

224 Federal Bldg.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

July 28, 1933

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Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Re: Urschel Kidnaping

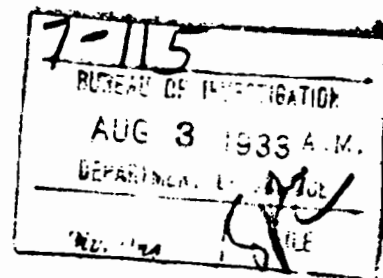
I attach hereto a copy of a letter received by [redacted] one of the trustees of the Slick Estate and partner of Mr. Urschel, said letter being from one [redacted] offering his services in the case.

It is requested that if and when you have an Agent at Wichita that some investigation be made as to the identity and reliability of the above person.

Very truly yours,

Enc.
cc: Bureau ✓

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.



WESTERN UNION

CHARGE

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

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August 1, 1933.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
201 FIVE GUARANTY BUILDING
ST LOUIS MISSOURI

CHARLES F. URSCHEL VICTIM KIDNAPING OKLAHOMA CITY ORIGIN AM CIRCULARIZING
BANKS IN ALL COUNTIES INCLUDED IN SEVENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT
ADDRESSOGRAPH PLATES FURNISHED BY FEDERAL RESERVE MAKE CIRCULARIZATION
SEVENTH DISTRICT POSSIBLE WITHOUT ANY CHECKING HERE ADVISE IF THIS
CONFLICTS WITH YOUR ARRANGEMENTS

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CC Bureau

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FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

Mr. Nathan ☒
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Clegg

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U. S. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"
AND REFER TO
INITIALS AND NUMBER

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 1, 1933.

Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Edwards	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Hughes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

Charles W. Clegg

One certain [REDACTED] of Tulsa, Oklahoma, introduced and vouched for by [REDACTED] of Muskogee, a business associate of [REDACTED] tells me today that he has a possible lead in the Urschell Kidnapping case. I told him if [REDACTED] attorney for the Slick Estate (Urschell), Oklahoma City, would vouch for him to me I felt we might use him. My thought was to telephone [REDACTED] What are your suggestions?

Very truly yours,

Pat Malloy

PAT MALLOY,
Assistant Attorney General.

In memo

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*Memo to Malloy
8-3-33
W.H.*

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
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August 3, 1933

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MALLOY

Reference is made to your memorandum of August 1, 1933, advising of the call upon you of one [redacted] of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who claims to have a possible lead in the Urschel kidnaping case.

Mr. Hughes of the Bureau advised me that after conferring with you he talked at some length with [redacted] who advised of the possible connection which attorney [redacted] of Oklahoma City had with this case, of the very probable implication of one [redacted] an escape from either Lansing or Leavenworth, Kansas, Penitentiaries, and the fact that he was obtaining information and would obtain additional information from one [redacted] former paramour of an outlaw by the name of Starr, now deceased.

Incidentally, [redacted] advised in confidence that [redacted] motive in furnishing the information was to obtain some assistance in the release, by parole or pardon, of one [redacted] formerly head of the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank; that [redacted] is now enamored of [redacted]. However, [redacted] stated that [redacted] had never violated his confidence and had always furnished accurate information. [redacted] was informed that he might call upon Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli of the Bureau's office at Kansas City, Missouri, and Special Agent in Charge R. H. Colvin, of the Oklahoma City office, and that those offices of the Bureau would be glad to receive and develop any information which he might furnish them.

[redacted] requested instructions from Mr. Hughes, and Mr. Hughes advised him that he had no instructions to issue; that it was understood, and the fact was that you had specifically stated to him that if he desired to be of any assistance in the case he should forget about any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses. Nevertheless, [redacted] felt that some action of this sort should be taken, and plainly indicated that he would discuss the matter further with the Agents in Charge of the respective offices.

I thought you would be interested in ascertaining the result of [redacted] call at the Bureau, and, in order that full opportunity may be given to [redacted] to render the assistance which he claims he can, I have written to my Oklahoma City and Kansas City offices advising them of [redacted] contemplated calls.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 2, 1933

Mr. Nathan ☒
Mr. Tolson ☐
Mr. Edwards ☐
Mr. Clegg ☐

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Malloy called me to his office this morning and introduced me to [redacted] referred to in Mr. Malloy's memorandum yesterday. Mr. Malloy stated he had not yet heard from his friend [redacted] 9230 Oklahoma City. Whereupon, [redacted] stated that [redacted] would call Mr. Malloy this morning. Mr. Malloy then told [redacted] to relate very briefly the facts in his possession.

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[redacted] thereupon, stated that he had been a resident of Oklahoma for fifty years; that he knew conditions and people there; that [redacted] an attorney of Oklahoma City, represents the underworld and crooks, and in addition is a dope peddler. He stated that our agents at Oklahoma City would know [redacted] but that they do not know that he is a dope peddler, nor do they know the powerful influence he wields in the underworld. He stated [redacted] is in on the kidnaping of Charles Urschel in some manner.

It appears that [redacted] information comes from one [redacted] the former paramour of a man by the name of Starr who was at the head of a gang of outlaws and who was killed recently; that [redacted] is smart and knows what is going on in connection with this case; that [redacted] wired [redacted] \$50 and she is to meet him at Kansas City; that she has already told him that [redacted], an escape from Leavenworth or the Kansas State Penitentiary is the chief kidnaper, and that when he, [redacted] arrives in Kansas City she will have for him additional names.

After replying to my office, [redacted] stated in great confidence that the only reward that [redacted] was after in connection with the furnishing of information in this case was the assistance of [redacted] and of such friends as he could influence to assist [redacted], who is now in the penitentiary, and who was formerly head of the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank, in his efforts to obtain parole and pardon; in other words, to get him out of the penitentiary. It appears that [redacted] is friendly with [redacted] and is desirous of assisting him. [redacted] states that he can absolutely depend upon anything [redacted] tells him; that he has worked with her on a number of occasions and she has never yet misplaced his confidence. He stated that she was in on a deal whereby he returned seven hundred odd thousand dollars to [redacted] president of

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I think Vetterli should be advised of this so if [redacted] turns up in Kansas City he will know what it is all about. J. E. H.

Memo. for Director

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First National Bank of Tulsa, Oklahoma, which had been stolen from a bank at Lincoln, Nebraska, and she was the means of his obtaining this money and returning it to the bank.

[redacted] stated that he knew Special Agent in Charge Vetterli quite well; in fact, had known him since his youth. [redacted] gave a long list of persons who might recommend him, such as District Court Judge [redacted] of Oklahoma, [redacted] recently appointed to the Court of Claims bench, [redacted] of the Hurley firm of lawyers, and [redacted] a friend of Mr. Malloy.

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Mr. Malloy told [redacted] that if he really wanted to help in the Urschel case the best way he could do so would be to give all information he had to the Bureau of Investigation and not to haggle or bargain for any compensation, expense money, or anything of the sort. Nevertheless, when I talked to [redacted] alone he requested instructions. I told him I had no instructions to issue to him; that if he obtained any information at Kansas City he might see Agent in Charge Vetterli and Vetterli would give the matter immediate attention, and that at Oklahoma City he might see Special Agent in Charge Colvin and Mr. Nathan; that in the meantime I would communicate with the Oklahoma City office and advise them of [redacted] call. [redacted] said he was leaving immediately for Kansas City and would call upon Mr. Vetterli, and later upon Mr. Colvin.

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I am addressing a letter to Mr. Colvin, advising him of [redacted] call and leaving it up to Mr. Colvin and Mr. Nathan at Oklahoma City as to the extent of cooperative dealing with [redacted] Probably Mr. Colvin knows more of him than may be learned here. Personally, of course, I would be opposed to entering into any compacts with him, and Mr. Malloy endeavored to make that plain.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes
V. W. HUGHES.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

August 3, 1933.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Clegg
10- [redacted]

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I talked with Mr. Nathan over the telephone at Oklahoma City and it was agreed that just as soon as they have completed the compilation of the serial numbers of the Federal Reserve notes used as ransom in the Urschel case they would forward the same by air mail to Washington so that the complete list might be multigraphed here and forwarded to the field offices for distribution to the banks. I have called the local office to have information obtained from the Treasury Department relative to the number of member banks of the Federal Reserve Districts and also to ascertain the number of state banks in each state so we can be prepared to send the proper number of copies of the circular to the field offices.

I think it would be advisable to perhaps include on this same list the numbers of the notes used in the [redacted] ransom case. In talking with the Chicago office they advised that they were just completing the compilation of these numbers and would forward them by air mail to the Bureau. Chicago also advised that only the numbers of \$4,000 had been retained in the [redacted] case and it is doubtful, in view of this, if the [redacted] numbers will be of particular value. Nevertheless they will be referred by Chicago to Washington.

The printing of these lists, of course, will be an enormous task. \$200,000.00 in \$20.00 notes will mean that there will be 10,000 serial numbers. Taking 200 to a page it will run at least 50 pages. Adding to this the [redacted] notes will make it a fair sized booklet. In order to get them out promptly I am advising Mr. Tolson so that Division Ten will be prepared to handle the matter as soon as the lists arrive.

Respectfully,

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V. W. Hughes. AUG 4 1933

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DIV. TEN
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Date 8/30

DIRECTOR _____
 MR. TOLSON _____
 MR. APPEL _____
 MR. BAUGHMAN _____
 MR. EGAN _____
 MR. HUGHES _____
 INSPECTOR CLEGG _____
 MISS GANDY _____
 MRS. SKILLMAN _____

BUREAU FILE ROOM _____
 DIVISION SEVEN _____
 IDENTIFICATION DIVISION _____
 PERSONNEL FILE ROOM _____
 DIVISION TEN _____
 STENOGRAPHIC POOL _____
 CORRECT _____
 RE-WRITE _____
 RE-DATE _____

A COPY OF THE LETTER TO THE OKLAHOMA
CITY OFFICE GIVING THE DETAILS RELATIVE
TO THIS MATTER WAS SENT TO SAC VETTERLI

Noted
JAA [Signature] [Redacted] b7C

PLEASE SEE ME _____

HAROLD NATHAN
 ROOM 318

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED

DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
GRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
MT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE
MT LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE LETTER
P RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

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THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

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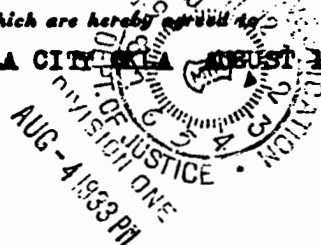
which are hereby agreed to

Form 2

RBC:GME

OKLA CITY OKLA AUGUST 1 1933

WM LARSON
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
625 LAFAYETTE BLDG
DETROIT MICH



PLEASE TRACE IMMEDIATELY FROM FACTORY CHEVROLET COACH MOTOR THREE THREE HUNDRED
TWO FOUR ONE TRANSMISSION CJ NINE FIVE NAUGHT TWO ONE SECURING FULL ASSEMBLY DATE
AND POINT SHIPMENT EXPEDITE

COLVIN

OFF. BUS. - GOVT RATE- PAID
CHG. US BUREAU INVES.

cc-Bureau

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK-END CABLE LETTER
SHIP RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 1, 1933

SEND FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO ALL ADDRESSES ON
ATTACHED LIST:

COMMUNICATE ALL BANKS YOUR JURISDICTION REQUEST IMMEDIATE ADVISE ALL EXCHANGE
OR DEPOSITS LARGE SUMS OF USED TWENTY DOLLAR FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES SINCE
MORNING THIRTY FIRST CONTINUING WATCH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ADVISE THIS OFFICE
TELEPHONICALLY ANY INFORMATION SECURED

COLVIN

Official Business
Government Rate Paid
Charge U. S. Bureau of Investigation

cc: Bureau ✓

Re Urth 1 10/11/33

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SEND ATTACHED MESSAGE TO FOLLOWING:

T. D. Quinn
United States Bureau of Investigation
301 Liberty National Life
Birmingham Alabama

C. D. McKean
United States Bureau of Investigation
1206 Law and Finance Building
Pittsburgh, Pa.

E. E. Conroy
United States Bureau of Investigation
1806 First National Bank
Charlotte, N. C.

C. C. Spears,
United States Bureau of Investigation
515 Old Post Office Bldg.
Portland, Oregon

E. J. Connelley
United States Bureau of Investigation
1420 Enquirer
Cincinnati, Ohio

J. A. Dowd
United States Bureau of Investigation
900 Ezra Thompson Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

D. L. McCormack
United States Bureau of Investigation
Post Office Building
Dallas Texas

C. R. Davis
United States Bureau of Investigation
1216 Smith-Young Tower
San Antonio Texas

Wm. Larson
United States Bureau of Investigation
625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan

W. A. Rorer
United States Bureau of Investigation
518 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California

R. A. Alt
United States Bureau of Investigation
Atlantic Nat'l. Bank Bldg. Annex
Jacksonville, Florida

Werner Hanni
United States Bureau of Investigation
803 Post Office Building
St. Paul, Minn.

J. E. P. Dunn
United States Bureau of Investigation
619 Federal Building
Los Angeles California

J. M. Keith,
United States Bureau of Investigation
Hurley-Wright Building
Washington, D. C.

R. Whitley
United States Bureau of Investigation
326 1/2 Post Office Bldg.
New Orleans Louisiana

T. F. Cullen
United States Bureau of Investigation
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403
New York City, N. Y.

R. G. Harvey
United States Bureau of Investigation
755 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.
Philadelphia Pennsylvania

*Office at N.Y., St. Louis
& Chicago notified by
telephone.*

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK-END CABLE LETTER
SHIP RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

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Cables

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Cincinnati, Ohio
August 1, 1933

M. H. Purvis,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

CHARLES MURSCHEL KIDNAPING PRESUME PLATES YOU HAVE ARE ONLY MEMBER BANKS STOP NO
USEFUL PURPOSE SERVED SENDING SAME CINCINNATI TERRITORY WHICH WE HAVE ARRANGED TO COVER
BY LETTER MEMBER AND NONMEMBER BANKS

CONNELLEY

EJC:
CC BUREAU
8:20 P.M.

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
TELEGRAM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FULL RATE CABLE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
WHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
WHT LETTER	WEEK-END CABLE LETTER
WIRE RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication

International Telegraph

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

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Cables



All America
Cables

Mackay

Radio

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and the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof,

which are hereby agreed to

Form 2

RHC:

OKLA CITY OKLA AUGUST 1 1933

C R DAVIS
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
1216 SMITH YOUNG TOWER BLDG
SAN ANTONIO TEX

REFERENCE MY WIRE THIS MORNING COVER BANKS SUGGEST YOU CIRCULARIZE ALL STATE BANKS
OBTAINING LIST FROM AUSTIN COVER THOSE STATE BANKS ALSO IN DALLAS DISTRICT
DALLAS WILL OBTAIN LIST FEDERAL RESERVE AND MEMBER BANKS IN THEIR DISTRICT BUT
CANNOT OBTAIN STATE LIST

Quintanilla

COLVIN

OFF. BUS. - GOVT RATE - PAID
CHG. US BUREAU INVS.

