

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

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

**FILE: 7-115**

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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RECORDED Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Confirming telegraphic advice of the 10th., you are informed that a fingerprint card was received from the Police Department at Port Arthur, Texas, on August 9, reporting the arrest of [REDACTED] at that point on August 5. This card contained the following notation on the back thereof:

"NOTE: This man attempted to secure a large amount of money from a local merchant by extortion. Also suspected to knowing something about kidnappings in Oklahoma as he is well known there. He has only been here for a short time and now stopping at a house of prostitution."

The Port Arthur authorities requested a telegraphic reply to this print and a wire was dispatched on the night of August 9. There is attached hereto the criminal record of [REDACTED] as reflected in the files in this Division, which shows that he has been incarcerated in the Kansas State Reformatory at Hutchinson. It is believed that this information may be of some possible use in connection with your investigation of the Urschel kidnaping.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc to Dallas.  
Encl. 321030.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

LCS.

August 10, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Yesterday a fingerprint card was received from the Police Department at Port Arthur, Texas, reporting the arrest of one [REDACTED]. This card contained the following phrase on the back thereof:

"NOTE: This man attempted to secure a large amount of money from a local merchant by extortion. Also suspected of knowing something about kidnappings in Oklahoma as he is well known there. He has only been here for a short time and now stopping at a house of prostitution."

The Port Arthur authorities requested a telegraphic reply to this print and a wire was dispatched last night.

It is observed that this individual has a rather extensive criminal history as reflected by the attached record sheet and further that he has been incarcerated in the Kansas State Reformatory at Hutchinson. The case is referred to you as of possible interest in connection with the recent kidnappings in the West.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*

L. C. Schilder.

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with cc to Dallas  
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Mr. Egan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Hughes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Nathan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Tolson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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REFERENCE MONEY CIRCULARS ACCORDING TREASURY DEPARTMENT FIGURES  
SUFFICIENT SUPPLY FORWARDED FOR ALL BANKS YOUR OFFICE DISTRICT STOP  
DO NOT CONFUSE WITH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT IF ADDITIONAL CIRCULARS  
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THE MINNESOTA NATIONAL BANK  
OF DULUTH

B. M. PEYTON, PRESIDENT  
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W. F. MCLEAN, CASHIER  
J. R. COLBECK, ASST. CASHIER  
J. E. BROWN, ASST. CASHIER

TRUST DEPARTMENT

J. R. COLBECK, TRUST OFFICER  
M. S. PEYTON, ASST. TRUST OFFICER

August 10, 1933

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

Dear Sir,

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th giving a list of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases, and we shall be pleased to have our force on the alert to discover any of these bills, should they come into our possession.

Very truly yours,

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
CASHIER

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*[Handwritten initials]*

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August 10, 1933.

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RECORDED  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
604 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

AUG 14 1933

Dear Sir:

Confirming telegram in the Urschel Kidnaping Case, the ransom letters were written on a Remington typewriter. There are transmitted herewith twelve photographic copies of a standard specimen of the type which is on this machine. There is no other set of Remington type comparable. You will notice that the date this type was first used is so long ago and it is of such common use that there would undoubtedly be a number of Remington typewriters around in the Middle West equipped with this type. The newer machines, however, will not usually be equipped with this type and may be distinguished, among other things, by the absence of a 3/4 symbol. The presence of a 3/4 symbol on this machine which was verified by observing where it was inadvertently struck on one of the ransom notes should assist in the search for the machine. In addition to this the "I" on the machine used to write the ransom notes is distinctly defective, in that the left extremities both top and bottom are worn off so that all of the horizontal lines at this point run to the right. You will observe this on the photographic copy of one of the notes which is forwarded herewith.

The ransom notes have been compared with the specimens of Remington typewriters which you found in connection with the letters written by [redacted] and others in the case of [redacted] in an effort to obtain the release of bank robbers recently. This is the same type of machine, but there are numerous differences which indicate the Urschel kidnaping notes were not written on this machine. In order to be absolutely certain of this, it is desired to have additional specimens. They should be prepared by different individuals and particularly with different touch, so that some will be heavy and others light. In addition to this, the Urschel kidnaping notes should be written several times. It is suggested that this machine should be preserved.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #234456.

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August 12, 1933.

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

In the early morning of August 12, Special Agents of the Division of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice closed in upon a house in a remote section of Texas, about seven miles south of the town of Paradise, coming upon the occupants before they had awakened and captured Harvey Bailey, notorious gunman wanted as an escape from the Lansing, Kansas, State Penitentiary, and for the murder of Special Agent Caffrey, of this Division, and three police officers at Kansas City on June 17, together with five other individuals who occupied this shack, namely R. G. Shannon, apparently the owner of the premises, Shannon's son, 22 years of age, his son's wife, one Brown, and one other woman. Bailey had beside him in the house a machine gun and two automatic pistols. He was captured before he had an opportunity to use any of these arms. On his person was discovered \$1,100.00, \$700.00 of which was promptly identified as the money used in the payment of ransom for Charles Urschel. All persons in the house were placed under arrest and immediately carried to Dallas, Harvey Bailey being placed in safe confinement.

Young Shannon admitted to the Agents that he and his father had acted as guards over Charles F. Urschel when held after being kidnaped. He identified George Kelly and one George Bates as the actual kidnapers who brought Urschel to this house. Young Shannon stated that his understanding was that his father, R. G. Shannon, was to get \$10,000.00 for his part in the kidnaping.

Harvey Bailey admitted his identity as Bailey but has admitted nothing with regard to the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel.

Mr. Urschel has positively identified the premises as the place where he was held in confinement. This rendezvous was discovered after many days of painstaking search by aeroplanes, machine and other means, and plans were laid to close in on it in the early morning. The plans were consummated without bloodshed, although the occupants of the house were fully prepared for an encounter with law enforcement officials.

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Mr. William Stanley.

6/12/33.

Vigorous efforts are being made to locate George Kelly at Indianapolis at this time.

Agents of the Division and police officers are stationed at the Shannon home awaiting the arrival of possible other occupants and, of course, will make a thorough search of the house and its surroundings.

Up to this time no information whatsoever has been given to the press and every effort is being made to keep the matter confidential until Kelly can be apprehended in Indianapolis.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

August 7, 1933.

With regard to the Urschel case, it was decided during telephone conversation with Mr. Nathan today that he should proceed immediately to St. Paul and take charge of the investigation there.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

August 11, 1933.

Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hughes.....
Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

[redacted] of the St. Paul Pioneer Press, located in the Albee Building, called this afternoon and stated that he had received a message from his newspaper at St. Paul requesting that he ascertain whether a man by the name of BARNEY BERMAN, who was under suspicion in the Urschel Kidnaping Case, had a record in the Division's identification files. I explained to [redacted] that under existing legislation information appearing in the Division's files could be furnished to law enforcement officers only. I had a check made, however, and ascertained that there was no record of an individual by this name. Mr. Hughes informed me that the man's correct name was Barney Beerman and not "Berman". I thereupon had a search made for the name Barney Beerman, but no record was disclosed.

Respectfully,

*John J. Edwards*  
John J. Edwards.

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WRC:LL

August 4, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to the possible tracing of Federal Reserve or National Bank notes paid as ransoms in the various kidnaping cases, the following is respectfully submitted:

It is my understanding that when ransom is demanded, demand is made for payment in bank notes of small denominations. When such bank notes are used in payment of the ransom, the numbers are usually taken by the payer so that these notes may be traced in the future. At the present time the several Federal Reserve Banks are notified, the numbers of the bills in question being furnished to them for redistribution to the various member banks. The member banks are requested to report the receipt of such notes either direct to the Federal Reserve Bank or to the several offices of the Bureau.

If the following additional information was requested from the member banks, a line could undoubtedly be secured on depositors of these various bills:

In addition to the information being requested at the present time, a request should be made that in the event any of the marked bills have been deposited during the day, the teller through whom such deposit was made should immediately earmark all the deposit tickets clearing through his cage, they being set aside for examination by Bureau agent. This would limit the possible depositors of the marked bills to a select number, and through local interviews with responsible parties, the possible depositor of the marked bills could be ascertained and further investigation could be conducted from that point.

Respectfully,

W. R. Glavin

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DOMESTIC		CABLE	
SEND	FULL RATE		
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DAY MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE LETTER		
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK-END CABLE LETTER		

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ALL AMERICA CABLES

COMMERCIAL CABLES

Receiver's Name  
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Send the following Message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to  
**San Francisco, California.**  
**August 8, 1938.**

**R. K. Colvin, United States Bureau of Investigation,  
 224 Federal Building,  
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.**

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
 Kidnapping of James F. Urschel.

**ONE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES DEPOSITED SAN FRANCISCO TODAY  
 IN NEW SAVINGS ACCOUNT NUMBERS BEING FORWARDED YOU AIRMAIL**

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CHARGE-Gov. Rate,  
 U.S. Bur. of Investigation,  
 518 Howes Bldg., San Francisco, Calif.  
 S.C. Bureau.  
 WAR: [REDACTED]  
 2:40 P.M.

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318 Hayes Building  
San Francisco, California.

August 8, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS      ©  
KIDNAPPING OF JAMES F. URSCHL.

With reference to my wire of this date in the above case, and our telephone conversation, there was only one Federal Reserve Note of the 10th District among them, which bore No.

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Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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NIGHT LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE LETTER
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which are hereby agreed to

**WERNER HANKE**  
**UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**803 POST OFFICE BUILDING**  
**ST PAUL MINNESOTA**

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
 August 9, 1933

PLEASE FORWARD IMMEDIATELY PHOTO AND SIGNATURE SAM FREDERICKSON BY AIR MAIL

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Official Business  
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 Charge U. S. Bureau of Investigation

CC: Bureau

*Weschel Kigmp*

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234 Federal Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 9, 1935



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

Dear Sir:

I am attaching hereto a sketch of the shack in which Mr. Ureschel was held with roads and surrounding houses, drawn according to the information available. There may be some slight discrepancy but in the main it is believed to be fairly accurate.

I believe it advisable to have an agent fly the passenger plane between Dallas and Wichita Falls on outgoing and incoming trips in an effort to locate the places described.

In the event the agent is successful you should phone this office immediately, taking no other action.

