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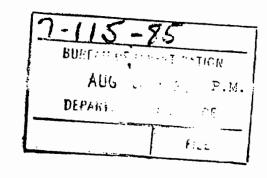
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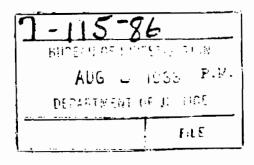
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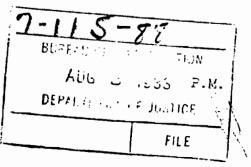
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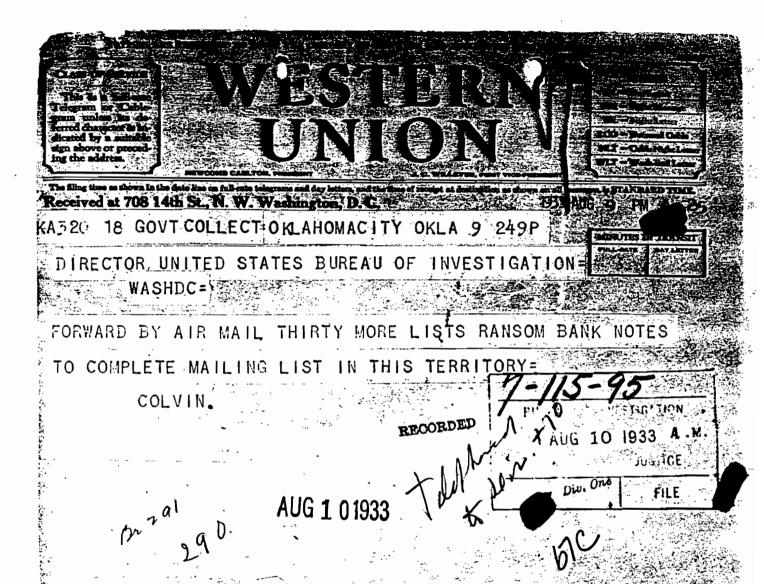
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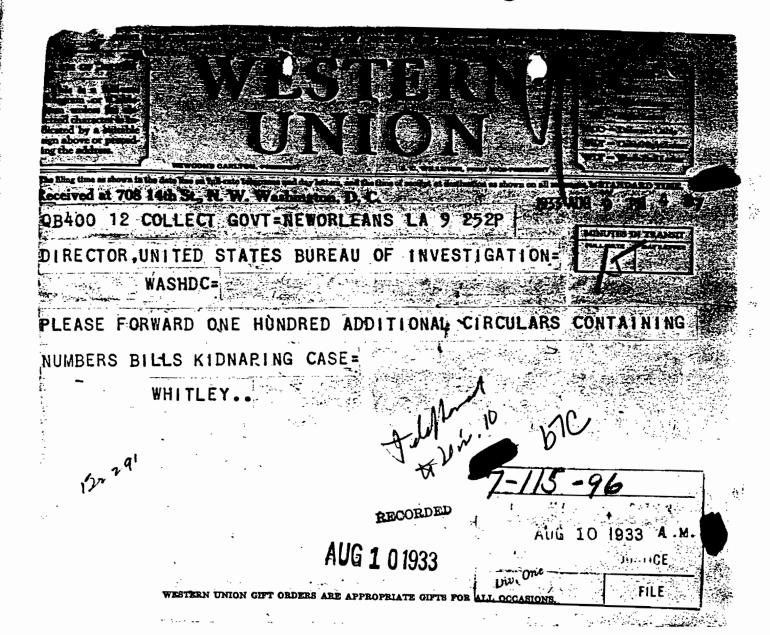
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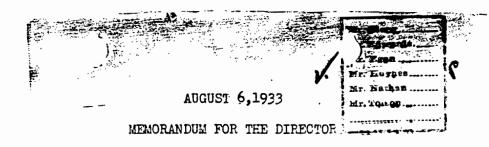
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Agent #1 man at St Paul.

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# H. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

201 Liberty National Life Bldg., Birmingham, Alabama, August 8, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 7, 1933 concerning the Bureau circular letter of that same date with respect to the list of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases.

In this connection, after telephonic conversation with Mr. V. W. Hughes of the Bureau and Mr. J. H. Hanson of this office, it was deemed advisable to circularize the various offices of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies.

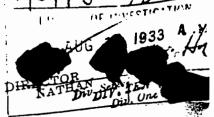
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Special Agent interviewed officials of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies at Atlanta, Georgia in this connection, and they readily agreed to circularize their various offices in the division covered by the general office at Atlanta, Ga., which supervises offices in the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia.

Circularizing of the various officer of the telegraph companies will be personally conducted through their general offices at Atlanta, out, and in the event the Bureau permits this procedure, it is requested that a sufficient supply of the circulars be forwarded to the Birmingham office in order that same may be transmitted to the general offices of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies at Atlanta, Ga.

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Special Agent was further informed by officials of the telegraph companies that the lists showing the numbers of the bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases would be mailed from Atlanta along with the regular daily mail to the various offices of the companies. For the purpose of circularizing their respective territories, the Western Union Telegraph Company has advised that it would require 575 circulars, while the Postal Telegraph Company has requested 175 circulars.

In the event the Bureau approves of this procedure, it is respectfully requested that the necessary circulars be mailed to the Birmingham office as soon as may be consistent.

Very truly yours,

B. F. FITZSDIONS, Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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Stated he did not press her for information as to where George was or how he was to get the money, knowing how shrewd she was, and perhaps called him in an effect to feel him out as to whether the police were looking for George (perhaps on the rideapping joh).

Stated that from the meagre account and description of the man who kidnapped Urschel at Oklahome City, the same effectly ritted George Kally, and was the kind of a job he would pull; that before Mrs. Kelly left Ft. Worth, Texas on Monday, July 10, 1933, she stated George was at Chicago. He said he saw her on the day she left Ft. Worth at which time she would not reveal where she was going.

further stated that Mrs. Kelly is known as a "locater"; that during the time she was gone it is possible that she located the man to be kidnapped and George and his partner pulled the job and she quickly returned to Ft. Worth where she will remain until she hears from him, which she stated will be in a few days.

advised Agent that Mrs. Kelly uses a pay station telephone on outgoing calls, but all incoming calls come to her over the telephone of her friend and neighbor,

further stated that George Aelly owns a black Chevrolet Sedan; that in a previous conversation with Mrs. Kelly about the Cadillac Sedan she informed him that George did not like the car very much, as it was too eraspicuous, and at the time he purchased the Cadillac Sedan from a new or second hand dealer at vincinnati, he also bought the Chevrolet Sedan. He has no idea what license is on the car, but believes George goes into Chicago and uses an Illinois License although the car is probably registered at Cincinnati under a fictitious name, the Cadillac Sedan being in the name of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon of Park Lane ville, Cleveland, Uhio. According to George Kelly has safety deposit boxes at the Ft. Worth National Bank, under the name of Q. R. or O. L. Shannon; that the box prior to June 27 was not opened in two years. He feels confident that if the job was pulled by George Kelly the ransom money will go into this safety box. is of the opinion that the telephone wire of should be immediately tapped for the incoming call from George Mally. In this connection, he states that the matter should be carefully handled, and inasmuch as krs. George kelly is well known at Ft. Worth, associating from time to time with big shot bootleggers, gamblers and even big business men, that even to trust telephone officials is some-what dangerous. On leaving Mrs. Kelly Sunday morning. what dangerous. On leaving Mrs. Kelly Sunday morning, stated he noticed the Cadillac Sedan was parked in the driveway and there was an Oklahoma paper in the car giving an account of the kidnapping.

The Cadillac Sedan, according to

was covered with
what appeared to be Oklahoma red dirt dust around the rims of the neels, and Mrs.
kelly did not appear to be very much fatigued after her long alleged trip from St.
Louis. If Kelly pulled the job,
be taken to a farm near Tulse, where

and George Kelly and
Mrs. Kelly remained in hiding after they pulled the Sherman, Texas bank job. This
information

stated he secured from Mrs. Kelly in a previous conversation
with her, when she told him that George Kelly had friends of his near Tulsa who
had a farm where the boys hideout when things get hot.

57C 67D Agent was unable to secure a photograph of George Kelly from the Ft. Worth Police Department. The photograph was removed from the gallery states that the last time he saw the photograph it was on desk. The latter advised Agent that possibly one of the boys picked it up and forgot to return it.

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Pending telephone call from George Kelly, stated that he will keep close to his home, being on a vacation; anticipating a further telephone call from Mrs. George Kelly.

Photograph of George Kelly was secured from the Dallas Police Department and forwarded to Oklahoma City for use in the investigation there.

On July 27, the Oklahoma City Bureau Office telephonically advised of letter received by Miss Florence Tunspaugh, Dallas, Texas, purporting to come from the kidnappers of Urschel, requesting Miss Aunspaugh to act as intermediary.

Special Agent McConnack submitted the following memorandum on the Aunspaugh investigation:

Pursuant to telephone call from SAC F. J. Blake, now at Oklahoma City, Miss Florence Aunspaugh, 4505 Bryan St., Dallas, was interviewed on 7-27-33 by the writer and Special Agent Miss Aunspaugh stated that on Monday morning, 7-17-35, while she was working with her flowers in the front yard of her home, she noticed a large sedan parked directly across the street.

She paid little attention to the sedan at the time, other than noting it was of dark color - either black, blue, or dark brown. A man appeared to be lounging under the wheel, accompanied by a woman. The car remained parked several moments, when the woman came across to the house and asked permission to use the telephone, stating she had had car trouble. She dialed two or three numbers and then waited for a call she was expecting to receive back on the phone - which is No. 3-2757.