~~cc-Bureau~~

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AUG 4 1933
<i>[Signature]</i>

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

RBC

OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA AUGUST 1 1935

Send following telegram to addresses attached:

REFERENCE COVERING BANKS MY TELEGRAM THIS MORNING ALL MONEY
IS USED TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS FEDERAL RESERVE BANK TENTH DISTRICT CANNOT
SUPPLY NUMBERS NOW

COLVIN

Official Business
Gov't. Rate Paid
Charge US Bureau of Investigation

(C.F.Urschel - Kidnapping Case)

cc: Bureau ✓

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AUG 4 1935

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

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Send the attached message to the following addresses:

T. D. Quinn
United States Bureau of Investigation
881 Liberty National Life Building
Birmingham, Alabama

E. E. Conroy
United States Bureau of Investigation
1806 First National Bank Building
Charlotte, North Carolina

M. E. Purvis
United States Bureau of Investigation
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

E. J. Connelley
United States Bureau of Investigation
1420 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio


D. L. McCormack
United States Bureau of Investigation
Post Office Building
Dallas, Texas

Wm. Larson
United States Bureau of Investigation
625 Lafayette Building
Detroit Michigan

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Atlantic Nat'l. Bank Bldg. Annex
Jacksonville Florida

R. E. Vetterli
United States Bureau of Investigation
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City Missouri

J.E.P. Dunn
United States Bureau of Investigation
619 Federal Building
Los Angeles California


United States Bureau of Investigation
601 Poydras Building
New Orleans, Louisiana
T. J. [unclear]
United States Bureau of Investigation
870 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403
New York N. Y.

R. G. Harvey
United States Bureau of Investigation
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building
Philadelphia Pa.

C. D. McKean
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313 Old Post Office Building
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United States Bureau of Investigation
900 Ezra Thompson Building
Salt Lake City Utah

C. R. Davis
United States Bureau of Investigation
1216 Smith-Young Tower Building
San Antonio Texas

W. A. Rorer
United States Bureau of Investigation
318 Hewes Building
San Francisco California

D. M. Ladd
United States Bureau of Investigation
801 Title Guaranty Building
St. Louis, Missouri

Werner Hanni
United States Bureau of Investigation
205 Post Office Building
St. Paul Minnesota

J. M. Keith
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Hurley Wright Building
Washington, D. C.

1806 First National Bank Building
Charlotte, N. C.

August 5, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
509 Oklahoma Savings Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; CHARLES F. URSCHER,
Victim - Kidnaping

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RECEIVED BY INVESTIGATION
AUG 4 1933 A.M.
DEPT. OF JUSTICE
Div. One

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of August 1, 1933, requesting this office to communicate with all banks in this territory requesting immediate advice as to all exchanges or deposits of large sums of used twenty dollar Federal Reserve notes since the morning of July 31, 1933, continuing the watch until further notice, and with the request that your office be advised telephonically of any information secured.

There is being transmitted herewith copy of the circular letter which was addressed and mailed at the close of business on August 1, 1933, to approximately six hundred and fifty banks in North Carolina and South Carolina. It will be noted that this office, in order to eliminate reports on immaterial deposits, advised that it would not be necessary to take into consideration deposits of a usual nature on the part of legitimate commercial concerns in the regular course of their business. I trust this is entirely satisfactory with your office.

Special Agent in Charge J. M. Keith, during the late afternoon of August 1, 1933, called this office over long distance telephone, and advised that he had made arrangements with [redacted] of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Virginia, to transmit circular letters to all banks in this Federal Reserve District; that there might be some duplication, but that the matter could be straightened out quickly between our two offices in the event that any reports were received. I advised Mr. Keith that such an arrangement was entirely satisfactory with this office.

enc.
[redacted]

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Your other telegram of August 1, 1933, received at 7:45 P. M. at this office, advising that the twenty dollar bills were of the Federal Reserve Bank, Tenth District, was received after the transmission of the circular letters set forth. However, same can be handled over the telephone in the event that any reports are received, and accordingly it will not be necessary to transmit over long distance telephone any irrelevant information.

Very truly yours,

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E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

cc with ENCL:

Bureau
Washington Field

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201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama

August 2, 1933.

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Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Sir:
DIVISION ONE

Reference is made to telegrams from the Oklahoma City Office dated August 1, 1933, requesting that the Birmingham Office communicate with all banks covered by its district requesting them to be under watch for exchanges or deposits of large sums of used \$20 Federal Reserve notes which possibly were exchanged, or deposited since the morning of July 31.

This is to advise that the Birmingham Office on August 1, 1933, circularized all banks in its district in accordance with the attached circular letter. Copies of this letter were, also, forwarded to all peace officers and others on the mailing list of the Birmingham Office. Efforts are being made at the present time to secure the cooperation of the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Postal Telegraph Company to circularize all of its commercial agencies in a similar manner. If these companies will not issue such a circular, the addresses of their various commercial agencies in the Birmingham District will be secured and will be circularized by this Bureau. *officer*

Very truly yours,

JHH
Encl.

J. H. HANSON, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Bureau

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
AUG 4 1933 A.M.
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Department of Justice

201 Liberty National Life Bldg.,
Birmingham, Alabama.

August 1, 1933

TO ALL BANKERS:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this Bureau, will you kindly advise immediately telephonically collect, to number 7-1755, Birmingham, Alabama, which is the telephone number of the undersigned, if any person, or persons, have exchanged, or deposited, large sums of used \$20 Federal Reserve Notes since the morning of July 31, 1933. Also, kindly bear this request in mind and in the event that in the future anyone makes such an exchange, or deposit, kindly advise as requested above.

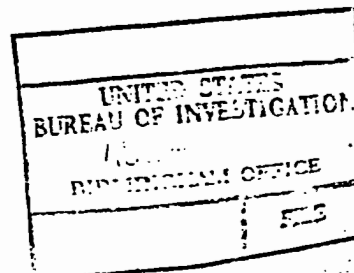
Your earnest cooperation in this respect will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

JHH

J. H. Hanson
J. H. HANSON, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan,
August 2, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
234 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Re: CHARLES F. ⁰URSCHEL, Victim,
Kidnaping.

In compliance with request contained in your telegram of August 1, 1933, mimeographed letters were immediately transmitted to all banks in that portion of Ohio covered by the Detroit Bureau office. Before any of these letters were mailed to Michigan banks the following quoted telegram was received from the Chicago Bureau office:

"Charles F. Urschel Victim Kidnaping Oklahoma City origin as circularizing banks in all counties included in seventh Federal Reserve District addressograph plates furnished by Federal Reserve make circularization Seventh District possible without any checking here advise if this conflicts with your arrangements."

As the Seventh Federal Reserve District covers the entire State of Michigan, excluding the Upper Peninsula which territory is covered by the Chicago Bureau office, that office was immediately notified that the arrangements set out in the telegram would not conflict with the action taken by this office and, hence, only the banks in this district in Ohio were circularized by the Detroit office.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson,
Special Agent in Charge.

WL
cc Bureau. ✓
cc Chicago.

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[Signature]

U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
August 1, 1933

Dear Sir:

To materially assist the United States Bureau of Investigation in the course of a certain investigation now being conducted, it is respectfully requested that you advise by return mail if any person or persons have since yesterday, July 31, 1933, and up to the time this letter is received, exchanged or deposited large sums of used \$20.00 Federal Reserve Notes. Also, kindly continue to watch for such particular exchanges or deposits as the \$20.00 notes may be presented at a later date.

In the event you believe you possess any information of value regarding the above, it is desired that you communicate with me by telephone collect, Cadillac 2835, so that I can arrange to have a representative immediately confer with you.

Your cooperation in this matter will be deeply appreciated. For your convenience and reply, there is being enclosed herewith a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

Again thanking you for your attention in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Hughes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	

August 3, 1933.

MEMORANDUM - Telephone Call.

Mr. Nathan advised from Oklahoma City that things did not look so promising today as they did yesterday afternoon; that Frank Blake had taken an airplane trip to spy out some luck, but he did not believe he had much luck, but that Mr. Blake would be back this morning; that \$200,000 was paid as ransom by the URSCHEL Family, all in \$10.00 bills; that they had an idea of how to get the serial numbers of these notes to our offices surrounding Oklahoma City without letting it be known that \$200,000 had been paid. I advised Mr. Nathan that it had been carried in the Washington papers, as an AP dispatch from Oklahoma City, that the intermediary had described how he paid \$200,000 to the kidnapers, or their negotiators, and that it appeared, therefore, there was no secrecy about the amount paid. Mr. Nathan advised that they had been working day and night endeavoring to list the serial numbers numerically. It was decided that as soon as possible this list would be dispatched to the 21 field offices, with instructions that the list be given to all banks in their jurisdiction. It was further decided that the name of the case in connection with which these bills are desired would be kept a secret.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation
Charlotte, N. C.
~~Department of Justice~~

TO THE OFFICER IN CHARGE
ALL BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES
NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA

Dear Sir:

This office is desirous of receiving information regarding the deposit of large sums of used twenty-dollar Federal Reserve Notes, or the exchange of such notes for currency of other denominations, which may have been brought to your bank since the morning of July 31, 1933.

It would be appreciated if you would instruct all employees of your institution to keep a careful watch regarding the above until further notice. It will not be necessary to take into consideration deposits of a usual nature on the part of legitimate commercial concerns, in the regular course of their business.

In the event that any such exchanges or deposits of large sums as outlined above occur at your institution, it is respectfully requested that you call this office immediately on long distance telephone, collect, Charlotte, North Carolina, #3-4127, and advise as to the name and address of the person or concern making such a deposit or exchange.

Kindly consider this communication as strictly confidential.

Very truly yours,

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

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This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

NC DEFINITE DEVELOPMENTS LIST OF BANKNOTE NUMBERS

FORWARDED TONIGHT NINE OCLOCK PLANE DUE WASHINGTON SIX

THIRTY FRIDAY EVENING=

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Mr. Olegg.....
Mr. Edwards...
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Eubank...✓
Mr. Nathan...
Mr. Tolson....

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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES.

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OKLAHOMA CITY , Oklahoma, Aug.1,1935.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
906 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City , Mo.

Re;Urschel Kidnapping.

Dear Sir:

Having reference to telephone conversations this date relative to the Urschel kidnapping matter. Please be advised that the representatives of the victims family went to Kansas City from here on the night of July 30th and were evidently tailed by a man who was in the same Pullman with them.

The man was evidently from Kansas City and had come down here the night before on the same train. He is also said to have observed their departure from Kansas City as he was standing in the station.

This individual is described:

Age 35-40

Height 5 ft 7½ to 10 in

Weight 190

Very flabby chin

Face inclined to be freckled and yellow

Nose appeared pinched as tho by glasses

Wears shirt sleeves rolled up arms tanned.

Loose grey suit, cheap tan mink. shoes.

Cheap baggage consisting of Black bag and brown leather brief bag.

Brown leather golf bag with top cover- very heavy- took two men to handle it.

Suspect had general appearance of con man or gambler.

It is desired that authorities be consulted with a view to ascertain if from this general description, his identity might be ascertained.

Some information might be obtained from station men or taxi men at Union Station. Bear in mind this was MKT train #28 The Sooner, arriving at Kansas City on Sunday morning the 30th instant. The pullman porter has already been interviewed. Please give this matter prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

cc Bureau ✓
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R. H. Colvin
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

VWH

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

August 2, 1933.

Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Edwards	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Hughes	_____
Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

With reference to the attached memorandum from Mr. Malloy of the 1st. instant, I talked with Mr. Malloy last night and he advised that while he knew [redacted] he did not know whether he could be absolutely relied upon but would take [redacted] word for it. He stated that he would call up [redacted] this morning at Oklahoma City and if [redacted] would vouch for [redacted] then he would send [redacted] in to see me. [redacted] is in town and claims to know a woman who is the paramour of a former Leavenworth convict; that this convict is one of the kidnapers and that the woman knows another one of the gang. Mr. Malloy stated that he knew, of course, that [redacted] who had been a detective for some years, does know Oklahoma and does know many convicts and it is possible that his information may be worth while.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes
V. W. Hughes.

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Follow this up.

J. E. H. [signature]

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CABLES

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
August 5, 1933.

C.C. SPEARS,
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
313 Old Post Office Building,
Portland, Oregon.

IN OKLAHOMA CITY CLASS SEVEN CASE I AM CIRCULARIZING ALL NINTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT BANKS

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Off. Bus. Govt. Rate
Chg. U.S. Bur. of Inv.
203 P.O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.
CC Bureau ✓

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St. Paul

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS:
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION:

=COMMUNICATE ALL BANKS YOUR JURISDICTION REQUEST IMMEDIATE
ADVICE ALL EXCHANGE OR DEPOSITS LARGE SUMS OF USED TWENTY
DOLLAR FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES SINCE MORNING THIRTY FIRST
CONTINUING WATCH UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ADVISE THIS OFFICE
TELEPHONICALLY ANY INFORMATION SECURED=

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Telephone Your Telegrams to **Postal Telegraph**

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Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Your telegram of the 1st instant addressed to T. F. Gullen, United States Bureau of Investigation, requesting that he communicate with all banks in his jurisdiction for certain information, failed to carry the New York City address and was delivered to this office. It was necessary to call the New York office and repeat the telegram over the telephone. It is assumed that an identical telegram was forwarded to many other offices of the Bureau.

I desire to caution you to exercise more care in the addressing of telegrams in order that no time may be lost in transmitting communications of this important character.

Very truly yours,

Director.

WESTERN UNION

Received at 708 14th St. N.W. Washington, D.C.

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DIRECTOR UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION=
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DETAILS TODAY UNEVENTFUL TWO AGENTS SCOUTING VICINITY
MENTIONED MY NIGHTLETTER YESTERDAY ANOTHER COVERING LEADS

JOPLIN AND BLAKE AND JONES WILL FLY SUNDAY
OVER SAME SECTION STOP [REDACTED] OF OKLAHOMACITY

ARRESTED LOSANGELES TODAY UPON DISEMBARKATION FROM PLANE H
NEARLY TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND IN BONDS WHICH ARE APPARENTLY
LOOT FROM KANSAS BANKS AND NOT APPARENTLY OF INTEREST TO O

INVESTIGATION HOWEVER MATTER IS RECELVING ADEQUATE ATTENTIO
KANSASCITY HAS BEEN FURNISHED BY PHONE OR OTHERWISE WITH A
PRACTICAL DETAILS NOW KNOWN WITH EXCEPTION OF MATTERS AT

JOPLIN COVERED FROM HERE=
COLVIN.

when in need

Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Edwards	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Hendon	_____
Mr. Jones	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
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WILLIAM LARSON
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
625 LAFAYETTE BUILDING
DETROIT MICHIGAN

SUGGEST YOU INCLUDE CANADIAN POINTS YOUR DISTRICT IN CIRCULIZING INFORMATION ON
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T F CULLEN
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
370 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK N Y

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Mr. Nathan ✓
Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Edwards ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓

OKLAHOMA CITY OKLA.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH

AUGUST 4 1933

DIRECTOR
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D C

HAVE AUTHORIZED EMPLOYMENT [REDACTED] INFORMANT AT TWO DOLLARS
FIFTY CENTS PER DAY WITH AGREEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION IF
THROUGH HIS EFFORTS BRADY IS APPREHENDED REMUNERATION TO BE BY
BLUE SLIP

NATHAN

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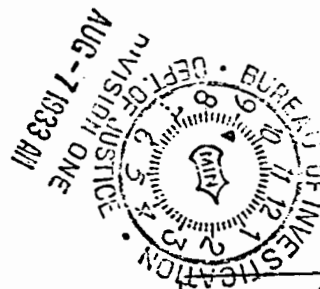


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August 5, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HATHAN

Re: Kidnaping

Senator [redacted] telephoned this morning to state that he had received a telegram from the Managing Editor of the Daily Oklahoman expressing the wish that the matter be continued to be pressed. I advised the Senator that one of the Assistant Directors from Washington was in Oklahoma City personally directing this investigation, and assured him we would make every effort to apprehend the kidnapers.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

Room 1403,
370 Lexington Ave.,
New York City.