After this trip is made and if unsuccessful, an agent should proceed to that community and discreetly ascertain whether any of the ransom notes have shown up at banks, Post offices, telegraph offices, express offices where money orders are purchased, or if safety deposit boxes at Decatur or Bridgeport have been entered recently.

Rural Route Carrier #2 out of Paradise is probably so situated as to assist materially and he should be contacted.

Endeavor to ascertain specifically from [redacted] whether a long distance call was received at the Shannon house, other than the one mentioned, between midnight Saturday and 10:00 A.M. Sunday, July 30th. This is highly important and extreme effort should be exerted to persuade [redacted] to furnish the information. We are in position to pay Mrs. Collins for the information and she can be assured of that and also assured that we will keep it confidential.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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[Handwritten initials]

cc-Bureau ✓

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480 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.



August 9, 1933.

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
Charles F. Urschel (Victim).  
Kidnapping.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of August 7th has been received, with reference to the circularization of the banks in this district.

Member banks of the Federal Reserve System only were circularized by the Dallas Office for the reason the list of the state banks could be more expeditiously obtained at Austin by the San Antonio Bureau Office. This method was telephonically taken up with Mr. Colvin of your office, and the San Antonio Office was advised they were to circularize all state banks in the state of Texas.

A circular from this office on August 7th failed to mention the fact that the Federal Reserve Note of the 10th Federal Reserve District for the reason that this information was not in the possession of the Dallas Office at the time the circular was made up. The information will, however, be incorporated in the next letter and, in accordance with your request, arrangements have been made through the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies to circularize all of their offices in the Dallas District.

Very truly yours,

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

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

St. Paul, Minnesota,  
August 10, 1933.

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

PERSONS KIDNAPING HAROLD SKELLEY THIRTY FIVE WHITE FIVE SEVEN VERY SLENDER ONE FORTY LIGHT BROWN HAIR SMALL LIGHT MUSTACHE NERVOUS DISPOSITION VERY TALKATIVE ALCOHOL DEALER LEFT MINNEAPOLIS SUNDAY NIGHT VIA TRAIN FOR SEATTLE THENCE ALASKA TO VISIT BROTHER NAME AND ADDRESS UNKNOWN RELIABLY REPORTED POSSESSION FOUR OR FIVE THOUSAND RANSOM MONEY WILL PROBABLY STOP AT HOTEL IN SEATTLE TO DISPOSE OF MONEY BEFORE PROCEEDING ALASKA MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO LOCATE AND SECURE FULL STATEMENT AS TO SOURCE OF MONEY STOP CHECK ALASKA PASSENGERS

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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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900 Ezra Thompson Building

Salt Lake City, Utah, August 20, 1933.

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



[redacted] with aliases, ET AL  
[redacted] Victim  
Kidnaping  
Salt Lake City File 7-5

Dear Sir:

I have at hand copy of report of Special Agent [redacted] of your office, dated August 8, 1933, and I note therein that [redacted] states that [redacted] is now at Seattle, Washington, and that he, [redacted] will secure [redacted] address at Seattle through [redacted] if the exact whereabouts of [redacted] is desired.

I wish you would have an Agent secure the address of [redacted] through [redacted] and in addition I note that [redacted] has been corresponding with [redacted] Laramie County, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

I am interested to know the nature of the correspondence, and to learn particularly if [redacted] is serving [redacted] as an informant.

You might be able to arrange to secure [redacted] address by directing a communication to the Warden in the event you will not have an Agent at the penitentiary in the near future, and you might also arrange to have the parole officer or some other official at the institution learn from [redacted] the substance of the letter or letters he has written to [redacted].

Very truly yours,

JOHN A.  
Special Agent in Charge

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
JOHN A. DOWD	AUG 20 1933 A.M.
Special Agent in Charge	DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
[Signature]	

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cc Bureau

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224 Federal Bldg.  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

August 10, 1933

Special Agent in Charge  
United States Bureau of Investigation  
326 1/2 Post Office Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana



Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects  
Charles F. Urschel - Victim  
Kidnapping

All possible information obtainable as to one [redacted] is desired, without letting [redacted] know any investigation is being made. The only information this office has concerning this individual is set out herein:

On May 9th, 1933, as [redacted] he registered at the  
Huckins Hotel, Oklahoma City, Room 427, and gave his  
address as [redacted] New Orleans, La.

Prior to checking out on May 10, 1933, he placed a collect  
long distance call to a rural phone at Paradise, Texas, listed in the name of  
R. G. Shannon, father-in-law of one George R. Kelly, whom we suspect of being  
implicated in the kidnapping of Mr. Urschel.

If a photograph and fingerprints, together with criminal record,  
of [redacted] are available, please furnish same. His description and names of  
associates and the nature of his business are also desired.

If possible to obtain information from someone who knows [redacted]  
who can be relied upon not to inform him of this investigation, ascertain  
whether or not he has unusually hairy hands and arms, and whether or not he  
wears a ring with red stone setting on left little finger.

Very truly yours,

cc: Bureau

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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625 Lafayette Bldg.  
Detroit Michigan  
August 11 1933

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Charles F. Urschel - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

In response to communications forwarded to all banks in this district regarding deposits or exchanges of large sums of \$20 bills, this office has received a letter from the Assistant Cashier of the Commercial National Bank, Tiffin, Ohio advising that a woman stranger had recently called at the bank requesting to exchange several \$20 notes for \$100 bills.

I immediately dispatched Agent [redacted] <sup>b7C</sup> of this office to Tiffin, which is a community of about 15,000 people located about 35 miles south of Toledo and it was there determined that a woman appeared at the bank about August 2 stating that she had some \$20 notes which she desired to have changed into \$100 bills. [redacted]

[redacted] gave her description as follows: 45 years, rather dark complexion, about 5' 6 or 7", weight about 160 lbs. [redacted] informed this woman that he had no \$100 bills on hand and she immediately departed. He went on to state that she was a stranger to him and he did not believe that she was a customer at the bank. He stated that the woman appeared to be a respectable person and there was nothing suspicious attached to her conduct. [redacted]

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[redacted] has not seen this woman since. He did not know if she were traveling in an automobile and was unable to furnish any further information than that shown above. The Agent was unable to secure any other information at Tiffin

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in regard to this matter.

All banks in this district have been circularized and it is felt that in the event this woman is not legitimate and appears at any other bank, that this office will be promptly notified.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

WI [REDACTED]  
cc. Bureau ✓  
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1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

August 11, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
United States Bureau of Investigation  
625 LaFayette Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

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

Dear Sir:

Under date of August 9, 1933, I forwarded under separate cover, five packages of envelopes which were addressed by the Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago to member banks and non-member banks of the Seventh Federal Reserve District which are included among the counties covered by the Kansas City office.

The banks addressed comprise a list of all of the member and non-member banks operating in those counties on August 9, 1933. Circular letters in the above case have heretofore been forwarded to these member and non-member banks by the Chicago Bureau office, in order to facilitate and expedite the work of mailing the circulars to the banks. However, the circulars containing a list of numbers of the currency which was included in the ransom payment were not forwarded from this office, and the envelopes were forwarded to your office for use in mailing this circular, or in mailing any future circulars which you may send out.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

August 11, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
United States Bureau of Investigation  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
CHARLES F. <sup>O</sup>URSCHEL, Victim  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Under date of August 9, 1933, I forwarded under separate cover, ten packages of envelopes which were addressed by the Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago to member banks and non-member banks of the Seventh Federal Reserve District, which are included among the counties covered by the St. Paul office.

The banks addressed comprise a list of all of the member and non-member banks operating in those counties on August 9, 1933. Circular letters in the above case have heretofore been forwarded to these member and non-member banks by the Chicago Bureau office, in order to facilitate and expedite the work of mailing the circulars to the banks. However, the circulars containing a list of numbers of the currency which was included in the ransom payment were not forwarded from this office, and the envelopes were forwarded to your office for use in mailing this circular, or in mailing any future circulars which you may send out.

Very truly yours,

M. H. RUMVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

[Redacted]

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

August 11, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
United States Bureau of Investigation,  
801 Title Guaranty Building,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

Under date of August 9, 1933, I forwarded under separate cover, six packages of envelopes which were addressed by the Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago to member banks and non-member banks of the Seventh Federal Reserve District, which are included among the counties covered by the St. Louis, Missouri, office.

The banks addressed comprise a list of all of the member and non-member banks operating in those counties on August 9, 1933. Circular letters in the above case have heretofore been forwarded to these member and non-member banks by the Chicago Bureau Office in order to facilitate and expedite the work of mailing the circulars to the banks. However, the circulars containing a list of numbers of the currency which was included in the ransom payment were not forwarded from this office, and the envelopes were forwarded to your office for use in mailing this circular, or in mailing any future circulars which you may send out.

Very truly yours,

M. H. REAVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: BUREAU

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VIA AIR MAIL

905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

August 11, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING  
K.C. File #7-8-

Pursuant to your telegram dated August 11,  
1933, please be advised that Special Agent [REDACTED] has as-  
certained that the following were the correspondents of George  
Kelley, Register No. 29,362, United States Penitentiary, Leaven-  
worth, Kansas:

[REDACTED]  
Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

[REDACTED] (co-defendant)  
Address during fall of 1929 - [REDACTED]  
Tulsa, Oklahoma;  
Address January, 1930 - [REDACTED] Houston, Texas.

[REDACTED]  
Chicago, Illinois.

[REDACTED]  
Washington, D.C.

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Catherine Thorne,  
1313 Main Street,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

(This address was also given in Houston, Texas;  
however, a telegram was received from Miss Thorne  
from Fort Worth, Texas.)

[REDACTED]  
Detroit, Michigan.

Agent [REDACTED] advised that R. L. "STEPENS" (co-defendant)  
had been sentenced to the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta,  
Georgia.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI  
Special Agent in Charge.

[REDACTED]  
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1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

August 11, 1933.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Under date of August 9, 1933, I forwarded under separate cover, six packages of envelopes which were addressed by the Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago to member banks and non-member banks of the Seventh Federal Reserve District, which are included among the counties covered by the Kansas City office.

