Mrs. Shannon

Woman's Age Cited in Effort To Win Release

A quiet effort to obtain executive clemency for Mrs. Ora Shannon, serving a life term in a federal reformatory for her share in the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping is being conducted, it was learned Thursday.

Executive clemency is sought because Mrs. Shannon, now between 65 and 70 years old, will not become eligible for parole until 1948.

A formal application for clemency has been filed with the attorney general.

Mrs. Shannon and her daughter, Kathryn Kelly, wife of George "Machine Gun" Kelly, are in the Terminal island reformatory at Los Angeles, and are said to be considered model prisoners.

Kathryn Edits Paper

Kathryn Kelly, also serving a life term, is editor of the inmates' periodical, a privilege which would be given only to a model prisoner.

Edgar S. Vaught, federal judge, who presided over the trials, declined to comment. He said he would make a statement only if he were requested to by the attorney general.

Charles E. Dierker, federal district attorney, said he has received no communications on the matter. His predecessor, W. C. Lewis, vehemently opposed an application for clemency in January, 1936, almost three years after Mrs. Shannon began her life term. Herbert K. Hyde, city attorney, was federal district attorney during the kidnaping trials.

The trials here attracted nationwide attention because of the man involved and because it was the justice department's most thorough kidnaping prosecution up to that time.

Held on Shannon Farm

It was on the farm of Mrs. Shannon and her husband, R. G. "Boss" Shannon, near Paradise, Texas, that the oil millionaire was kept prisoner for eight days until the \$200,000 ransom was paid.

Testimony at the trial disclosed that Mrs. Shannon was closely associated during that time with her daughter, and Kelly, her daughter's husband. Mrs. Shannon fed Urschel when he was prisoner, the evidence showed.

Prosecutors here held that Mrs. Shannon was dominated by her daughter, and that Mrs. Shannon dominated her husband. A total of 20 persons were convicted in the crime.

Other persons convicted in the crime were Kelly and Shannon, and Urschel, Kelly and Shannon, and Urschel.

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

FILE NO. **7-9**

REPORT MADE AT San Francisco	DATE WHEN MADE 3/28/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/19/41	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7C
TITLE GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; ET AL CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

HARVEY J. BAILEY, prisoner, United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, filed petition for writ of habeas corpus on March 17, 1941; case number 2344S. Alleges he is unjustly retained for reason that United States District Court for Western District of Oklahoma at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma had no jurisdiction over the subject matter for which he was sentenced.

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DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

This investigation is predicated on information received from [REDACTED] United States District Court for the Northern District of California, advising that HARVEY J. BAILEY had on March 17, 1941 filed a petition in the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of California for a writ of habeas corpus. He advised that the case number was 2344S and that petitioner was at present a prisoner at Alcatraz. The petition of BAILEY was reviewed by the writer and in it BAILEY alleges that he is unjustly and unlawfully detained in the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz for the reason that the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in which Court he was indicted, tried, convicted, and sentenced, and committed for a term of his natural life to the custody of the Attorney General of the United States

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or his authorized representative for confinement in a United States Penitentiary, had no jurisdiction over the subject matter. Petitioner states that at the trial in the District Court of the United States at Oklahoma, the United States wholly and completely failed to prove that petitioner ever entered into a conspiracy in the State and District of Oklahoma and within the jurisdiction of said Court of the United States; that the overt acts which are set out and referred to in the indictment do not charge the petitioner with the commitment of any crime in the State or District of Oklahoma; that at the trial the petitioner during the most of September and October 1933 in the State and District of Oklahoma, the United States failed to prove that the petitioner committed any crime or overt acts whatsoever within the State and District of Oklahoma and the jurisdiction of the District Court of the United States; and despite the complete failure of the United States to prove that petitioner ever committed or conspired to commit crime within the State and District of Oklahoma and the jurisdiction of said District Court of the United States convicted, sentenced, and committed petitioner as set out above, all in violation of the right guaranteed to him under the Sixth Amendment to the Constitution. The petitioner further states that the indictment shows upon its face that the District Court of the United States for the Western District at Oklahoma, had no jurisdiction over the subject matter of said indictment.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

Will re-contact [REDACTED] b7c
United States District Court and report upon the pro-
ceedings of instant petition.

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TITLE GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; ET AL CHARLES F. URSCHEL-VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Petition of HARVEY J. BAILEY for habeas corpus denied by the Honorable A. F. St. Sure, in Southern Division of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California on March 28, 1941.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 3/28/41 at San Francisco.

DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

On March 29, 1941 [REDACTED] United States District Court for the Northern District of California, advised writer that the petition of HARVEY J. BAILEY for a writ habeas corpus, Docket #23444-S, had been denied, and that the following memorandum and order had been issued by the Honorable A. F. St. Sure, United States District Judge in the Southern Division of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California on March 28, 1941:

"Petitioner, an inmate of Alcatraz Prison, files a writ of habeas corpus. He alleges that the sentence imposed upon him is null and void because the indictment shows upon its face that the District Court had no jurisdiction of the subject matter. Petitioner contends that his sentence is in violation of his rights under the Sixth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

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"The indictment charges a conspiracy to violate the Lindbergh Law and names the Petitioner, together with several co-conspirators, as the defendants and perpetrators of the offense. While it is true that the overt acts charged in the indictment and attributed to Petitioner personally do not place him within the Western District of Oklahoma, inasmuch as the indictment charges that the conspiracy occurred in 'City of Oklahoma, State of Oklahoma', several of the overt acts, namely Acts 1, 2, and 7, are alleged to have been committed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma by several of the Petitioners named co-conspirators.

"This is enough under the law to give the trial court jurisdiction of the petitioners and the subject matter of the indictment.

"The petition is without merit. It is therefore ordered that the petition for the writ of habeas corpus hereby be denied."

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FILE NO. **7-6**

REPORT MADE AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	DATE WHEN MADE 7/11/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/9/41	REPORT MADE BY H. E. ANDERSEN, SAC
TITLE "CHANGED" HARVEY J. BAILEY; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Case closed as petition for habeas corpus by BAILEY has been denied.

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Reference:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED], San Francisco, 4/22/41.

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Details:

The title has been changed to delete all subjects except BAILEY as prosecution as to them has been completed and there is no outstanding activity.

The file reveals that the petition of HARVEY J. BAILEY for writ of habeas corpus has been denied; further, that investigation has been completed; hence, the case is closed.

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BEN, B. LASKA. ATTORNEY CONVICTED IN URSCHEL KIDNAPING CASE.