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August 6, 1933.

Director,
U.S. Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Re: Unknown Subjects
Charles F. Urschel-Victim.
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In conformity with telephonic instructions of Mr. Vincent Hughes of the Bureau to Special Agent [REDACTED] on August 1, 1933 to the effect that all banks in our district should be immediately notified and advised to watch for the passing of any large amount of used twenty-dollar bills drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Mo., you are advised that such action was taken and all of the banks within the New York Bureau Office district were immediately circularized.

With reference to the telephonic instructions of Mr. Hughes to Special Agent [REDACTED] on August 6, 1933 to the effect that all banks in our district should be immediately requested to watch for a cashier's check in the amount of \$1000.00 drawn on the Hennepin State Bank, Minneapolis, Minn., dated August 5, 1933, and payable to one R. J. Peters, you are advised that such action has been taken.

In accordance with the suggestion contained in your wire of even date, arrangements have been perfected whereby all of the Canadian banks in our district will be circularized on the morning of August 7, 1933.

[REDACTED]
cc. Okla. City.

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Very truly yours,

T. F. Cullen
T. F. Cullen,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Edwards	
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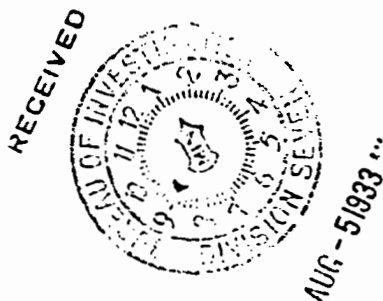
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DIRECTOR
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D C

NOTHING NEW TODAY HAVE BORROWED PLANE AND PILOT FOR SUNDAY AND WILL
MAKE FURTHER FLIGHTS OVER TERRITORY WHERE VICTIM WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE
BEEN HELD TO BE FOLLOWED BY GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AM ALSO COVERING
JOPLIN WHERE ^{HAT} (WORD GARBLED) AND SHIRT WERE PURCHASED FOR VICTIM

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Bureau

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201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama

August 4, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telegrams from the Oklahoma City Office dated August 1, 1933, requesting that the Birmingham Office notify all banks in the Birmingham District to advise if any large deposits, or exchanges, have been made of \$20 Federal Reserve used bank notes. As has been explained in a previous letter from the Birmingham Office, such a circular letter was sent out on August 1, 1933, prior to the receipt of the second telegram from the Oklahoma City Office advising that these notes were of the Tenth Federal Reserve District issue.

On August 3, 1933, when Special Agent [redacted] of the Birmingham Office was in Tupelo, Mississippi, he was advised by [redacted] Teller, Tupelo Bank, that on August 2, 1933, during the late morning a stranger came into the bank and asked [redacted] another Teller, to exchange \$500 in \$20 bills for five \$100 bills. Special Agent [redacted] attempted to secure from both [redacted] and [redacted] information concerning this individual, but was only able to learn that the man was dressed in overalls and a work shirt, wore a cap, and looked to be about 25 to 30 years of age, having the appearance of being a laborer, and was of a dark complexion from sunburn. They also advised that this man was about 6 ft. tall and of slender build.

These persons, as well as others interviewed in Tupelo, Mississippi, were unable to advise if this man was alone, or his mode of travel. The local peace officers in Tupelo had not noticed any strangers in town, but they will continue their watch and notify the Birmingham Office should they learn of any stranger in that vicinity with a large amount of money.

Special Agent [redacted] also, learned from the Tellers

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[redacted]

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[Initials]

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in the bank that no one else has exchanged any large amount of \$20 bills and that it is their belief that the numbers in the bills set out below constitute those exchanged by this individual. These tellers are positive that the notes set out under the Sub-division A include the notes that were exchanged, but they are not sure that those set out under the sub-division B were exchanged by the above mentioned individual:

Serial Nos.

H 03799361 A
H 03815833 A
B 16779785 A

B 038068 A
E 007961 A
A 000918 A
B 008233 A
C 000108 A

Federal Reserve Dist.

St. Louis
" "
New York

National Notes

Serial Nos.

H 01559666 A
H 03287454 A
F 00628111 A
H 03797005 A
F 02908225 A
H 03791436 A

Federal Reserve Notes

St. Louis
" "
Atlanta
St. Louis
Atlanta
St. Louis

National Notes

B 032870 A
C 002856 A
A 001165 A
C 004232 A
C 031549 A
E 000775 A
F 001132 A
E 008016 A
C 000655 A
A 000089 A
C 012316 A
A 000562 A

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

JHH
CC: Bureau

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August 5, 1933.

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DEVELOPMENTS OF THE WEEK IN KIDNAPING CASES

Kidnaping of [REDACTED]

An additional subject, [REDACTED] has been arrested and charged with violation of the Coghren Act.

Kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City.

Payment was made by the family of Urschel in the sum of \$200,000 consisting of twenty-dollar bills. The numbers of the bills were retained and a list thereof is being prepared by the Bureau for distribution to all banks throughout the country.

Kidnaping of [REDACTED]

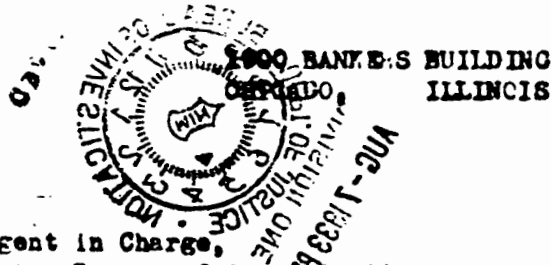
[REDACTED] (brother of the defendant who was last week convicted with recommendation of a death penalty) is to be tried in the State Courts of Kansas approximately August 21, 1933. [REDACTED] another defendant in this case, will go to trial immediately after conclusion of the case against [REDACTED]

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August 4, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation
1420 Enquirer Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
CHARLES F. URGHEL, Victim
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:


Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram dated August 1, 1933, with reference to the above case, advising that you had already made arrangements to circularize banks in counties of Indiana covered by your district. The Chicago Bureau office therefore has not sent a circular letter to any of the banks in counties covered by the Cincinnati Bureau office.

The Addressograph plates maintained by the Federal Reserve Bank of the Seventh district cover both member and non-member banks, and no additional work was incurred by this office by reason of the offer to circularize banks, as indicated in my telegram of the first instant.

Very truly yours,


W. A. SMITH,

Acting Special Agent in Charge.


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SPECIAL DELIVERY
AIR MAIL

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
224, Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:-

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
CHARLES W. SCHMEL, Victim,
Kidnaping.

Yesterday, Special Agent in Charge Vetterli telephoned this office, and stated that an unknown man had left Kansas City via Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad on the evening of July 28, 1933, occupying a berth on Car 138, on Train 28. His destination was Oklahoma City, but he got off the train at Bartlesville, Oklahoma. On July 29, 1933, this same individual boarded the train at Oklahoma City and returned to Kansas City, arriving there on July 30. On the return trip, he occupied Lower 5 of Car 138.

Mr. Vetterli desired that a diagram of these two cars and any information which the Pullman company might be able to supply, as to the identity of this individual, be obtained.

Chief Special Agent [redacted] of the Pullman Company, Chicago, Illinois, was requested to send the above information, and he sent photostatic copies of the diagrams of the cars referred to above, together with a memorandum setting forth the results of his investigation, in regard to this matter.

Copies of this memorandum, and the photostatic copy of the diagram of the cars, are being enclosed for both the Oklahoma City and Kansas City Offices.

Very truly yours,

W. L. SMITH, Acting,
Special Agent in Charge

SAC [redacted]
CC Kansas City
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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

August 4, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 1, 1933, concerning the URSCHER⁶ KIDNAPING, requesting that investigation be made at Union Station here, in an effort to identify a man who is believed to have trailed the representatives of the Victim's family to Kansas City the night of July 29, 1933.

Special Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted] at the Union Station, and through [redacted] and [redacted] it was found that only six station ushers met Katy Train No. 25 the morning of July 30th upon its arrival from Oklahoma. All of these ushers except one have been interviewed.

[redacted] appears to have been the only usher who can give valuable information. He advised that he met the Oklahoma City car in the abovementioned train Sunday morning and carried a black suitcase, a brief case, color unknown, and a light tan, covered, golf bag for a man about:

50 or 60 years old
with medium gray hair
weight about 170 pounds
height 5 ft. 7 in. or 6 in.
ruddy complexion
wearing large eyeglasses, (whether bone or gold
rims, or whether nose or spectacles, he could
not remember.)

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[redacted] advised that the man in question was the last man to alight from the Oklahoma City car, as he recalled it, and that he believes there were only two other passengers, who were men, in this car; that when he started to pick up the golf bag, he found he would have to tighten the strap in order to carry it over his shoulder; that the man seemed to be in a great hurry and told him to "come on" in a sharp manner; the man apparently was traveling with the other two men, as he hurried along behind them; that when he, [redacted] finally fixed the strap, the man was out of sight; that he hurried up the station steps and found the man in the lobby of the station. [redacted] stated that they crossed the station lobby as if to go to the taxicabs, when the man was met by a second man, whom he described as being about five feet, four inches, tall; that the traveler was wearing a dark suit and a straw hat. [redacted] stated that he can give no description whatsoever of the man who met the traveler, and could not even estimate his age. He stated that the traveler told him to set his grips down at the east door of the station, and that [redacted] immediately returned to the interior of the station and did not see where the men went.

[redacted] advised that he believed that he could identify a photograph of the man with the golf bag, but that he is certain that he could not identify a picture of the man who met the traveler at the station entrance.

[redacted] appeared to recall the events clearly, however, he could not recall that the golf bag he carried was extraordinarily heavy. He recalls that he was able to carry all of the baggage with ordinary ease. He is positive, however, that the golf bag was one that entirely concealed its contents.

[redacted] the only usher of the six mentioned herein who was not interviewed, is on vacation and will return August 9, 1933. The records at the station reveal that he carried the baggage for a man and a woman from this train to the check room.

It was ascertained that the taxicab starter on duty at that time was [redacted] [redacted] could not be interviewed on 8-2-33, as he was off duty that day. He may be interviewed any day between seven o'clock and ten o'clock a.m.

Investigation was made at the Union Station check stand to determine whether the bag was received there and whether it might probably still be held there.

Agent interviewed [redacted] and [redacted] who advised that they were the only men on duty Sunday morning at the hour in question; they advised that they could not recall receiving a golf bag of the description set out herein or any other bag that was particularly heavy; they checked the three golf bags in the stand at the time of the interview and found that all of them had been received since August 1st, and that none of them was heavy.

Agent interviewed [redacted] of the train in question from Oklahoma City to Kansas City, Missouri. [redacted] advised that the pullman porter is in complete charge of the Oklahoma City car between Oklahoma City and Parsons, Kansas, and that he, [redacted] is asleep at the time the train passes through Parsons. He advised that he merely arises in the morning and checks the space shown on the porter's diagram and that he has no occasion to see any of the passengers, as he has several pullman cars on the train under his supervision. He advised that on the date of investigation, he had seen the porter who was on the Oklahoma City car the night of July 29th, who advised then that he had been questioned in the Oklahoma City Bureau office on Tuesday, August 1st; therefore, the porter was not interviewed by this Agent.

[redacted] the taxicab starter at the station will be interviewed immediately.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI
Special Agent in Charge.

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
August 4, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

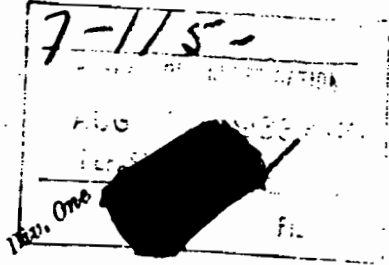
Referring to the investigation concerning the Urschel kidnapping case and your telephone conversation of August 3, 1933, there are enclosed one photograph each of [redacted] and [redacted] bearing descriptions.

These photographs were received from the Narcotic Agent in Charge, [redacted] at Kansas City and no contact with the Police Department was had in this connection. [redacted] formerly Assistant Narcotic Agent in Charge at Kansas City, is now employed as Assistant District Supervisor of Narcotics, Federal Building, at St. Louis, Missouri. It is suggested that you communicate with the St. Louis office, outlining the substance of interview desired with [redacted].

Investigation was made by Special Agent [redacted] at the Muehlebach Hotel at Kansas City where it was ascertained that [redacted] and [redacted] registered at 7:35 A.M., July 30, 1933, and were assigned to room 804, and departed at 9:04 P.M. the same day. There were no telephone calls charged to their account. It was found that there is no possible means of checking telephone calls coming into the hotel. No other charges on the account of room 804 furnished information of value, since there was nothing but cafe charges, the waiters' slips indicating only two people served.

Investigation is being made in the vicinity of the LaSalle Hotel which is located near Troost Avenue on Linwood Blvd. This is somewhat of a luxurious establishment, but is a known rendezvous of gangsters. It is not believed that open inquiry there is advisable. You will be later notified as to the results of investigation in the vicinity of that hotel.

During the time that this inquiry was being made at the Muehlebach Hotel the clerk on duty having read in the newspaper certain details of the alleged payment of ransom at a Kansas City hotel, asked whether or not the inquiry was based on the Urschel case. This afforded an opportunity of securing any possible information which might be available to him, but the fact was not disclosed that the inquiry pertained to the instant matter. It was developed, however, that the clerk was merely curious due to his previ-





readings in the newspaper and no information whatever seems to be available to the management of the Muehlebach Hotel, with reference to this case. Facts relative to both men's records and other matters mentioned in your telephone conversation will be reported immediately when available.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
U.S. Bureau of Investigation,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:-

A copy of the circular letter is also attached to copy of this letter to the Bureau.

D.L. McCormack, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. One

U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas,

August 1, 1933.

Gentlemen:-

Please advise this office immediately of all deposits or exchanges of large sums of twenty dollar Federal Reserve notes at your bank since the morning of July 31, 1933.

This request arises out of an official investigation and is of the utmost importance. Your close watchfulness and quick report of any information will be deeply appreciated. You will be promptly notified when the watch is to be discontinued.

The matter is, of course, to be treated strictly confidential.

Very truly yours,

D.L. McCormack, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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201 Liberty National Life Bldg.,
Birmingham, Alabama,
August 5, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Further reference is made to telegram from the Oklahoma City Office of August 1, 1933, requesting that the Birmingham office notify the banks in this district to be on the lookout for a large amount of used \$20.00 Federal Reserve notes.

