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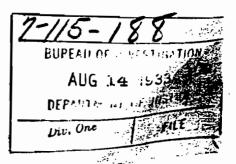
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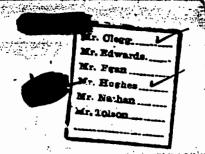
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Agent in Charge Hanni with reference to the telegram received from Oklahoma City advising that a conspiracy complaint had been filed against nine persons under the Extortion Act, at Oklahoma City, the complaint having been made at the request of the St. Paul Office, and all persons named in the complaint residing there or in Minneapolis. The names of these persons, as ascertained from Agent in Charge Hanni, are as follows:

Tom Banks,

Kid Can,

Barney Beerman,

Morris Posnick,

Sam Cook,

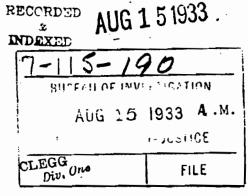
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S. Kronick,

M. L. Binder,

Peter Hackett.



Agent in Charge Hanni stated that the liquor racket in St. Paul and Minneapolis is controlled by Tom Banks and that all of the hoodlums consider Banks the "big shot" and they are all under his domination. A tip was received by Agent in Charge Hanni to the effect that Banks had called the teller at the bank where the cashier's check had been purchased with the Urschel money, with reference to the purchase of this check. Peter Hackett, the right-hand man of Tom Banks is the man who cashed the cashier's check. Barney Beerman is the man who approached Charles Wolk, requesting that Wolk purchase the cashier's check. Beerman is the man who had the bills originally in his possession. Kid Can was with Barney Beerman at the time. Morris Posnick, Sam Cook, and Isidore Wolk are all henchmen of Tom Banks. M. L. Binder, an alleged broker, but who is in the "booze" racket, is the individual who deposited \$500 of the Urschel notes. S. Kronick, who operates a cosmetic store, deposited \$160 of the Urschel bills. He is 51 years of age. He is in custody.

Of the persons named, Peter Hackett, M. L. Binder, S. Kronick and Charles Wolk are in custody.

Respectfully, MA. W. Hughes.



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Mr. Olegg
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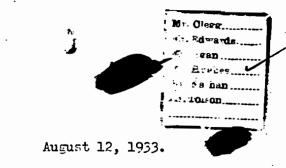
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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL - MR. COLVIN

With regard to the Urschel case Mr. Colvin advised that this morning they took into custody Harvey Bailey, R. J. Shannon and wife, Shannon's son and possibly his wife, and that they had on them some of the ransom money. Mr. Colvin stated they did not want any publicity on this matter until they get Kelly. These individuals were apprehended in the shack where Urschel was kept in Dallas. Colvin stated that these individuals had made confessions and implicated somebody else.

This information was given to Mr. Keenan immediately.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL - MF. JONES

Mr. Gus Jones advised they are holding these men on the 10th floor of the Dallas Jail; that they had arrested Bailey under the name of Jones and that he is being held incommunicado; that, however, they had recognized Bailey at the Jail but said they would give out nothing; that they had been told at the Jail that Bailey had been picked up as an escape from Lansing Penitentiary. Mr. Jones stated that it is imperative that the lead on George Kelly be followed out. I requested that Mr. Jones send in a code telegram this afternoon outlining all details. Mr. Jones stated they are still working around the shack as they believe some money might be buried around there. I requested that a telegram be sent in tomorrow giving any new developments. Mr. Jones advised that Urschel was with the Agents then they went in the house, and identified the house, furniture, etc., but was unable to identify Bailey as one of the men who actually took him from his house, but when apprehended Bailey had \$1200 of the ransom money on his person, it is believed, but that only \$700 of it has been checked as ransom money so far.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL - MR. NATHAN

I instructed Mr. Nathan to contact Connelley immediately and tell him to work on that matter at Indianapolis, and Mr. Nathan stated that he is already in Indianapolis. Mr. Nathan thought there was a possibility of Mr. Purvis' locating Kelly in Chicago as he comes through. I instructed that he contact Mr. Purvis.