~~REDACTED~~ OF COLORADO STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, DENVER,

-883///XXX ADVISES LASKA FILED PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT TO PRACTICE BEFORE BAR AND HEARING MAY BE CALLED BY STATE SUPREME COURT BETWEEN NOW AND JANUARY FIRST. ~~REDACTED~~ ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING REPUTATION, CHARACTER, AND PAST ACTIVITIES OF LASKA AND HAS REQUESTED INFORMATION THERETO AS MIVXXX MIGHT BE AVAILABLE IN FILES THIS BUREAU OTHER THAN FACTS AS TO HIS PARTICIPATION IN CASE AS ~~REDACTED~~ HAS COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD THAT CASE. DENVER FILES RELATING TO THIS CASE IN POSSESSION OF SALT LAKE CITY FIELD DIVISION. SUGGEST BUREAU REFER TO P AND C LETTER FROM DENVER DATED JUND EIGHTH, NINETEEN THIRTY NINE CONCERNING LASK A AND FREDERICK E. DICKERSON. BUREAU S ADVICE AND INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED.

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Special Agent in Charge
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

This refers to your teletype dated December 11, 1941, regarding Ben B. Laska. You are authorized to furnish whatever assistance may be necessary to the Colorado State Bar Association and the information should be furnished discreetly and orally.

If necessary, appropriate contact should be had with auxiliary offices in order to secure the desired data. Your attention is directed to Bureau letter dated June 27, 1939, in this connection.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Denver, Colorado
May 14, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, was; Et Al.
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my teletype dated December 11, 1941, and Bureau letter dated December 12, 1941, Bureau File 7-115, with reference to the Petition for Reinstatement to the Colorado Bar, which was filed by BEN B. LASKA, the Denver Attorney who was convicted in the above-entitled case.

Pursuant to the authorization of the Bureau, the files of the Denver Office were reviewed and correspondence was exchanged with the Oklahoma City Field Division. A review of the pertinent reports reflected no information as to the character, reputation and past activities of LASKA which would be of interest to the Colorado Bar Association who had filed an objection with the Colorado Supreme Court to the LASKA Petition for Reinstatement.

[REDACTED] of the Bar Association, was so advised and as previously indicated he had in his possession a transcript of the testimony given during the LASKA trial.

I am enclosing herewith a clipping from the Denver Post which is published in Denver, Colorado, reflecting that on May 4, 1942, the Supreme Court of Colorado by a vote of five to two denied LASKA's application for reinstatement to the Bar.

Very truly yours,

G. A. Nicholson
G. A. NICHOLSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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HIGH COURT REFUSES BEN LASKA'S PLEA FOR REINSTATEMENT

Colorado's supreme court, by a vote of 5 to 2, refused Monday to reinstate Ben B. Laska, former Denver attorney, who was disbarred after he was sent to federal prison following his conviction in Oklahoma on a charge of violation of the Lindbergh

antiskidnaping law.

Justices Benjamin C. Hilliard and Norris C. Bakke filed dissenting opinions.

Justice Hilliard, assailing the majority decision, said:

"As a member of the court, I dissent from it. As a free man, I challenge and denounce it, and as a just man I reject it utterly."

Justice Bakke, who voted for Laska's disbarment, asserted the purpose of parole is rehabilitation and, since Laska has been paroled, the court should lend a helping hand in his efforts to rehabilitate himself.

"How can this be accomplished when a man is denied the right to engage in the trade or profession in which he is trained?" Justice Bakke asked.

No written opinion was filed by the majority of the court. It merely announced the application for Laska's reinstatement had been denied.

In a short formal order, the court had here denied respondent's application. (Turn to Page 7—Col. 2.)

SUPREME COURT TURNS DOWN LASKA'S REINSTATEMENT PLEA

Decision Stands Five to Two Against Restoring to Practice Lawyer Disbarred After Imprisonment As Violator of Antiskidnaping Law.

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tion for reinstatement," Justice Hilliard said in his dissenting opinion.

"The gravity of the question, as I conceive, required that an opinion be written by the court, in which reasons prompting the order would appear, and to that end I cast a futile vote.

"Further, and in the interest of

my conception of justice, I vote to afford opportunity to respondent's counsel to make oral argument, a privilege which they had requested in due form. My vote was non effective. The offer of Hon. Ralph L. Carr, governor of Colorado, to appear before the judges and discuss the matter in behalf of the respondent and to submit copies of the brief and argument presented by him in the federal court, was ignored by the court in its consideration of the petition here.

FOURTEEN GAVE CHARACTER TESTIMONY.

"The decision in the proceeding which resulted in the respondent's disbarment appears in People ex rel vs. Laska, supra. The court opinion is short, but in a dissenting opinion I reviewed the matter at length. So far as there shall be interest in even-handed justice, I invite study of that analysis.

"When the proceeding in disbarment against respondent was presented, fourteen men, ranking in importance with any similar number to be found in Colorado, not only appeared and testified to his good character and reputation, but in great detail demonstrated the manner in which he was 'railroaded' to conviction. Their names, as well as a digest of what each said, appear in my dissenting opinion. Not a soul offered adverse testimony. I closed my dissenting opinion with the following statement:

"My conclusion is that Laska's trial in the federal court was a travesty, and his imprisonment cruel and inhuman. Judgment of disbarment in this proceeding is a fitting climax to what preceded."

"I repeat and emphasize that statement here. Now he is before us, a man nearly or quite 70 years of age, asking to be restored to that status which will enable him to follow the only calling which has claimed his devotion thru the years. He is supported by an array of Colorado's ranking citizens."

WITNESSES FOR LASKA NAMED.

Justice Hilliard then named among the distinguished citizens recommending Laska's reinstatement: Federal District Judge J. Foster Symes, District Judges George F. Dunklee, Joseph J. Walsh and Floyd F. Miles of Denver; Lieut. Gov. John C. Vivian, Attorney General Gail L. Ireland, District Attorney James T. Burke of Denver; Attorneys Charles T. Mahoney and David Roener of the Denver bar.

Calling attention to a letter written by Governor Carr to the supreme court in support of Laska's application for reinstatement, Justice Hilliard said:

"Governor Carr's letter is written with courage and clarity. He has knowledge of the situation beyond that of any living man. The governor knows that Laska did not have a fair trial, and, as he says, add as I have demonstrated in great detail in my dissenting opinion in the disbarment proceeding, the crime of which he was convicted was not a crime at the time of his alleged offense. I quote the governor's letter, a letter unanswered and unanswerable."

Laska was convicted in the federal court in Oklahoma in connection with the abduction of Charles F. Urschel, wealthy Oklahoma City oil man. The charges grew out of Laska's acceptance of marked ransom money from one of the kidnapers, Albert Bates, who now is serving a life prison sentence. Laska was Bates' attorney.