This is to advise that Mr. Lester C. Fant, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi, and who also is President of the Bank of Holly Springs, Holly Springs, Miss., advised that on August 4, 1933, one [REDACTED] a resident of Paducah, Ky., who has carried an account with the above bank for many years and whom Mr. Fant knows to be an honest and straightforward man, deposited 51 used \$20.00 Federal Reserve Bank notes with the bank at Holly Springs.

These notes are numbered as follows, and Mr. Fant advises that the letters preceding the numbers indicate the Federal Reserve Bank issuing the notes, explaining further that the letter A represents the first Federal Reserve District, the succeeding letters of the alphabet representing the succeeding Federal Reserve districts:

D 06319183 A	H 03391360 A	H 00479283 A
H 03491157 A	H 03294544 A	H 03398154 A
H 03316014 A	H 01817329 A	G 16222544 A
B 14712594 A	G 03908903 A	H 00456302 A
D 06757927 A	H 02735177 A	L 01990786 A
H 03398094 A	G 01892198 A	H 01838620 A
H 02033680 A	G 12870557 A	G 16871444 A
F 03261270 A	J 03623557 A	H 01772019 A
F 00330659 A	H 03800934 A	G 19794027 A
H 03510659 A	H 03800524 A	D 06802014 A
H 01772041 A	H 02851709 A	J 02983803 A
J 03337439 A	G 07653562 A	H 02191160 A
J 01271021 A	H 03398086 A	H 15435110 A
H 03797392 A	H 01447080 A	H 03398097 A
B 11285085 A	H 03398096 A	H 01842308 A
H 03490554 A	H 03602542 A	H 03321634 A
H 03307052 A	H 03307052 A	H 03478782 A
H 02217521 A		

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It will be noted from the notes set out above that some of the numbers are preceded by the letter J, which represents the Tenth Federal Reserve District.

Very Truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

August 5, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

In re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,
CHARLES URSCHEL - Victim
KIDNAPING

Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones of the San Antonio Office called this office by telephone and advised that while Charles Urschel, victim was in the custody of his captors, he heard one of them state that he formerly resided next door to [REDACTED] the inventor of orange crush, and requested that such information as might be available be obtained with reference to the said Scutter.

Agent [REDACTED] ascertained from a [REDACTED] of the Orange Crush Company, Chicago, that [REDACTED] had been formerly connected with the said company as an advertising manager; that the period during which he was so connected was from 1918 to 1922; that [REDACTED] was also [REDACTED] of the McJunkin Advertising Agency and the Orange Crush Company placed its advertising through the McJunkin Advertising Agency; that in 1922 the Orange Crush Company began to place its advertising through another company and [REDACTED] thereupon severed his connection with the Orange Crush Company.

[REDACTED] from 1918 to 1923 resided in an apartment house which was the last house on Winona Avenue near the lake; that in 1923 he moved to an old, remodeled studio apartment located on the south side of Oak Street, just west of Michigan Avenue, where he remained for six or eight months; that from this place he moved early in 1924 to the Lake Shore Drive Hotel, 181 Lake Shore Drive, where he has resided continuously since in Apt. 311.

[REDACTED] of the Citrus Products Company, 11 E. Austin Street, Chicago. He is a man about 45 or 46 years of age and is not a chemist. He was formerly a lawyer in San Francisco and came to Chicago in 1918.

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██████████ advised that about four years ago one ██████████ telephoned from Arkansas requesting that an apartment in the Lake Shore Drive Hotel, 181 Lake Shore Drive, be reserved for him; that after he had moved in it was found that he was ██████████ of the Street Cleaners Union of Chicago and a racketeer. The hotel management finally got rid of him after a residence of six or eight months.

The Chicago City Directory for 1928 and 1929 shows that ██████████ resided at 181 Lake Shore Drive.

The real inventor of orange crush was ██████████ a chemist. ██████████ in 1921 resided at the Somerset Apartments, now the Copeland Apartments, located on the corner of Sheridan Road and Argyle. Three years later he moved to 219 Lake Shore Drive, an apartment house, where he has resided ever since. Mr. Ward is about 52 years of age.

The above information was conveyed by telephone to Special Agent in Charge Jones.

Very truly yours,

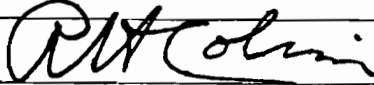
M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Okla.**FILE NO. **7-6**

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 8-5-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7-22-33 to 8-4-33	REPORT MADE BY: R. H. Colvin
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - Charles F. Urschel - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnapping
<p>SYNOPSIS FACTS:</p> <p>Charles F. Urschel, millionaire oil man, 327 N.W. 18th St., Okla. City, kidnapped by two unknown subjects July 22, taken to an unknown point and held until night of July 31; released near Norman, Okla. after paying \$200,000 ransom. Identity of kidnappers unknown but apparently are experienced in such matters. Kidnappers forced Urschel to name intermediaries through whom money was paid over in Kansas City, Mo. Sunday, July 30th, consisting of ten thousand twenty dollar used Federal Reserve Notes on Federal Reserve Bank, Kansas City. Bureau has been furnished serial numbers and banks will be circularized. Numerous suspects; no positive identification made but partial identification made of Bob Brady, subject of file known as Obstruction of Justice, Kansas City office of origin. Many clues being run down on which no report can be made at this time. Victim's family high-jacked of \$1000 in preliminary attempt to contact kidnappers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>On Saturday night, July 22, 1933, about 12:10 A.M. (23rd), Agent at his residence received a telephone call from John Watt, Chief of Police, Oklahoma City, advising that Charles F. Urschel had been kidnapped at 11:15 P.M. Agent proceeded immediately to the Police Station and went into conference with the Chief of Police. About the same time Agent received a long distance telephone call from the Director, instructing immediate attention and assignment of Agents to remain at the Urschel home until further advised.</p> <p>It was learned that one W. R. Jarrett and his wife had been at the Urschel home playing bridge on a screened porch on the ground floor when at 11:15</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-62	RECORDED AND INDEXED: AUG - 7 1933
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P. M. two men, one armed with a machine gun and the other with a pistol, had opened the screen door and entered the porch demanding to know, "Which is Urschel?" receiving no reply they remarked, "Well, we will take them both" and warning the ladies against attempting to give notice or use the telephone, they marched Urschel and Jarrett out into the back yard where they had driven their car upon the private driveway of the Urschel residence, and after putting Urschel and Jarrett into the back seat of a Chevrolet Sedan, the two kidnapers getting into the front seat, they drove rapidly away.

About 1 A.M. word was received from the Urschel residence that Jarrett had returned. He was immediately sent to the Police Station where he was interviewed by this Agent and Chief of Police John Watt. Jarrett related substantially as above and stated that upon getting into the car their captors had driven rapidly north on Hudson Street to the outskirts of the city, where they had turned right on a dirt road parallel to the 23rd Street highway but some distance north thereof and had proceeded in an easterly direction, then northerly, then east again to a point ten or twelve miles from the city, where after crossing a small bridge and arriving at an intersection, they had put him, Jarrett, out of the car and after warning him not to tell in what direction the kidnapers had gone, told him to go home. He states that they then proceeded rapidly in a southerly direction towards 23rd Street highway. Jarrett had started back on foot along the road over which they had come and called at a couple of farm houses in an effort to get transportation to town. Neither of the farmers having an automobile available, he proceeded again on foot but was shortly overtaken by two boys in an old Ford car and arranged for them to bring him back to town for the sum of \$2.50.

Jarrett, it seems, is a sort of promoter, formerly engaged more or less in the oil business and at present an Agent for a beer firm, in Oklahoma City. He has in the past been somewhat associated with T. B. Slick, multi-millionaire oil man, who died a year or so ago and whose affairs are now conducted under the name of the T. B. Slick Estate. Charles F. Urschel was a partner in the concern and was married to a sister of T. B. Slick. After Mrs. Urschel died and after T. B. Slick died Urschel married Mrs. T. B. Slick, his present wife. It seems that the Jarretts and the Urschels have been friends and acquaintances for years, although not presently associated together in business.

Jarrett described the kidnapers as follows:

No. 1 man, who had the pistol:

Age:	35 to 38 years
Height:	Probably 5' 10"
Hair:	Reddish brown; chestnut
Eyes:	Hazel
Weight:	About 180 or 190 lbs.
Complexion:	Medium

No. 2, the man with the machine gun, was not clearly observed by Jarrett but the latter states that he was apparently about -

Age:	35 years
Height:	Possibly 5' 9"
Weight:	190 lbs.
Build:	Very chunky; round thick neck
Hair:	Black
Complexion:	Dark, somewhat of Italian appearance

Jarrett stated that while in the automobile one of the subjects asked him if he had any identification and asked him to hand over his wallet. The kidnapper examined the cards in the wallet and remarked, "This is Jarrett", after which he took \$50.00 out of Jarrett's wallet and handed it back to him. He stated that the kidnappers did not search either him or Urschel, which at first appeared somewhat peculiar until it was considered that it was a hot summer night and both Jarrett and Urschel were in their shirt sleeves, bare headed, and wearing light summer trousers. Another apparently strange coincidence at first thought, was that at first both victims were placed on the rear seat of the automobile while both kidnappers rode in the front seat, apparently careless of any danger from the victims.

After procuring all possible information from Jarrett, Agent proceeded with the Chief of Police to the Urschel residence at about 2 A.M., where a number of Urschel's friends and [redacted] were present. There Mrs. Urschel and Mrs. Jarrett were interviewed and related substantially the same information as above noted as to the manner of the kidnapping. Numerous photographs were exhibited but no positive identification was made, although Jarrett immediately picked out a photograph of Bob Brady, escape from Lansing penitentiary, and mentioned as one of the subjects in the massacre of the officers and Agent Caffrey at Kansas City, Missouri on June 17, 1933. Mrs. Urschel could not make any positive identification of this photo nor could Mrs. Jarrett.

Jarrett described the road over which the kidnappers traveled so completely, that it was deemed advisable to send him with officers to retrace the road. This was done and Jarrett took them without error to the point where he claimed to have been let out of the car and at which place his tracks were plainly visible in the soft dirt of the road, as well as leading back down the lane in the direction from which he had come. Imprints of the automobile tires were fairly clear in the dust of the road and upon closer examination the next morning, it was determined that they were made by United States tires, such as those with which numbers of new Chevrolet automobiles are being equipped. On the morning of the 23rd Agent [redacted] of this office, accompanied by a police photographer, was sent to the place where Jarrett was let out but could not obtain any good pictures of the tire tracks, however, the trail was picked up and followed some two or three miles south to where the dirt road crossed the 23rd Street highway and then picked up again on the other side and trailed for one mile further south where they turned east on a dirt road. This being a single track road and other cars having passed over it, the trail from that point on was lost.

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Jarrett at first declared that the automobile was a new black Chevrolet Coach but upon further questioning as to how he got out of the car he recalled that neither of the men on the front seat got up to let him out, which would have been necessary had it been a Coach. He then recalled also that he saw a hand rail on the back of the front seat and declared that it was bound to have been a Sedan. He was unable to obtain the license number of the automobile and was apparently so badly frightened that the correctness of his story was in doubt as to the details.

Mrs. Urschel was questioned as to any previous indications they might have had as to a possible kidnapping and stated that for a number of years they had from time to time received threatening or crank letters but had not received any for some time, except one in March of 1933 when she found in their mail box on the front porch a letter in an envelope of a Pittsburgh, Pa. hotel, which stated in substance, "This is the first warning and you will hear from us later." Nothing ever developed from that letter and they had not paid much attention to it. Mrs. Urschel and her relatives were advised that the first concern of the Bureau Agents would be the safe return of her husband and that nothing would be done to jeopardize that return, but that in view of this action the family would be expected to cooperate in all matters with the Bureau in furnishing full information and cooperation looking to the subsequent apprehension of the kidnapers. Mrs. Urschel stated that that cooperation would be forthcoming and that within five minutes after the kidnapping had occurred she had done exactly what the Director of this Bureau had instructed the people to do in an article recently published in "Time" magazine and in accordance with those instructions had called the Director by long distance telephone.

Close questioning of all present, including [REDACTED] disclosed no reasons to suspect any particular individual nor any motive for the kidnapping other than for ransom purposes.

During Agent's telephone conversation with the Director about 1 A.M. the 23rd arrangements were made for the detailing of additional Agents on this case and Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones of the San Antonio Office arrived on Sunday afternoon, the 23rd, as did Special Agent in Charge Frank Blake of the Dallas Office and Agent [REDACTED] of the same office. Agent [REDACTED] from El Paso, Texas, arrived Monday afternoon. Every Bureau Agent attached to the Oklahoma City Office, except one, was called in immediately and reported on Monday, being held exclusively on the instant matter.

The Slick Estate, which furnished a basis for the selection of Charles F. Urschel as victim, is one of the wealthiest estates in Oklahoma and is variously estimated to have a value anywhere from fifteen to twenty-five million dollars. Its affairs are managed by a Board of Trustees or Executors, named in the will of the deceased T. B. Slick. The said will appoints Charles F. Urschel, Arthur A. Seeligson, Berenice Slice as Executors. (Since the death of T. B. Slick, Charles F. Urschel and Slick's widow, Berenice Slick, have been married as herein before related.) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The will further provides that in the event of the death of any of the above, he designates and appoints Flored Urschel, (former wife of Charles F. Urschel and sister of T. B. Slick), W. N. Stokes, former General Attorney for the Slick Estate, and E. E. Kirkpatrick, as successors in the order just named. This matter is mentioned at this time inasmuch as many people suspected and, in fact, some are still of the opinion, that the kidnapping was engineered by someone intimately interested in the Slick Estate and who might benefit by the death or disappearance of any of the present Executors or Trustees.

[REDACTED] arrived shortly on the scene to advise on the matter and upon the arrival of Agent Jones and other outside Agents it was ascertained that Agent Jones had a former acquaintance with [REDACTED] and with [REDACTED] and a firm and reliable contact was thus established with the immediate family, and this office was assured of cooperation in every manner possible.

Immediately after the kidnapping all sorts of fake letters, telephone calls and other information began to reach the family from the purported kidnappers desiring to arrange contacts and to effect the release of the victim. One such telephone call appeared to have possibilities of genuineness. We were immediately advised of the same and Mrs. Urschel, accompanied by [REDACTED], kept a rendezvous with an individual on the outskirts of Oklahoma City, at which time this individual promised to produce proof of the possession of the victim and demanded a \$50,000 down payment with an additional \$50,000 to be produced upon delivery of the victim. The second meeting was arranged, at which the family of the victim had agreed to produce \$5,000 as an evidence of good faith, after which the contact would produce Mr. Urschel's watch as an evidence of possession. Upon the advice of this Agent and Agent Jones \$5,000 was procured but done up in packages of one thousand dollars each to avoid probability of loss by high-jackers. The third rendezvous was kept, at which time the contact man produced no evidence indicating possession of Mr. Urschel but did produce a gun and high-jack Mrs. Urschel of one of the packages containing \$1000.