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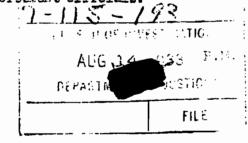
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Respectfully,

Director.

August 12, 1933

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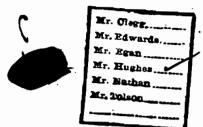
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H. S. Bureau of Investigation

Pepartment of Justice Washington, P. C.

August 7, 1933.



MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

When Agent in Charge Hanni finally called me last evening at about six o'clock he stated that the two persons in custody advised that they had been given \$1800 instead of \$1000 in cash by the men who approached them seeking to get a cashier's check and as a matter of fact they had purchased a cashier's check for \$1800 rather than \$1000. I asked Hanni if he had verified this. He stated he had not. I instructed that he immediately get in touch with the Cashier of the bank no matter where he was as the Bureau had telephoned to every office in the country giving them the \$1000 figure. I then instructed that he wire each office if he found the figure to be \$1800. Within an hour the local office received a telegram stating that the cashier's check was for \$1800 rather than \$1000. Hanni says that the original information relative to the figure of \$1000 was received from the Cashier of the bank on Saturday. It appears that \$1000 of the \$1800 consisted of \$20.00 Federal Reserve notes identified as the Urschel notes. The remaining \$800.00 is made up, as I understand, of other denominations of currency not appearing in the Urschel case.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

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H. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice Washington, D. C.

August 10, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

With reference to the case of mentioned in the attached correspondence with the St. Paul Office, the only record in our files on an individual by this name is the record indicated in the attached letter of June 16, 1931, addressed to the Identification Officer, State Convict Department, Montgomery, Alabama.

It will be observed that no Minneapolis history is given in this record and that the subject thereof is colored and at the present time twenty years old.

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June 16, 1951

Identification Officer, State Convict Department, Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your print received June 15, 1951, regarding the following is an abstract of subject's record on file in the Division of Identification and Information:

Subject as a rested PD, Birmingham, Ala., July 11, 1930, charge - grand larcemy; disposition not given.

Montgomery, Ala., June 2, 1951, from Jefferson Co., crime - robbery; sentence - 10 years.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover Director.

Copy to: PD, Birmingham, Ala.

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Department of Justice 1206 Law & Finance Bldg. Fittsburgh, Pennsylvania

August 12, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to copy of letter of the Charlotte Bureau Office to the Birmingham, Alabama Office, dated August 7, 1933; also copy of letter of the Birmingham Bureau Office to the Bureau, dated august 8, 1933, relative to circular of the Bureau dated August 7, 1935, with respect to list of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases please be advised that the matter of enlisting the cooperation of the Postal Telegraph Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company at Fittsburgh, and covering this district, has been taken up with Postal Telegraph Company, and Superintendent of the western Union Telegraph Company, both of whom have evidenced their desire to cooperate as requested.

However, they stated that the matter must necessarily be referred to their respective headquarters in New York City for approval, and they will this date communicate with their healquarters. Superinsuggested that if it is the desire of the Eureau to enlist the cooperation of all Western Union money order offices in the <u>United States, an expeditious arrangement might be effected through</u> Western Union Telegraph Co., Washington, D. C., who, as the representative of the company handling Governmental matters, might secure national authorization through his contacts with headquarters at New York City.

On the assumption that the cooperation of both of the herein referred to telegraph companies this district is authorized, it is suggested that the Bureau forward this office two hundred (200) copies of herein mentioned Bureau letter, dated August 7, 1933.

I am making this suggestion to the Bureau for such attention as may be deemed appropriate. RECORDED

Very truly yours

MCKEAN

Special agent in Charge

U. S. Bureau of Investigation Department of Justice

Washington, A. C.

August 12, 1933.