In conversation with Miss Aunspaugh she said "I'll bet you were a school teacher once," and when Miss Aunspaugh answered in the affirmative she remarked she bet Miss Aunspaugh was a good one, too. She made a few additional flattering remarks about school teaching, and it is believed either received a telephone call or made another one; this is not distinctly recalled. The woman left, going over to the car; and returned in a few minutes and asked if Miss Aunspaugh could give her some paper on which to write a letter to Oklahome. The paper was given to her and she returned to the car and in a few minutes the two drove away.

The woman was described as being:

Medium Height
Slender
Brown Eyes
Very black hair
Brunette complexion
Wearing a blue crepe-de-chine dress
blue and white hat (straw)
with dark blue band.

Miss Aunspaugh stated she was a very nice looking woman. No description of the man in the car was available.

With reference to the letter received by Miss Aunspaugh: She stated that it came the next day, as she remembers, after the visit by the women, and was typewritten, postmarked at Dallas, signature typewritten "Your old scholar." This letter is now in possession of Dallas Police Department, who has promised to turn it over to the sureau but has not yet done so, and has not produced it for reading.

On first questioning Miss Aunspaugh she appeared to be a very intelligent elderly lady, beyond suspicion; however, a few incidents relative to the interview are being reported as especially significant.

When Agents entered the house a letter was noted; lying on the floor at the door. The writer noted that the letter had not been posted and bore only a typewritten address. It was noted also that Miss Aunspaugh saw this letter, but made no mention of it. During the conversation in the living-room, where she was being closely questioned concerning the first letter received, she suddenly excused herself and said she would "see if the meil man has come." She walked to the front door and without picking up the letter, stated in a loud voice - audible to agents in the living room, that another letter had been received from the kidnappers. The writer could see Miss Aumspaugh at the door and noted that she made that remark without picking up the letter or without bending over to look at it. This is significant, inasmuch as previously - when shown a photograph of Mrs. George Kelly to see if she could identify it as being the woman who called at her house to telephone. she used her glasses and held the photograph in a close position before being able to sey this was not the woman. It is hardly likely she could have noted the address of the letter on the floor without bending over, if her eyesight is as bad as would indicate from her scrutiny of the photograph.

This letter was carefully handled by Agent to preserve any fingerprints, and was read to Miss Aunspaugh; she stated she was sure it was the same sort of letter she had previously received. She was then asked to produce some of the paper which she had given to the woman who called, and this paper appeared identical with that on which the letter from the alleged kidneppers was written. She advised a roomer at the house, had given her the paper an when questioned concerning typewriters she stated had the only typewriter in the house. A search for this typewriter at the time was unproductive.

By referring to the memorandum submitted by Special Agent it will be noted that during this interview Miss Aunspaugh made several contradictory statements with respect to the typewriters and her ability to typewrite.

Although it is purely suspicion, it appeared the letter received at the time Agents were talking to Miss Aunspaugh, had been deliberately planted - to be revealed at the proper moment.

Dallas, Texas, stated he has known Miss Florence Aunspaugh for many years and has always believed her reliable and honest; that she has been a school teacher, and conducts an art school at the present time, located next door East of the residence at 3405 Bryan St.

He advised that when the first letter was received Miss Aunspaugh immediately got in touch with him and he telephoned to Oklahoma City. is not cooperating to a full extent in this matter, but his motive cannot be explained - unless he has hopes of receiving a reward.

Continuation of the Aunspaugh investigation was made and the following memorandum submitted by Special Agent

After visiting the home of Miss Florence Aunspaugh, 3405 Bryan St., Dallas, Texas, on the morning of July 27 with Special Agent McCommack, at which time she was interviewed by Agent McCormack, this Agent returned later the same day with Dallas Police Department. No sconer had Agent entered the house when Miss Aunspaugh, a woman about 55 years of age, began reprimanding for notifying the Federal Authorities, stating that since Mr. McCormack and this Agent had interviewed her earlier in the day, she noticed mysterious-looking men in the park across from her house, watching her.

When an attempt was made to question her about two letters she received - one by mail, and the other found on the floor near the door in her house from the alleged kidnappers of Charles Urschel, Oklahome City, she began crying and acted in a somewhat hysterical manner, stating that she was now afraid that the Federal Officers would probably arrest some innocent person for sending the letters and that she would be killed by the gang. For this reason she, therefore, decided that she would not communicate with the alleged kidnappers and asked that the matter be dropped entirely.

In the beginning of the conversation with her, she stated she was formerly a school teacher and that sometime ago she visited the home of one of her former pupils, the name of which person she would not divulge to Agent, stating that she gave it to in confidence. (See Later on advised Agent that the person she referred to is one (of Dallas, Texas, with a shady reputation.) According to Miss Aunspaugh, sometime ago she visited the home of this former pupil and while there he was practicing with a gun, and she observed a number of other guns, rifles and particularly a machine gun; that this former pupil was a desperate character and probably a member of the gang she suspected of writing one or both of the letters to her. She further stated that the

gang undoubtedly, has been watching her and knows that visited her home on Wednesday night and probably by this time the Federal men also interviewed her; that this would meen that Urschel, who was kidnapped in Oklahoma, would probably be killed by the kidnappers by reason of the intervention of the Federal Authorities.

She rambled on about the Lindbergh kidnapping and a murder that took place in Dallas, claiming that the woman suspected in the case, was innocent. She appeared very much upset when Agent asked her if she had enemies and whether she owned a typewriter and could operate one. In her first interview she stated that she did not know how to operate a typewriter; that the only typewriter she knew of was owned by the Seed Loan Division of the Secretary of Agriculture, Dallas Power & Light Building.

Remington Portable Typewriter which she located to a friend of hers two days ago; that prior to that time the typewriter was kept in her room and, inasmuch as she was away at work during the day, Miss' Florence Aunspaugh had access to her room and could have easily used her typewriter. She furnished Agent with a copy of a letter written on the typewriter in question and on comparing the same with the type used on the letters from the alleged kidnappers signed "Your old scholar", the type and alignment did not indicate that the letter was written on the typewriter owned by

Aunspaugh home about a year; that on a number of occasions she saw and heard Miss Aunspaugh operate a small portable typewriter owned by a contract of the roomers at the house.

when Miss Aunspaugh was confronted with the information that a owned a typewriter she finally admitted that she did use his typewriter, but that this was quite some time ago. She refused to tell Agent the make or style of the typewriter owned by she further stating that being pressed for funds sold his typewriter some time ago and requested Agent not to interview

Miss Aunspaugh volunteered the information to Agent that the kidnappers probably realized their mistake in sending the first letter through the mails and, in order not to use the mails again, delivered the second letter by messenger.

The second letter, apparently delivered by messenger and found on the floor at the time this Agent and Agent McCormeck called at the Aunspaugh house, which letter was picked up and carefully preserved, copy of which is attached to this memorandum, was turned over to the Identification of the Identification Bureau, Dallas Police Department, who, in the presence of Agent McCorack and this Agent, advised that a number of fingerprints were on the letter, two of which could be lifted for identification purposes, at the same time stating that in his opinion the fingerprints found the reon were those of a woman.

Florence Aunspaugh, according to is a very talkative person and is always discussing sensational news she has read in the newspaper. Miss Aunspaugh is a spinster.

Agent ascertained from that when he visited Miss Florence Aunspaugh on Wednesday evening, last, he put in a long distance telephone call for the Chief of Police at Oklahoma City in connection with the alleged letter received by Miss Aunspaugh from the alleged kidnappers; that in the absence of the chief, he talked to a

The records at the office of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Dallas, reveal that a long distance call was placed from a telephone listed in the name of S405 Bryan Street, Dallas, telephone 3-2757, to the Chief of Police, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, by one and in the absence of the Chief of Police, Stalked to the Chief of Detectives at Oklahoma City, telephone 8-2607, at 6:09 P.M., time consumed, 5 minutes, cost of message \$2.25, which was charged to telephone 3-2757.

promised Agent to turn over to the Dallas Bureau Office the first letter received by Miss Aunspaugh through the mails, which he stated he had at his home. He also stated that inasmuch as he has known Miss Florence Aunspaugh for quite a number of years, he suggested that the Agents of the Dallas Office hold further investigation in abeyance as he would be in a much better position to obtain information of value from Miss Aunspaugh and determine definitely who might be the author of the letters received by her.

On Friday, July 28, this Agent in company with Special Agent of the Dallas Office, called at the by Dallas. She discraimed any knowledge of who might have written the letters. When Agent previously called on Florence Aunspaugh, she turned over to him several sheets of typewriter paper, on one of which was an impression of a letter written on the typewriter to one Texas. The paper appears to be the same as used in the second letter received by Miss Aunspaugh from the alleged kidnappers. From the phraseology and punctuation in the two letters it appears that the letter written to one received from the alleged kidnappers have been written on the typewriter by the same person. frankly admitted to Agent that was a prospective pupil of hers and stated that the letter mentioned above was written by her sister Florence Aunspaugh, probably on the portable Underwood Typewriter owned by a a roomer in her sister's house.

After telling Agent that no longer lived in the house, followed by numerous versions of the letters received from the alleged kidnappers and contradicting herself, she finally admitted that she used. Portable Underwood Typewriter; that about four or six weeks ago it suddenly disappeared from her house; that she believed it could be found at the freight house of the T & P Railroad, Palas, Texas, and when pressed for further information in this respect, stated this was only a guess on her part. She insisted that the Federal Agents drop their investigation in connection with the letters received from the alleged kidnappers, stating she had a telephone call on Thursday night from a person she believed represented the kidnappers, but refused to divulge the nature of the telephone conversation and finally stated that maybe she was mistaken.