After two or three days, nothing genuine having been heard from the kidnappers, it was deemed expedient to announce the withdrawal of Federal Agents and Police with a view to allow the family full and free opportunity to communicate with the kidnappers. Nothing developed, however, until Wednesday, July 26th, at which time Mr. J. B. Catlett, wealthy independent oil man of Tulsa, Oklahoma and an intimate friend of Urschel's, received by Western Union messenger a package containing a letter to him written in pencil in the longhand writing of Charles F. Urschel requesting Catlett to act as intermediary in his release. This was accompanied by a personal letter from Mr. Urschel to his wife, and a typewritten note directed Catlett not to endeavor to communicate by phone or otherwise with the Urschel family at Oklahoma City but to proceed there. There was also contained therein a typewritten letter addressed to E. E. Kirkpatrick, Oklahoma City reading as follows:

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"Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick
Oklahoma City, Okla.

"Sir:

"The enclosed letter from Charles F. Urschel to you and the enclosed Identification Cards will convince you that you are dealing with the Abductors.

"Immediately upon receipt of this letter you will proceed to obtain the sum of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000.00) in GENUINE USED FEDERAL RESERVE CURRENCY in the denomination of TWENTY DOLLAR (\$20.00) Bills.

"It will be useless for you to attempt taking notes of SERIAL NUMBERS MAKING UP DUMMY PACKAGE, OR ANYTHING ELSE IN THE LINE OF ATTEMPTED DOUBLE CROSS. BEAR THIS IN MIND, CHARLES F. URSCHER WILL REMAIN IN OUR CUSTODY UNTIL MONEY HAS BEEN INSPECTED AND EXCHANGED AND FURTHERMORE WILL BE AT THE SCENE OF CONTACT FOR PAY-OFF AND IF THERE SHOULD BE ANY ATTEMPT AT ANY DOUBLE XX IT WILL BE HE THAT SUFFERS THE CONSEQUENCE.

"As soon as you have read and RE-READ this Carefully, and wish to commence negotiations you will proceed to the DAILY OKLAHOMAN and insert the following BLIND AD under the REAL ESTATE, FARMS FOR SALE, and we will know that you are ready for BUSINESS, and you will receive further instructions AT THE BOX ASSIGNED TO YOU BY NEWS-PAPER, AND NO WHERE ELSE SO BE CERTAIN THAT THIS ARRANGEMENT IS KEPT SECRET AS THIS IS OUR FINAL ATTEMPT TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU, on account of our former instructions to JARRETT being DISREGARDED and the LAW being notified, so we have neither the time or patience to carry on any further lengthy correspondence.

"RUN THIS AD FOR ONE WEEK IN DAILY OKLAHOMAN.

"FOR SALE--160 Acres Land, good five room house, deep well. Also Cows Tools, Tractor, Corn and Hay. \$3750.00 for quick sale.. TERMS..BOX #---

"You will hear from us as soon as convenient after insertion of AD."

Mr. Catlett immediately proceeded to Oklahoma City and conferred with Mr. Kirkpatrick and the Urschel family and that evening inserted in the Oklahoma City Times the advertisement noted in the last paragraph of the above letter.

On the morning of July 28th there was received at the Daily Oklahoman a special delivery, air mail letter addressed to Box No. H-807, Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, postmarked on the front, "Joplin, Mo. July 27, 1933, 3 P.M.", also bearing postmarks "K.C. FT.S. & Tulsa" (presumably R.F.O.) July 27 1933", also postmarked "AIR MAIL FIELD KANSAS CITY, MO. JUL. 27 10 PM, 1933", and postmarked on back, "Oklahoma City, JUL.28, 7 AM, 1933". The envelope had all been addressed on the typewriter, except the box number H-807, which had

been inserted in ink. Evidently the letter had all been written, except as to the box number, before receipt of the advertisement which gave the box number. The letter inclosed in this envelope was addressed to Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and reads as follows:

"Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick
Oklahoma City, Okla.

"Sir:

"In view of the fact that you have had the Ad inserted as per our instructions, we gather that you are now prepared to meet our ultimatum.

"You will pack TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000.00) in USED GENUINE FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES OF TWENTY DOLLAR DENOMINATION in a suitable LIGHT COLORED LEATHER BAG and have someone purchase transportation for you, including Berth, aboard Train #28 (The Sooner) which departs at 10:10 P.M. via The M.K. & T. Lines for Kansas City, Mo.

"You will ride on the OBSERVATION PLATFORM where you may be observed by some-one at some Station along the Line between Okla.City and K.C. Mo. If indications are alright, some-where along the Right-of-Way you will observe a FIRE on the RIGHT SIDE of Track (Facing direction train is bound) that first Fire will be your Cue to be prepared to throw BAG to TRACK immediately after passing SECOND FIRE.

"Mr. Urschel will upon our instructions attend to the FIRES and secure the BAG when you throw it off, he will open it and transfer the contents to a sack that he will be provided with, SO, IF, you comply with our demand and do not attempt any subterfuge as according to the News reports you have pledged, Mr. Urschel should be HOME in a very short while.

"REMEMBER THIS--IF ANY TRICKERY IS ATTEMPTED YOU WILL FIND THE REMAINS OF URSCHER AND INSTEAD OF JOY THERE WILL BE DOUBLE GRIEF--FOR, SOME-ONE, VERY NEAR AND DEAR TO THE URSCHER FAMILY IS UNDER CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE AND WILL LIKE-WISE SUFFER FOR YOUR ERROR.

"If there is the slightest HITCH in these PLANS for any reason whatsoever, not your fault, you will proceed on into Kansas City, Mo. and register at the Muhlebach Hotel under the name of E. E. Kincaid of Little Rock, Ark. and await further instructions there, however, there should not be, IF YOU COMPLY WITH THESE SIMPLE DIRECTIONS.

"THE MAIN THING IS DO NOT DIVULGE THE CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER TO ANY LAW AUTHORITIES FOR WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF FURTHER COMMUNICATION.

"YOU ARE TO MAKE THIS TRIP SATURDAY JULY 29th., 1935.

"BE SURE THAT YOU RIDE THE PLATFORM OF THE REAR CAR AND HAVE BAG.

"WITH MONEY IN IT FROM THE TIME YOU LEAVE OKLAHOMA CITY"

The Urschel family did not divulge to this Bureau office any information regarding the receipt of the above communications.

As a result of the above two letters \$200,000.00 in used twenty dollar notes of the Federal Reserve Bank, 10th District (Kansas City, Mo.) were obtained and serial numbers privately recorded. They were placed in a new light colored leather Gladstone bag purchased by [REDACTED]. At the same time another identical bag was purchased and filled with old magazines, fearing another attempt at high-jacking, and as a precaution it was decided that Mr. Catlett accompany Mr. Kirkpatrick to Kansas City, as indicated in the letter. By pre-arrangement, Mr. Catlett sat just inside the rear end of the Observation car while Mr. Kirkpatrick sat on the observation platform with the bag containing the magazines. They had so far complied explicitly with the instructions as to which train travel was to be made on, and it had been agreed that were the signal fires observed as outlined in the letter of instructions, the bag containing the money would be thrown off the train as instructed; that, however, should an attempt at high-jacking be made, it might be possible to give the robbers the duplicate bag without the money. Mr. Kirkpatrick remained on the observation platform all night, riding there all the way to Kansas City, but no signal fires were observed. Mr. Catlett remained inside of the car and neither of them retired during the night. Immediately upon departing from Oklahoma City they observed another passenger in the same Pullman, the three of them constituting the sole occupants of that particular car, which was car No. 138, Train 28, M.K. & T. Ry. departing from Oklahoma City at 10:10 P.M. July 29. The action of this third individual aroused the suspicions of Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Catlett, as he appeared to be observing them. Some discussion arose with the porter of this car, the latter claiming that he had lost the stubs of one of the gentlemen's tickets. Mr. Kirkpatrick or Mr. Catlett suggested that perhaps he had lost the one belonging to the third passenger, who occupied lower 5, to which the negro porter remarked that he knew it wasn't that gentleman's ticket because that gentleman had come down from Kansas City with him the night before and had gotten off at Bartlesville, Oklahoma and had not been expected to board the train again until it arrived at Bartlesville on the return trip to Kansas City. This individual was described by Mr. Catlett as being about 55 or 60 years of age, height 5' 7½", weight 190 lbs., thin sandy hair, very flabby chin, skin slightly freckled and complexion sallow. He was in his shirt sleeves with sleeves rolled up, his arms being noticeably tanned. He carried a cheap black handbag and a black leather brief bag, as well as a brown colored leather golf bag. He wore a loose gray suit, rather cheap looking tan shoes. His nose appeared to indicate that he was in the habit of wearing nose-glasses, although he had none on when observed.

Upon arrival at Kansas City, Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Catlett proceeded to the Muhlebach Hotel, as directed in the letter of instructions, and where Mr. Kirkpatrick registered under the name of E. E. Kincaid and waited in a room. During the forenoon he received a telegram via Postal Telegraph Company, sent from Tulsa, Oklahoma at 10:08 A.M. July 30th and reading substantially as follows:

"Owing to unavoidable incident unable to keep appointment.
Will phone you about six. Signed C. H. Moore."

About 5:30 P.M. Sunday, July 30th Mr. Kirkpatrick, under the name of E. E. Kincaid, received a telephone call at the Muhlebach Hotel, at which time the party asked if this was Mr. Kincaid and stated, "This is Moore -- You got my telegram?" -- "Yes." He then instructed Mr. Kirkpatrick to leave the Muhlebach Hotel in a taxicab and proceed to the LaSalle Hotel where he would disembark and walk west a block or two. Mr. Kirkpatrick told the party that he was unacquainted with the vicinity of the LaSalle Hotel and did not know which was west, whereupon he was advised to ask the taxi driver. Mr. Kirkpatrick then requested permission to bring a friend with him and was curtly told to come alone. Kirkpatrick also stated that he was at the moment shaving and did not believe he could leave immediately, whereupon the party calling stated that that would be all right - "just take your time". After completing his shave Mr. Kirkpatrick took the bag containing the \$200,000.00 and proceeded as directed, arriving at the LaSalle Hotel possibly about 6 P.M. or a little later. He disembarked from the cab and started walking west and having proceeded not more than a half a block he observed a man approaching him and who, upon reaching Mr. Kirkpatrick, remarked, "Mr. Kincaid, I will take that bag.", and reached out and got it. Kirkpatrick then stated, "I want some instructions. I must phone somebody who is very much interested immediately." Whereupon the man with the bag told him he couldn't talk to him and to go on back to his hotel and he would see him in about 20 minutes. Kirkpatrick immediately turned and started back. He had previously observed from the corner of his eye two large automobiles parked on the opposite side of the street about where he met this individual. One of these was a very large car, apparently a Packard and each of the cars contained a man on the front seat and two men on the rear seat; all of them apparently doing nothing and not holding any conversation but in Mr. Kirkpatrick's opinion they were cover cars. Mr. Kirkpatrick was able to observe that the man with the bag crossed the street and apparently got into one of the cars, after which both cars immediately departed. He then returned to his hotel and from there returned to Oklahoma City. He states that upon entering the Union Station at Kansas City to board a train for Oklahoma City he saw the same individual in the station who had been with them on the Pullman the night before and that although this individual had changed clothes and was wearing colored glasses, he could not be mistaken in the man and he feels that this person was there to observe his departure from Kansas City. It should be stated here that either when holding the telephone conversation at the Muhlebach Hotel with the person purported to be C. H. Moore, or when talking to the individual who received the money, he was assured that the title deeds to the farm would be delivered within twelve hours. This of course meant that Mr. Urschel would be delivered within twelve hours.

Kirkpatrick returned to Oklahoma City and Catlett to Tulsa. Nothing further was heard until about 11:30 P.M., July 31 when the Bureau Office was advised by telephone from the Urschel residence that Mr. Urschel had just arrived at home. This Agent and Agent in Charge Jones proceeded immediately to the Urschel residence and found that Mr. Urschel had arrived possibly an hour before, coming by taxicab from Norman, Oklahoma, distant about 20 miles. He was quite exhausted and stated that he had scarcely slept during the nine days he was

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incaptivity. He was interviewed as to the main features of his captivity at that time and was subsequently interviewed by Agent in Charge Jones on August 2, 1933 for a period of several hours and the results of said interview are incorporated herein as a portion of this report:

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW BY GUS T. JONES
WITH CHARLES F. URSCHEL
August 2, 1935

A conversation with Mr. Urschel of several hours duration and the information obtained by propounding questions to him is paraphrased below, covering so far as possible chronologically his movements and experience while in the hands of the kidnappers.

Urschel states that it would be extremely difficult for him to positively identify the two men who came into the sun parlor of his home on the night of July 22, 1935, as that was the only time that he saw them except during the ride before he was blindfolded. Such physical descriptions and characteristics of the men as furnished by Mr. Urschel will be noted later in this memorandum.

Urschel states that after the abduction the car was driven in an easterly direction from Oklahoma City, avoiding main highways, and that shortly after Jarrett was put out of the car the car was stopped. One of the men produced some cotton, a short bandage and adhesive tape. His eyes were covered with the cotton and the bandage and taped on each side. He stated that these supplies were obtained from a brief bag that the men had in the car. The last he could see while being blindfolded was the lights of the power plant at Harrah, Oklahoma, which is some 20 miles due east of Oklahoma City. He states that approximately one hour after being blindfolded, the car passed through either two small oil fields or the end of two large fields, approximately thirty minutes driving time apart; that he could smell the gas and hear the oil pumps working. Urschel states that the first stop was made about 8:30 A.M. when he was taken from the car by one of the abductors into the grass, weeds or brush, he could not distinguish which, and made to sit down; that at this place he got a great many "chiggers" on him, commonly known as red bugs; that the other man was gone approximately 15 minutes after gasoline. About one hour later, which would be shortly before daybreak, a stop was made to open a gate; approximately three minutes later another stop was made and another gate opened. Very shortly after the last gate was opened, not over a minute, or so, the car drove into what he took to be a garage, although it could have been a barn. In this garage, or barn, the men, from their movements and actions, transferred license plates from the Chevrolet Sedan to a larger car; that remarks were made by the men that the larger car was not "gassed up" and they were compelled to siphon gas from the smaller car and place it in the tank of the larger car; that the larger car was, in his opinion, a 7 passenger Cadillac or Buick; that in getting in the back of this car there was a small offset near the righthand back door, then he noticed that a berth of some kind had been made down in the back of this car. From his feeling of it he was under the impression that it was made up of car cushions, although it had blankets spread upon it and he was told to lie on this bunk. It was not long enough for him to stretch out and he was compelled to lie in a cramped position. They left this place almost immediately and after a drive of two or three hours a stop was made at a filling station, where a woman attend-

filled the car with gas. The man purchased one half dozen bottles of Coca Cola; that he heard one of the men asking the woman about crop conditions and the woman replied that "The crops around here are burned up, although we may make some brown corn."