Memo. for Mr. Hoover:

Agents Colvin and Blake telephoned the Division at 8 P. M. today to give additional information concerning George R. Kelly, wanted in connection with the Urschel kidnapping case. They advised that Kelly, with two other men and a woman, was traveling in a 16 cylinder blue-black Cadillac: *32 model; Motor #1400263; 9 passenger - specially constructed, very large mar, which was purchased by Mrs. Kelly at Cleveland under the name of Mrs. Ora LoShannon; that an intercepted letter indicated that the Kellys were to be in Cleveland on August 10th or 11th to purchase a 12 cylinder convertible coupe from the Cadillac agency there. Since the Detroit office did not appear to have a file on the Kansas City case angle involving Kelly, Colvin telephoned the Cincinnati office and requested that arrangements be made to cover the Cleveland angle.

Mr. Blake advised that four confessions had been obtained from the persons captured near Paradise, Texas, and that it did not appear that Brady was in the "snatch". I instructed Blake and Colvin to wire the Division tonight and tomorrow night, giving complete summaries of the developments for your information, in code when necessary.

I telephoned the New York office Agent and Portland Saint Paul (Mr. Nathan); Cincinnati instructing that the Canadian ports be closely covered with a view to apprehending Kelly and his companions in the event they endeavor to leave the country. I instructed the Detroit Office to advise at once in the event a car was purchased by the Kellys, in order that supplementary information might be furnished auxiliary offices. Connelley at Indianapolis advised that efforts are being made there to locate the Kellvs. His address during the day is in care of Post Office Inspector hotel, the Severin.

Agent Colvin furnished a criminal record of Kelly as disclosed by the files of the Dallas Police Department. I instructed Mr. Edwards to locate was unable to find it) and the file (after prepare 75 photographs of Kelly tomorrow morning. Mr. Cowley will arrange for the transmission of a letter to each office sending out the photographs and criminal record for use in the event Kelly is not apprehended at RECORDED Cincinnati or Clveland.

Agent Colvin also stated possible one George Bates was involved the kidnapping and that possibly this men has a criminal record from Denver. Mr. Edwards was unable to identify such an individual gn the 1933 information furnished.

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August 8, 1933.

TELEPHONE CALLS - re Urschel case.

Mr. Hanni advised that he needed some additional men to help in the matter of the Urschel ransom money; that the men at St. Paul have been working 48 hours straight, and that the additional men are needed to help interview the people they are planning to bring to the St. Paul office; that yesterday they discovered where \$160 more of this ransom money had been passed; that last night one of the men in custody gave the name of the man who gave the check in connection with \$1800 of this money, and that the Agents are endeavoring to locate this man. I advised Mr. Hanni I would have two men sent to St. Paul from Chicago right away, and that Mr. Nathan would be there at noon. Mr. Hanni advised that is or has been at Ocean City, N. J., as there is no doubt whatever that was the handwriting on an envelope addressed to The Plantation, White Bear Lake, St. Paul, Minnesota: that this letter was mailed at Ocean City on August 4th addressed to 5:29 a.m.

Mr. Cullen at New York was contacted and advised he had four men working at Atlantic City yesterday, but that they followed the woman under surveillance to Nevark; that they followed her to a hotel and that she got out of the hotel without their seeing her leave; that they lost her because the party split up and left at separate times from the hotel. I advised Mr. Cullen of the letter at Ocean City on August 4th at 5:29 a.m., and that it addressed by was likely, therefore, that was in this crowd. Mr. Cullen advised were two of the Agents assigned to this matter, but he could not remember the names of the other two. Mr. Cullen says he thinks the reason we lost the people was that our Agents, when the party split, endeavored to follow both parts; that, however, they lost the first party in which the girl was, and picked up the second. Mr. Cullen stated that charge of this angle of the case. I suggested to Mr. Cullen that he put someone else in charge. Mr. Cullen advised that these other two people in the crowd are persons with whom this woman has been cuite close, and are named when the party split two people went to Newark and two to New York, and that the two who went to Newark were this woman and a man. Mr. Cullen advised that has been directing this case from the New York office. I requested Mr. Cullen to let me have the names of the two Agents who lost this party right away.