Agent asked Miss Florence Aumspaugh if she has any objection to having her fingsprints taken. She absolutely refused and became highly indignant.

referred to above was located living in what appeared to be
the former servant's quarters in the rear of the house of Miss Florence Aunspage.
He stated his name is
that he was out of employment; that he has been
out of employment for some time, and is a mechanic by trade; that he owned an old
Underwood Portable Typewriter which he purchased for \$40.00 about eight years ago;
that he stored this typewriter with Miss Florence Aunspaugh and, inasmuch as he
does not know how to operate a typewriter and having no use for it, he left it in
the care of Florence Aunspaugh. He stated that he recalls Miss Aunspaugh using
the typewriter from time to time and, if he was not mistaken, she also used
typewriter. He further stated that Miss Florence Aunspaugh told him recently that someone stole the typewriter from her home.

Agent asked if he had any objection to having his fingerprints taken, and he stated none whatever; that he knew nothing about the letters received by Miss Florence Aunspaugh.

From Agent's observation of Miss Florence Aunspaugh and her surroundings, she appears to be a person of mental complexes and very eccentric and, it is possible, the letters may be written by her for publicity or other unknown purposes.

It became apparent the letters were written by Miss Aunspaugh, herself. She has no possible connection with this or any other criminal matter, and the investigation was discontinued.

Investigation of the George Kelly gang was continued with the following memorandums submitted by Special Agent ::

On July 24, 25, 26, 1933 at Ft. Worth, Texas, Agent contacted in re: George Kelly, suspected of being connected with the kidnepping of Charles Urschel in Oklahoma City.

It was ascertained that Mrs. Catherine Thorn Kelly was at her home all day on July 24, but was away during the day of July 25, going to the farm of her mother, Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, Paradise, Texas. The latter's telephone number is 1606 F-11, Paradise, Texas, a country line out of Decatur, Texas, which information was obtained by Agent from Bell Telephone Company at Ft. Worth, Texas.

Anticipating the possibility of placing a tap on the telephone wire of the phone Mrs. Kelly usually receives long distance calls from George Kelly, this agent and made discreet inquiries in the vicinity with a view

of obtaining a room or apartment, but there appeared none available at the time.
Agent then decided to take the matter up in a confidential menner with the telephone officials at Ft. Worth, Texas.

In a conference at the office of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Ft. Worth, Texas, with Agent was successful in enlisting their cooperation in having an observation made of incoming and outgoing In this connection, arrangements were long distance calls over telephone for a period of one week, beginning 5: P.M., July 24, made that telephone would be placed under observation during 24 hours of the day by means of placing a shoe plugged into a position on the supervisor's board from telephone every time a call came in or out of this number, particularly long distance calls, the supervisor would be signalled and she would be in a position to listen in on any conversations, at the same time tracing back over the circuit to the city from where the call came, getting the ticket position and the telephone number at which the call was placed. A report of the substance of any telephone conversation heard by the supervisor at any time during the day or night would be transmitted to who would then communicate with Ft. Worth, and the Dallas Bureau Office would also be notified.

In making the above arrangements the officials of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company advised Agent that it was an unusual thing for them to do and that they were personally assuming the responsibility which was contrary to their rules and regulations and the State Law and, therefore, emphasized to Agent that the matter should be treated absolutely confidential, and none of the names of the officials of the telephone company should be mentioned in reports to prosecuting attorneys or others, as to do so would cause any amount of trouble for them. Stated he has absolute confidence in the Bureau and wants to cooperate in every possible way.

In discussing the possibility of making a similar arrangement to cover Mrs. Kelly's mother's telephone number 1606 F-11 at Paradise, Texas, he stated it would have to be arranged at Decatur, Texas, but inasmuch as there were a number of subscribers on the same line and Decatur being a small place, it was inadvisable to attempt to make the same kind of an arrangement at Decatur. He furthermore doubted very much if such a telephone which was open to other subscribers, would be used in transmitting important long distance telephone calls to Mrs. Kelly.

Up to the writing of this memorandum, no results thus far have been obtained by reason of the cover on telephone Mrs. George Kelly is still at Ft. Worth, Texas, and advised Agent on July 29 that he will probably see her during the evening of July 29 or Sunday of July 30, at which time he will endeavor, if possible, to secure some more information of value in this investigation.

67C 67D On July 31, 1933 at Fort Worth, Texas Agent contacted and in re: George Kelly, suspected of being connected with the kidnapping of Charles Urschel in Uklahoma City.

stated to Agent that several times he passed by and made inquiries for Cath erine Thorn Kelly on Saturday and Sunday, at her home 857 East Mulkey Street, Ft. Worth, Texas for the purpose of interviewing her; that on his visits he was advised by Mrs. Kelly's alleged daughter, age 14, and the colored maid, that Mrs. Kelly was expected back shortly and he assumed that she was still at Ft. Worth, Texas. Inasmuch as he was unable to find her there at any time, Agent concluded that she was probably visiting her mother Mrs. Ora Shannon at Paradise, Texas, which proved to be correct as will be noted hereinafter in this report.

At the office of the Southwestern Telephone Company, Agent interviewed who advised that no results were obtained from the close observation placed on telephone a telephone that has been previously used in receiving long distance calls from George Kelly. At the request of Agent, endeavored to ascertain in a discreet manner whether a long distance call was received over Mrs. Catherine Kelly's mother's phone No. 1606 F-11, Paradise. The operator stated that a long distance call was received but she could not talk over the wire. In this connection, suggested that of the Southwest Telephone Company, an independent company at Bridgeport, Texas, be interviewed for his cooperation in the matter. In the meantime, the stated that he would continue surveillance of telephone for incoming and outgoing long distance telephone calls, particularly any such calls from other than the State of Texas.

On August 1, 1933, Agent accompanied and in Ft. Worth Police Car to Bridgeport, Texas where Agent interviewed and arrangements were made with him whereby he and Agent went to Paradise, Texas, about seven miles southeast of Bridgeport, Texas, for the purpose of interviewing the operator at Paradise, Texas.

and remained at Bridgeport, Texas, as it was not deemed advisable to have them go to Paradise, a town of a few hundred people, as the natives there might become suspicious and begin making inquiries. After arriving at Paradise, Agent and interviewed

Agent's identity was not disclosed to her. When asked about a long distance call that came to Catherine Thorn Kelly in the last few days, told Agent and that she would furnish no information; that there were plenty of long distance calls coming in from other states to telephone 1606 F-LT; that she was really afraid to tell anyone about them as she had an idea of her own the kind of business the Shannons and the Kellys were in, stating that Catherine Thorn before she married George Kelly, was a good friend of hers, and whenever Catherine visited her mother at Paradise, she always called After insisted that turn over to him all the long distance toll slips in her possess on and divulge in confidence any telephone calls incoming and outgoing to long distance points that she could restated that she was really afraid to do so, and finally consented to furnish such information.

She stated that between 10:30 o'clock and noon Sunday morning, July 30, 1933, a call came in from Oklahoma City to Mrs. Shannon's number 1606 F-11; that she listened in on the wire end recognized the voice of George Kelly, who stated that he was about ready to leave and probably would see her tomorrow (Monday, July 31, 1933). He stated it was raining where he was and Catherine Thorn Kelly who talked to him, advised him to be careful when he was on the way over and see that he did not go in a ditch.

then advised Agent that she saw George Kelly at Paradise in the early afternoon of July 31, 1933. She does not know how he came to Paradise who was with him and what time he arrived. She further stated that she about two P.M. and went into the back room and as she was returning to she noted George Kelly driving his big 16 cylinder Cadillac Car with Ohio License Plates on it; that in the car at the time was Catherine Thorn Kelly and several other men; that she had no chance to see them as the car passed by headed towards Bridgeport, Texas. Later on she stated "I don't want to get messed up in anything. I couldn't say how meny were in the car and it was none of my business". She further stated that Catherine Kelly was at Paradise for over a week; that she talked to her on one occasion, and Catherine like on other occasions invited her to take a ride in the car and go on a trip, but she stated she has been suspicious of Catherine, and figures that she is nice to her and trying to pump her for information.

stated that prior to July 31st, the last time she saw George Kelly at Paradise, was about three weeks ago. She stated that he is in and out of Paradise; that George Kelly drives a dark Chevrolet Sedan, Ford Sport Roadster and the big 16 cylinder Cadillac Car with the Ohio License Plates on it. In this connection, she stated she recalls when George purchased the car because the company at Cleveland, Ohio, placed a long distance telephone call from Cleveland, Ohio, making inquiries about the Shannons. (The Cadillac Sedan, 1932, in question bears Ohio 1933 License plates 691-965 and is registered in the name of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, Park Lane Villa, Cleveland, Ohio.)