Laska was paroled from the Leavenworth penitentiary June 12, 1941. He returned to Denver and since then he has been carrying on the legal fight started while he was in prison for reinstatement as a member of the Colorado

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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- Miss Gandy

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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

I thought you would be interested to know that
on May 4, 1942, the Colorado Supreme Court by a vote of five
to two denied the application of Ben B. Alaska for reinstatement
to practice law in the State of Colorado.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

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United States Department of Justice

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, w.a.; ETAL
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim,
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

At the present time, there is being maintained in the
Bulky Exhibit files of this office the following exhibits:

- Maps and weather reports used in Urschel kidnaping investigation
- Telephone reports
- Photograph of Kathryn Thorne Kelly
- Original signed document of Harvey Bailey re robbery Black Rock,
Arkansas, Bank
- Criminal record Albert L. Bates - George Kelly
- Photostats Ransom Money taken from Bates
- Original signed statement Clarence Durham
- Original signed statement Cass Coleman
- Original and photostats of letter to Maggie Schultz from
Kathryn Kelly
- Original signed statement of Will Casey
- Original signed letter of George Kelly to C. F. Urschel
- Original signed statement of Luther Arnold
- W. A. Rorer - J. M. Keith (Reports statements of Kelly - Kathryn)
- D. C. Patterson - Original letter George Kelly to Daily Oklahoman
and fingerprints of Hi Thompson

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It is respectfully requested that this office be advised as
to whether such exhibits should be maintained.

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Very truly yours,

W. G. BANISTER
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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

Dear Sir:

This refers to your letter of June 8,
1942, regarding the disposition of certain
exhibits being maintained in your office.

It is desired that the original signed
statements listed in reference letter be main-
tained in your file. The Bureau has no objection
to the destruction of the remaining items listed
in reference letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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AIRMAIL

June 17, 1942.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would appreciate your informing me whether Kathryn Kelly and her husband, George, convicted of the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping, are still in the penitentiary and also the name of the penitentiary in which they are serving their term.

If they have been released, will you please provide the date on which they were freed?

Thank you in advance for whatever help you may give me in this matter.

Cordially yours,

Joseph M. Fay
Joseph M. Fay

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Mr. Joseph M. Fay
The Chicago Sun
400 West Madison Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Fay:

I have your letter of June 19, 1942, and wish to advise that George R. Kelly is presently confined in the Federal penitentiary at Alcatraz where he is serving a life sentence for the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel. Kelly's wife, Kathryn Thorne Kelly, is confined in the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, where she is serving a life sentence for her part in the kidnaping of Mr. Urschel.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Joseph M. Fay on two occasions has requested of the Bureau statistics on crime. Fay is the author of "Dillinger's Red Delilah" and "Anna Sage's Own Story. The Chicago Sun is published by Marshall Field.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

There are attached hereto the ransom notes described below which have been removed from the exhibit case in the Director's reception room:

1. Alvin Karpis, was, et al;
Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping, Bureau file 7-576
One Ransom note beginning "We are now dealing with you as you requested."
One Ransom note beginning "The coppers jinned the last payoff..."
One Ransom note beginning "You are hereby declared in on a very desperate undertaking..."
2. Unknown Subjects; Caleb Jones Milne, Fourth, was, Victim;
Kidnaping; Extortion. Bureau file 7-1533.
Original extortion letter composed of words clipped from newspapers beginning "Your brother he..."
One envelope addressed to Frederick Milne and postmarked "Poughkeepsie, New York, December 14, 1935, 7:30 P. M. "
3. Hanap, Bureau file 7-77
One ransom note addressed to Mr. Wm. Dunn beginning "You are so smart that..."
One ransom note addressed to Mr. Wm. Dunn beginning "You have evidently verified our statement..."
4. George R. Kelly, et al
Charles F. Urschel - Victim; Kidnaping.
Bureau file 7-1115
One ransom note addressed to Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick beginning "In view of the fact that you have..."
One Ransom note addressed to Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick beginning "The enclosed letter from Charles F. Urschel..."
5. William Mahan, was, et al.
George Weyerhaeuser - Victim, Kidnaping
Bureau file 7-1367
One ransom note beginning "To whom it may concern
1. \$200,000 in cash."
Envelope in which the above letter was mailed to J. P. Weyerhaeuser, 420 North 4th Street, Tacoma, Washington, postmarked "Tacoma, Washington, May 24, 1935, 6 P.M."

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One ransom note beginning "enclose letter from George..."
One original note written in pencil beginning "May 28, 1935
I don't know where I am Mother."
One original note beginning "You were informed last night by
letter..." Signed "Egoist Egoist".
One typewritten note beginning "Follow directions closely..."

Thomas H. Robinson Jr.

Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll - Victim, Kidnaping, Bureau file 7-1128

One original typewritten note beginning "To the members of the
Stoll family and Mr. Speed. Warning. Stoll has been kidnaped
for ransom..."

One original ransom note titled "Instructions" and beginning
"Amount of ransom..."

The material pertaining to each case is attached in separate
cellophane envelopes and should be filed.

Very truly yours,

L.B.Nichols

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES V. BENNETT, DIRECTOR,
BUREAU OF PRISONS

This has reference to your memorandum of July 29, 1942, which quoted the contents of a letter written by Albert L. Bates, inmate of Alcatraz Penitentiary, to Mr. Charles F. Orchel. It is noted that Bates requested permission to write this letter in the hope that it might be of some assistance in securing reconsideration of the application for executive clemency on behalf of Mrs. Ora Shannon.

You are advised that this Bureau will defer to your judgment in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
BUREAU OF PRISONS

With reference to your memorandum of October 7, 1942, which quotes the contents of a letter written by Albert L. Bates, inmate of Alcatraz Penitentiary, to Charles F. Urschel in which Bates requests permission to reply to a letter which Mr. Charles F. Urschel wrote on September 10, 1942, I wish to advise that this Bureau will defer to your judgment in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
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REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE 9/24/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/27;9/9/43	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On 8/25/43, ALFRED L. BATES filed a petition in habeas corpus in forma pauperis in the U.S. District Court, San Francisco. He attacked the constitutionality of the act under which he was sentenced. Assistant United States Attorney A. J. ZIRPOLI advised writer that he needed no assistance in this matter and on 9/7 Judge A. F. ST. SURE denied the petition.

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References: Bureau File Number 7-115.

Details:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

On August 25, 1943, ALFRED L. BATES filed a petition in habeas corpus in forma pauperis, under Docket 23906-R, in the United States District Court of San Francisco, California.

Inasmuch as the writer was unable to examine the petition, as it was in the Judge's chambers, contact was made with Assistant United States Attorney A. J. ZIRPOLI, who advised that BATES was attacking the constitutionality of the kidnaping statute under which he was convicted.

Mr. ZIRPOLI advised that he needed no assistance from the Bureau in this matter.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-115-2144	RECORDED & INDEXED 208
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A check of the docket disclosed that on September 7, 1943, Federal Judge A. F. ST.SURE denied the petition of ALFRED L. BATES.

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SAC, Huntington PERSONAL ATTENTION

February 22, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

GEORGE KELLY, with aliases; ET AL
CHARLES F. UNSCHEL - Victim
KIDNAPING

For your information, ██████████ Warden, Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia, in a recent conversation with Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau advised that Katherine Kelly, who is an inmate of that institution, indicated that there was a balance of the money in this case which could be obtained if her husband, George Kelly, would talk. The Warden also advised that Katherine Kelly indicated she may be disposed to furnish information with reference to that money not previously recovered or that she would persuade her husband, George Kelly, to furnish such information.