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stayed in Atlantic City to check some telephone calls and do some other were riding started boiling over work; that the car in which and when the car they were following was going seventy miles an hour, and they consequently could not keep up with it; that the other car in which riding managed to keep up with the car; that the party went in a hotel in waited, and the came out, got in the car, and Newark; that the porter put some baggage in that car, and they departed; that the direction in which that car was going and called the office, and they endeavored to cover that car coming through the tunnel, and when turned to the hotel the woman was gone; that they picked up the car going through the tunnel, but were unable to keep up with them; that they gave every indication of knowing they were being followed. I advised that I thought it was very unwise for to send alone in a car to follow this party, and also, that it did not seem necessary for two them to remain at Atlantic City to check telephone calls. I requested that Mr. Cullen personally conduct the remainder of this investigation and put some capable investigators on this assignment. I advised Mr. Cullen that I was considering sending through suspension orders on Agent

Mr. Purvis later advised by telephone that the had provided him with a list of 157 public enemies, showing their addresses and their hangouts; that is going to get pictures of these individuals for Mr. Purvis. Mr. Purvis requested that when he sends these names to Vashington and a list is made, he be furnished with a copy.

Mr. Purvis stated that and mc make proceeded to St. Paul, and that if another man is needed he can send Agent but I advised that I thought he had better keep at Chicago.

With regard to the matter, Mr. Purvis advised that received another telephone call this morning at eleven o'clock, which the Agents covered, but that and the caller reached no agreement; the caller is to take up with the gang the matter of accepting \$1,000; that they only talked three minutes today, four yesterday, and that it takes eleven minutes to trace a call there. Mr. Purvis advised that one of the police working with the Agents had stated that had said that they had the case all set, and that he, Mr. Purvis, had been considering breaking the case right away and turning it over to by letter, but that if they do that they lose their chances of finding the man who is calling and I suggested that they wait until Thursday and see what breaks by that time.

Mr. Purvis further advised that this morning of the United Press came in to see him and stated he had a man who could locate in

three days, and inquired whether there was any reward. He was advised that there was no outstanding reward but that the man would be paid if he gave information leading to the apprehension of He stated that later he discovered that was a good friend of who says he can locate is going to endeavor to get to let him tell Mr. Purvis about his leads. I advised Mr. Purvis that we knew was at Ocean City, N.J. informant's wife is running on August 4th. advised that wife in Chicago at the present time. I suggested that around with Mr. Purvis call New York about this matter.

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With further reference to the case, Mr. Purvis advised that several days ago received a card through the mails which read - "Beware, pay balance of ransom", and was signed "Rat". Mr. Purvis, however, believed this letter was sent by a "nut".

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. AUGUST 11 1955. DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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DEVELOPMENTS TODAY LOCATION OF SHACK NEAR PARADISE TEXAS PRACTICALLY

CERTAIN AND SPECIAL AGENTS JONES WHITE WINSTRAD VICTIM AND OTHER OFFICERS

PROCEEDED THAT VICINITY THIS EVENING BUT ARRIVED TOO LATE TO ACT AND ARE

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GEORGE EELLY AT INDIANAPOLIS AS IF LOCATION OF SHACK IS CORRECT WE CANT

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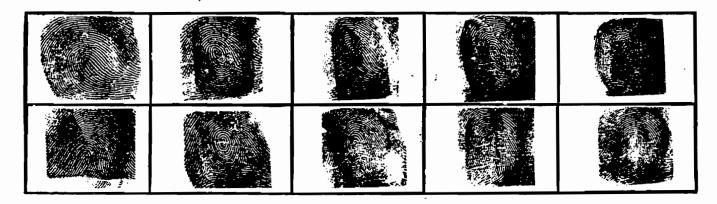
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WANTED

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

KIDNAPING



DESCRIPTION

Age, 35 years Height, 5 feet, 9½ inches Reight, 177 pounds Build, medium muscular Eyes, blue or gray Eair, dark brown Complexion, medium ruddy Expert machine gunner

Remarks: Sometimes wears octagon shaped rimless glasses.

les. Kelly.