The banks addressed comprise a list of all of the member and non-member banks operating in those counties on August 9, 1933. Circular letters in the above case have heretofore been forwarded to these member and non-member banks by the Chicago Bureau office, in order to facilitate and expedite the work of mailing the circulars to the banks. However, the circulars containing a list of numbers of the currency which was included in the ransom payment were not forwarded from this office, and the envelopes were forwarded to your office for use in mailing this circular, or in mailing any future circulars which you may send out.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

August 11, 1933.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Under date of August 9, 1933, I forwarded under separate cover four packages of envelopes addressed to member and non-member banks in counties of the Seventh Federal Reserve District, which counties are covered by the Cincinnati Bureau office.

These envelopes were addressed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, and may be of use to you in connection with forwarding circulars to the banks addressed.

Very truly yours,

M. HL PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.



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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

August 12, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:                    In re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
                                  CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim  
                                  KIDNAPING  
                                  Chicago File No. 7-26

Reference is made to your letter dated August 7, 1933, wherein you request photograph of one Michael Carrozzo. In accordance therewith, there is enclosed a photograph of Carrozzo. The description and criminal record of this individual was obtained from the Chicago Police Department and is as follows:

Name	Michael Carrozzo alias Mike Carrozzo alias Michael Carrozza
Age	35 in 1926
Born	In Italy
Occupation	Business Agent
Weight	151 lbs. in 1926
Chin	Regular
Beard	None
Hair	Dark chestnut
Complexion	Sallow
Marital Status	Married
Teeth	Full
Build	Medium
Scars and marks	Small blue dot second joint index rear; small blue dot first joint ring finger front; oblong scar at inner corner of left eyebrow; three blue dots right cheek, two below corner of eye.
Criminal Record	Chicago Police No. 56864, as Mike Carozza, arrested January 19, 1915, charge extortion by threats, stricken off by Judge McDonald;

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Criminal record cont.


Chicago Police No. 78950, as Michael Carrozzo, arrested July 30, 1920, nole prossed, charged with murder, Judge Sabath;

As Mike Carrozzo, arrested at St. Louis, Mo., November 12, 1924, suspected as a gunman.

It is to be noted from the above criminal record that Michael Carrozzo in 1915 was arrested in Chicago, charged with extortion by threat. However, this charge was stricken off by Judge McDonald. It is my understanding that Carrozzo is still President of the Street-sweepers Union in Chicago. If additional investigation in connection with this individual is desired, kindly notify this office at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

  
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August 12, 1933

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S. T. NORTHERN, ASST. CASHIER  
J. H. FANSHAW, AUDITOR  
CHARLES WEBSTER, TRUST OFFICER

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

Dear Sir:

We acknowledge yours of August 7, enclosing list of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases. We have notified our tellers and will be pleased to communicate with you immediately if any of these notes come into our possession.

Yours very truly,

H. E. Masengill  
Manager, Bookkeeping Department

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August 14, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR DIVISION TEN

There are transmitted herewith descriptive data for the preparation of Identification Order No. 1204, entitled GEORGE R. KELLY with aliases, Kidnaping, Division file #7-115.

Kindly obtain fingerprints, photograph and specimen of handwriting for the preparation of this identification order from Division Six. Also, verify the fingerprint classification and criminal record with Mr. Edwards before this identification order is printed.

Very truly yours,

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Director.

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IDENTIFICATION ORDER  
NO. 1304  
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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WANTED  
GEORGE R. KELLY, aliases  
GEORGE KELLY, R. G. SHANNON

KIDNAPING

PLACE FINGERPRINTS HERE

DESCRIPTION  
Age, 35 years  
Height, 5 feet, 9½ inches  
Weight, 177 pounds  
Build, medium singular  
Eyes, blue or gray  
Hair, dark brown  
Complexion, medium ruddy  
Expert machine gunner

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graph here)  
  
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here)

CRIMINAL RECORD  
As George Kelly, No. 1968, received  
State Prison, Santa Fe, New Mexico;  
March 14, 1927; crime, violation  
National Prohibition Act.  
As George Kelly, No. 5298, arrested  
Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma,  
July 24, 1927; charge, state vagrancy.  
As George Kelly, No. 2332, arrested  
Sheriff's Office, Tulsa, Oklahoma,  
January 13, 1928; charge, National  
Prohibition Act.  
As George Kelley, No. 29362,  
received United States Penitentiary,  
Leavenworth, Kansas, February 11, 1928,  
from Tulsa, Oklahoma; crime, National  
Prohibition Act (Indian Cy); sentence,  
3 years.

George R. Kelly is wanted for the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel at  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on July 22, 1933.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or  
criminal record to nearest office, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department  
of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S.  
Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the  
office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof, which is  
nearest your city.

Issued by:

Director.

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August 15, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Room #203, Post Office Building,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you and received August 15, 1933, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Division of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

✓, Sam Frederick  
✓, Peter Valder  
✓, Sam Kronick  
✓, Charles Albert Wolk

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover,  
Director.

Copy to:  
Bureau Office,  
Oklahoma City,  
Oklahoma.  
(CC - Bureau)

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

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

August 12, 1933.



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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-8.

Transmitted herewith are the fingerprints of Charles Albert Wolk, Sam Frederick, Sam Kronick, and Peter Valder, all of these men having been arrested in connection with the possession and passing of ransom money in the above entitled matter. Please inform this office and the Oklahoma City office relative to the results of search of the Bureau's fingerprint files in connection with the prints enclosed.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*

WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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August 14, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR DIVISION TEN

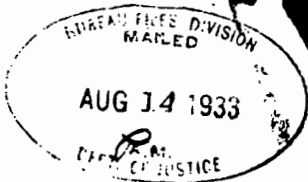
There are transmitted herewith descriptive data for the preparation of Identification Order No. 1205 entitled GEORGE BATES, with aliases, Kidnaping, Bureau File 7-115.

Kindly obtain photograph, fingerprints, and specimen of handwriting from Division Six for the preparation of this Identification Order. Also, verify the criminal record and fingerprint classification with Mr. Edwards before this Identification Order is printed.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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IDENTIFICATION CARD  
No. 1205

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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**WANTED**

GEORGE BATES, aliases  
ALBERT L. BATES, JAMES E. KING,  
GEORGE DAVIS, GEORGE HARRIS,  
ROY HARRIS, BERNARD McLAUGHLIN,  
BERNARD HUGHES

**KIDNAPING**

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**DESCRIPTION**

Age, 39 years  
Height, 5 feet, 11 inches  
Weight, 170 pounds  
Hair, light  
Eyes, blue  
Scars, silver plate in  
wounded shoulder

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graph here)

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ture here)

**CRIMINAL RECORD**

As James E. King, No. 1868,  
received State Prison, Carson City,  
Nevada, March 28, 1916, from Elko  
County; crime, burglary, first degree;  
sentence, 1 to 15 years; paroled,  
November 13, 1917.

As Albert L. Bates, No. 861,  
arrested Police Department, Salt Lake  
City, Utah, April 4, 1919; charge,  
petit larceny; sentence, 6 months.

As George Davis, arrested Sheriff's  
Office, Ogden, Utah, April 22, 1920,  
at Salt Lake City; charge, burglary.

As George Harris, No. 9945, re-  
ceived State Prison, Salt Lake City,  
Utah, August 3, 1921, from Salt Lake  
County; crime, burglary, second degree  
sentence not given.

As A. L. Bates, No. 14000,  
received State Prison, Canon City,  
Colorado, May 10, 1927, from Mesa  
County; crime, burglary and larceny;  
sentence 3 to 5 years.

As Albert L. Bates, arrested  
State Police, Paw Paw, Michigan,  
December 1, 1931; charge, carrying  
concealed weapons.

George Bates is wanted for the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel at  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on July 22, 1933.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or  
criminal record to nearest office, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of  
Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge  
of the office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof, which  
is nearest your city.

Issued by:

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DIRECTOR DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION DEPT  
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**R E VETTERLI DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION DEPT JUSTICE  
905 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BLDG KANSAS CITY MO**

**PLEASE FURNISH POLICE DEPT WICHITA LIST RANSOM NOTES AS THEY ARE CALLING HERE  
COLLECT INQUIRING AS TO CERTAIN NUMBERS STOP THEY STATE THAT BANKS AT WICHITA DO  
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OHC U S BUREAU INVESTIGATION  
OKLA CITY  
CC BUREAU ✓**

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DEPT. OF JUSTICE



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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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AUGUST 14 1933

IMMEDIATELY RELEASE TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS INFORMATION CONTAINED  
DIVISION LETTERS THIRTEENTH RE BATES AND KELLY IN URSCHEL CASE INCLUDING  
DESCRIPTION CAR AND PERSONS

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The attached telegram to be sent to the following offices:

T. D. Quinn,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
201 Liberty National Life Bldg.,  
Birmingham, Ala.

E. K. Conroy,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1806 First National Bank Bldg.,  
Charlotte, N. C.

M. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Ill.

E. J. Connelley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1420 Enquirer Building,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Wm. Larson,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
625 Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Mich.

R. A. Alt,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Atlantic Nat'l. Bank Bldg. Annex,  
Jacksonville, Fla.

R. Whitley,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
326 1/2 Post Office Bldg.,  
New Orleans, La.

T. F. Cullen,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,  
New York, N. Y.

A. M. Calvin,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

E. G. Harvey,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

C. D. McKeen,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1206 Law & Finance Building,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gus T. Jones,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1216 Smith-Young Tower Bldg.,  
San Antonio, Texas.

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HAROLD NATHAN  
c/o WERNER HANZI  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 13, 1933.

SFC:

*See memo  
must be released  
today 8/14/33*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Blake advised this evening at about 10:15, that the following newspaper knew that Bailey was in custody:

- ✓ "Fort Worth Star Telegram"
- ✓ "Wichita Falls Record"
- ✓ "The Dallas News"
- ✓ "The Dallas Despatch"
- ✓ The Associated Press.

All have promised not to release it until they were advised by him that it could be released, that none of the above papers was a Hearst paper, that the Dallas Despatch was a Scripps\*Howard paper, and that that is the paper that had the information first. Mr. Blake advised that all newspapers knew that Bailey was in custody and that they also knew the names of the people who had been taken from the Shannon shack, but that he had told them that Bailey was arrested for the Kansas City massacre, that newspaper men had suggested the Urschel kidnap but that he had told them that while the Division was vitally interested in the Urschel kidnaping case and other kidnaping cases, the Kansas City massacre was the biggest case before the Division. Mr. Blake states that he does not think there is any danger of newspaper publicity from Dallas, at least within the next thirty-six hours, and that any newspaper publicity would be a serious handicap to the investigation.