About 9 or 10 A.M. it rained very brisckly and the road became very slippery, to the extent that on one occasion one of the men was compelled to alight and push the car, the rear wheels of which were spinning on the wet road; that at no time in his opinion on this trip did they drive on a pavement. At the next stop the car was driven directly into what he considered a garage, or it may have been a barn, and at this point he asked one of the men the time and he replied that it was 2:30 P.M. One of the men remained with him in this garage, the other leaving, closing the doors and he could hear a lock snap on the outside of the door; that in this garage or barn there was an automobile seat cushion against the right-hand wall of the garage from the direction the car entered. He was told that he could sit or recline on this cushion. There was also a large box in this garage, approximately in the center. He was also told that he could recline on this box or he could remain in the car, the latter of which he did. Later in the evening, the taller man returned and stated that he could have some sandwiches to eat and asked whether he preferred beef or ham. He was later brought a ham sandwich and a cup of hot coffee, the coffee being contained in a china cup. He states that he remained in this garage, or barn, until dark. He was then taken from what he took to be the front door, turned to the left, passed through what he took to be a single narrow gate, which pushed open. Within a few feet he stepped up one step on to what he took to be a board walk. After walking approximately 15 feet he then took upward steps through a door into a house. He is certain that he was led through one room into a second room; that in this room he was told there were two beds, either of which he could occupy; that the bed he occupied was apparently a single iron bed or cot with no head or foot boards; that one of the men occupied the other bed; that the floors of the two rooms he was in did not have a carpet or covering of any kind; that shortly after entering this house he heard the voice of a man and a woman in an adjoining room, however, he could not distinguish what they were saying and shortly thereafter his ears were filled with cotton and adhesive tape placed on them; that he remained in this house the balance of the night, which would be Sunday night, July 23, and until after dark Monday night, July 24; that during that time he was given more sandwiches and coffee; that in feeding him a small table with no cover was placed along side the cot that he was on and he did his eating from that table; that he may have left fingerprints upon this table as he placed his hands upon it several times. He states that while at this place one of the abductors told him that after dark they would move to another place and if the officers, especially the federal officers became too active and matters became too "hot", they would be compelled to move approximately 300 miles further and that the place they would go to would not be as comfortable as the house he was in; that, however, it would be safer as it had a large cement basement; that shortly after dark, or what he considered darkness, he was led from the house to a small Coupe, which he took to be either a Chevrolet or a Ford; that this car was not in the garage but appeared to be parked very near the house; that this car did not appear to be a new car as it rattled to some extent in driving; that he is certain that the first turn upon leaving the house was to the left; that he was driven by the two men, he being seated in the center, for not over ten or fifteen

minutes; that in this drive there were lots of turns, indicating to him a country road; that the road was very rough.

Urschel was closely questioned concerning any sounds he heard during his stay at the house just described and he stated that it was very quiet; that he heard no trains, street cars or interurban cars and was under the impression that it was in the country; that there were several dogs around the house, chickens, and occasionally he could hear a cow bawl; that the only distinctive thing was that there were considerable guineas around the place.

Urschel states that after the fifteen or twenty minutes drive the car was stopped and the taller man said, "I will go in and see how everything is." Within approximately five minutes he returned to the car and said, "All right, let's unload."; that he was then taken from the Coupe, led only a few feet into a door with only one step, the door having a screen door upon it, and into a room with no carpet or covering on the floor. He was led into a second room where he was told to lie upon the floor in a corner of the room upon some blankets. He states that shortly after entering the house he could hear voices in another room and could hear a woman's voice and a man's voice which did not resemble the voice of either of the two men that had been accompanying him; that shortly thereafter this man and the woman left the place, although he does not know how they left. He does not recall hearing the Coupe leave, although it could have left, as he had dropped into a fretful sleep shortly thereafter.

Urschel states that he was handcuffed each night that the men had him in custody and on this particular night the handcuff was on one wrist and attached to a chair; that during the night he managed to sleep some, however, during his waking time he heard no sounds whatever, indicating to him that possibly his two abductors were also sleeping; that Tuesday morning there was activity in the house shortly after daylight; that a breakfast was prepared consisting of eggs, bacon and light bread, such as prepared in a bakery shop; that during the morning the two men brought up the matter of a contact; the taller of the two men seemed to be in charge of the expedition and appeared to be the more cautious of the two and more inclined to be reticent as to talking. Urschel was asked if he belonged to a church. He told the men that he was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City. They asked him how friendly he was with the pastor of his church and who the pastor was. He told them that Dr. Gibson was the pastor and was very friendly with himself and his family. They then suggested that Gibson be used as a contact, whereupon they were told that Dr. Gibson was not in Oklahoma City but was away on a trip. (This statement, Mr. Urschel states, was true. The men then stated that due to activity of federal officials it would be safer to make a contact away from Oklahoma City and asked Urschel if he had a friend who could be trusted in the matter residing in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He then suggested John H. Catlett, a wealthy oil man and a personal friend of his, as contact. The men then produced a paper tablet and an Ever-Sharp pencil, black in color, and instructed him to write a letter to Catlett. He wrote a letter and in this letter he went into more or less detail concerning the financial condition of the Slick Estate, the purpose being to try and impress the abductors in order that they

would not make too large a ransom demand. After reading this letter they tore it up with exception of the first page and in doing so stated, "That stuff has nothing to do with this matter." He heard them place the torn pieces in a stove in the adjoining room. He was then told to write nothing more than the letter he did write to Catlett, which will be noted in another memorandum or report in this case. He states that after the letter was written the taller man left the house. Before this, both of the men had taken from him his wallet, which contained something over \$40.00 in money and some identification cards and other data. He states he did not hear a car drive away from the house when the taller man left and he is satisfied that he walked to some point; that thereafter the shorter of the two men remained with him, although there was what he took to be from the voices and talk, a young man, approximately 24 or 25 years of age, and an elderly man around the place which he took to be natives of that section. He states that while writing the letter to Catlett he used a wooden bench, approximately 5 feet long; that was in the room; that the shorter of the two men had spread the paper before him and lifted his blindfold, thereby giving him an opportunity to observe his hands and arms; that the man did not have on a shirt; that his arms were very hairy, being covered with dark hair, even on the backs of his hands; that his hands were rather large, although his fingers appeared to be more or less stubby; that upon a finger of his left hand there was a red gold ring, containing a red set which appeared to be a ruby or an imitation, approximately a carat or a carat and a half in size.

Urschel states that the shorter of the two men remained with him until the evening of the following day, which would be Wednesday, July 26; that while with him this man appeared very willing to talk and did talk about many matters; that the man seemed to be very much interested in automobiles and seemed to be well informed concerning all makes of automobiles, and from his conversation indicated that he was thoroughly familiar with automobile engines. He expressed an opinion of being favorable to Cadillacs in the large car line and the 1933 model Chevrolet car in the smaller car line. He talked to some extent about Detroit and the automobile industry and remarked that he did not think much of the present Ford car, however, that the Ford Motor Company would shortly produce a car that would be an excellent car. This man stated that he had been stealing for 25 years and had only been talked to one time by an officer during the past 8 years. He mentioned the Barrow brothers, stating they were just a couple of cheap filling station and car thieves; that "his bunch" never monkeyed with any of that cheap stuff, neither did they ever touch a stolen car - they bought their own cars to use in their work. In discussing bank robberies, he stated that he and one of his partners had been invited to participate in the robbery of a bank at Clinton, Iowa; that they looked the place over and did not like the layout and did not participate in the robbery because the chances of a "getaway" were not favorable. He did not indicate when this was or whether or not the bank had actually been robbed. He went on to say how easy it was to rob a bank and made the remark, "I would not hesitate to rob the Security National Bank", not indicating what town this bank was in. This appeared to be a chance remark and Urschel was impressed with the idea that it possibly pertained to some town this man was more or less a resident of. In further conversation concerning bank robberies, the man expressed an opinion as to how bank robberies could be prevented. His idea was that there should be no back doors to a bank; that the front part should be open; that is, the entire

front should be built in such a manner that it could be entirely opened up and that iron or steel grill work be built clear to the ceiling and that all of the business of the bank be transacted behind this grill work. In other words, the offices of the bank, as well as the cashier's cage, etc. would be behind this grill work and no one would be admitted to transact business with officials of the bank until their identity was established. In a conversation about the Coca Cola that was purchased, a talk was had concerning soft drinks and the man remarked that at one time he had lived next door to a man who had patented the "Orange Crush" drink; that this man had a young wife who had gone to the bad, resulting in the man later committing suicide. He also told of a bank robbery that was committed by two men somewhere in the state of Arkansas and that in the getaway they met a sheriff and four deputies on the highway and that in a shooting that followed, the four deputies took refuge in a ditch along side of the road, however, that the sheriff stood on the running board of a car and fired at the two men over the top of the car as they passed; that neither of these men were hurt and they did not know whether or not any of the sheriff's people was injured. From this talk Mr. Urschel received the impression that the man talking had been one of the two men. In further conversation, the man told of at one time being engaged in the liquor running business, especially out of New Orleans. He seemed to be familiar with the city of New Orleans. He recounted on the occasion of the race riot at Tulsa, Oklahoma he delivered a large load of liquor at that point, receiving some \$50.00 a case for it. (It appears that this race riot was some eight or ten years ago.)

Urschel states that the second man left the house on Wednesday evening, walking away from the house. Before leaving, he asked Urschel what size hat and shirt he wore. After this man departed the persons who guarded him were the young man and the elderly man previously mentioned. He states that the young man also attended to chores around the house; that while in custody of the young and elderly man, he on several occasions managed to lift the bandage from his eyes and get a glimpse, through a window and through a crack in the door, of the two rooms he alternately occupied, and from the observation he was able to make he described the house and surroundings according to the attached sketch.

Urschel states that in conversation with the elderly man and young man on different occasions he ascertained that the house northeast of the shack and in sight of the shack was occupied by persons who are more or less curious and the young man had remarked that his wife was supposed to be away on a visit and that if the persons in this house saw smoke or activity in the shack they would think his wife had returned and would come down on a visit. Urschel noted that during a great deal of the time while the young man was with him he would apparently sit near the window of the kitchen, from which the house could be observed and he stated to the elder man that if he saw any of the persons starting towards the house he would go out and under some pretext prevent them from coming to the house. The man had also remarked that the house, apparently southeast of the shack, approximately one-half mile away, was occupied by people who would never molest them. Urschel had no knowledge of other houses in the vicinity, except a house somewhere east of the shack, to which the young man and the elderly man would walk and in the opinion of Urschel, it was the same house to which the abductors walked and where their car was apparently left.

From his observation, Urschel is confident that this house is the house where the second stop was made and where they transferred to the small Coupe and that it was possibly not over one mile away and that he had probably been driven in a circle to create an impression that the shack where he was held was several miles from this house. He reached this opinion through remarks that the old man made about their walking approximately a mile. Urschel states that the only names he heard mentioned was that the man called the younger man "Potatoes" and that the first night after reaching the shack he heard a man called "Zeke" and is confident that Zeke was the man who took the woman away from the shack the first night. He states that breakfast was the only meal prepared on what appeared to be a wood cookstove, wherein they burned corn cobs in an attempt to prevent any smoke; that thereafter their food consisted of canned goods and light bread, however, this bread was always fresh, indicating that it was obtained regularly from a baker's shop not too far distant; that the canned goods consisted of canned sliced pineapple, canned tomatoes, tomato juice, Bockhage brand canned salmon, and ham, from which sandwiches were made; that the older man would bring a small piece of ice to the shack almost daily, indicating that he had not carried it from a very long distance and that in remarking about the ice the old man stated, "We get ice every day, however, we have to go to town for it." - All of this indicating that there was some town in the immediate vicinity. Urschel states that he was never at any time able to surreptitiously see anything in connection with the provisions that would indicate where they were bought; that while in the house the two abductors, especially the shorter one, who was with him the greater part of the time, were incessant smokers of Lucky Strike cigarettes, having a full carton of these cigarettes; that the shorter man gave Urschel some of the cigarettes and later, apparently on some visit to a store somewhere, presumably a country store, someone purchased a very cheap brand of cigar, the brand of which he did not know.

Urschel states that on Friday the shorter of the two men returned to the shack walking as usual, indicating that he had left his car at some other point. He brought with him a new straw hat, size $7\frac{1}{4}$, bearing the brand "Newman Bros., Joplin, Mo." He also brought a tan colored shirt with collar attached. Urschel heard him instruct the younger man to burn the box or boxes, indicating that they were the receptacles that the hat and shirt had been brought in. This, however, may have been for effect, as it is noted the abductors did not in any way attempt to take from the lining of the hat the name of the firm and the place where purchased, indicating that it was left purposely. The hat is now in the possession of this office. Urschel states that the way he was able to distinguish directions was that he managed to surreptitiously lift his blindfold and observe from which direction the sun was shining on the house morning and evening; that also the southwest room of the house became very warm in the evening and they would move him into the southeast room; that the first two or three nights he was there he slept on the floor in the southwest room; that the last three nights he was allowed to occupy an iron double bed with old springs and mattress in the southeast room; that while the young man in conversation with him stated that he did not have any children, he, Urschel, did note a baby's highchair, as they would hook the handcuff attached to his wrist to this chair at night.

Urschel states that upon the return of the shorter man on Friday he brought with him a chain, approximately 20 or 30 feet long; that from the

feeling of this chain Urschel took it to be of the wire link type, such as is ordinarily used in suspending a porchswing; that thereafter this chain was used to attach the handcuff to, enabling him to move about to some extent; that from the glimpses he got of this chain he would say that it was brand new and probably had been recently purchased. He states that the shorter man left again on Friday evening and he did not see him any more until he returned for him Monday evening; that he had previously been told that he would probably be released Sunday. Urschel states that it did not rain at the shack during the days he was there until sometime early Sunday morning, at which time it started raining and rained very hard until Sunday evening, July 30th; that when the abductors did not return Sunday morning the elderly man and the young man became very uneasy and remarked that if anything had happened to the men, that they had been killed or apprehended, they intended to release him and "beat it".

Urschel states that on Sunday morning at approximately 10 A.M. a woman came to the shack, apparently from the direction that the men had always walked, and from her talk he would take her to be an elderly woman, possibly the wife of the elderly man, and that he heard her state to the elderly man that a telephone message had just been received to the effect that the contact had not been made on the previous Saturday night on account of the weather but that the sun was shining now and that everything would be all right and that "the men" should return Monday morning. The elderly man conveyed this bit of information to Urschel and in so doing he stated, "It seems as if these men are taking some mighty big chances in using the telephone like they have been doing." However, he did not indicate to Urschel where these calls were coming from or to, but the circumstances indicated that they were being received at some point within walking distance of the shack, possibly at the house where cars were changed, previously referred to. Urschel stated that he was satisfied that there were chickens and cows around the place, also hogs, as he could hear the latter and the old man told him that he had three large hogs and two pigs. He also told him that they had 4 milk cows at the shack and this was borne out by the fact that Urschel was given fresh milk daily. Urschel stated that he was given water in an old tin or granite dipper without a handle and that the water had a mineral taste, indicating considerable iron and that the well from which this water was obtained was northwest of the house and water was obtained from the well by a rope and bucket on a pulley that made considerable noise; that as to the toilet facilities the house had none and that he was taken from the house to the side of the house for such purposes.

Urschel states that he never at any time heard a train whistle or anything indicating traffic, except what appeared to be a road southeast of the house, within approximately one-half mile, he would occasionally hear a car pass; that this appeared to be a dirt road, as on Sunday after the hard rain, he heard the engine of an automobile racing, indicating that the car was stuck in the mud on this road south of the house; that the road that appeared to lead up to the shack had every indication of being very little used and if it passed on westward from the house it was a very seldom used road. He states that the first day or so he was at the shack he would hear each morning a plane passing over but could not determine the direction it was flying; that the latter several days he was

at the shack there would be a plane passing regularly morning and evening and that he managed to get a look at his watch and determined that the morning plane would always pass at approximately 9:45 A.M. and the evening plane would pass at approximately 5:45 P.M., that, however, on Sunday, July 30, the day of the hard rain, the morning plane did not pass although he thinks he did hear an evening plane. (Note: All plane lines within a radius of 500 miles of Oklahoma City have been checked and it was found that the Dallas-Tulsa passenger plane passed over a point northwest of Nowata on both north and south bound flights at approximately the hours mentioned by Urschel. This matter is being further checked.)