When asked regarding any other long distance telephone calls, stated that outside of several to Ft. Worth, Texas, she did not believe that there were any others during the month of July. She stated however that she might be mistaken; that quite a number of long distance calls have been coming in in the last three or four months from Oklahoma City, Chicago and Wichita, Kansas; that most of the calls were from Wichita, Kansas, and in listening in at which time Mrs. Shannon or her husband would answer, the conversation was of a very mysterious nature and hard to understand, being somewhat in code. She mecalled that sometime ago someone from Oklahoma City tried all afternoon to get anyone on the telephone at 1606 F-11 but no one was at home to answer. On checking through the long distance toll slips there is a record of a collect call on May 9, 1933 at 4:52 P.M. to anyone at 1606 F-11 from Davis, Oklahoma City, ID 195, Room 427. stated that ID 195 is a number assigned to a large hotel or subscriber making quite a number of long distance phone calls, and can be easily located at Oklahoma City.

advised Agent that on some of the long distance calls that came in to 1606 F-11, a request was made to telephone, but outgoing calls of any importance or those which might be suspicious were not placed over the Paradise exchange, which is a country line with no cable and persons along the line can listen in until the call goes over the Bell System starting at Ft. Worth, Texas. further advised Agent that the Shannons and Kellys always have plenty of money, and are always changing large bills of at least \$20. denomination, which is very noticeable in a small town like Paradise, Texas. She furthermore hinted that telegrams were being received and dispatched by the Shannons at the Railroad Station, Paradise, Texas, which might be used instead of the telephone.

checked the long distance telephone toll tickets at Paradise for the months of May, June and July. He stated they were not kept in accordance with company rules. The records showed a telephone call from 1606 F-11 by Mrs. Shannon, 7-31 to Ft. Worth. Mrs. Shannon asked how the children were and stated just fine. (The children are two little girls. one about 14 years of age, and the other about 10 years of age, living in the home of Mrs. Catherine Thorn Kelly, 857 East Mulkey Street, Ft. Worth, Texas. According the 14 year old girl is dark, while the little girl about ten years of age is a blond; that both little girls came to the house on June 26 or June 27, 1935, and are being taken care of by a colored maid. He suspects that one of them might be a daughter of one of the killers at the Union Station, Kansas City, June 17, 1933; that the Kellys lived in the same apartment with Verne Miller and wife and frequently visited Keating and Holden, at Kansas City, before the latter two were apprehended. The telephone call referred to was placed at Paradise 3:51 P.M., July 31, 1933, which was after the Kellys left Paradise, Texas.

On July 5, 1933, a collect call to 1606 F-11, was placed from telephone

Ft. Worth by George Kelly to Catherine Kelly at 1606 F-11, Paradise,
Texas, and on July 7, 1933, Catherine Kelly placed a call from 1606 F-11 to 4-6139,
Ft. Worth, to George Kelly.

Ft. Worth is the telephone number of

Stated that

is a beauty parlor operator at Ft. Worth who
is frequently seen in the company of Catherine Thorn Kelly.)

In company with Agent called on latter\_well known to who stated that for the Chicago R. I. and Gulf RR at Paradise, Texas, and considered restated that he knows George Kelly and his wife Catherne Kelly liable. very well; that he has become very suspicious of them for sometime as well as the parents of Catherine Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Shannon, who have been receiving and sending suspicious telegrams . volunteered the information that he believed from the nature of the telegrams received and sent that George Kelly is the leader or agent for a band of bank robbers, killers and kidnappers with headquarters at Chicago and Kansas City. In this connection, he stated that several times he wanted to furnish someone with authority with this information, but refrained from doing so on account of his job and not knowing what might happen to him.

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In view of stated that he would be very pleased to furnish the pallas Office with any information, particularly telegrams to and from the Shannons at Paradise if it would help in any way of breaking them up. In this connection, stated that in the past quite a number of telegrams have been received from Kansas City, Chicago and other points addressed to the Shannons at Paradise, Texas. Going over copies of telegrams on his file for May, June and July, 1933, he allowed Agent to copy the following telegrams, which might be of some significance:

D.RG.W. 3 Chicago Ill July 19 1933 1155 am RGShannon Paradise Texas
Waiting for call signed Lang 1242 p.m.

Regarding the above message, stated that the Western Union at Chicago wired him to have Shannon reply quickly to the message, and he called on Shannon and then sent the following over the wire:

NC CHICAGO ILL July 19 1933

Yours 19th date RGShannon signed Lang called on Shannon for QA promised answer as soon as he can get details Paradise lexas

D. RD W. 9 XC July 19 1933 1159 am Chicago Illinoic RGShannon Paradise rexas Details by airmail scuvenirs by express at once signed Lang 1247 pm

Cleveland Ohio June 3 1933
Peoples State Bank Paradise Texas
Please rush wire collect credit reputation and responsibility Robert C Shannon signed General Motors Acceptance Corp.

Paradise Texas June 3 replied Peoples State Bank signed General Motors undelivered account bank holiday

Denver Colo 535 pm June 15 1933
RGShannon RFD phone 1606Fll Paradise Texas
Message just received delayed account address impossible for me to make trip
at once anyway waiting word from Chicago regarding finances write me same
address give full particulars if and when drilling is to start signed George
440 P.M.

Paradise Texas May 15 1933
LELang State Hotel Kansas City Mo.
Will call Tuesday night 8:30 after seeing Davis signed Shannon.

It will be recelled that one Davis is mentioned before in this memo. as trying to get Shannon on the telephone from ID 195 Oklahoma City, and that LELleng ires from Chicago and also wire has been sent to him at State Hotel, Kansas City, Mo.

advised Agent that he recently met Mrs. Shannon, who asked him if he received a message over the wire, and during the course of her conversation she asked if he had been to the World Fair as yet; that he replied he had not, and she stated that she and Mr. Shannon were going to the World Fair after George returned to Paradise; that George had a large suite of rooms at Chicago, Illinois where they would stop. It is possible that when George Kelly and Catherine Kelly left Paradise, Texas about 2 p.m. July Elst with the other men in the car, they were headed for Chicago, and that Mr. & Mrs. G.orge Shannon in view of the conversation with Mr. Wallace, will also shortly leave for Chicago for the purpose of visiting the World Fair, being guests of George Kelly at Chicago during that time.

stated that he recalled a number of telegrams coming to Shannon in which mention was made of sending souvenirs by express, which he thought might be loot from a bank or money from holdups, etc.; that he has watched for the alleged packages of souvenirs in and out of Paradise but never came across such shipments, which he believes have been sent or received from some other place other than Paradise, Texas.

more telegrams from the Shannons he will send copy of the same to the Dallas Office.

of August 2, 1933, and advised that he discreetly ascertained at the Ft. Worth National Bank Safety Deposit Vault that the box in the name of R. G. Shannon had not been opened since June 29th; that prior to that time it was opened June 27th, and no record of anyone going to the box two years previously.

of the Southwestern Telephone Company, Bridgeport, Texas, stated that he will keep in touch with at Paradise, Texas, and in the event he learns of any long distance calls in and out of 1606Fll which might lead to the present whereabouts of George Kelly and wife, he will immediately notify the Dallas Office.

Paradise, Texas, informed Agent that operates a garage at Paradise, Texas, where the cars which are driven by the Shannons, Catherine and George Kelly, are serviced. In imparting such information as she gave to Agent, and did so with the understanding that Agent not interview her husband. With the exception of interviewing and no other persons were interviewed at Paradise, Texas, the impression being left with that Agent was connected with the telephone company.

A prior investigation at Paradise, Texas, was conducted by Special Agent on July 13, 1933. His memorandum follows:

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Paradise, says Robert G. Shannon, called Boss Shannon, has lived here for many years.

Paradise, Texas, stated that he knows Catherine Kelly and her husband; that he knows Kelly who was here about three weeks ago; that Kelly is reported to operate a garage, he believes in the 2300 block W. 7th Street, Ft. Worth, near the Medical Arts Building.

He also stated he believed he saw Harvey Bailey in Paradise this date, driving an Essex (about 1931) coach, blue-black color, but he did not notice the license plates; that it has been commonly talked in this community that a lot of fine cars come in to visit at the Shannon home.

Both stated they see these cars in town when these people visit here.

stated he has observed cars bearing Oklahoma, Ohio and Illinois plates; that he sees people coming in from Ft. Worth along the back roads, on his route, where the back road leaves the main Ft. Worth Road three miles west of Boyd, thence to Cottondale; thence into Paradise; that that activity was last Fall and he hasn't noticed any suspicious characters since last Fall; that just about a year ago an insured or registered package ceme into the office for Shannon from some place in the N. W., and next day Shannon deposited \$1900.00 in the  $^{
m F}$ irst National Bank at Decatur, Texas, and said he had sold some cattle, but he didn't have enough cattle to bring that amount of money; that Shannon and his present wife have been married about four years, and up to that time he was a good citizen; but since then it is rumored Shannon keeps bad company.

names.

says he understands Mrs. Shannon keeps a post office box rented at Bridgeport, and calls there for mail twice a week. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Description of George Kelly:

Age Height Weight 180 Build heavy Hair black

Marital status: married, wife Catherine (Thorn) Kelly

stated mail comes in care of Shannon to a number of

Expert machine-gunner Criminal record:

As George Kelly #1968, rec. State Pen., Santa Fe, N.M. 3-14-27 from U.S.Court; violation PA, \$250.

As the res Kelly #5298 Tulsa, Okla. PD 7-24-27;

As George Kelly #2332, Tulsa, Okla., 50 1-13-28; violation NPA.

As George Kelly, #29,362, U. S. Pen., Leaves orth, Kans. 2-11-28 from Tulsa, Okla.; poss. ligner; 3 yrs.
As George Kelly 12-17-30 Ft. Worth, Texas FD; released.

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Agent reports that the house occupied by the Sh annons near Paradise, Texas, is the common type square, four room frame.