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Mr. Blake stated that it would be a big help to him in the future if when it is decided that this information may be released that he be authorized to call in the boys representing the above newspapers and give them some inside information, though he states there are certain things which should never be disclosed.

He advised that the two Shannon men had admitted that they had stood guard over Urschel, that Arman, the son, was there all the time and that R. G. the father, was there during the last two days when the kidnapers went after the money, that R. G. Shannon, the father, denies that he knew beforehand of the kidnap or that Urschel was to be brought to his place, that the son Arman knew beforehand that something was going to happen but that he did not know just what.

That Mrs. Ora Shannon the elder admits that Urschel was there, but that she denies that she ever saw him, or knew he was coming, that [redacted]

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*Set me have memo at once  
of all salient facts in this  
capture. 8/14/33 J.E.X*

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did not know anything about the kidnaping until after Urschel was released., that she expects to give birth to a baby in about two months and that he, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Colvin all think that she should be released. Mr. Blake however requests that you advise him in the morning (Aug. 14th), your attitude in this regard.

Mr. Blake advised that none of the Shannons had been fingerprinted for the reason that they did not want to take them to the city hall because that in doing so it would likely receive publicity, but that as soon as they are fingerprinted they would immediately be sent to the Division. Mr. Blake was to forward to the Division a photograph of Mrs. Catherine Thorne Kelly alias Mrs. Ora L. Shannon by airmail.

Why can't  
you men  
fingerprint  
them?

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Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

August 13, 1933.

Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Hatcher	.....
Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

At 3:15 PM on August 13th, Mr. Larson of the Detroit office called and advised that [redacted] of the Cadillac agency at Cleveland, Ohio had been contacted by Agent [redacted] and advised that about two months ago parties giving the names of Mr. and Mrs. R.G.D Shannon, about 38 and 34 years of age respectively, purchased from him a Cadillac Sedan, Motor No. 1400263, Ohio License No. 691-965, that they paid for the car in cash with the exception of \$1800, which was financed through General Motors Co., that at the time of the transaction, [redacted] was referred to the City Marshall of Paradise, Texas, who advised that the Shannons were responsible people, that at this time the Shannons were living at the Park Lane Villa Hotel in Cleveland, that about a month ago he received a letter from Mrs. Shannon requesting that an extension be granted for the balance due on the car to which he agreed, that on Wednesday August 9th these same individuals came to Cleveland in the car referred to above and paid the balance due in cash - 1 \$1000 bill and 8 \$100 bills, that at this time the Shannons discussed the likelihood of trading or buying a new Cadillac coupe and stated that they would return in about a month and discuss further the proposed transaction, that they left Cleveland on August 10th advising that they were driving to Chicago and that Mrs. Shannon would likely return to Paradise as her Mother was very ill. [redacted] advised that Mr. Shannon discussed and seemed to be quite familiar with the city of Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Larson stated that Agt. [redacted] was continuing his investigation in an effort to determine where the Shannons lived on August 9th and 10th, and to determine their possible destination. Mr. Larson advised that he did not have a Photo of Kelley and consequently could not determine definitely whether the parties referred to above as giving the name of Shannon were identical with Mr. and Mrs. George R. Kelley. Mr. Larson was advised that Photographs of Kelley were going forward to the Detroit office today. He suggested that a photo of Kelley be forwarded directly to Agent [redacted] at Cleveland at 325 Federal Bldg. Accordingly a photograph, criminal record, and a copy of the letter which was sent to all the field office today was sent Airmail - Special Delivery to Agt. [redacted]. The above information was conveyed to Mr. Nathan at St. Paul, who suggested that same be telephoned to the Agents working on this case at Oklahoma or Dallas. Accordingly the information was phoned to Blake at Dallas. Mr. Nathan advised that he would phone the same to Chicago with the request that they check all air transportation lines to determine whether Mrs. Shannon had left Chicago, since that time and suggested that the Detroit office be called and asked to check the airports at Cleveland and determine whether Mrs. Shannon left Cleveland by air. - this was also done.

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Mr. Blake at Dallas later called and advised that the party referred to as George Bates in this case has the following aliases: Albert L. Bates alias James King alias George Davis alias George Harris alias Roy [redacted]

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alias  
alias Bernard McLaughlin/Hughes, described as follows:

Age - 27  
Weight - 180  
Height - 5ft. 11"  
Build - Slim  
Hair - Brown  
Eyes - Blue  
Occupation - Railroad brakeman.

Characteristics;  
Incision on right shoulder  
and stomach.  
Bullet in right cheek.

Thought to be wanted at Colfax, Washington for bank robbery, and to have a record from Michigan.

These names and aliases were telephoned to [redacted] at Div. 6 with the request that an effort be made to identify them as the individual in question. Subsequent to the receipt of these names, a telegram was received from the Portland office submitting names, aliases, police numbers, and criminal record of Bates. This information was also conveyed to Div. 6 and immediately identified with a similar record on file there. [redacted] was then contacted and requested to report to the office for the purpose of making one hundred photographs of the above individual and Mr. Edwards was also called and requested to have the record of Bates compiled. [redacted] and [redacted] were then requested to report to the Division for the purpose of writing letters to each of the field offices, transmitting photographs and the criminal record of the above.

Mr. Nathan at St. Paul and Mr. Purvis at Chicago were communicated with and given the above information. Mr. Purvis was also requested to conduct an investigation in the neighborhood of 5519 Blackstone, a known residence of Bates in Chicago, with a view to causing this party's apprehension. Mr. Blake later advised that he had information to the effect that Kelley had contacts in Albany and Rochester, N.Y., and that he may later go to either one of these places for the purpose of disposing of some of the ransom money. Mr. Cullen was then communicated with and given the above information with the request that this information be given to agents at Albany, Rochester, and Buffalo, and that a description of the car be submitted to law-enforcement officials with the request that the occupants therein be apprehended should they appear in those districts. Mr. Cullen was instructed not to disclose the fact that these individuals are wanted in connection with the Urschel kidnaping case.

Mr. Blake of Dallas advised that three newspapers had information as to the arrest of Bailey but that he had been successful in prevailing upon them not to release this information until further investigation had been conducted. He stated however that a fourth newspaper had this information but that he had not, as yet, contacted the editor but was endeavoring to do so, in an effort to cause him not to publish information concerning this case at the present time.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley  
S. P. Cowley

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This is to be held in strict confidence within the Division and is not to be disclosed to any parties not connected with the Division.

SPC:

August 13, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1420 Requirer Building,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES  
F. VESCHER, VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

There are inclosed herewith photographs and criminal record of  
one George E. Kelly, who has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Mr.  
Brechein. Kelly, with two other men and a woman, has as recently as August 12th  
been traveling in a 12 cylinder Miss-Mack Cadillac sedan, 1932 model, motor  
#11900261, 7 passenger, specially constructed, very large car, which was pur-  
chased by Mrs. Catherine Thurn Kelly at Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of  
Mrs. Ora L. Sherman. This car may bear Ohio 1933 license plates #572-965. It  
has also been reported that the Kellys intended to purchase a 12 cylinder convert-  
ible coupe from the Cadillac agency at Cleveland. You are requested to exert  
every effort to cause the apprehension of Kelly and the detention of his associates  
who were last reported to be traveling towards Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cleveland  
Ohio.

The offices covering the Canadian and Mexican borders should continue  
their contacts with border officials and utilize every possible means to prevent  
the escape of Kelly into either of these countries and cause his apprehension.  
The Division should be advised immediately should any information be obtained  
concerning Kelly or his associates.

Kelly is described as follows:

Age - 35  
Height - 5' 9 1/2"  
Weight - 177 pounds  
Eyes - gray or blue  
Hair - dark brown

Complexion - medium ruddy  
Build - medium muscular  
Expert machine gunner  
Fingerprint classification -  
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Very truly yours,

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August 13, 1933.

325 Federal Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

The following letter is being forwarded to all field offices and is being quoted herein for your information:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and the criminal record of one GEORGE BATES, aliases: Albert L. Bates, James C. King, George Davis, George Harris, Roy Harris, Bernard McLaughlin, Bernard Hughes. Bates and an individual by the name of GEORGE KELLY, alias R. G. Shannon, have been identified as the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel. Kelly, with two unidentified men and one woman, has, as recently as August 12th, been traveling in a 16-cylinder Cadillac sedan, as you were advised in letter of even date. While it is not known that Bates is one of the occupants of this car, it is entirely possible that he may be one of the men traveling with Kelly.

You are instructed to exert every effort to cause the apprehension of Bates and the detention of any individuals who may be with him. While it is not desired to disclose the fact that Bates is one of the kidnapers in the Urschel case at the present time, it is requested that law enforcement officials in your territory be contacted, with the request that they be on the lookout for these individuals and cause their apprehension should they be located in their districts. In other words, it is believed to be highly desirable that wanted notices be placed with law enforcement officials in your district for both of these men without advising the police departments of the specific reason for which their apprehension is desired.

Bates is described as follows:

Age - 39  
Weight - 170 pounds  
Hair - light  
Residence - 5519 Blackstone, Chicago.  
Wounded in shoulder and has silver plate therein.

Height - 5'11"  
Build - slim  
Eyes - blue

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Very truly yours,

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August 13, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
CHARLES F. URSCHAL, Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and the criminal record of one George Bates aliases Albert L. Bates, James G. King, George Davis, George Harris, Roy Harris, Bernard McLaughlin, Bernard Hughes. Bates and an individual by the name of George Kelly alias R. G. Shannon have been identified as the kidnapers of Mr. Urschal. Kelly, with two unidentified men and one woman, has, as recently as August 12th, been traveling in a 16-cylinder Cadillac sedan, as you were advised in letter of even date. While it is not known that Bates is one of the occupants of this car, it is entirely possible that he may be one of the men traveling with Kelly.

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Very truly yours,

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Director.