In this regard, a review of the Bureau files indicates that \$123,394.50 in cash has been recovered by the Bureau or other law enforcement agencies. It is to be noted approximately \$76,000 of the ransom money is still outstanding.

It is, therefore, desired that you personally contact ██████████ and obtain full particulars from her concerning Mrs. Kelly's desire to furnish information relative to the disposition of the ransom money still outstanding. The results of your conference with ██████████ should be furnished to the Bureau so that it can then be determined what action is necessary to obtain that part of the ransom money not yet recovered.

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

MARCH 1, 1944

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, HUNTINGTON

GEORGE KELLY, WAS, ETAL, CHARLES F. ^{CP}URSCHEL, VICTIM, KIDNAPING.

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- Mr. Tolson _____
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

February 21, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

RE: GEORGE KELLY, with aliases; ET AL
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim
KIDNAPING

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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- Mr. Nease _____

With reference to your request to be advised as to the amount of the ransom money recovered in this case, this is to advise that a review of the Bureau files reflected that \$123,394.50 in cash or its equivalent was recovered. There is set forth below the amount of money recovered from each subject in this case:

<p>\$ 72,950.00</p> <p>85.00</p> <p>285.00</p> <p>17.50</p> <p>38,460.00)</p> <p>1,520.00)</p> <p>6,140.00</p> <p>777.00</p> <p>1,360.00</p> <p>1,100.00</p> <p>700.00</p> <p>TOTAL \$123,394.50</p>	<p>Recovered by Agents at Coleman, Texas, following the apprehension of Kelly</p> <p>Found in possession of Mrs. Kelly at time of apprehension</p> <p>Price of automobile purchased by Kelly</p> <p>Amount paid by Kelly for one revolver</p> <p>Recovered by Bureau Agents at Woodland, Washington</p> <p>Recovered at Medford, Oregon</p> <p>Found in possession of subject Albert Bates at time of his apprehension by Denver, Colorado Police Department</p> <p>Recovered at Roseburg, Oregon</p> <p>Found in possession of Mrs. Clara Feldman, alleged wife of Bates at time of her apprehension</p> <p>Found in possession of Harvey Bailey when apprehended by Bureau Agents</p>
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With reference to the remaining money in this case which has never been recovered, it is to be noted that Albert Bates, following his apprehension by the Denver, Colorado Police Department, gave instructions to an inmate of the jail who was being released to contact his alleged wife, Mrs. Feldman, and furnish her with information concerning his arrest. This inmate received \$200 from Mrs. Feldman for contacting her. An additional \$10,000 was allegedly paid to Mrs. O. G. Shannon, Katherine Kelly's mother, for her part in this offense. \$10,000 was also paid by Mrs. Feldman and her son to Attorney Ben B. Laska to defend Bates at his trial. George Kelly, following his incarceration at the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, advised former Agent H. E. Anderson that he had given \$12,000 to an unnamed individual at Minneapolis, Minnesota, to be exchanged for \$10,000 in "good money". Kelly stated he has not as yet received this \$10,000. These latter four expenditures

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total \$32,200 and have never been recovered.

- In addition to this sum, there is also remaining outstanding \$44,405.50 and it is possible that either George Kelly or his wife, Katherine, might furnish information concerning its whereabouts, as well as information concerning the identity of the individual in Minneapolis who allegedly has the above-mentioned \$12,000.

- It is to be noted that \$73,337.50 in cash or its equivalent was recovered from George Kelly and his wife, Katherine. This sum plus the \$10,000 given to Mrs. Shannon and the \$12,000 given to the unnamed individual at Minneapolis, Minnesota, accounts for \$95,337.50 of Kelly's share of the ransom money. The Bureau has also recovered \$49,257 of Albert Bates' share in the ransom.

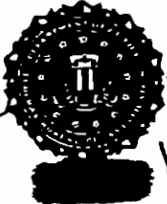
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 23, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: URSCHEL KIDNAPING CASE

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
- Mr. Coffey _____
- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Kramer _____
- Mr. McGuire _____
- Mr. Harbo _____
- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Tele. Room _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Beahm _____

Your attention is directed to the interesting case write-up prepared in connection with the captioned matter under date of October 15, 1935. It will be noted on page eighteen the disposition of the charges against Abe and Charles Kaplan is not shown. In this regard, a review of the files reflected that on January 7, 1937, the date set for the trial of the two Kaplans for violations of Sections 88 and 246 of Title 18, United States Code, the Assistant United States Attorney entered a motion to have the cause with respect to each subject nol prossed. This motion was granted on the same day.

It is suggested that the interesting case write-up presently available be revised so as to indicate the disposition as to the two Kaplans.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen



Reference to Kaplans eliminated J.B.B.

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February 23, 1944

MR. TOLSON

RE: URSCHEL KIDNAPING CASE

Your attention is directed to the interesting case write-up prepared in connection with the captioned matter under date of October 15, 1935. It will be noted on page eighteen the disposition of the charges against Abe and Charles Kaplan is not shown. In this regard, a review of the files reflected that on January 7, 1937, the date set for the trial of the two Kaplans for violations of Sections 88 and 246 of Title 18, United States Code, the Assistant United States Attorney entered a motion to have the cause with respect to each subject not pressed. This motion was granted on the same day.

*Disposition
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Chicago file
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It is suggested that the interesting case write-up presently available be revised so as to indicate the disposition as to the two Kaplans.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

- Tolson _____
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DIRECTOR

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GEORGE KELLY, WAS, ETAL, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM, KIDNAPING.

RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH WARDEN, FEDERAL REFORMATORY FOR WOMEN, BEING
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G. G. GEARTY

Room 5714

SUPERVISOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Huntington, West Virginia
March 2, 1944

Director, FBI

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated February 22, 1944 requesting that I personally contact [redacted] Warden, Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia, for further details concerning the remarks recently made by her to Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau concerning the obtaining of the balance of the ransom money in this case. Katherine Kelly and her husband, George Kelly, provided the letter would furnish the desired information.

In a discussion of this matter with [redacted] on March 1, 1944, at Alderson, she stated that the only information in her possession concerning this matter arose during a conversation held with Katherine Kelly approximately a year ago. On that occasion, Mrs. Kelly expressed a desire to obtain commutation of her present life sentence. [redacted] told her on that occasion that she could not hope for any reduction of her sentence until at least fifteen years had expired by which time she would be eligible for parole. She further told her that a Parole Board would not under any circumstances favorably consider any application for parole unless she and her husband were willing to furnish information concerning the balance of the ransom money which had never been recovered. At that time, Mrs. Kelly was inclined to be in a rather talkative mood and indicated that she readily appreciated this fact and expressed serious doubt as to whether or not her husband, George Kelly, would ever agree to furnish such information himself or permit her to furnish these facts to the authorities. She further commented at that time that her husband was inclined to be "bull-headed".