Urschel stated that on Monday, July 31st, about 2 P.M. the shorter of the two men returned to the shack in a car; that he was doing in the southeast room and that the elderly man came and shook him, whispering that a car was coming. It appeared that the old man was really frightened, however, it turned out to be the shorter of the two abductors and from his later observation he believed the car was the same Chevrolet Sedan in which he was taken from Oklahoma City. The shorter man came into the house and he heard a whispered conversation with the elderly man. However, he could not catch what was said, except he is certain that he heard something about "one thousand dollars", indicating to him that the natives who had been taking care of him were possibly paid \$1000. The shorter man then came into the room and said, "Well, you can cut off your whiskers." He was then furnished with a Gillette Safety razor, a tube of Williams Shaving Cream, a rather large shaving brush, a bottle of Agua Velva, a cheap brand of face lotion, and a blue can of talcum powder. A small, old mirror, about the size of an ordinary book, was placed on the five foot bench and a pan of warm water was furnished him, the pan being an ordinary granite washpan. He then shaved and was told that it would be necessary for them to wait several minutes before starting as a pilot car had started ahead of them at exactly a certain time and they were to time their departure at a certain time. Urschel stated that to the best of his knowledge it was sometime between 2:30 and 3:00 P.M. Monday, July 31st when he and the shorter man left the shack; that the elderly man shook hands with him and wished him luck; that his eye lids were covered with short tape and he was given a pair of dark glasses and placed on the front seat of the car with the shorter man, who drove the car; that after leaving the house they apparently drove for one and one-half hours before they commenced passing what appeared to be rather considerable traffic; that shortly thereafter the man remarked, "Well, there they are ahead of us." He complained of the speed with which the lead car was traveling; that shortly thereafter the car in which he was in pulled to a stop and that what appeared to be the taller of the two abductors walked to the car, got under the wheel and the shorter of the two men started to get in the back seat, leaving him remaining in the front seat. However, the taller man objected to this, stating that Urschel should get in the rear seat, which he did; that upon getting in the rear seat of the car he noticed that it was almost half full of baggage stacked on the side of the tonneau of the car and that one handbag was lying on the back seat of the car with a crushed in top, against which he did considerable leaning; that there was very little conversation on the drive, except that the shorter of the two men had previously stated to him that they had met Kirkpatrick all right in Kansas City; that he was met near the LaBalle Hotel and the grip of money obtained from him. The man rather accurately described Kirkpatrick, indicating to Urschel that both of the abductors had probably been in Kansas City

at the time the ransom was delivered. The shorter man had also remarked that the original plan of Saturday night had not gone through on account of another man being present.

Urschel states that he was driven from approximately 8 P.M. until 10 P.M. at a fair rate of speed and that the first point that he was able to recognize was when the car crossed what is known as the "Lexington Bridge", which is between Purcell and Lexington, Oklahoma. This is a long bridge, very old and bumpy and many loose planks in it and Mr. Urschel stated that anyone who had ever crossed this bridge before would always recognize it and that upon crossing the bridge he remarked to the men, "Well, I know where I am now. Anybody would recognize this as the Lexington bridge." One of the men then remarked, "Well, you're right." He states that immediately after crossing the bridge there was a sharp turn to the left, which further convinced him that he was right; that the car arrived in what appeared to be a town, although they circled the town from the south to the north, stopping just beyond it, unblindfolding him and allowing him to depart from the car with a \$10.00 bill. He was told that he could walk to a hamburger stand nearby and that he was to obtain a service car in Norman and drive directly to his home in Oklahoma City and that he was not to phone anyone in Norman and that he was to publically state that he had been released from a light colored small Coupe. Urschel is of the opinion that he was returned in the same Chevrolet Sedan in which he was taken from Oklahoma City.

Urschel states that the photograph and personal description of Bob Brady indicates to him that the taller of the two men may have been Brady, more than anything else that has transpired. Reference to the shorter of the two men does not mean that the man was a short man. Urschel states that the taller of the two men was almost as tall as he is and he is 6 feet 1 inch, indicating that the taller man was at least six feet tall. Urschel states that the other man was approximately 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ inches shorter, indicating that both men were large. He stated that they were heavy chested, thick backs, appeared to be in wonderful physical condition and that the only characteristics he observed in his drive with them before he was blindfolded, he observed that the shorter of the two men did not have ear lobes; that he had the type of ear that attached directly to the neck; that the taller man did have the hanging ear lobe type of ear and that both had full necks and sitting in a car a person would think that they were both approximately of the same size. They were both around 35 years of age. The taller of the two men, whom he saw less of, and in fact did not see again after his departure Tuesday until he got in the car with them on Monday, the day he was released, did very little talking. The other man appeared to be very talkative, as this memorandum indicates. When asked specifically to attempt to recall in his many conversations with the shorter man the kind of voice he had and to try and compare it with some acquaintances of his, Urschel emphatically stated that he had not thought of that, however, the man's voice had been bothering him considerable as to whose voice it sounded like. He stated that the voice and espec-

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ally the pronouncing of his name, was almost identical with that of Dr. Green K. Dickson, his friend and family physician; in fact, it was so marked that if this man were placed in another room and talked he would have thought he recognized Mr. Dickson's voice. Urshel further stated that the shorter of the two men apparently had some kind of asthmatic affliction; that he was continually inhaling by short snuffles through his nose and constantly clearing his throat; that this appeared to be absolutely impossible for him to prevent, as he was continually doing it all during his waking hours.

Gas T. Jones,
Special Agent.

The ransom letter received through the mails postmarked Joplin, Missouri, together with its inclosing envelope, has been forwarded to the Bureau for expert examination in the interest of determining the make and model of typewriter used, etc.

The original longhand letter written by Mr. Urschel in pencil in the shack where he was being held captive, is to be obtained from Mr. J. G. Catlett for future consideration, in view of the fact that the paper on which it was written was furnished by the kidnappers.

With regard to the delivery of this letter and the first ransom letter to Mr. Catlett at Tulsa, it has been ascertained that at 9:17 A.M. July 26 a man appeared at the office of Western Union at 106 East 3rd Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, approached the counter and called for a messenger boy. The clerk who waited upon him was [REDACTED] who describes him as -

Age:	40 years
Height:	5' 9½" to 5' 11"
Build:	Well built, broad shoulders but not unusually large
Clothes:	Wearing a white shirt and turned down straw hat
Complexion:	Fair

Mr. Catlett's address was typewritten on the envelope but the street address was not on it and [REDACTED] wrote in the address. A messenger boy was given the message and delivered it shortly thereafter to Mr. Catlett's residence at 2626 So. St. Louis Street, Tulsa. It was handed there to [REDACTED] a negro chauffeur, who in turn handed it to Mr. Catlett.

With respect to the Postal telegram sent from Tulsa by C. H. Moore at 10:08 A.M. Sunday, July 30th, this message was received by [REDACTED] Postal clerk at the main office. The man approached her with a black glass case in his hand and remarked that he had his case but had left his glasses at home and requested [REDACTED] to write the message for him, which she did. He is described by [REDACTED] as -

Age:	About 35 to 40 years
Height:	5' 5" or 6"
Weight:	150 lbs.
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Medium
Clothes:	In shirt sleeves and wearing straw hat with brim turned down.

[REDACTED] stated that she might be a little confused as to who might be the right man as two separate individuals had her write messages for them on that morning; the first one having used the excuse that his fingers were injured and it was observed that he had two of them bandaged. Upon later interview, however, [REDACTED] was convinced that the description given was of the one who sent the telegram signed "C. H. Moore". It was ascertained that a [REDACTED] residing

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at [redacted] Tulsa, Oklahoma with offices at [redacted] [redacted] was in the Postal Telegraph Office when C. H. Moore sent this telegram and he described this individual as -

Age:	35 years
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	150 lbs.
Hair:	Dark brown or black; believes he wore sideburns
Complexion:	Very much sun tanned; face appeared to be slightly freckled
Clothes:	He wore a straw or leghorn hat with turned down brim, light color. Believes he had on dark trousers and no coat.

With respect to the individual who rode in the Pullman car to Kansas City with Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Catlett, the negro porter upon being questioned was sure that this gentleman had come down with him from Kansas City on Friday night, July 28th, and had gotten off the train at Bartlesville. The negro claims that this man had a round trip Pullman reservation, Kansas City to Bartlesville and return, and stated that he recalled distinctly being surprised when this man got on the train at Oklahoma City Saturday night, as he expected to pick him up at Bartlesville on the return trip. He also, after close questioning, stated that this individual, before arriving at Bartlesville had given the brakeman a telegram written on a white piece of paper and requested him to have it dispatched when the train arrived at Bartlesville. The brakeman, [redacted] of Parsons, Kansas, who is an extra brakeman and who was only on that run that particular night, in turn handed the alleged message to the porter, who claimed that he had gotten off the train at Bartlesville and handed it to the Station Agent. Immediate investigation at Bartlesville by Special Agent [redacted] failed to verify any portion of the negro porter's story, either as to the disembarkation of this individual on the night of July 28th when the train was south bound or as to any note or message having been received from the porter by the station agent there on the night of the 29th upon the north bound trip of the train. Furthermore, it was discovered that there is no night telegraph operator at the Bartlesville Station and a thorough check of the records of the telegraph companies at Bartlesville fails to disclose the transmission of any telegram from that point that night or the next morning which might have been the telegram under investigation. The negro was again questioned and then claimed to remember that he had been mistaken about its being a message or telegram but that it was a book which had been drawn from the library and had not been returned. There is something wrong with this porter's story and further investigation is being made in the way of interviewing the train conductor and the brakeman.

Concentrated efforts are being made to establish the location of the shack in which Mr. Urschel was held captive. This angle is directly in the hands of Agents F. J. Blake and Gus T. Jones and is involving use of aeroplanes for scouting over the vicinity suspected.

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A complete list containing the serial numbers of the ten thousand twenty dollar bills used in this transaction has been forwarded to the Bureau where same will be multigraphed and furnished each Bureau office, who will in turn circularize the banks in each respective district.

Numerous other leads are being investigated by this office, which is being actively assisted by the Police Department and the Sheriff's Office at Oklahoma City, each of which departments has detailed two men exclusively to assist in this investigation.

The family of the victim and all of his associates appear to be offering wholehearted cooperation in furnishing this office with every bit of information in their possession, although it may be that Mr. Urschel, himself, has not divulged the whole truth, as he was evidently somewhat cowed by the kidnapers.

Every clue of apparent importance is being given close attention under the direct supervision of Assistant Director Nathan. At the present time there appears to be considerable likelihood that the victim was never taken out of the State of Oklahoma and that there is strong probability that his place of captivity was not more than one hundred miles from Oklahoma City.

The description of the man to whom the money was delivered was inadvertently omitted hereinbefore but is here given, same being the best obtainable:

Age:	35 yrs.
Height:	Almost 6'
Weight:	175 lbs.
Color of eyes:	Unknown
Color of hair:	Unknown
Clothes:	Wore turned down panama hat, summer suit of Palm Beach nature, probably tan or light color.
Peculiarities:	Had sort of shuffling walk.

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221 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Ala.
Aug. 5, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Special Agent [redacted] of the Birmingham Office, who is Resident Agent at Memphis, Tenn., has submitted the following memorandum which was received in the Birmingham Office on this date, and which might be of interest in connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel at Oklahoma City:

"Today [redacted] of the Memphis Police Department called me into his office and stated that he had some information which might be of some value in connection with the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping; that possibly it has no connection with this case, but that he wanted me to forward it to you for whatever value you might think it has.

"He stated that a party by the name of [redacted] lives at [redacted] Memphis, Tennessee, and is a neighbor of [redacted] that [redacted] has lived in Memphis about six months and apparently is in the wild-cat oil business; that his father seems to be the head of the operations and that they have two offices in Memphis and are doing some drilling near Hot Springs, Arkansas, or are supposed to be doing some drilling; that these people supposedly came to Memphis from Louisiana; that [redacted] and all the men who have been seen at his home seem to be "Hot-shots", driving large cars, dressed very well, and must be in some kind of racket; that [redacted] has seen Packards, Cadillacs and many other cars at the house with Oklahoma and Arkansas license plates on them; that [redacted] has an Arkansas license plate on his car which was purchased at Hot Springs.

"He advised that at one time a five-year old child of [redacted] had stated that her father was afraid that [redacted] was going to arrest him; that since the Urschel kidnaping [redacted] has not been seen.

[redacted] stated that he did not know just what these people are doing, but that they appear to be in some kind of racket, and being in the oil business, he thought there was just a slight possibility that they might be mixed up in the Urschel kidnaping.

[REDACTED] is described as about 30, 6' 1", 175 lbs, medium
dark hair, fair complexion, handsome, very well dressed. Now
driving black 1933 Chevrolet Sedan."

Special Agent [REDACTED] is being instructed to discreetly
ascertain further information as to these parties, with a view to learning
if they might be involved in either the Urachal case or in the case entitled
[REDACTED] with aliases - FUGITIVE, et al. In view of the latter
possibility, copies of this letter are being sent to the Kansas City Office.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HARRIS, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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2 cc-Kansas City.

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203 P.O.Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

August 5, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT. CHARLES
F. OURSCHEL - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-6.

Attached hereto please find a list of 320 used Federal Reserve notes which were used at the Hennepin State Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on the morning of August 5, 1933, to purchase cashier's check in the amount of \$1,000 made out to S. E. Peters who is unknown to the officials of the Hennepin State Bank. This check was secured with the aid of a truck driver of the Wolk Transfer Company of Minneapolis, which firm is a valuable customer of the Hennepin State Bank.

Will you kindly check the serial numbers of the bills in question against the serial numbers of the ransom money and immediately advise me as to whether they are any part of the ransom money.

Very truly yours,

WENNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Re: Unknown Subjects;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-8.

The below listed \$20.00 used Federal Reserve notes of the Tenth Federal Reserve District, series of 1928, were used by a truck driver of the Wolk Transfer Co., 201 Washington Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota, at the Hennepin State Bank, Washington and Hennepin Avenues, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on the morning of August 5, 1933, to purchase a cashier's check in the amount of \$1,000.00, payable to S. H. Peters, who according to the officials of the bank, is unknown at that institution:

J01958211A	J02495992A	J02476795A	J02768758A
J03018673A	J03103515A	J00968044A	J02597119A
J00517630A	J03653531A	J02551109A	J03316441A
J02665431A	J00794390A	J02407943A	J03020991A
J03553782A	J03004890A	J02668777A	J00889060A
J03525996A	J04094986A	J00921725A	J03042937A
J03566647A	J03975819A	J03059654A	J00622865A
J02550316A	J03065418A	J02634161A	J00879496A
J03645461A	J02665656A	J04102340A	J03486696A
J02629393A	J02952483A	J02396693A	J04720563A
J02550185A	J03032284A	J00649157A	J00188281A
J02598743A	J02082841A	J03880030A	J03566494A
			J00953037A
			J03834571A

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

All banks in New York Bureau office district circularized on August 1 and 6, 1933, re ransom notes and check dated August 5, 1933, payable to F. H. Peters. One response indicates Federal Reserve Note No. J00522660A series of 1928, drawn on Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Mo., presented at National State Bank, Newark, N.J., on August 4, 1933. No indications this bill part of ransom money.