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August 13, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
315 News Building,  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and the criminal record of one GEORGE BATES aliases Albert L. Bates, James C. King, George Davis, George Harris, Roy Harris, Bernard McLaughlin, Bernard Hughes. Bates and an individual by the name of George Kelly, alias R. G. Shannon, have been identified as the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel. Kelly, with two unidentified men and one woman, has, as recently as August 12th, been traveling in a 16-cylinder Cadillac sedan, as you were advised in letter of even date. While it is not known that Bates is one of the occupants of this car, it is entirely possible that he may be one of the men traveling with Kelly.

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Bates is described as follows:

Age - 39  
Height - 5'11"  
Weight - 170 pounds  
Build - slim  
Hair - light  
Eyes - blue  
Residence - 5519 Blackstone, Chicago.  
Wounded in shoulder and has silver plate therein.

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Very truly yours,

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August 13, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
CHARLES F. URSCHAL, Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and the criminal record  
of one GEORGE BATES, aliases Albert L. Bates, James C. King, George Davis,  
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an individual by the name of George Kelly, alias R. G. Shannon, have been  
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in your district for both of these men without advising the police depart-  
ments of the specific reason for which their apprehension is desired.

Bates is described as follows:

Age - 39  
Weight - 170 pounds  
Hair - light  
Residence - 5016 Blackstone, Chicago.  
Wounded in shoulder and has silver  
plate therein.

Height - 5'11"  
Build - slim  
Eyes - blue

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Very truly yours,

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EPC: [redacted]

August 13, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Atlantic National Bank Building Annex,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and the criminal record of one GEORGE BATES, aliases: ALBERT L. BATES, JAMES G. KING, GEORGE DAVIS, GEORGE HARRIS, ROY HARRIS, BERNARD McLAUGHLIN, BERNARD HUGHES. Bates and an individual by the name of GEORGE KELLY alias R. G. SHANNON have been identified as the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel. Kelly, with two unidentified men and one woman, has, as recently as August 12th, been traveling in a 16-cylinder Cadillac sedan, as you were advised in letter of even date. While it is not known that Bates is one of the occupants of this car, it is entirely possible that he may be one of the men traveling with Kelly.

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Bates is described as follows:

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Weight - 170 pounds, Build - slim; 6 25 W II II 17.  
Hair - light; Eyes - blue; 26 5 II&IO  
Residence - 5519 Blackstone, Chicago;  
Wounded in shoulder and has silver plate therein.

Very truly yours,

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August 13, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1216 Smith-Young Tower Building,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
CHARLES P. URSCHEL, Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and the criminal record of one GEORGE BATES aliases Albert L. Bates, James C. King, George Davis, George Harris, Ray Harris, Bernard McLaughlin, Bernard Hughes. Bates and an individual by the name of George Kelly, alias R. G. Shannon, have been identified as the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel. Kelly, with two unidentified men and one woman, has, as recently as August 12th, been traveling in a 16-cylinder Cadillac sedan, as you were advised in letter of even date. While it is not known that Bates is one of the occupants of this car, it is entirely possible that he may be one of the men traveling with Kelly.

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Hair - light  
Residence - 5519 Blackstone, Chicago.  
Wounded in shoulder and has silver plate therein.  
Height - 5'11"  
Build - slim  
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August 13, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
900 Kara Thompson Building,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
CHARLES F. URSCHAL, Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and the criminal record of one GEORGE BATES aliases Albert L. Bates, James C. King, George Davis, George Harris, Ray Harris, Bernard McLaughlin, Bernard Hughes. Bates and an individual by the name of George Kelly, alias R. G. Shannon, have been identified as the kidnapers of Mr. Urschal. Kelly, with two unidentified men and one woman, has, as recently as August 12th, been traveling in a 16-cylinder Cadillac sedan, as you were advised in letter of even date. While it is not known that Bates is one of the occupants of this car, it is entirely possible that he may be one of the men traveling with Kelly.

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Weight - 170 pounds      Build - slim  
Hair - light                Eyes - blue  
Residence - 5519 Blackstone, Chicago.  
Wounded in shoulder and has silver plate therein.

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August 13, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
625 Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES F. URSCHAL, Victim; Kidnaping. There are enclosed herewith photographs and the criminal record of one George Bates aliases Albert L. Bates, James C. King, George Davis, George Harris, Roy Harris, Bernard McLaughlin, Bernard Hughes. Bates and an individual by the name of George Kelly alias R. G. Shannon have been identified as the kidnapers of Mr. Urschal. Kelly, with two unidentified men and one woman, has, as recently as August 12th, been traveling in a 16-cylinder Cadillac sedan, as you were advised in letter of even date. While it is not known that Bates is one of the occupants of this car, it is entirely possible that he may be one of the men traveling with Kelly.

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Build - slim;  
Eyes - blue;  
Wounded in shoulder and has silver plate therein.

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August 13, 1933.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Care of Hotel Severin,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim - Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and criminal record of one George R. Kelly, who has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel. Kelly, with two other men and a woman, has as recently as August 12th, been traveling in a 16 cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan, 1932 model, motor #1400263, 9 passenger, specially constructed, very large car, which was purchased by Mrs. Catherine Thomas Kelly at Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon. This car may bear Ohio 1933 license plates #691-265. It has also been reported that the Kellys intended to purchase a 12 cylinder convertible coupe from the Cadillac agency at Cleveland. You are requested to exert every effort to cause the apprehension of Kelly and the detention of his associates who were last reported to be traveling towards Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio.

The offices covering the Canadian and Mexican borders should continue their contacts with border officials and utilize every possible means to prevent the escape of Kelly into either of these countries and cause his apprehension. The Division should be advised immediately should any information be obtained concerning Kelly or his associates.

Kelly is described as follows:

Age - 35  
Height - 5' 9 1/2"  
Weight - 177 pounds  
Eyes - gray or blue  
Hair - dark brown

Complexion - medium ruddy  
Build - medium muscular  
Expert machine gunner  
Fingerprint classification: 22 27 F C

The above information is to be held in strict confidence within the Division and is not to be disclosed to any parties not connected officially with the Division.

Very truly yours,

Enc. #669889.  
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August 13, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim, Kidnaping.

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Residence - 5519 Blackstone, Chicago;  
Wounded in shoulder and has silver plate therein.

Very truly yours,

Enc. #668937.  
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August 13, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and the criminal record of one GEORGE BATES aliases ALBERT L. BATES, JAMES C. KING, GEORGE DAVIS, GEORGE HARRIS, ROY HARRIS, BERNARD McLAUGHLIN, BERNARD HUGHES. Bates and an individual by the name of GEORGE KELLY alias R. G. SHANNON have been identified as the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel. Kelly, with two unidentified men and one woman, has, as recently as August 12th, been traveling in a 16-cylinder Cadillac sedan, as you were advised in letter of even date. While it is not known that Bates is one of the occupants of this car, it is entirely possible that he may be one of the men traveling with Kelly.

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Residence - 5519 Blackstone, Chicago;  
Wounded in shoulder and has silver plate therein;

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Build - slim;  
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AIR MAIL.  
SPECIAL DELIVERY.  
Enclosure #66892L.

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August 13, 1936.

SPC:

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Federal Building,  
Butte, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and the criminal record of one GEORGE BATES aliases ALBERT L. BATES, JAMES C. KING, GEORGE DAVIS, GEORGE HARRIS, ROY HARRIS, BERNARD McLAUGHLIN, BERNARD HUGHES. Bates and an individual by the name of GEORGE KELLY alias R. G. SHANNON have been identified as the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel. Kelly, with two unidentified men and one woman, has, as recently as August 12th, been traveling in a 16-cylinder Cadillac sedan, as you were advised in letter of even date. While it is not known that Bates is one of the occupants of this car, it is entirely possible that he may be one of the men traveling with Kelly.

You are instructed to exert every effort to cause the apprehension of Bates and the detention of any individuals who may be with him. While it is not desirable to disclose the fact that Bates is one of the kidnapers in the Urschel case at the present time, it is requested that law enforcement officials in your territory be contacted, with the request that they be on the lookout for these individuals and cause their apprehension should they be located in their districts. In other words, it is believed to be highly desirable that wanted notices be placed with law enforcement officials in your district for both of these men without advising the police departments of the specific reason for which their apprehension is desired.

Bates is described as follows:

Age - 39; Height - 5'11";  
Weight - 170 pounds; Build - slim;  
Hair - light; Eyes - blue;  
Residence - 5519 Blackstone, Chicago; Wounded in shoulder and has silver plate therein.

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AIR MAIL.  
SPECIAL DELIVERY.  
ENCLOSURE #668922.

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Very truly yours,

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DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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**SFC:**

August 13, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
126 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES F. URSCHAL, Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and the criminal record of one GEORGE BATES, aliases: Albert L. Bates, James C. King, George Davis, George Harris, Ray Harris, Bernard McLaughlin, Bernard Hughes. Bates and an individual by the name of GEORGE KELLY alias R. G. Shannon have been identified as the kidnapers of Mr. Urschal. Kelly, with two unidentified men and one woman, has, as recently as August 12th, been traveling in a 16-cylinder Cadillac sedan, as you were advised in letter of even date. While it is not known that Bates is one of the occupants of this car, it is entirely possible that he may be one of the men traveling with Kelly.

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Bates is described as follows:

Age - 39;	Height - 5' 11";	F.P.C.:
Weight - 170 pounds;	Build - slim;	6 25 W II II 17.
Hair - light;	Eyes - blue;	26 U II or IO
Residence - 5519 Blackstone, Chicago;		
Wounded in shoulder and has silver plate therein.		

Very truly yours,

Enc. #668939.  
AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY.

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SUPERVISOR OF INVESTIGATION	
Director.	
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SFC: [redacted]

August 13, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim, Kidnaping.

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Bates is described as follows:

Age - 39  
Height - 5'11"  
Weight - 170 pounds  
Build - slim  
Hair - light  
Eyes - blue  
Residence - 5519 Blackstone, Chicago.  
Wounded in shoulder and has silver plate therein

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Very truly yours,

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SPECIAL DELIVERY.

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August 13, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1206 Law and Finance Building,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and the criminal record  
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in the Urschel case at the present time, it is requested that law enforce-  
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be on the lookout for these individuals and cause their apprehension should  
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highly desirable that wanted notices be placed with law enforcement officials  
in your district for both of these men without advising the police depart-  
ments of the specific reason for which their apprehension is desired.