Nevertheless, in the censoring of the mail exchanged by the inmates of the reformatory, [redacted] noticed some three months later or about nine months ago that Mrs. Kelly intimated without making any definite reference to the matter that it might be desirable for the two of them to disclose the whereabouts of this money for the effect it would have toward obtaining a reduction of their respective sentences. In his letter written in reply to this suggestion, George Kelly criticized her rather severely for even suggesting that they divulge this information, and he definitely indicated that it was not his intention to turn over this money at any time. Since that date there has been no further mention made of the matter by either party. Likewise, Mrs. Kelly has never mentioned the matter to [redacted] or any of the other officials of the institution.

As a further indication of George Kelly's attitude, [redacted] advised me that she has noted in letters received by his wife that he has told her that he has been making quite a study through some books that he has obtained on kidnaping statutes and amendments. He has stated that he is certain that he has found loopholes in the law which will permit him to obtain release on



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certain technicalities. He has not attempted to elaborate on these statements but has definitely indicated that he does not contemplate taking any action until he has served fifteen years and becomes eligible for parole.

As it may be observed from the above facts, [REDACTED] is definitely of the opinion that both Katherine Kelly and her husband have this money put away and it is within their power to divulge its hiding place. [REDACTED] commented that based upon her observation of the letters received by Mrs. Kelly from her husband she is inclined to feel that Katherine Kelly is entirely correct in expressing doubt that George Kelly will ever agree to such a proposition. It is her opinion that he is not overly intelligent and that Mrs. Kelly is definitely far more intelligent and possesses considerably more shrewdness than her husband. On the occasion of my visit to Alderson, [REDACTED] exhibited to me a letter that Mrs. Kelly had received on that day from her husband. There was nothing of particular interest relative to this matter contained in his letter other than the fact that a considerable portion of it was devoted to the farm they once owned and his comments to the effect that he was looking forward to the day when he would be able to rejoin her and they would be able to resume their life together on this farm.

It was [REDACTED] observation that while the exchange of correspondence between the two individuals indicates considerable regard for each other that it is merely a "blind" and she stated that she does not personally feel that either individual has any particular love for the other. She stated that both persons are quite limited in the amount of correspondence they are permitted to have and apparently they correspond with each other as frequently as the rules of the two institutions will permit. It is further the opinion of [REDACTED] that when Katherine Kelly becomes eligible for parole approximately five years hence she will not hesitate to furnish information concerning the location of this money if she definitely feels that such action on her part will be the determining factor in obtaining her release from the reformatory. She feels that Mrs. Kelly will take such a step without any hesitation regardless of the feelings of the husband if she is able to benefit personally. In this connection, [REDACTED] observed that while Mrs. Kelly has been a model prisoner since being confined at Alderson, she is unusually shrewd and grasping. She stated that Katherine Kelly is invariably seeking certain privileges such as an extra pair of shoes or other considerations for any act which she performs.

For these reasons, it is [REDACTED] opinion that Mrs. Kelly would not divulge any information whatsoever at the present time unless she definitely knew that it would be possible for her to directly profit from such action.

I inquired of [REDACTED] concerning Mrs. Kelly's mother who is presently confined at Alderson and whose application is now pending for a reduction of her

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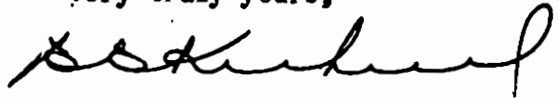
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sentence because of her ill health. [REDACTED] informed me that Katherine Kelly is well aware of the fact that this application is pending and she further knows that the application will undoubtedly be acted upon favorably regardless of any action on her part.

For the Bureau's information, it appears that Katherine Kelly's mother is in a critical state of health at the present time because of heart trouble and the physicians ~~do not~~ feel that she has but a comparatively short time to live. I purposely did not attempt to discuss this matter with Katherine Kelly, and the above information is being furnished to the Bureau for such action as may be deemed appropriate under existing circumstances.

Very truly yours,



E. E. KUHNEL
Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, San Francisco

March 14, 1944

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J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

PERSONAL ATTENTION

As you know, \$200,000 in ransom was paid to the kidnapers for the release of Charles F. Urschel. Approximately \$123,000 of this money, or its equivalent, has been recovered. In addition, it is realized, of course, that a certain amount was spent by the subjects while they were in a fugitive status. There is still remaining outstanding, however, a considerable sum of money.

In this regard, in April, 1934, while at the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, George Kelly admitted to a Special Agent that he had given \$12,000 to an unnamed individual in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for which he was to receive \$10,000 in "good money." He advised that he had never received this money.

For your confidential information, the Bureau has been informed that Katherine Kelly, who is an inmate of the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia, in corresponding with her husband, George Kelly, indicated that it might be desirable to disclose the whereabouts of the money. It is possible that George Kelly, if interviewed at this time, might furnish information as to the whereabouts of that part of the ransom money which has not been recovered.

It is desired, therefore, that an experienced Special Agent of your office who is skilled in questioning contact George Kelly at Alcatraz and endeavor to obtain information regarding the whereabouts of this money. No mention should be made at this time that the Bureau is aware of the correspondence between Kelly and his wife relating to this matter.

For the assistance of the Agent who will conduct the interview with Kelly, there is set out the amount of money, or its equivalent, which has been recovered to date.

\$48,469.69

Found in possession of Mrs. Clara Feldman, alleged wife of subject Bates, at the time of her apprehension or cached by her in the States of Oregon and Washington and recovered by Bureau Agents.

\$ 777.00

Found in possession of subject Albert Bates at the time of his apprehension by the Denver, Colorado, Police Department.

\$ 700.00

Found in possession of Harvey Bailey when apprehended by Bureau Agents.

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\$72,950.00 Recovered by Agents at Coleman, Texas, following the apprehension of Kelly.

\$ 387.50 Found in possession of George and Katherine Kelly at the time of their apprehension by Bureau Agents.

In addition to the above, it is also known that Mrs. Feldman paid \$200. to an inmate who was released from the Denver, Colorado, Jail for information he furnished her to the effect that her husband, Albert Bates, had been apprehended by the Denver Police Department. Mrs. Feldman and her son also paid \$10,000 to subject Laska, an attorney, to defend Bates when he was tried for kidnaping. \$10,000 is also reported to have been paid to Mrs. O. G. Shannon, Katherine Kelly's mother, for her part in the kidnaping.

The requested interview with George Kelly should be conducted at the earliest possible date and the Bureau promptly advised of the results thereof.



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
 Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street
 San Francisco 4, California

March 25, 1944

Director, FBI

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Re: ^①GEORGE KELLY, with aliases, ET AL
 CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
 KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 14, 1944, in which a request is set forth that GEORGE KELLY, who is presently incarcerated at Alcatraz, be interviewed in an effort to obtain additional information regarding the whereabouts of the remaining sum of money believed to be outstanding and not yet accounted for which was paid as ransom in instant case.

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This is to advise that under date of March 24, 1944, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] interviewed GEORGE KELLY, Alcatraz #117. KELLY advised Agents that he had nothing to say regarding the whereabouts of any of the money that might be still outstanding, and in fact advised Agents that, to his knowledge, none of the ransom money was still in existence.