On August 5th, at Ft. Worth advised a telegram was delivered at the residence of the Kelly's, addressed to Catherine Kelly, sender June Johnson, requesting Catherine to immediately telephone the sender at foom of Ft. Worth proceeded 325 Plaza Hotel, Dallas. of the Dallas Police to the Dallas Bureau Office where Department had been summoned. These officers, accompanied by Special Agent went to the Plaza Hotel and in room 325 arrested Willie Russo, Kansas City gaugster and Jack Binyon, local hoodlum. Russo was well armed but did not resist arrest. He has released from the Texas State Penitentiary only two months ago and was trying to get in touch with the gang. He voluntarily stated he was a paramour of, Catherine Kelly before she married George Kelly, and now that he was out of the penitentiary he wanted her to return to him. It is not believed Russo could have been involved in the matters under investigation and was, therefore, not questioned thereon, it seeming advisable not to give him any information which he might pass on to the Kelly Geng.

Photographs of Binyon and Russo were obtained for the Dallas File. For its future value, Russo's description is set forth:

Willie Russo, alias Walter York Bailey, alias E. M. France, which wm. Frotter.

Age 33 1 Ht. 5' 103/

Wt. 150

Hair dk. chestnut

Eyes brown Comp. dark

Build slender

Tattoo Jap. Girl one Arm. Nude woman in rater on other arm. 1" scar under left bye. P.D. Number N. Y. 65,533.

Russo will be handled under lead laws of carrying arms, if he is not found to be wanted elsewhere.

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### ADDENDUM:

as a result of the mail cover placed on the mail of Mr. & Mrs. R. G. Shannon, raradise, Texas, a tracing has been received which is transmitted herewith to the Oklahoma City Office, of an airmail letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon, Paradise, Texas, mailed at St. Paul, Minn., August 4 at 3: P.M. This is significant only through the fact that part of the ransom money has been traced to St. Paul.

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224 Federal Bldg. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

August 7, 1953

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Special Agent in Charge United States Bureau of Investigation 1900 Bankers' Building Chicago, Illinois

Deer Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects
Charles P. Urschel - Victim
Kidnapping

Reference is had to your letter of Amgust 5, 1935, containing certain information about the Orange Crush Company at Chicago, and to the first paragraph on page 2 thereof, concerning

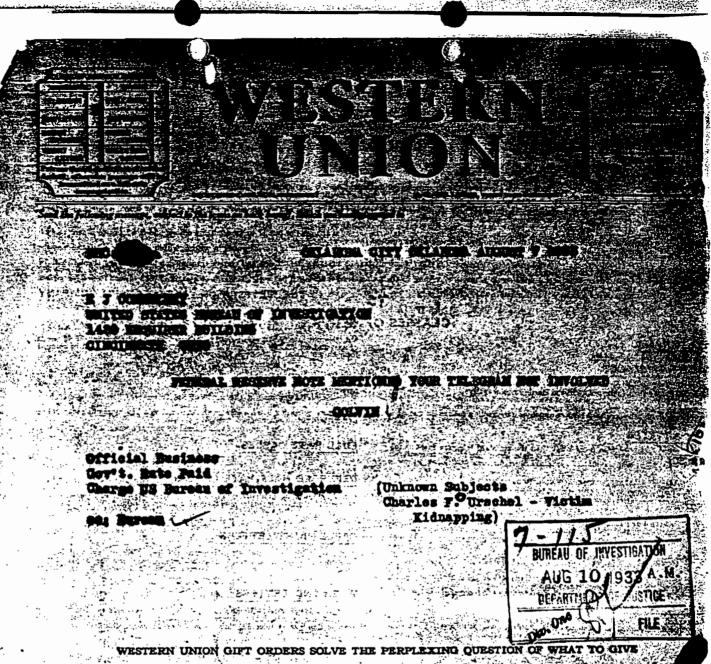
It is requested that if possible a photograph of Carrosa be obtained and forwarded to this office.

Very truly yours,

cc: Bureau

R. H. Colvin, Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Bldg., Chicago, Illinois.

August 7, 1933.



Service Department, Pederal Heserve Bank of Chicago, rederal Heserve Bank Bldg., Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:-

In accordance with the request of your Pr. Holt to Special Agent marold Muling, of even date, I am enclosing herewith copies of the circular letters, dated August 2, 1933 and August 6, 1933, which were folded and the envelopes for which were addressed and sealed by your Department. I do not have an extra copy of the first circular letter which was folded and prepared for mailing by you.

I desire to express my appreciation for your cooperation and assistance in preparing these letters for mailing.

very truly yours,

CC: Bureau

M. H. PURVIS. Special Agent in Charge

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RM Federal Building, October Oity, October 2014, 1985.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Werner Hanni, Special Agent in Charge, United States Bureau of Investigation, 205 Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minn.

Deer Sir:

RE: C. F. Grachel - Victim Kidneying.

I enclose herewith certified copies of complaint and warrant filed before the United States Commissioner this day, charging Sam Frederickson and Charles Wold, and others, with conspiracy to extert money from Urschel. I am transmitting this to you direct in order that you may have it in your poscession immediately should cocasion require the necessity of filing a fugitive complaint there in order to hold the persons whom you have under arrest. The suggestion is made that it be not used unless it becomes necessary, as it would expose to some extent matters that are best kept confidential catthe present.

Very tiuly yours,

Enol.

R. H. Colvin, Special Agent in Charge.

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224 Federal Building Oklahem City, Oklahem August 7, 1958, ARS,

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Special Agent in Charge, United States Bureau of Investigation, Post Office Building, Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects,
Charles F. Orechel - Victim,
Kidnepping

With reference to your letter of August 4, 1933 advising that you have circularized all member banks of the Federal Reserve System in the Dallas district, I suggest that in addition thereto you circularize all state banks in that district, as well as Western Union and Postal Telegraph offices.

Your circular of August 1, 1935 fails to mention the fact that these Federal Reserve notes are notes of the Tenth Federal Reserve District, which information should be included in your next circular letter.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin, Special Agent in Charge.

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AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY 1900 Bankers blog, Chiengo, Illimois August 8, 1933

Special Agent in Change City Station, 284 Federal Authority Change City Change Chang

Dear Sir:-

Ref MEIDEN SUBJECTS; CHARLES CIRSCINAL, Victim, Kidnaping

Transmitted herewith for both the Oklahoma City and Kansas City Offices, are photostatic copies of the diagrams of Pullman Car 38, leaving Kansas City, Missouri, via the M. K. and T. railroed, at 10:10 P. M. on July 28, 1953, and of car 138, leaving Oklahoma City on the M. K. and T. railroed, at 10:10 F. M. on July 29, 1933.

There is also transmitted herewith copy of a memorandum of Special Agent of the Pullmen Company, containing the explanation of these charts.

Very truly yours,

Att. CC Kansas City Att. CC Bureau M. H. JUNVIS, Special Agent in Charge

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DATE OF STREET

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1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Illinois.

August 8, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge, United States Bureau of Investigation, 224 Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. RE: UNINOVN SUBJECTS
CHARLESQUESCHEL - Victim
KIDNAFING.
Chicago File No. 7-26.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter addressed to this office by the Street of the Street National Bank, Street or, Illinois, dated August 4, 1933.

Upon receipt of the above letter Agent
of this office, communicated by telephone with
of the said bank, who advised that he was the party to whom
the unknown man referred to in the above letter applied for exchange
of old bills for newer currency; that this was on July 31, 1933;
that he noted that the bills which this man held in his hend were
apparently no newer than the ones that the bank had on hand, and he
called attention of the stranger to this fact and showed him the
condition of the money which the bank had on hand, whereupon he left
the bank.

advised that the Barnett Circus was in town on that day and he was of the opinion that this man was connected with same.

furnished the following incomplete description of the above referred to party:

Age: About 35-40 yrs. Height: 6' Well built Hound, full face. Thinks he was smooth sheven.

Medium complexion.

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The foregoing is being furnished for your information.

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M. H. Supple.

Special Sent in Charge.

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801 Title Guaranty Bailding 8t. Louis, Elscowi August 8, 1988.

Special Agent in Chargo, United States Dureau of Devestigation, 204 Federal Building, Uklahem City, Oklahem.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your telephone conversation of August 1, 1985 requesting that all banks in the jurisdiction of the St. Louis Bureau Office be requested to atvice of the exchange or deposit of large sums of used \$80.00 Federal Reserve notes beginning the norming of July 31, 1985, please be advised that I immediately communicated with Federal Reserve Bank, St. Louis, Missouri, who

referred Aces 1 to

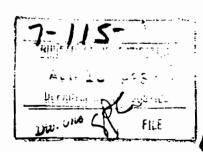
of the Rissouri Embers Association, immediately by telephone, to send a bulletin to each number bank in the State of Rissouri, requesting that the St.Louis Bureau Office be advised of any large sums of used \$80.00 Federal Reserve notes exchanged or deposited in said banks on or since July El, 1988, and on said date the state of Rissouri, as requested.

I wish further to advise that all banks in the State of Illimois in the territorial jurisdiction of the St.Louis Bureau Office have been circularised to the same effect by this office.

in St. Louis, Missouri, and Special Agent and of this office, notified the principal banks in the City of Peoria, Illinois.

On Sunday, August 6, 1855, information was received from the Bureau by long distance telephone, that a Cashier's Check was issued to S. H. Peters by the Hennepin State Bunk, Minneapolis, Minn., in the amount of \$1,000.00, and all banks in the State of Rissouri were again circularized by the state the party presenting same for payment be held and the nearest office of the United States Bureau of Investigation be advised by telephone collect. All banks in the Illinois territory covered by the St. Louis Bureau Office were likewise circularized. After above circularization a telegram was received from the St. Paul Bureau

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Office stating that the amount of the above Oashier's Check was \$1,800.00 instead of \$1,000.00.