Bates is described as follows:

Age - 39  
Weight - 170 pounds  
Hair - light  
Residence - 5519 Blackstone, Chicago.  
Wounded in shoulder and has silver  
plate therein.

Height - 5'11"  
Build - slim  
Eyes - blue

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Very truly yours,

Encl. 214657.

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Director.





SFC: [REDACTED]

August 13, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES F. URSCHAL,  
Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and the criminal record of one  
GEORGE BATES, aliases: Albert L. Bates, James C. King, George Davis, George  
Harris, Ray Harris, Bernard McLaughlin, Bernard Hughes. Bates and an individual  
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In other words, it is believed to be highly desirable that wanted notices be placed  
with law enforcement officials in your district for both of these men without  
advising the police departments of the specific reason for which their apprehension  
is desired.

Bates is described as follows:

Age - 39;	Height - 5' 11";	F.P.C.:
Weight - 170 pounds;	Build - slim;	6 25 W II II
Hair - light;	Eyes - blue;	26 W II or IO 17.
Residence - 5519 Blackstone, Chicago;		
Wounded in shoulder and has silver plate therein.		

Very truly yours,

Enc. #668973.

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August 13, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
113 Old Post Office Building,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and the criminal record of one GEORGE BATES aliases Albert L. Bates, James C. King, George Davis, George Harris, Roy Harris, Bernard McLaughlin, Bernard Hughes. Bates and an individual by the name of George Kelly, alias R. G. Shannon, have been identified as the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel. Kelly, with two unidentified men and one woman, has, as recently as August 12th, been traveling in a 16-cylinder Cadillac sedan, as you were advised in letter of even date. While it is not known that Bates is one of the occupants of this car, it is entirely possible that he may be one of the men traveling with Kelly.

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Bates is described as follows:

Age - 39                      Height - 5'11"  
Weight - 170 pounds        Build - slim  
Hair - light                Eyes - blue  
Residence - 5519 Blackstone, Chicago.  
Wounded in shoulder and has silver  
plate therein.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. 214658  
AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY.

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August 13, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
619 Federal Building,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and the criminal record of one GEORGE BATES, aliases: Albert L. Bates, James G. King, George Davis, George Harris, Roy Harris, Bernard McLaughlin, Bernard Hughes. Bates and an individual by the name of GEORGE KELLY alias R. G. Shannon have been identified as the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel. Kelly, with two unidentified men and one woman, has, as recently as August 12th, been traveling in a 16-cylinder Cadillac sedan, as you were advised in letter of even date. While it is not known that Bates is one of the occupants of this car, it is entirely possible that he may be one of the men traveling with Kelly.

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Bates is described as follows:

Age - 39;	Height - 5' 11";	F.P.C.:
Weight - 170 pounds;	Build - slim;	6 25 W XI XI 17.
Hair - light;	Eyes - blue;	26 W XI or IO
Residence - 5519 Blackstone, Chicago;		
Wounded in shoulder and has silver plate therein.		

Very truly yours,

Enc. #668938,  
AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
Director.	
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August 13, 1933.

Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Severin Hotel,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and the criminal record of one George Bates, aliases Albert L. Bates, James C. King, George Davis, George Harris, Ray Harris, Bernard McLaughlin, Bernard Hughes. Bates and an individual by the name of George Kelly, alias R. O. Shannon, have been identified as the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel. Kelly, with two unidentified men and one woman, has, as recently as August 12th, been traveling in a 16-cylinder Cadillac sedan, as you were advised in letter of even date. While it is not known that Bates is one of the occupants of this car, it is entirely possible that he may be one of the men traveling with Kelly.

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Age - 39;	Height - 5'11";
Weight - 170 pounds;	Build - slim;
Hair - light;	Eyes - blue;
Residence - 5519 Blackstone, Chicago;	Wounded in shoulder and has silver plate therein.

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Enclosure #668928.

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Very truly yours, INVESTIGATION

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Director.

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EPC:  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1206 Law and Finance Building,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

August 13, 1933.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES F. URSCHEL,  
Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and criminal record of one George E. Kelly, who has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel. Kelly, with two other men and a woman, has as recently as August 12th been travelling in a 16 cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan, 1932 model, motor #1400263, nine passenger, specially constructed, very large car, which was purchased by Mrs. Catherine Thorne Kelly at Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon. This car may bear Ohio, 1933, license plates #691-965. It has also been reported that the Kellys intended to purchase a 12 cylinder convertible coupe from the Cadillac agency at Cleveland. You are requested to exert every effort to cause the apprehension of Kelly and the detention of his associates who were last reported to be travelling towards Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio.

The offices covering the Canadian and Mexican borders should continue their contacts with border officials and utilize every possible means to prevent the escape of Kelly into either of these countries and cause his apprehension. The Division should be advised immediately should any information be obtained concerning Kelly or his associates. Kelly is described as follows:

Age - 35	Complexion - medium ruddy
Height - 5' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Build - medium muscular
Weight - 177 pounds	Eyes - gray or blue
Hair - dark brown	Expert machine gunner

Fingerprint classifications: 23 27 W 0  
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The above information is to be held in strict confidence within the Division and is not to be disclosed to any parties not connected officially with the Division.

Very truly yours,

Encl. #668187  
AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATION Director.	
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The above information is to be held in strict confidence within the Division and is not to be disclosed to any parties not connected officially with the Division.

SFC:

August 19, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
900 Ezra Thompson Building,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and criminal record of one George R. Kelly, who has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel. Kelly, with two other men and a woman, has as recently as August 12th been travelling in a 16 cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan, 1932 model, motor #1400223, nine passenger, specially constructed, very large car, which was purchased by Mrs. Catherine Thorne Kelly at Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon. This car may bear Ohio, 1933, license plates #691-965. It has also been reported that the Kellys intended to purchase a 12 cylinder convertible coupe from the Cadillac agency at Cleveland. You are requested to exert every effort to cause the apprehension of Kelly and the detention of his associates who were last reported to be travelling towards Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio.

The offices covering the Canadian and Mexican borders should continue their contacts with border officials and utilize every possible means to prevent the escape of Kelly into either of these countries and cause his apprehension. The Division should be advised immediately should any information be obtained concerning Kelly or his associates.

Kelly is described as follows:

Age - 35  
Height - 5' 9 1/2"  
Weight - 177 pounds  
Eyes - gray or blue  
Hair - dark brown  
Complexion - medium ruddy  
Build - medium muscular  
Expert machine gunner  
Fingerprint classifications: 23 27 W O  
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Encl. #668189  
AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Very truly yours,

Director.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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SFC:

August 13, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
313 Old Post Office Building,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES F. URSCHAL,  
Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and criminal record of one George E. Kelly, who has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Mr. Urschal. Kelly, with two other men and a woman, has as recently as August 12th been travelling in a 16 cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan, 1932 model, motor #1400263, nine passenger, specially constructed, very large car, which was purchased by Mrs. Catherine Thorne Kelly at Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon. This car may bear Ohio, 1933, license plates #691-965. It has also been reported that the Kellys intended to purchase a 12 cylinder convertible coupe from the Cadillac agency at Cleveland. You are requested to exert every effort to cause the apprehension of Kelly and the detention of his associates who were last reported to be travelling towards Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio.

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Age - 35	Complexion - medium ruddy
Height - 5' 9 1/2"	Build - medium muscular
Weight - 177 pounds	Eyes - gray or blue
Hair - dark brown	Expert machine gunner

Fingerprint classifications 23 27 W O  
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The above information is to be held in strict confidence within the Division and is not to be disclosed to any parties not connected officially with the Division.

Very truly yours,

Encl. #668183  
AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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August 13, 1933,

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

The above information is to be held in strict confidence within the  
Division and is not to be disclosed to any parties not connected  
officially with the Division.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and criminal record  
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as August 12th been travelling in a 16 cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan,  
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license plates #691-965. It has also been reported that the Kellys intended  
to purchase a 12 cylinder convertible coupe from the Cadillac agency at  
Cleveland. You are requested to exert every effort to cause the apprehension  
of Kelly and the detention of his associates who were last reported to be  
travelling towards Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio.

The offices covering the Canadian and Mexican borders should con-  
tinue their contacts with border officials and utilize every possible means  
to prevent the escape of Kelly into either of these countries and cause his  
apprehension. The Division should be advised immediately should any informa-  
tion be obtained concerning Kelly or his associates.

Kelly is described as follows:

Age - 35  
Height - 5' 9 1/2"  
Weight - 177 pounds  
Eyes - gray or blue  
Hair - dark brown  
Fingerprint classification: 29 27 W 9  
Complexion - medium ruddy  
Build - medium muscular  
Expert machine gunner

Encl. #668185  
AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Very truly yours,  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Director.

SPC

August 13, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 107,  
Butte, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

There are inclosed herewith photographs and criminal record of one George E. Kelly, who has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel. Kelly, with two other men and a woman, has as recently as August 12th been traveling in a 16 cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan, 1932 model, motor #1200263, 9 passenger, specially constructed, very large car, which was purchased by Mrs. Catherine Thorne Kelly at Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon. This car may bear Ohio 1933 license plates #691-966. It has also been reported that the Kellys intended to purchase a 12 cylinder convertible coupe from the Cadillac agency at Cleveland. You are requested to exert every effort to cause the apprehension of Kelly and the detention of his associates who were last reported to be traveling towards Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio.

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Kelly is described as follows:

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Weight - 177 lbs.  
Eyes - gray or blue  
Hair - dark brown

Complexion - medium ruddy  
Build - medium muscular  
Expert machine gunner  
Fingerprint Classification: 23 27 7 0

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

This information is not to be disclosed to any parties not connected officially with the Division.



SFC

August 13, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
316 Hewes Building,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES F. URSCHAL,  
Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and criminal record of one George  
R. Kelly, who has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Mr. Urschal. Kelly,  
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Fingerprint classifications: 25 27 W 0  
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and is not to be disclosed to any parties not connected with the Division.

Very truly yours,

7-15-191

AUG 14 1933 P.M.

Director.