It is to be pointed out that KELLY stated that if any negotiations were to be carried on he would carry them on with victim URSCHEL, and had no intention whatsoever of making negotiations with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is to be noted that while engaging KELLY in conversation KELLY did state, at one time, that if he could make a deal with URSCHEL after his 15 years had expired in Alcatraz that he could easily raise \$106,000.00. When questioned as to this amount KELLY stated that it was his belief that this was the amount of money still unaccounted for. He stated that he had six or seven influential friends who could raise this money for him. He stated that if he ever got out he could raise around \$4,000.00 or \$5,000.00 a month running the slot machines in the Twin Cities.



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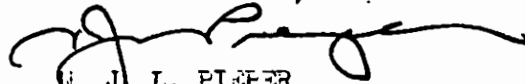
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Director, FBI

March 25, 1944

After the interview with KELLY, Agents conversed with the mail clerk at Alcatraz, and he volunteered the information that in a perusal of KELLY's outgoing letters it was the mail clerk's belief that KELLY also tried to make a deal whereby he could effect a release for his wife and mother-in-law who are still in jail.

Very truly yours,



W. J. L. PLEPER
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

May 26, 1944

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- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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- Mr. Coffey _____
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

RE: GEORGE KELLY, was., et al
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim
KIDNAPING

You will recall that in a conversation with Mr. E. A. Tamm, Warden, Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia, advised that Katherine Kelly, who is an inmate of that institution had indicated to her that she may be disposed to furnish information relative to that portion of the ransom money not previously recovered or to endeavor to persuade her husband, George Kelly, to furnish such information. You will also recall that in view of the fact that of the \$200,000 ransom money paid in this case, \$123,394.50 in cash or its equivalent has been recovered by the Bureau and other law enforcement agencies, leaving approximately \$76,000 still outstanding, the Special Agent in Charge of the Huntington Field Division was requested to make personal contact with _____ for the purpose of obtaining full particulars concerning this matter.

A review of instant file reflects that on March 1, 1944, SAC E. E. Kuhnel received the following information in a personal interview with _____ at Alderson, West Virginia:

The only information _____ had relative to this matter was obtained by her in conversation with Katherine Kelly in approximately March of 1943. On that occasion Mrs. Kelly expressed a desire to obtain commutation of her present life sentence. _____ told her that she would not be eligible for parole until at least fifteen years of her sentence had expired and that a Parole Board would not under any circumstances favorably consider any application for parole unless she and her husband were willing to furnish information concerning the balance of the ransom money which has not been recovered. Mrs. Kelly indicated she readily appreciated this fact but expressed serious doubt as to whether or not her husband, George Kelly, would ever agree to furnish such information or permit her to do so.

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Nevertheless, in the censoring of the mail exchanged by the inmates of the reformatory, _____ noted some three months later approximately May of 1943 that in a letter to her husband Mrs. Kelly intimated without making any definite reference to the matter that it might be desirable for the two of them to disclose the whereabouts of this money for the effect it would have toward obtaining a reduction of their respective



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sentences. In his letter written in response to this suggestion George Kelly criticized her rather severely for even suggesting that they divulge this information and he definitely indicated that it was not his intention to turn over this money to the authorities at any time. Since that time there has been no further mention made of the matter by either party. Likewise Mrs. Kelly has never mentioned the matter again to either [REDACTED] or to any other official of the institution.

From her contact with Mrs. Kelly and the censoring of her mail, [REDACTED] is definitely of the opinion that Katherine Kelly and her husband have this money put away and it is within their power to divulge its hiding place. [REDACTED] also advanced the opinion that when Katherine Kelly becomes eligible for parole, approximately five years hence, she will not hesitate to furnish information concerning the location of the still missing money if she definitely feels that such action on her part will be the determining factor in obtaining her release from the reformatory. She feels that Mrs. Kelly will take such a step without any hesitation regardless of the feelings of George Kelly if she is able to benefit personally.

Subsequently at the request of the Bureau, George Kelly was interviewed at Alcatraz on March 24, 1944, by Agents of the San Francisco office on the possibility that he might furnish information regarding the whereabouts of that portion of the ransom money still unrecovered. Kelly advised the Agents that he had nothing to say in this regard; that if any negotiations were carried on by him he would do so directly with the victim, Urschel; that he had no intention whatsoever of dealing through the FBI. At one point in the interview Kelly stated that if he could make a deal with Urschel after the necessary fifteen years had expired he could easily raise \$106,000 through several influential friends. When questioned as to this amount Kelly stated it was his belief this was the amount of money still unaccounted for.

RECOMMENDATION: It is noted that in following up on the information furnished by [REDACTED] only George Kelly has been interviewed and no attempt has been made to interrogate Katherine Kelly. In view of the fact that Mrs. Kelly is the one who has indicated that she considers it possibly desirable to disclose the whereabouts of the unrecovered ransom money and has even suggested to her husband that such a course be followed it is recommended that Mrs. Kelly be interviewed at the Alderson Reformatory by two experienced and substantial Agents.

OK
BY AGENTS OF
HUNTINGTON OFFICE

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

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SAC, Huntington

June 5, 1944
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J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

GEORGE KELLY, with aliases, Etal
CHARLES F. CURSHEL, Victim; KIDNAPING

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Reference is made to the letter from your office dated March 2, 1944, relative to an interview had by Special Agent in Charge E. E. Kuhnle with [redacted] Warden at the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia.

Reference letter reflects that certain information was obtained from [redacted] indicating the possibility that Katherine Kelly might possibly furnish information relative to the present whereabouts of that portion of the ransom money paid to the kidnapers in this case which as yet has not been recovered.

For your information in connection with this matter Special Agents of the San Francisco Field Division on March 25, 1944, pursuant to Bureau request interviewed George Kelly at Alcatraz Penitentiary in an effort to elicit from him pertinent information concerning the location of the unrecovered ransom money. However, George Kelly refused to discuss the matter stating that he had nothing to say in this regard and claiming that to his knowledge none of the ransom money was still in existence.

In view of the fact that Mrs. Kelly is the one who has indicated that she considers it possibly desirable to disclose the whereabouts of the unrecovered ransom money and has even suggested to her husband that such a course be followed, it is desired that Mrs. Kelly be interviewed at the Alderson Reformatory by two experienced Special Agents of your office who are skilled in the questioning of convicts. This matter should be given prompt attention and the Bureau advised in the immediate future as to the results of the interview.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Huntington, West Virginia
June 14, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: GEORGE KELLY, was, Et Al
CHARLES F. URSHEL, Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of June 5, 1944 wherein this office was instructed to have two agents interview Mrs. KATHERINE KELLY at the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, West Virginia.

This office does not have any previous file on this case; and it is suggested that if the Bureau has a summary available, that it be forwarded to this office for review by the agents who will interview Mrs. KELLY as it is believed that they could talk to her in a more intelligent manner if they were more familiar with the details of this case.

If such a summary is available, please forward it immediately.