Fery truly yours,

ee. Bureau

D. M. LADD, Special Agent in Charge.

## H. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

801 Title Guaranty Building St. Louis, Missouri August 2, 1933

### TO ALL ILLINOIS MEMBER BANKS OF THE

EIGHTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT:

It is requested that should your bank receive for exchange or deposit any large sums of used \$20.00 Federal Reserve Notes, that you advise the Special Agent in Charge of the United States Bureau of Investigation, 801 Title Guaranty Building, St. Louis, Missouri, telephone - Central 1650, of the names of the persons presenting said money for exchange or deposit.

D. M. Ladd,

Special Agent in Charge.

### U.S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

801-Title Guarenty Building St. Louis, Missouri. August, 6,1933.

#### TO ALL BANKS:

IN CONNECTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION OF A RECENT KIDNAPING CASE IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT SOME OF THE RANSOM MONEY HAS BEEN USED IN THE PURCHASE OF THE FOLLOWING CASHIERS CHECK.

#### CASHIERS CHECK.

AUGUST 5,1933

ON THE HEMNEPIN STATE BANK MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA.

PAYABLE TO S.H.PETERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1000.00

IF THIS CASHIERS CHECK IS PRESENTED TO YOUR BANK FOR PAYMENT IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU WITHHOLD PAYMENT, ARRANGE TO HAVE THE PARTY PRESENTING SAME FOR PAYMENT HELD AND INMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE NEAREST OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION BY TELEPHONE COLLECT.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE OF THE BUREAU IS CENTRAL 165C.

It is also again requested that you advise this office of the receipt by your bank of any large sums of used \$20.00 Federal reserve notes.

D.M.T.ADD

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

Saci Post Office Building, Bor Orleans, In. August 8, 1935. 6

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

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your telegrams of ingust 1, 1933, in connection with the CHARLES F. URSCHEL kidnaping case. On the same date, a circular letter was addressed by this office to all State and Mational banks in the New Orleans office district relative to the used \$20.00 bills issued by the Federal Reserve Bank, loth District.

Upon receipt of telephonic information from the Bureau on August 6, 1933, relative to the Cashier's check dated August 5, 1933, drawn on the Hennepin State Brak, Minneapolis, Minn., payable to S. H. Peters, another circular letter was, on that date, forwarded to all banks in this territory, setting forth information regarding the Cashier's check, reiterating the information previously furnished concerning the used \$20.00 Federal Reserve notes, and outlining the action desired in the event any of these were presented to the banks in this district.

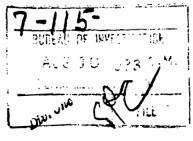
. Telegram was received from the St. Paul office on August 7, 1933, advising that the Cashier's check has been cashed.

The notice to the banks regarding the used \$20.00 Federal Reserve notes will remain in effect until advice from you that same should be discontinued.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley, Special Agent in Charge.

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H. S. Burenn of Investigation

Department of Justice

224 Federal Building, Oklahoma Vity, Okla., August 7, 1933.

RHC:

Director, The Director of Intertigation, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

C. F. Urschel - Victim

O Kidnaping.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 4, 1933, concerning failure of this office to properly address a telegram to T. F. Cullen, at the New York City Office, on August 1, 1933.

I desire to advise that this telegram was sent to all Bureau offices and was filed with the telegraph company here, together with an attached sheet containing the full and correct address of each Bureau office to which the same telegram was to be sent. The error was on the part of the telegraph company, as our instructions to them were to send the wire to the following address: T. F. Gullen, United States Bureau of Investigation, 370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403, New York City, N.Y. I regret the incident but it was not the fault of this office.

A carbon copy of this telegram, together with a carbon copy of the sheet containing the addresses, was forwarded to the Bureau and my statement above mentioned may be checked thereby. I shall call the attention of the Postal Telegraph Company to its error.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,

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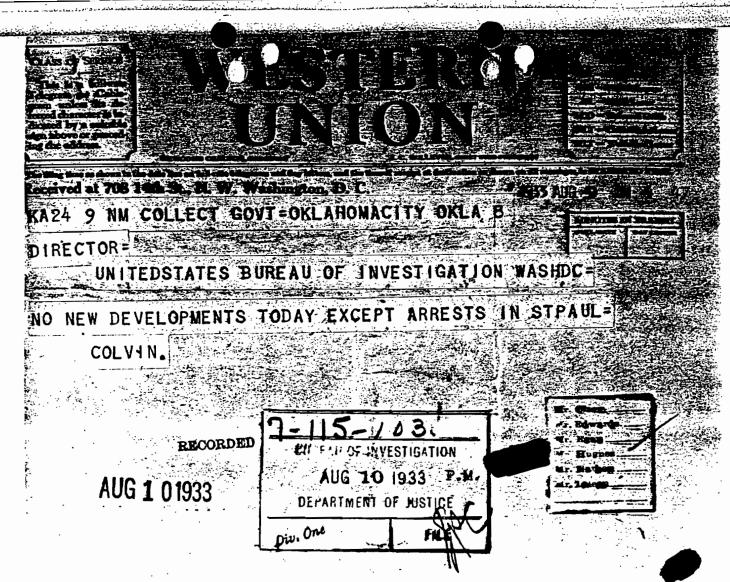
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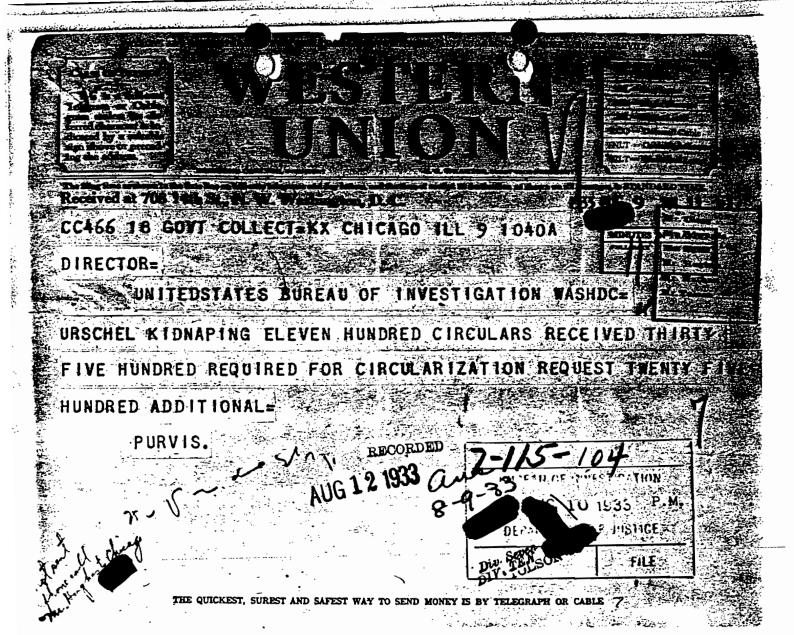
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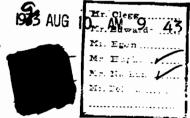
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Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph

Department of Justice

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

SAINT PAUL , MINNESOTA AUGUST 9, 1933.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON D. C.

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Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 735 Philadelphia Seving Fund Bldg., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Deer Sir:

With reference to your letter dated August 10, 1955, please be advised that the 85 additional copies of the bank note list requested therein, have been sent.

The Division should be advised if these copies are not received.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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# H. S. Aureau of Investigation

Bepartment of Justice

735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

August 10, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of August 7, 1935, forwarding a supply of Bureau circular letter of August 7th, with attached list of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases, it is requested that 85 additional copies thereof be furnished this office in order that this circularization will be complete.

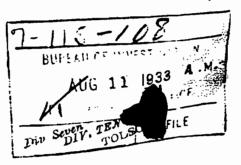
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R.G. Harvey, Special Agent in Charge.

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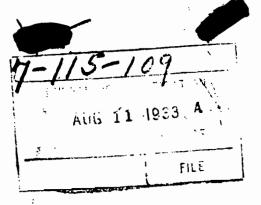
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## Central Dational Bank

GARRET A. DENISE, PRESIDENT HALSTED H. WAINRIGHT, VICE PRESIDENT ARTHUR G. HAYS, CASHIER Freehold

August 10, 1933.



J. E. Hoover, Esq., Director,

U.S. Bureau of Investigation,

Department of Justice,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Receipt is acknowledged of your circular letter of the 7th inst., enclosing numbers of certain \$20. notes on the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Mo. We shall endeavor to watch for bills of these numbers.

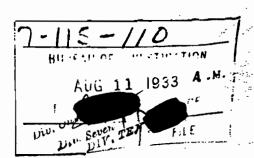
Very truly yours,

GAD-M

President.

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### National Commercial Bank & Trust Company

Gapital \$1,500,000.

Surplus \$4,000,000.

Member of Federal Reserve System

J.Raymond Roos Cashier

Albany, New York

August 10, 1933

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director, United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your circular letter of August 7, enclosing a list of the numbers on bank notes paid in ransoms in kidnaping cases, and shall be pleased to cooperate with your Bureau. However, as we have two Branches, may we ask that you send us two additional copies.

Very truly yours,

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August 14, 1953.

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Mr. J. Raymond Boos, Cashier, National Commercial Bank and Trust Company, Albany, New York.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter dated August 10, 1933, I am enclosing herewith two additional copies of this Division's circular letter of August 7th, to which are attached lists of numbers on bank notes paid as remsom in kidneping cases.

I greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enc. #201865.

CC-New York.