*[Signature]*

Encl. #668191  
AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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SPC:

August 13, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Atlantic National Bank Building Annex,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

There are inclosed herewith photographs and criminal record of one George R. Kelly, who has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel. Kelly, with two other men and a woman, has as recently as August 12th been traveling in a 16 cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan, 1932 model, motor #1400263, 9 passenger, specially constructed, very large car, which was purchased by Mrs. Catherine Thorne Kelly at Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon. This car may bear Ohio 1933 license plates #691-965. It has also been reported that the Kellys intended to purchase a 12 cylinder convertible coupe from the Cadillac agency at Cleveland. You are requested to exert every effort to cause the apprehension of Kelly and the detention of his associates who were last reported to be traveling towards Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio.

The offices covering the Canadian and Mexican borders should continue their contacts with border officials and utilize every possible means to prevent the escape of Kelly into either of these countries and cause his apprehension. The Division should be advised immediately should any information be obtained concerning Kelly or his associates. Kelly is described as follows:

Age - 35	Complexion - ruddy (medium)
Height - 5' 9 1/2"	Build - medium muscular
Weight - 177	Expert machine gunner
Eyes - gray or blue	Fingerprint classification:
Hair - dark brown	23 27 W O _____
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The above information is to be held in strict confidence within the Division and is not to be disclosed to any parties not connected officially with the Division.

Very truly yours,

Incl. 668916  
AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Director.

7-115-172

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

AUG 14 1933 P.M.

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SPC:

August 13, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
625 Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

There are inclosed herewith photographs and criminal record of one George R. Kelly, who has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel. Kelly, with two other men and a woman, has as recently as August 12th been traveling in a 16 cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan, 1932 model, motor #1400263, 9 passenger, specially constructed, very large car, which was purchased by Mrs. Catherine Thorne Kelly at Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon. This car may bear Ohio 1933 license plates #691-965. It has also been reported that the Kellys intended to purchase a 12 cylinder convertible coupe from the Cadillac agency at Cleveland. You are requested to exert every effort to cause the apprehension of Kelly and the detention of his associates who were last reported to be traveling towards Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio.

The offices covering the Canadian and Mexican borders should continue their contacts with border officials and utilize every possible means to prevent the escape of Kelly into either of these countries and cause his apprehension. The Division should be advised immediately should any information be obtained concerning Kelly or his associates. Kelly is described as follows:

Age - 35	Complexion - medium ruddy
Height - 5'9 1/2"	Build - medium muscular
Weight - 177	Expert machine gunner
Eyes - gray or blue	
Hair - dark brown	
Fingerprint classification: <u>23 27 W 9</u> 7 W 01 14	

The above information is to be held in strict confidence within the Division and is not to be disclosed to any parties not connected officially with the Division.

Very truly yours,

Incl. 668915  
AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

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7-115-173

Director.
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SFC  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1216 Smith-Young Tower Building,  
San Antonio, Texas.

August 13, 1933.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and criminal record of one George E. Kelly, who has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel. Kelly, with two other men and a woman, has as recently as August 12th been travelling in a 16 cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan, 1922 model, motor #1400263, nine passenger, specially constructed, very large car, which was purchased by Mrs. Catherine Thorne Kelly at Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon. This car may bear Ohio, 1933, license plates #691-965. It has also been reported that the Kellys intended to purchase a 12 cylinder convertible coupe from the Cadillac agency at Cleveland. You are requested to exert every effort to cause the apprehension of Kelly and the detention of his associates who were last reported to be travelling towards Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio.

The offices covering the Canadian and Mexican borders should continue their contacts with border officials and utilize every possible means to prevent the escape of Kelly into either of these countries and cause his apprehension. The Division should be advised immediately should any information be obtained concerning Kelly or his associates. Kelly is described as follows:

Age - 35	Complexion - medium ruddy
Height - 5' 9 1/2"	Build - medium muscular
Weight - 177 pounds	Eyes - gray or blue
Hair - dark brown	Expert machine gunner

Fingerprint classification: 23 27 W O  
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The above information is to be held in strict confidence within the Division and is not to be disclosed to any parties not connected officially with the Division.

Very truly yours,

Encl. #653190  
AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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BUREAU Director.  
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SPC:

August 13, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

There are inclosed herewith photographs and criminal record of one George R. Kelly, who has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel. Kelly, with two other men and a woman, has as recently as August 12th been traveling in a 16 cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan, 1932 model, motor #1400263, 9 passenger, specially constructed, very large car, which was purchased by Mrs. Catherine Thomas Kelly at Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Mrs. Ora L. Shansen. This car may bear Ohio 1933 license plates #691-965. It has also been reported that the Kellys intended to purchase a 12 cylinder convertible coupe from the Cadillac agency at Cleveland. You are requested to exert every effort to cause the apprehension of Kelly and the detention of his associates who were last reported to be traveling towards Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio.

The offices covering the Canadian and Mexican borders should continue their contacts with border officials and utilize every possible means to prevent the escape of Kelly into either of these countries and cause his apprehension. The Division should be advised immediately should any information be obtained concerning Kelly or his associates.

Kelly is described as follows:

Age - 35	Complexion - medium ruddy
Height - 5' 9 1/2"	Build - medium muscular
Weight - 177 pounds	Expert machine gunner
Eyes - gray or blue	Fingerprint classification:
Hair - dark brown	23 27 W O
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Very truly yours,

Incl. 668914  
AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director.

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August 13, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
326 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES  
F. URSCHEL, VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

There are inclosed herewith photographs and criminal record of one  
George R. Kelly, who has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel.  
Kelly, with two other men and a woman, has as recently as August 12th been  
traveling in a 16 cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan, 1932 model, motor #1400263,  
9 passenger, specially constructed, very large car, which was purchased by Mrs.  
Catherine Thorne Kelly at Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon.  
This car may bear Ohio 1933 license plates #691-965. It has also been reported  
that the Kellys intended to purchase a 12 cylinder convertible coupe from the  
Cadillac agency at Cleveland. You are requested to exert every effort to cause  
the apprehension of Kelly and the detention of his associates who were last re-  
ported to be traveling towards Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio.

The offices covering the Canadian and Mexican borders should continue  
their contacts with border officials and utilize every possible means to prevent  
the escape of Kelly into either of these countries and cause his apprehension.  
The Division should be advised immediately should any information be obtained  
concerning Kelly or his associates. Kelly is described as follows:

Age - 35  
Height - 5' 9 1/2"  
Weight - 177 pounds  
Eyes - gray or blue  
Hair - dark brown

Complexion - medium ruddy  
Build - medium muscular  
Expert machine gunner  
Fingerprint classification:  
23 27 W O  
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The above information is to be held in strict confidence within the  
Division and is not to be disclosed to any parties not connected officially with  
the Division.

Very truly yours,

Inclosure 668919  
AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director.

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SFC:

August 13, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and criminal record of one George R. Kelly, who has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel. Kelly, with two other men and a woman, has as recently as August 12th been travelling in a 16 cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan, 1932 model, motor #1400253, nine passenger, specially constructed, very large car, which was purchased by Mrs. Catharine Thorne Kelly at Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon. This car may bear Ohio, 1933, license plates #691-965. It has also been reported that the Kellys intended to purchase a 12 cylinder convertible coupe from the Cadillac agency at Cleveland. You are requested to exert every effort to cause the apprehension of Kelly and the detention of his associates who were last reported to be travelling towards Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio.

The offices covering the Canadian and Mexican borders should continue their contacts with border officials and utilize every possible means to prevent the escape of Kelly into either of these countries and cause his apprehension. The Division should be advised immediately should any information be obtained concerning Kelly or his associates.

Kelly is described as follows:

Age - 35	Complexion - medium ruddy
Height - 5' 9 1/2"	Build - medium muscular
Weight - 177 pounds	Expert machine gunner
Eyes - gray or blue	
Hair - dark brown	
Fingerprint classification: 23 27 W 0	

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Encl. #668186  
AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Very truly yours,

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SPC:

August 13, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

There are inclosed herewith photographs and criminal records of one George E. Kelly, who has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel. Kelly, with two other men and a woman, has as recently as August 12th been travelling in a 16 cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan, 1932 model, motor #7400263, nine passenger, specially constructed, very large car, which was purchased by Mrs. Catherine Thorne Kelly at Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon. This car may bear Ohio, 1933, license plates #691-965. It has also been reported that the Kellys intended to purchase a 12 cylinder convertible coupe from the Cadillac agency at Cleveland. You are requested to exert every effort to cause the apprehension of Kelly and the detention of his associates who were last reported to be travelling towards Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio.

The offices covering the Canadian and Mexican borders should continue their contacts with border officials and utilize every possible means to prevent the escape of Kelly into either of these countries and cause his apprehension. The Division should be advised immediately should any information be obtained concerning Kelly or his associates.

Kelly is described as follows:

Age - 35  
Height - 5' 9 1/2"  
Weight - 177 lbs.  
Eyes - gray or blue  
Hair - dark brown  
Complexion - medium ruddy  
Build - medium muscular  
Expert machine gunner

Fingerprint classification: 23 27 W O

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Very truly yours,

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Director.

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August 13, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES F. URSCHAL,  
Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and criminal record of one George E. Kelly, who has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Mr. Urschal. Kelly, with two other men and a woman, has as recently as August 12th been travelling in a 16 cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan, 1932 model, motor #1400263, nine passenger, specially constructed, very large car, which was purchased by Mrs. Catherine Thorne Kelly at Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon. This car may bear Ohio, 1933, license plates #691-965. It has also been reported that the Kellys intended to purchase a 12 cylinder convertible coupe from the Cadillac agency at Cleveland. You are requested to exert every effort to cause the apprehension of Kelly and the detention of his associates who were last reported to be travelling towards Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio.

The offices covering the Canadian and Mexican borders should continue their contacts with border officials and utilize every possible means to prevent the escape of Kelly into either of these countries and cause his apprehension. The Division should be advised immediately should any information be obtained concerning Kelly or his associates. Kelly is described as follows:

Age - 35	Complexion - medium ruddy
Height - 5' 9 1/2"	Build - medium muscular
Weight - 177 pounds	Eyes - gray or blue
Hair dark brown	Expert machine gunner

Fingerprint classifications: 23 27 W O  
7 W OI 14

The above information is to be held in strict confidence within the Division and is not to be disclosed to any parties not connected officially with the Division.