Very truly yours,

J. L. Dalton

J. L. DALTON
Special Agent in Charge

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June 24, 1944

J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

GEORGE KELLY, was., et al
CHARLES F. URSEEL, VICTIM
KIDNAPING

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With reference to your letter of June 14, 1944, concerning captioned matter there are transmitted herewith two copies of a blind memorandum prepared on October 24, 1936, summarizing the salient features of this case. It is believed that sufficient information is contained in this memorandum to permit a logical interview with Katherine Kelly in accordance with the request contained in Bureau letter of June 5, 1944.

This interview with Mrs. Kelly should be conducted in the immediate future and appropriate advice furnished the Bureau as to the results thereof.

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1956
Huntington (17) West Virginia
July 8, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: GEORGE KELLY, was, et al
CHARLES F. URSCHEL-VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 5 and 24, 1944 requesting that KATHERINE KELLY be interviewed at Alderson Reformatory, for information regarding the unrecovered ransom money in this case.

Under date of July 5, 1944, KATHERINE KELLY was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted] at the Alderson Reformatory, Alderson, W. Va. During the course of this interview, KATHERINE KELLY indicated a friendly and cooperative attitude but steadfastly maintained that she did not know the whereabouts of any unrecovered portion of the ransom money. KATHERINE KELLY repeatedly stated her desire if possible to assist in the recovery of the remainder of the ransom money, indicating her realization that any assistance she could give to such a recovery would work to her benefit and that of her mother, ORA SHANNON, also presently an inmate at Alderson Reformatory.

KATHERINE KELLY explained how around 1935, while she was an inmate at the U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, she had been personally contacted by E. E. KIRKPATRICK, brother-in-law of CHARLES F. URSCHEL, who had acted as intermediary with kidnapper. At the time of this visit, KATHERINE advised that Mr. KIRKPATRICK offered her thirty per cent of every dollar she could cause to be recovered of the ransom money, with the understanding that her thirty per cent of the recovered money would be used toward the education of KATHERINE'S daughter, PAULINE FRYE. KATHERINE further stated that she was destitute financially at the time, and would have gladly divulged any information she had in order to assist her daughter.

KATHERINE indicated her belief that some of the ransom money was still in existence, but stated that GEORGE KELLY and ALBERT J. BATES, inmates at Alcatraz, were the only ones to her knowledge who could give information as to the whereabouts of this money. She went on to explain how

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in 1943, as previously mentioned in Huntington letter dated March 2, 1944, she had written a letter to GEORGE KELLY at Alcatraz suggesting to him the desirability of disclosing the whereabouts of the unrecovered ransom money. GEORGE KELLY, she said, followed with a letter wherein he severely criticized her for even suggesting that he divulge this information and inferred to her by his letter, that if he was out he could recover money and turn it over personally to the Federals.

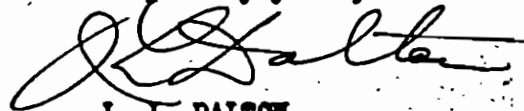
KATHERINE, during the course of this interview, continually attempted to belittle the part she played in the kidnaping of CHARLES F. URSCHEL, by making comments to the effect that she did not know how the ransom money was actually split up other than what GEORGE KELLY had later told her when they were fugitives. However, her only recollection at the present time of how the money was divided, came as a result of reading newspapers after her apprehension, as a result of which she knew that GEORGE KELLY'S share had been recovered on the Coleman Farm in Texas and that also at least a portion of ALBERT BATES' share had been recovered.

KATHERINE also made statements to the effect that if she was outside, meaning released, and could visit GEORGE KELLY at Alcatraz, he would tell her the whereabouts of the unrecovered portion of the ransom money. She also commented on the fact that her stepfather, ROBERT G. SHANNON, alias "Boss" SHANNON would probably be released on parole from Leavenworth Penitentiary in the near future, in view of his sentence having recently been cut to twenty years. KATHERINE advised that when "Boss" SHANNON came to visit her and ORA SHANNON at Alderson, she would ask him to contact the boys, meaning KELLY and BATES, at Alcatraz for information as to the unrecovered ransom money.

The thought was left with KATHERINE KELLY during the course of this interview, that the efforts of ~~the~~ Bureau would continue until all of the ransom money was either accounted for or recovered.

For the information of the Bureau, the application recently pending for a reduction in sentence as to ORA SHANNON was not acted favorably upon and she is still under life sentence at Alderson.

Very truly yours,



J. L. DALTON
Special Agent in Charge

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JFC 7-115
TO : MR. ROSEN
FROM : J. F. Carroll

DATE: July 18, 1944

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

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
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You will recall that certain information was obtained from [redacted] warden at the Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia indicating the possibility that Katherine Kelly might possibly furnish information relative to the present whereabouts of that portion of the ransom money paid to the kidnapers in this case which, as yet, has not been recovered. You will recall also that pursuant to Bureau request, Special Agents of the San Francisco Field Division interviewed George Kelly at Alcatraz Penitentiary in an unsuccessful effort to elicit from him pertinent information concerning the location of the unrecovered ransom money. It having been recommended that Mrs. Katherine Kelly also be interviewed in view of the fact that she is the one who has indicated that she considered it possibly desirable to disclose the whereabouts of the unrecovered ransom money, Agents of the Louisville Field Division, in accordance with Bureau request, interviewed her at the Alderson Reformatory on July 5, 1944.

During the course of this interview Mrs. Kelly displayed a friendly and cooperative attitude but steadfastly maintained that she had no knowledge concerning the location of the unrecovered ransom money. She repeatedly stated that she desired, if possible, to assist in the recovery of this money, stating that she realized that any assistance she could give to effecting such a recovery would work to her benefit and that of her mother, Ora Shannon, also an inmate at the Reformatory.

Relative to this matter, Katherine Kelly explained that around 1935 while she was an inmate at the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan she had been contacted in person by E. E. Kirkpatrick, brother-in-law of Charles F. Urschel, who had acted as intermediary with the kidnapers. On this occasion Kirkpatrick offered her thirty per cent on every dollar of the ransom money she caused to be recovered with the understanding that her thirty per cent of the recovered money would be used toward the education of her daughter, Pauline Frye. Mrs. Kelly claimed that she was financially destitute at this time and would have gladly divulged any information she had in order to secure her daughter's future.

Mrs. Kelly advanced the belief that some of the ransom money was still in existence claiming, however, that George Kelly and Albert L. Bates, both inmates at Alcatraz, were the only ones who had any pertinent knowledge in this regard.

You will recall that the Bureau was previously advised that in a letter written by Mrs. Kelly to George Kelly she suggested to him the desirability of disclosing the whereabouts of the money in question. In this connection, Mrs.

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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

Kelly voluntarily made mention of the fact that she had so written to George Kelly adding that in his response he had criticized her severely for even suggesting that he divulge this information. This latter fact was also previously known to the Bureau.

Mrs. Kelly indicated that if she received or was able to determine any information in connection with this matter she would make it available to the Bureau.