224 Federal Building Oklahoma City, Oklahoma August 7, 1955 C:

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

Dear Sir:

Re: C. F. Urschel
Ridneping

An informant same into the Bureau office here and advised that on July 27 in the toilet of a pool room in this city he overheard two characters conversing about the Drachel kidnaping case and discussing the possibility of making some money out of it one way or another. One of these man, whose identity is unknown, stated to the other that the whole plot originated in Kansas City in the barber shop and pool room run byfirmie the Jinx, whose true name the informant understood to be

This information is passed along for such attention as it may seem to merit at Kansas City if such a place is known.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Colvin, Special Agent in Charge.

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420 Post Office Bldg., Dallas, Texas.

August 8, 1935.

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

Ra: Unknown Subjects.
Charles F. Urschel-Victim.
KIDNAPPING.

Dear Sir:-

Transmitted herewith is a memorandum prepared pursuant to telephonic instructions from EAC F.J. Elake relative to Air Lines and weather conditions at the Fort Worth, Texas airport terminal.

Transmitted also are 6 original airport register sheets covering 7/23/33 to 7/31/33, inclusive - which sheets are to be returned to the Fort Worth Municipal Airport when they have served their purpose.

Copies of this letter are being designated for the Kansas City office and the Bureau, to which are attached one copy of this memorandum for the Hansas City office and two copies for the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

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



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Dallas, Texas. August 8, 1933.

#### MEMORANDUM

RE: Unknown Subjects. Charles F. Urschel-Victim. KIDNAPPING.

TO: Oklahoma City Office.

Period 8/7-8/33

At the office of the American Airways, Meachan Field Airport, Fort Worth, Texas, agent interviewed who stated that the company had just moved into their new quarters the day before, and their records were not all available at the time of agent's interview. However, he stated there are 16 ships operated by the American Airways that arrive and depart from the airport at Fort Worth as follows:

ARRIVAL	DKPARTURE		VIA	DIRECTION
8:37 AM		From Cleveland	Memphis	NE
8:55 AM	9:00 AM	To Galveston	WACO	S
9:00 AM	9:05 AM	To Brownsville	Waco	ຣ '
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	10:15 AM	To Cleveland	<b>Mem</b> phis	NE
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67.C 67.D In connection with the movements of these ships, that all the information from pilots received by means of radio and teletype machines was recorded on a daily report sheet; that this sheet did not centain definite information as to the arrivals and departures of ships other than Fort Worth, it being sometimes impossible to contact the pilots. However, the pilots are required to report at least every 20 minutes while on route, and the information received from them is then transferred to the daily report sheet. In order to compile a separate log for each sheet it would be necessary to go over the daily report sheets, which — states—would necessitate the services of one of their experienced employees, in order to interpret some of the code language contained on these sheets. This would probably require several days.

In going over the schedules with the planes in and out of Fort Worth are generally on time; that the only two lines over which planes pass during the day are the Fort Worth - Amerillo Line and the Fort Worth - Atlanta (via Shreveport) Line. On all the other lines there are at least four ships - two arriving and two departing each day.

On the Fort Worth - Amerillo Line the American Airways operate a Pilgrim plane with a Hornet motor. This plane leaves Fort Worth at 9:15 to 9:20 AM and should be in the vicinity of Paradise and Bridgeport, Texas between 9:40 and 9:45 AM. The same plane leaves amerillo at 3:30 PM, stops at Wichita Falls and departs from the latter place at 5:05 PM, and should pass over the Paradise and Bridgeport vicinity between 5:40 and 5:45 PM each day. The only stop on route from Fort Worth to Amerillo is made at Wichite Falls, Texas.

The daily reports concerning the movements of ships indicate that from 7/3/33 to 7/29/35 this ship was about on time every day; that there was no rain recorded over the course during that period. However, on Sunday 7/50/33 there is a notation on the records as follows:

"Plane left Fort Worth at 11:45 AM, being detained by storm - rained continuously from 8 AM to 4 PM - did not get arrival at Wichita Falls - plane took extreme Northerly course to avoid storm."

According to this plane evidently deviated from its regular course and took a more Northerly course in order to avoid the storm then prevailing in the vicinity of Paradise and Bridgeport, Texas.

The records further show that the same plane left Amarillo, Texas at 5:30 PM the same date and arrived at Wichita Falls, leaving the latter place at 5:55 PM, arriving at Fort Worth about 7 PM - about one hour late.

Depart 7:40 AM from Oklahome City for Fort Worth Southbound

" 10:20 AM " Fort Worth " Dallas

" 10:45 AM " Dellas " Tules Northbound

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Southbound 2 ships
Morthbound 2 "

In connection with the above schedules stated that the routes between Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Dallas, and Fort Worth, are the same as used by the Bowen Air Lines. According to the records on file, there was no rain reported by the ships between 7/21/33 and 7/29/33 inclusive; however, on 7/30/33 the pilot of the Chicago - Fort Worth plane reported rain at Slidell, Texas at 8 AM. The records further show rain on arrival at Fort Worth that day. A complete log of each ship, stated, was on file at the Tulsa airport.

At the office of the United Airlines, 1402 Commerce St., Dallas, Texas, agent interviewed the only course within a radius of 500 miles of Dallas and Fort Worth over which only two planes operated a day, was the Fort Worth - Atlanta line of the American Airways and the Fort Worth - Amerillo line of the American Airways. Without mentioning anything about the vicinity of Paradise or Bridgeport, Texas, agent asked where a plane would be approximately at 9:45 AM and 5:45 PM each day, provided there were only two planes a day over the route. In searching the various schedules, he replied that there was a plane leaving Fort Worth at 9:15 AM over the American Airways for Amarillo, and that about 9:45 AM this plane would be over Cook's Lake or Paradise Lake, located in the vicinity of Paradise, Texas and Decatur, Texas; that at 5:45 PM the same day the plane would be at about the same place. That he is very familiar with the country between Decatur and Paradise. inasmuch as for the past 5 years he has had a cabin situated on the lake about a mile Northwest of Paradiss, which he has rented - with four of his friends - for hunting purposes. he stated that this is a somewhat hilly country, there being quite a bit of woods and swamps. That he was at the lake last Sunday, 8/6/33, and observed that the morning plane passed over the lake about 9:45 AM and the evening plane 5:45 PM. He said that the plane is a Pilgrim make with a Hornet motor, and flies approximately 500 to 600 feet high. He further stated that during the duck hunting season he has waited for these planes to pass due to the fact they disturb the ducks on the lake.

also advised agent that he is familiar with an automobile trip to this country from Oklahoma City. That if he were to drive his car he would go to Morman, cross the bridge at Lexington, continue to Purcell, Pauls Valley, Davis, Ardmore, Marianette, Thackersville, and from there on a rough road to Gainesville, Texas, thence to Denton, and Decatur, and from the latter place on a country dirt read to Paradise, Texas. That during this

stated that this plane probably flew over the regular route.

The record for 7/31/33 shows that the Fort Worth - Amarillo plane departed from Fort Worth and arrived at Amarillo on time, departing from Amarillo and arriving at Fort Worth on regular schedule time. There was no record of any rain over this course on 7/31/33.

On the Fort Worth - Atlanta line a plane leaves Fort Worth at 10:08
All for Atlanta (via Shreveport), and one arrives at Fort Worth from
Atlanta (via Shreveport) at 5:22 PM. The two planes on this line would
probably be eliminated inamuch as the one from Fort Worth departed from
there at 10:08 AM and the other arrived at about 10:22 PM; it being noted
that Mr. Urschel stated he heard two planes regularly every day at about
9:45 AM and 5:45 PM.

The offices of the Bowen Air Lines at Heacham Field Airport, Fort Worth, Texas, were closed for the day at the time of agent's visit; however agent, upon his return to Dallas, ascertained the next day from that there is a total of six arrivals and departures of planes from Fort Worth and Dallas for Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Oklahoma; that these planes are equipped with only one receiving set and therefore no information is available from the pilots en route as to weather conditions and stops en route - the schedules being as follows:

Depart 8:10 AM from Fort Worth for Dallas 8:30 AM " Dallas " Wulsa Northbound 11:00 Al: " Fort Worth " Dallas " Oklahoma City 11:20 Ali " Dallas 1:35 PM " Fort Worth " Dalles 2:00 PM " " Tulsa Dallas 4:25 PM " " Fort Worth-Southbound Tulsa 3:30 PM " Okla. City " 7:20 PM " Tulsa

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Northbound 3 ships Southbound 3 "

Texas, agunt interviewed that the United Airlines have a total of four planes in and out of Fort Worth each day - and the schedules are as follows:

trip there are a number of forks of the river in the vicinity of Decatur.

According to the lakes is named after a who has been in that location all his life and knows the territory very well, but he would not wouch for him being reliable, as it is sometimes referred to as being an outlaw.