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DETAILS:

In conformity with telephonic instructions of Mr. Vincent Hughes of the Bureau to Special Agent [REDACTED] on August 1, 1933, to the effect that all banks in this office district should be immediately notified and advised to watch for the passing of any amount of used \$20.00 Federal Reserve notes, all of the banks in the New York Bureau office district immediately circularized and this request made upon them. There was included in the information furnished to the banks the fact that the \$20.00 Federal Reserve notes used as ransom money were drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Mo., this information having been furnished by telephone by the Oklahoma City Bureau office.

[REDACTED] of the National State Bank, Newark, N.J., advised by letter dated August 4, 1933, that his bank received

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a \$20.00 Federal Reserve note drawn on the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Mo., No. J00522669A, series of 1928. He stated that this bill was presented to the bank by [REDACTED] representative of the American Transformer Company of Newark, N.J., who informed him that this was received in payment for merchandise purchased by the American Trading Company of New York and paid for by their representative, [REDACTED]. This information is set forth for whatever value it may be to the Oklahoma City Bureau office.

On August 6, 1933, Mr. Hughes of the Bureau requested by telephone that the New York office immediately advise the banks within its district to watch for a cashier's check dated August 5, 1933, in the amount of \$1,000.00, drawn on the Hennepin State Bank, Minneapolis, Minn., and payable to one F. H. Peters. A telegram was subsequently received from the Bureau requesting that the Canadian banks in this district also be circularized. This action was taken on the afternoon of August 6, 1933, and all letters had been placed in the mail prior to the time this office received the telegram from the St. Paul Bureau office advising that the cashier's check referred to was issued in the amount of \$1,800.00 instead of \$1,000.00.

There appears at this time to be no further investigative activity for this office and in the event any information of value is received as a result of the circularizing of the banks in this district, or otherwise, the proper offices will be promptly notified.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

August 5, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: MURKEL KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to telephonic conversation with Assistant Director Nathan from the Oklahoma City office on August 3, 1933, with respect to certain investigation and inquiries to be made at the LaSalle Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri.

You are advised that Agents Turrou and Brantley made investigation at the LaSalle Hotel and vicinity. The LaSalle Hotel is located at 920 Linwood Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri. There is no taxicab stand immediately in front of this hotel, nor is there any porter at any time on the door thereof. Linwood Boulevard is an arterial thoroughfare, and the traffic on it is very heavy at all times. There is a small hotel, known as the Belvedere, adjacent to the LaSalle, on the west side. Immediately after passing the Belvedere, going west, is an alley, which probably is the alley referred to by Mr. Kirkpatrick. Beyond this alley is a church and immediately after one leaves the church, there is a small side street. Dozens of automobiles are parked at all times in front of the La Salle Hotel on both sides of the street.

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b7D [REDACTED] of the La Salle Hotel, was interviewed by Agents, altho he was not informed of the subject matter of the interview. He stated that he was on duty at the hotel Sunday evening until nine o'clock; that he saw no unusual activity, nor did he observe any suspicious persons about the hotel, or in the lobby. He stated, however, that he was not in front of the hotel, nor in the lobby, at all times.

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[redacted] who was on duty Sunday afternoon and evening, July 30th, was interviewed and stated that insofar as he recalls, everything was quiet about the hotel, and he did not observe any suspicious activities or persons either in front of the hotel or in the lobby.

Efforts were made to check the registrations of the LaSalle for the 29th and 30th of July, but [redacted] stated that as guests check out, the cards used in registering are filed alphabetically. [redacted] during the time that the Agents were discussing this matter with him, said he had checked these cards and failed to find any registrations of persons not known to him, and that, in addition, thereto, the registrations for the 29th and 30th were extremely light.

In view of the findings of the Agents in the vicinity of the LaSalle Hotel, it is not believed that further information of value could be obtained in that vicinity at this time.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETERALI
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 3, 1933

Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted attached hereto duplicate copies of lists of ransom notes paid in the Urschel kidnapping case.

It is suggested that in multigraphing the lists be headed;
"Washington, D.C.
Lists of banknotes paid as ransom in kidnapping cases."

It is my understanding that after the number of banks throughout the country has been secured and an appropriate number of lists prepared, a sufficient supply is to be sent to each field office for distribution therefrom. In that case, the letter from the field office to be sent to each bank should read substantially, as follows;

"There are transmitted attached hereto lists showing numbers of banknotes paid as ransom in kidnapping cases. If any of these notes come into your possession, in the event that you are located in a City in which there is also located an office of the United States Bureau of Investigation, please notify said office immediately by telephone. In the event that you are located in a town or city in which there is no office of the United States Bureau of Investigation, please notify immediately the nearest police or law enforcement official and also telegraphically or telephonically, the nearest office of the United States Bureau of Investigation. Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated."

The letter from the Bureau to the field offices should advise said offices that, for their strictly confidential information, the lists constitute the numbers of the banknotes paid as ransom in the Urschel case and any information received relative thereto should be immediately investigated and the result of the investigation transmitted to the Oklahoma City office, the office of origin. The field offices should, of course, be instructed to mail the lists with cover circular letter out immediately.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan,
Assistant Director.

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DIRECTOR
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D.C.

Mr. Clegg
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. H. C.
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS RANSOM MONEY USED YESTERDAY AT ST PAUL IN PURCHASE OF
CASHIERS CHECK STOP AM IN TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION WITH ST PAUL PERSON MAKING
PURCHASE IS KNOWN TO OFFICE THERE

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*See that usual memos
are written.*

J. C. H.

*Mr. Gates, Mr. Keenon
& Mr. Malloy
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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MALLOY.

On Saturday, August 5, information was received by the St. Paul office of the Bureau, as a result of prior contacts with banks in that locality, to the effect that an individual had purchased a cashier's check at the Hennepin State Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and \$1,000.00 of the money presented for this purchase was made up of used \$20.00 Federal Reserve notes. The numbers on these notes were promptly checked by communicating with the Oklahoma City office and found to be identical with the numbers on the notes used in the payment of ransom for Charles F. Urschel, who had been kidnaped from his home. Thereupon the St. Paul office ascertained the identity of the individual who had purchased the cashier's check and took him, together with his partner in a trucking concern, to the Bureau office and interrogated them throughout yesterday. For your confidential information these men are being held. They state that they were approached by an individual whom they knew only casually and whose first name only was known to them and requested to obtain the cashier's check in question, which has since been ascertained to be for the face value of \$1800. All banks throughout the country and the principal banks in Canada were notified, giving a complete description of the cashier's check with the request that the person presenting it be held and the nearest Bureau office notified.

This morning word was received that this check has been cashed at a Minneapolis bank, and the St. Paul office is now endeavoring to locate the party who cashed the check.

This, of course, is for your confidential information and should not be released for publication at this time.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOSEPH B. KEENAN,
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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This morning word was received that this check has been cashed at a Minneapolis bank, and the St. Paul office is now endeavoring to locate the party who cashed the check.

This, of course, is for your confidential information and should not be released for publication at this time.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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August 7, 1933.

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PUBLICITY OFFICER.

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August 8, 1933.

Memorandum for the Director:

At 4:40a.m. this morning SAC Werner Hanni telephoned from St. Paul and requested that I get word to you that he needed four additional men. I asked him if I should communicate with Mr. Hughes at that hour of the morning and he stated that he needed the men as soon as he could get them but did not explain why he was calling at that hour. Shortly after this phone call, a wire was received from Mr. Nathan, sent from Oklahoma City, worded as follows: "Leaving by first plane ten tonight due Chicago six thirty morning due St. Paul about Noon". At 7:15a.m. I communicated the above information to Mr. Hughes and in accordance with his suggestion telephoned SAC Purvis to send four men to St. Paul if they could be spared. Mr. Purvis advised that he could not spare four men but that he would get in touch with Mr. Hughes and probably Mr. Nathan in the event the latter contacts him when passing through Chicago.

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2 men ()
have been ordered from
Chicago to St. Paul.
also one man from Detroit
+ one man from Wash., D.C.

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AUGUST 8 1933

WERNER HANNI
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING
ST PAUL MINNESOTA

DESIRE YOU SUBMIT SUMMARY CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS URSCHER CASE DAILY
BY NIGHT LETTER

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Atlantic National Bank Annex,
Jacksonville, Florida.

RE [REDACTED] b7C

August 7, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Receipt is acknowledged of copy of your letter of the 6th instant, directed to the Washington Field Office, with which was enclosed a list of Western Union Telegraph offices located in the territory covered by the Jacksonville Office, for circularization in connection with the twenty-dollar Federal Reserve Notes of the 10th Federal Reserve District used in paying the ransom to the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel.

I have communicated with [REDACTED] Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Jacksonville, Florida, who advises me that [REDACTED] of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., 101 Marietta Building, Atlanta, Georgia, upon request, will circularize every postal office in the Southeastern Division, as his office is in daily mail communication with all offices under his jurisdiction.

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I am also informed by [REDACTED] of the Western Union Telegraph Co., Jacksonville, Florida, that [REDACTED] of the Western Union Telegraph Co., at Atlanta, Georgia, will, upon request, circularize all Western Union offices under his jurisdiction in what is known as the Southeastern District, which includes the States of Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. In this connection [REDACTED] advised me that if his office desired to circularize the Western Union offices in the State of Florida, it was done through [REDACTED] office in Atlanta.

I suggest that you communicate with [REDACTED] and arrange with them to circularize the telegraph offices under their jurisdiction, as their offices are in daily communication by mail with every telegraph office in the Southeastern District. 7 11/2

For the information of the New York City Office and the office of origin in this case, it is stated that [REDACTED] informed me that when a nation-wide circularization of Postal Telegraph offices is desired by the United States Bureau of Investigation, the matter should be referred to [REDACTED] Comptroller, Postal Telegraph Co., 67 Broad Street, New York, N.Y., and that he would immediately make arrangements with the Revenue Accountants in the various divisions of this company to circularize all offices under their jurisdiction. [REDACTED] stated that this procedure is often times taken in cases of counterfeit currency.

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[REDACTED] of the Western Union Telegraph Co. in Jacksonville, Florida, informed me that it would be possible to secure a general circularization through [REDACTED] of the Eastern Division of the Western Union Telegraph Co., New York City, N. Y., but that in his opinion a more effective and expeditious way of handling a circularization would be through the General Managers of the various districts of the Western Union Telegraph Co., and he furnished me with the names and addresses of the District Managers, as follows:

[REDACTED] Eastern Division, New York City,
Metropolitan Division, New York City,
Lake Division, Chicago, Ill.
Central Division, Omaha, Nebr.
Gulf Division, Dallas, Texas,
Mountain Division, Denver, Colo.
Pacific Division, San Francisco, Calif.
Southeastern Division, Atlanta, Ga.

I assume you will circularize the Postal and Western Union Telegraph offices in the Jacksonville territory through their respective offices in Atlanta, Ga.

Very truly yours,

F. A. Alt,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

CC-Bureau ✓
Oklahoma City
New York City

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United States Bureau of Investigation

CHARGE

August 7, 1933

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
905 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

CHARLES F URSCHEL VICTIM: KIDNAPING OKLAHOMA CITY ORIGIN RETEL FIRST INSTANT
AM CIRCULARIZING COUNTIES OF YOUR DISTRICT COVERED BY SEVENTH FEDERAL
RESERVE DISTRICT

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1806 First Nat'l Bank Bldg.
Charlotte, N. C.

August 7, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
United States Bureau of Investigation
201 Liberty National Life Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of your letter dated August 6, 1933, addressed to the Special Agent in Charge of the Washington Field Office with regard to the circularization of offices of the Western Union Telegraph Company in connection with the Charles F. Urschel Kidnaping case.

It will be noted that telegraph offices in this district had not been covered, although all banks in North and South Carolina had been circularized.

It will further be noted that arrangements had been made to circularize information regarding the \$1,800.00 Cashiers Check issued for S. H. Peters of Minneapolis, Minnesota, but that this circularization was discontinued upon advice from the St. Paul Office that a circularization was unnecessary.

Holding in mind the circularization of Western Union offices where money orders might be purchased, I got in touch with [redacted] of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Charlotte, North Carolina. [redacted] informed me that he did not believe there would be any difficulty incident to the circularization of the various telegraph offices, but that as a matter of form it would be necessary for him to first secure authorization from the Superintendent at Atlanta, Georgia. I was informed also that they could mail circulars direct from the office at Atlanta, Georgia, for the entire territory covering North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, and Kentucky. He stated that in the event that arrangements were made with the officials of the telegraph company at Atlanta, Georgia, an agent should confer with either [redacted] Western Union Telegraph Field-
in, Atlanta, Georgia.

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After the receipt of the above information, I conferred over long distance telephone with Mr. V. L. Hughes of the Bureau, who concurred in the idea that it might be advisable to have the Birmingham Office make arrangements for a circularization of the Southern states directly out of the Western Union telegraph office at Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Hughes advised further that the serial numbers of all of the \$20.00 Federal Reserve notes of the Tenth District were available and were being mailed out of the Bureau today. It appeared that these notices could be mailed direct from the telegraph headquarters of Western Union at Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Hughes also concurred in the idea that a similar arrangement might be effected with the Postal Telegraph Company.

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[redacted] Postal Telegraph Company, Charlotte, North Carolina, advised that [redacted] of the Postal Telegraph Company in Atlanta, Georgia, which covers the following states: North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, West Virginia, Louisiana. [redacted] stated that he was certain that the Postal Telegraph Company would be pleased to cooperate with the Bureau to the utmost in the transmitting of these circulars from their office at Atlanta, Georgia. He further stated that they had mimeograph equipment and that all that would be necessary would be the transmittal of the necessary information to them.

The above information was transmitted to Acting Special Agent in Charge Fitzsimmons at Birmingham, Alabama, with the suggestion that he have a Special Agent at Atlanta, Georgia, get in touch immediately with the officials of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies, in order to effect the arrangements outlined above.

Copies of this letter are being transmitted to all interested offices in order that they may be aware of the arrangements being made.

Very truly yours,

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ECC/ [redacted]
cc: Bureau CC: Pittsburgh
cc: Jacksonville cc: New Orleans
cc: Cincinnati cc: Washington Field
cc: Oklahoma City.
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E. E. Conroy,
Special Agent in Charge

WESTERN UNION

United States Bureau of Investigation

CHARGE

August 7, 1933

WERNER HANNI
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING
ST PAUL MINNESOTA

RE CHARLES F URSCHEL VICTIM KIDNAPING OKLAHOMA CITY ORIGIN AM CIRCULARIZING
ALL COUNTIES SEVENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT COVERED BY YOUR OFFICE
YOU CIRCULARIZE COUNTIES OF MICHIGAN COVERED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
MINNEAPOLIS

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