RE ORA SHANNON

You will recall that Ora Shannon, Mrs. Kelly's mother who likewise received a life sentence in connection with this case, had applied for a reduction in sentence on the basis of ill health. For your information this application has been rejected. Mrs. Shannon, accordingly, is still under life sentence at Alderson Reformatory.

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LRP: [redacted]

TO : Mr. A. Rosen

DATE: September 2, 1944

FROM : L. R. Pennington

Call: 2:25 p.m.

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY, with aliases; ET AL
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim
KIDNAPING

- Mr. E. A. [redacted]
- Mr. Clegg [redacted]
- Mr. Coffey [redacted]
- Mr. Glavin [redacted]
- Mr. Ladd [redacted]
- Mr. Nichols [redacted]
- Mr. Rosen [redacted]
- Mr. Tracy [redacted]
- Mr. Mohr [redacted]
- Mr. Carson [redacted]
- Mr. Hendon [redacted]
- Mr. Mumford [redacted]
- Mr. Jones [redacted]
- Mr. Quinn Tamm [redacted]
- Tele. Room [redacted]
- Miss Gandy [redacted]

At this time ASAC R. V. Harman called from Des Moines to advise that a call had been received from a lawyer at Tama, Iowa, who is representing a man by the name of Earl C. Spooner. Mr. Harman then said he wanted to furnish the background concerning [redacted] making a complaint against [redacted].

Mr. Harman advised that years ago [redacted] was well acquainted with Harvey Bailey, who was involved in the Urschel kidnaping, and that it was understood about \$75,000 of the ransom money was never recovered. Earl Spooner has made the unsupported statement that he believes [redacted] got some of the money from Harvey Bailey a few days after the kidnaping.

ASAC Harman informed that Earl Spooner is a man about 51 years old and runs a grocery store at Tama, Iowa. [redacted] is about 46 years old and has been in the grocery business at Toledo, Iowa. They have always been on the "shady" side and have constantly fought between themselves. A few weeks ago, [redacted] started a suit against Earl Spooner for about \$1,500 on an old grocery account and obtained a judgment against him. Within the last few days all of Earl Spooner's property has been tied up as a result of this judgment. This fight between [redacted] is right at its very height. Mr. Harman expressed the opinion that Earl Spooner is trying to inject us into this case in order to "put the heat on" [redacted]. He also advised the facts are such that there is a remote possibility the supposition might be true.

Earl Spooner informed that [redacted] owns two or three farms in Iowa and had a grocery business, which has been sold out. He lives off the income from these farms and it is indicated that he is very well to do. Earl Spooner said that he started this accumulation of wealth shortly after the Urschel kidnaping. In answer to the question regarding additional evidence, Mr. Harman stated they have verified the fact that Harvey Bailey was actually around Tama, Iowa.

Earl Spooner stated he does not know where [redacted] could have gotten all of his money unless it was given to him by Harvey Bailey.

Mr. Harman was advised that the Bureau files would have to be checked to ascertain if [redacted] was at any time involved in this case, but that no action would be possible since the statute of limitations has long since run.

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TO : MR. ROSEN *Rz*

DATE: November 28, 1944

FROM : J. F. Carroll *JFC*

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

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With reference to captioned matter, a newspaper clipping from the New York Journal American dated November 5, 1944, which was just received at the Bureau from the New York Field Division, reflects that R. G. (Boss) Shannon, who was convicted as a principal in this case and sentenced to life imprisonment on October 7, 1933, was scheduled to be paroled from Leavenworth Penitentiary on Monday, November 5, 1944.

You will recall that R. G. Shannon is the stepfather of Kathryn Kelly, the wife of George "Machinegun" Kelly, and that victim Urschel was held in custody at the Shannon residence near Paris, Texas, while negotiations for the payment of the \$200,000 ransom were being made.

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Urschel Kidnaper Will Get Parole

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4 (AP).—R. G. (Boss) Shannon, convicted as a principal in the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping of 1933, will be paroled from Leavenworth Penitentiary on Monday.

George (Machine-Gun) Kelly and five others, including Shannon—Kelly's father-in-law—were given life terms on Oct. 7, 1933, for the kidnaping. Urschel, a wealthy Oklahoma City oil man, was abducted from his home and held for \$500,000 ransom for nine days.

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FROM : H. B. LONG
SUBJECT: ⁰ GEORGE KELLY, was, Et Al
CHARLES F. MURSHEL, Victim
KIDNAPING
BUREAU FILE #7-115

DATE: 5-3-45

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Asher, Okla.

Sept, 6th, 1933.

Mrs R.G.Shannon,

Oklahoma City, Okla.,

Dear Sister;

You can never know just how happy it made me to receive a letter from you. We had been so anxious for you and Boss and had no idea that we could have a letter from you. I am glad that you are holding up fairly well. I knew that your health was so bad any way and have been so worried for fear that you might break down completely. You watch your diet and try to stay well. I know the strain which you are under would make any person ill. Of course you know that we pray night and day for you. We all know and all your dozens of friends here know that you are well. I have heard so many sweet and wonderful things said about you by your neighbors and friends that I can't help but feel that its great. Everybody is ready and willing to do their best to convince everybody are not guilty. We are all standing by one hundred per cent and ready to do all we can to see that justice is done.

Mother, Dad, Dewey and family are spending the day with me. Dad and Mother are not very well and of course are worried but I have took it as my job to cheer them up and you can't imagine how much better they feel. They are holding up might well and are as brave and sweet as two good soldiers. Mother says she is trusting in God and she felt that he would see her through.

Pauline came Friday, H.T. went after her but she returned home Monday, and May came after her. She had enrolled in school and was carried away with her work. Sure hated for her to have to go back. I had enrolled her in vocal music and she had wonderful plans about her voice culture. We were so lonesome after she went home.

I have talked with a number of people and can tell you for a certainty that any one you want to summon will be there. They have volunteered on every side. I would suggest these and you may add any others you wish, it will be alright with them. I have secured Mr and Mrs Elmer Davis, Mrs Mel Melton, W.A. Weldon, Mrs Sallie Bason, W.F. Marshall, John McClure, Tom Melt, John McCully and George McCully. I want you to also have Bill Meazel of Shawnee, Mr and Mrs Marion Davis of Terrilton and Mr and Mrs H.H. Metcalf of Lexington. John Lynn of Shawnee and E. Lynn of Tecumash would be there also if you want them. ~~Chix~~ So many are ready to go that its a problem which to choose but you just have them all or whichever you prefer. If there are any others you want have them summoned and I can promise you that they will be there. We, the boys and me, will take care of the witnesses and see that they are on hand. Don't bother about the expense any more. That is all we can do and you may be sure we are only happy to feel that we can be of some service to our dear sweet Sister.

Dear, Brother Mansur has moved to Wynnewood but he would be on hand I am sure if you want him. Just address W.H. Mansur, Wynnewood. If you can, write Mother a letter but if you can't don't worry about it. Let me know if you receive this. Remember we all love and believe in you and with your many friends are praying God that you and Boss may be returned home to your loved ones.

With love, Your Sister

Mrs H. J. Hopkins