At the United States Airways Weather Bureau, Meachem Field Airport, Fort Worth, Texas, agent interviewed who stated that the weather conditions are received from Kansas City every four hours. According to his charts on file from 7/25/33 to 7/31/33 inclusive, he furnished agent with the following unofficial weather reports:

7/28/35 Rain at Shreveport, La., Houston and Dallas, Texas
12 noon and 4 PM
Rain at Waco, Texas 8 AM
Rain at Little Rock and Shreveport, Springfield, Ill.
4 PM and 8 PM

7/84/33 Rain at Little Rock, Ark. 8 PM

7/25/33

Rain at Memphis, Tenn., Little Rock, Ark. and Shreveport, La. 4 AM
Rain at Memphis, Tenn. and Little Rock, Ark.
8 AM.
Rain at Memphis, Tenn. and Little Rock, Ark.
12 moon.
Rain at Memphis, Tenn. and Little Rock, Ark.
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Rain at Memphis, Tenn. and Little Rock, Ark.
8 PM

7/26/33 Rain at Little Rock, Ark. 4 Alf Rain at Little Rock, Ark. and Memphis, Tenn. 8 AM

7/27/33 Rain at Little Rock, Ark. 4 AM, 8 AM, 12 moon

7/28/33 Rain at Shreveport, La. 12 moon

7/29/33 No rain

7/30/33 Rain at Dallas, and Waco, Texas, Tulsa and Ardmore, Okla. 12 noon Rain at all these points except Culahoma City 4 PM
Rain at Amarillo and Dallas, Texas 8 rM

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7/51/53 Rain at Ardmore and Oklahoma City, Okla., and Waso, Texas 8 AM Rain at Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Okla. 8 PM

The cities mentioned above constitute what is known as the Central Section on the Airways map, which comprises: North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Mastern Colorado, all of Texas, Eastern New Mexico, Iowa, Western Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Western Tennessee, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

Paradise, Yexas, on Sunday 7/30/33, and that it rained all that day.

At the office of the Meacham Rield Airport agent interviewed who stated that the only record kept in his office is the arrivar and departure of planes, which are registered in his "Fort Worth Airport Register." This register gives the time of arrival, make and type of airplane, registration or license number, name of owner, name of pilot and license number, number of crew, number of passengers, arrived from, remarks - destination, etc., and time of departure.

In endeavoring to determine where a certain plane would be about 9:45 AM and 5:45 PM, taking into consideration the departing and arrival time as indicated on the Fort Worth Airport Register, and assuming that only two planes erossed over the same place - each going in the opposite direction stated that the American Airways plane on the Fort Worth - Amerillo line was the only plane he was able to figure on in referring to the Terminal Circumference Asronautic map in his office. He stated that this plane at 9:40 to 9:45 AM and 5:40 to 5:45 PM should be not more than 5 miles North or South of Bridgeport, Texas. However, stated that this only applies to the planes departing and arriving at the Fort Worth terminal: that it is possible that at the same time of day two planes could possibly be out of some other airport terminal. Based on a radius of 500 miles he named three other important airport terminals, viz - Tulsa, Oklahoma; Kansas City, Mo.; and Wichita, Kansas; stating that it would be an easy matter to determine from the terminal's circumference aeronautic maps posted in such terminals and by reference to the arrivals and departures of planes as recorded in the sirport register. In order to properly arrive at such information stated that it would be necessary to check the other airport terminals at Tulsa, Kansas City, and Wichita.

To further assist in this investigation, voluntarily turned over to agent the original Fort Worth Airport Register sheets for the period of 7/25/53 to 8/1/33, inclusive - with the request they be returned to his office after they have served their purpose. These original register sheets are being forwarded herewith to the Oklahoma City office.

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Special Agent

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Mr. J. R. Graham, Bank of Montreal, Post Office Box 570, Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 10th, instant and to thank you for your kind offer to distribute to your six hundred branches throughout Canada a circular issued by this Division listing the serial numbers of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases.

The New York office of this Division has been directed to forward the necessary number of circulars directato you.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Bank of Montreal

HEAD OFFICE

Calle Address Bankmont.

Montreal, Canada,
P.O.Box 570
Tenth
August
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Dear Sir,

With reference to your communication of the 7th instant requesting co-operation in detecting bank notes paid out as ransom in kidnaping cases, this is to advise that, as we have nearly six hundred branches throughout Canada and in other countries where we are represented, it would not be feasible for us to notify each branch of the particulars of these notes unless we were provided with sufficient lists of the notes to cover our various offices. If you would care to furnish us with these, we would be glad to circularize our offices in this connection.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Assistant Secretary.

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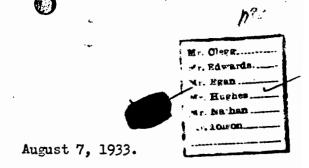
J.E. Hoover, Esq., Director, AUG 14 1933 7-11.

United States Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,

Washington, D.C.

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TELEPHONE CALL TO MR. HANNI

I called Mr. Hanni at St. Paul to stress the necessity for immediate action with regard to the Urschel notes believed to be in the vicinity of St. Paul. I also advised Mr. Hanni that he should make use of the telephone in connection with any really important developments, rather than use the mails, as the delay occasioned by the use of the mails may be of material importance.

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Mr. J.E. Hoover, Director,

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

Dear Sir:-

List of Bank Notes paid as Ransom in Kidnaping Cases.

Referring to your letter of the 7th instant, we shall be glad to forward to our Branches a list showing the numbers of the Bank notes mentioned if you will supply us with a sufficient quantity for the purpose, namely, one hundred and fifty lists.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

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August 15, 1988,

Mr. C. Wright, Secretary, The Dominion Bank, Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of August 10, 1933, I am causing to be forwarded to you under separate cover 150 copies of this Division's circular letter of August 7 to which are attached lists of serial numbers on bills paid as rensom in kidnaping cases.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Yery truly yours,

Director,

Copy to: SAC, New York.

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whether there were any further developments in the Urschel case. I advised that we had some very good leads and were making what we considered substantial progress.

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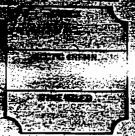
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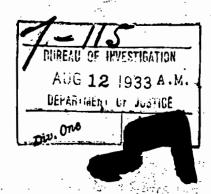
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## U.S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

201 Liberty National Life Bldg., Birmingham, Alabama, August 10, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

With further reference to Bureau letter and the letter from this office concerning Bureau circular letter dated August 7th with respect to the list of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases, please be advised that the Birmingham office has on hand a surplus of approximately one hundred fifteen (115) circulars, stamped with the return address of this office.

Inasmuch as request has been made for an appropriate supply of circulars for distribution by the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies, the Bureau may reduce the number of circulars requested for such distribution, by one hundred fifteen.

Very truly yours,

Special agent in charge.

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#### UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

FILE NO.

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REPORT N	MADE AT: Pittaburgh,Pa.	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:	
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE:  DEIDNAPING		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

All banks, Western District of Pennsylvania,
Horthern and Southern Districts of West Virginia,
796 in number, requested by letter, to cooperate
in endeavors to detect and detain persons exchanging or depositing large sums used Twenty-Dollar
notes, drawn on Federal Reserve banks, District
Ho. 10; also exercise same precaution in payment
deposit or exchange Cashier's Check dated Minneapolis,
Minn. 8/5/33 drawn on Hennepin State Bank in the
amount of \$1,800 which check was subsequently cashed.
Same mentioned banks forwarded copy Bureau circular letter
dated 8/7/33, with attached lists of bank notes with
serial numbers paid as ransom.

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REFERENCES: Wires (2) Oklahoma City Bureau Office dated 8/1/33.

DETAILS:

Telephone communication from Buresu 8/6/33.

Wires, St. Paul Bureau Office dated 8/6/33 and 8/7/33.

Bureau letter dated 8/7/35.

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DETAILS: AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA: Upon receipt of reference wires from the Oklahoma City Bureau Office and the same date, a circular letter was forwarded to 796 banks situate in the Western District of Pennsylvania, 25 counties, Northern and Southern Districts of West Virginia - entire state - 55 counties, requesting their cooperation and to immediately notify this office by telephone in the event there were presented for exchange or deposit, large sums of used Twenty-Dollar Federal Reserve Notes issued by District No. 10. To date, no information has been received from the referred to banks indicating the exchange or deposit of described Federal Reserve notes.

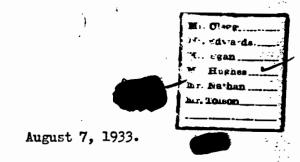
Upon receipt of reference telephone communication from the Bureau and reference wire from the St. Paul Bureau Office dated 8/6/33, all the above mentioned banks were circularized by letter, requesting them to be on the lookout for a Cashier's check drawn on the Hennepin State Bank of Minneapolis, Minnedated 8/5/33, payee, S. H. Peters, in the amount of \$1,800.00. Subsequent to the mailing of these letters, reference wire from the St. Paul Bureau Office dated 8/7/33 was received, advising that the referred to Cashier's check had been cashed.

Upon receipt of reference Bureau letter and the lists showing the numbers of the bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases, the same herein referred to banks were forwarded the lists with attached letter of the Director of the Bureau. To date, no responses have been received from the banks indicating receipt of the mentioned and described Federal Reserve notes.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE PITTSBURGH OFFICE: Will, upon receipt of information from any of the banks in this district, indicating receipt of Federal Reserve notes, described as to serial numbers in reference Bureau letter, follow out appropriate leads.

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. NATHAN.

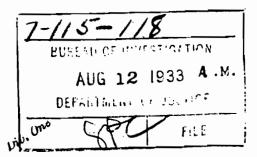
Re: Urschel Kidnaping.

Mr. Nathan advised he had instructed the St. Paul office to get in touch with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Winnipeg, as he thinks the individuals in question might be headed for Winnipeg. I advised Mr. Nathan I had yesterday requested Mr. Hughes to advise St. Paul to contact the Mounted Police and have them be on the look-out for the money order. Mr. Nathan advised that the banks in Canada are all chains of two banks—the Royal Bank and the Bank of Montreal. I instructed Mr. Nathan to have the ransom notes circulars to the Canadian border by Air Mail today. Mr. Nathan stated that he had been very encouraged by an airplane lead, but that it was not proving out as well as expected.

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