Very truly yours,

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SPC:

August 13, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1806 First National Bank Building,  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES  
F. URSCHEL, VIOTIN - KIDNAPING.

There are inclosed herewith photographs and criminal record of  
one George R. Kelly, who has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Mr.  
Urschel. Kelly, with two other men and a woman, has as recently as August  
12th been traveling in a 16 cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan, 1932 model,  
motor #1000263, 9 passenger, specially constructed, very large car, which  
was purchased by Mrs. Catherine Thorne Kelly at Cleveland, Ohio, under the  
name of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon. This car may bear Ohio 1933 license plates  
#691-965. It has also been reported that the Kellys intended to purchase a  
12 cylinder convertible coupe from the Cadillac agency at Cleveland. You  
are requested to exert every effort to cause the apprehension of Kelly and  
the detention of his associates who were last reported to be traveling towards  
Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio.

The offices covering the Canadian and Mexican borders should con-  
tinue their contacts with border officials and utilize every possible means  
to prevent the escape of Kelly into either of these countries and cause his  
apprehension. The Division should be advised immediately should any informa-  
tion be obtained concerning Kelly or his associates.

Kelly is described as follows:

Age - 35	Complexion - medium ruddy
Height - 5' 9 1/2"	Build - medium muscular
Weight - 177 lbs.	Expert machine gunner
Eyes - gray or blue	Fingerprint classification:
Hair - dark brown	<u>23 27 W O</u>
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Very truly yours,

Director.

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Division and is not to be disclosed to any parties not connected  
officially with the Division.

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SFO:

August 13, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES  
VRSCHEL, VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

There are inclosed herewith photographs and criminal record of one  
George R. Kelly, who has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Mr. Vrschel.  
Kelly, with two other men and a woman, has as recently as August 12th been seen  
in a 16 cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan, 1932 model, motor #100263,  
9 passenger, specially constructed, very large car, which was purchased by Mrs.  
Catherine Thorne Kelly at Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon.  
This car may bear Ohio 1933 license plates #691-965. It has also been reported  
that the Kellys intended to purchase a 12 cylinder convertible coupe from the  
Cadillac agency at Cleveland. You are requested to exert every effort to cause  
the apprehension of Kelly and the detention of his associates who were last re-  
ported to be traveling towards Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio.

The offices covering the Canadian and Mexican borders should con-  
tinue their contacts with border officials and utilize every possible means to  
prevent the escape of Kelly into either of these countries and cause his  
apprehension. The Division should be advised immediately should any information  
be obtained concerning Kelly or his associates.

Kelly is described as follows:

Age - 35	Complexion - medium ruddy
Height - 5' 9 1/2"	Build - medium muscular
Weight - 177 pounds	Expert machine gunner
Eyes - gray or blue	Fingerprint classification:
Hair - dark brown	23 27 W O
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Very truly yours,

Director.

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the Division and is not to be disclosed to any parties not  
connected therewith.

SPC:

August 13, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
619 Federal Building,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES F. HIRSCHL, VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

There are inclosed herewith photographs and criminal record of one George R. Kelly, who has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Mr. Wraschel. Kelly, with two other men and a woman, has as recently as August 12th been traveling in a 16 cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan, 1932 model, motor #1490263, 9 passenger, specially constructed, very large car, which was purchased by Mrs. Catherine Thorne Kelly at Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon. This car may bear Ohio 1933 license plates #691-965. It has also been reported that the Kellys intended to purchase a 12 cylinder convertible coupe from the Cadillac agency at Cleveland. You are requested to exert every effort to cause the apprehension of Kelly and the detention of his associates who were last reported to be traveling towards Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio.

The offices covering the Canadian and Mexican borders should continue their contacts with border officials and utilize every possible means to prevent the escape of Kelly into either of these countries and cause his apprehension. The Division should be advised immediately should any information be obtained concerning Kelly or his associates. Kelly is described as follows:

Age - 35  
Height - 5' 9 1/2"  
Weight - 177 pounds  
Eyes - gray or blue  
Hair - dark brown

Complexion - medium ruddy  
Build - medium muscular  
Expert machine gunner  
Fingerprint classification:  
23 27 W 0  
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The above information is to be held in strict confidence within the Division and is not to be disclosed to any parties not connected officially with the Division.

Very truly yours,

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Director.

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SPC:

August 13, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

There are inclosed herewith photographs and criminal record of one George R. Kelly, who has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Mr. Froschel. Kelly, with two other men and a woman, has as recently as August 12th been traveling in a 16 cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan, 1932 model, motor #1400263, 9 passenger, specially constructed, very large car, which was purchased by Mrs. Catherine Thorne Kelly at Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon. This car may bear Ohio 1933 license plates #691-965. It has also been reported that the Kellys intended to purchase a 12 cylinder convertible coupe from the Cadillac agency at Cleveland. You are requested to exert every effort to cause the apprehension of Kelly and the detention of his associates who were last reported to be traveling towards Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio.

The offices covering the Canadian and Mexican borders should continue their contacts with border officials and utilize every possible means to prevent the escape of Kelly into either of these countries and cause his apprehension. The Division should be advised immediately should any information be obtained concerning Kelly or his associates. Kelly is described as follows:

Age - 35	Complexion - medium ruddy
Height - 5' 3 1/2"	Build - medium muscular
Weight - 177 pounds	Expert machine gunner
Eyes - gray or blue	Fingerprint classification:
Hair - dark brown	23 27 W 0
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Very truly yours,

Incl. 668917  
AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Director

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August 13, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
801 Title Guaranty Building,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES F. URSCHEL,  
Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and criminal record of one George R. Kelly, who has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel. Kelly, with two other men and a woman, has as recently as August 12th been travelling in a 16 cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan, 1932 model, motor #1400263, nine passenger, specially constructed, very large, car, which was purchased by Mrs. Catherine Thorne Kelly at Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon. This car may bear Ohio, 1933, license plates #691-965. It has also been reported that the Kellys intended to purchase a 12 cylinder convertible coupe from the Cadillac agency at Cleveland. You are requested to exert every effort to cause the apprehension of Kelly and the detention of his associates who were last reported to be travelling towards Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio.

The offices covering the Canadian and Mexican borders should continue their contacts with border officials and utilise every possible means to prevent the escape of Kelly into either of these countries and cause his apprehension. The Division should be advised immediately should any information be obtained concerning Kelly or his associates. Kelly is described as follows:

Age - 35	Complexion - medium ruddy
Height - 5' 9 1/2"	Build - medium muscular
Weight - 177 pounds	Eyes - gray or blue
Hair - dark brown	Expert machine gunner
Fingerprint classification: 23 27 W 0	
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The above information is to be held in strict confidence within the Division and is not to be disclosed to any parties not connected officially with the Division.

Very truly yours,

Encl. #668192  
AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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August 13, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES F. URSCHEL,  
Victim, Kidnaping.

There are enclosed herewith photographs and criminal record of one George E. Kelly, who has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel. Kelly, with two other men and a woman, has as recently as August 12th been travelling in a 16 cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan, 1932 model, motor #1400263, nine passenger, specially constructed, very large car, which was purchased by Mrs. Catherine Thomas Kelly at Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon. This car may bear Ohio, 1933, license plates #691-965. It has also been reported that the Kellys intended to purchase a 12 cylinder convertible coupe from the Cadillac agency at Cleveland. You are requested to exert every effort to cause the apprehension of Kelly and the detention of his associates who were last reported to be travelling towards Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio.

The offices covering the Canadian and Mexican borders should continue their contacts with border officials and utilize every possible means to prevent the escape of Kelly into either of these countries and cause his apprehension. The Division should be advised immediately should any information be obtained concerning Kelly or his associates. Kelly is described as follows:

Age - 35	Complexion - medium ruddy
Height - 5' 9 1/2"	Build - medium muscular
Weight - 177 pounds	Eyes - gray or blue
Hair - dark brown	Expert machine gunner

Fingerprint classifications: 23 27 W 0  
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Very truly yours,

Encl. #668193  
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SPC:

August 13, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,  
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

There are inclosed herewith photographs and criminal record of one George R. Kelly, who has been identified as one of the kidnapers of Mr. Urschel. Kelly, with two other men and a woman, has as recently as August 12th been traveling in a 16 cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan, 1932 model, motor #1400263, 9 passenger, specially constructed, very large car, which was purchased by Mrs. Catherine Thorne Kelly at Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon. This car may bear Ohio 1933 license plates #691-965. It has also been reported that the Kellys intended to purchase a 12 cylinder convertible coupe from the Cadillac agency at Cleveland. You are requested to exert every effort to cause the apprehension of Kelly and the detention of his associates who were last reported to be traveling towards Indianapolis, Indiana, and Cleveland, Ohio.

The offices covering the Canadian and Mexican borders should continue their contacts with border officials and utilize every possible means to prevent the escape of Kelly into either of these countries and cause his apprehension. The Division should be advised immediately should any information be obtained concerning Kelly or his associates. Kelly is described as follows:

Age - 35	Complexion - medium ruddy
Height - 5' 9 1/2"	Build - medium muscular
Weight - 177 pounds	Expert machine gunner
Eyes - gray or blue	Fingerprint classification:
Hair - dark brown	23 27 W O
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The above information is to be held in strict confidence within the Division and is not to be disclosed to any parties not connected officially with the Division.

Very truly yours,

Incl. 668920  
AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

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Director.

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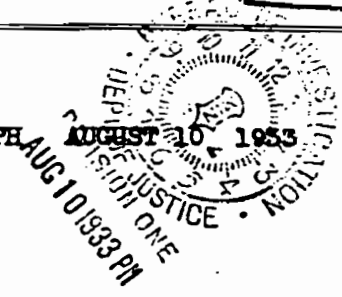
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Mr. Clegg	.....
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Mr. Hughes	.....
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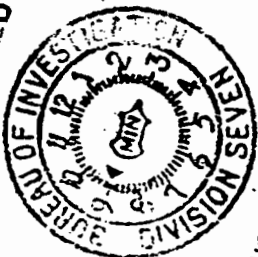
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IF SO WILL INDICATE ONE OF PRINCIPALS TO BE GEORGE KELLEY TULSA  
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