CRIMINAL RECORD

As George Kelly, No. 1968, received State Prison, Santa Fe, New Mexico, March 14, 1927; crime, violation National Probibition Act.

As George Kelly, No. 5298, arrested Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 24, 1927; charge, state vagrancy. As George Kelly, No. 2392, arrested Sheriff's Office, Tulsa, Oklahoma, January 12, 1928; charge, National Prohibition Act

Prohibition Act.

As George Kelley, No. 29362, received United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas, February 11, 1928, from Tulsa, Oklahoma; crime, Possession of liquor (Indian Cy); sentence 3 years,

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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.

Ivestigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

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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 bereof, which is pearest your city.

(over) Issued by: J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director.

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H. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma August 13, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

As requested by Mr. R. H. Colvin, Special Agent in Charge here, but who is at present at Dallas, Texas, I am forwarding herewith two photographs of one George Keely Tulsa, Oklahoma P.D. #5298 who I understand is involved in the recent kidnaping of C.F. Urscheit here in Oklahoma City.

Very truly yours,

K. D. Deaderick, Acting Special agent in Charge.

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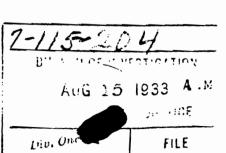
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Bureau of Investigation 311 Hurley-Wright Building Washington, D. C.

August 14, 1933

Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.



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Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated August 7, 1933, concerning list of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases, please be advised that a sufficient supply of lists of bank notes paid as ransom in the case of CHARLES F. URSCHEL, of Oklahoma City, have been received and as instructed mailed to the banks, both State and Federal, in the district covered by the Washington Field Office.

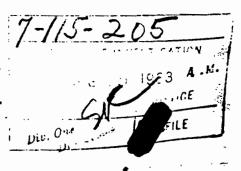
Very truly yours,

T. N. STAPLETON,

Acting Special Agent in Charge

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TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. NATHAN

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Mr. Nathan suggested Agent of Chicago to work with and and others in the vicinity of Saint Paul, and I reminded Mr. Nathan that Agent was acting in a supervisory opposite at Chicago, and doubted the advisability of taking him from those duties at this time.

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In connection with the Urschel case, Mr. Nathan advised that the men they have in jail are talking very little; that there was a story current in Saint Paul yesterday that the man who laid down the ranson money was one and that Chicago is endeavoring to pick this man up, but that the best information available is that he had nothing to do with the matter; that yesterday morning they contacted the Mayor of Minneapolis and the Chief of Police, and amicably laid down the law, so to speak, particularly to the Chief of Police; that the Chief said they would lend every possible cooperation, but that he desired to talk privately and confidentially with Mr. Nothers that in this private

they would lend every possible cooperation, but that he desired to talk privately and confidentially with Mr. Nathan; that in this private conversation the Chief had stated that he believed there was a "leak" in the Saint Paul office and cuoted several incidents which he believed were caused by "leaks" all of which Mr. Mathan could explain; that the Chief said the kidnaper was one George V Kelly, but Mr. Nathan knows that the man he had in mind is one George RO Kelly, for whom we have been looking for some time, and who the Oklahoma City office last Saturday thought they had located in Dallas, but this failed to materialize, but that, however, wife and Kelly's wife are quite intimate and that their mail and telephone calls down there have been covered for quite a while; that the Chief insists that George Kelly has been in

Minneapolis and has laid down some of the ransom money, but that he has now left that vicinity, and will return in a week or ten days after things quiet down, and that the Chief promised that when that time came he and

Mr. Nathan would take Kelly into custody.

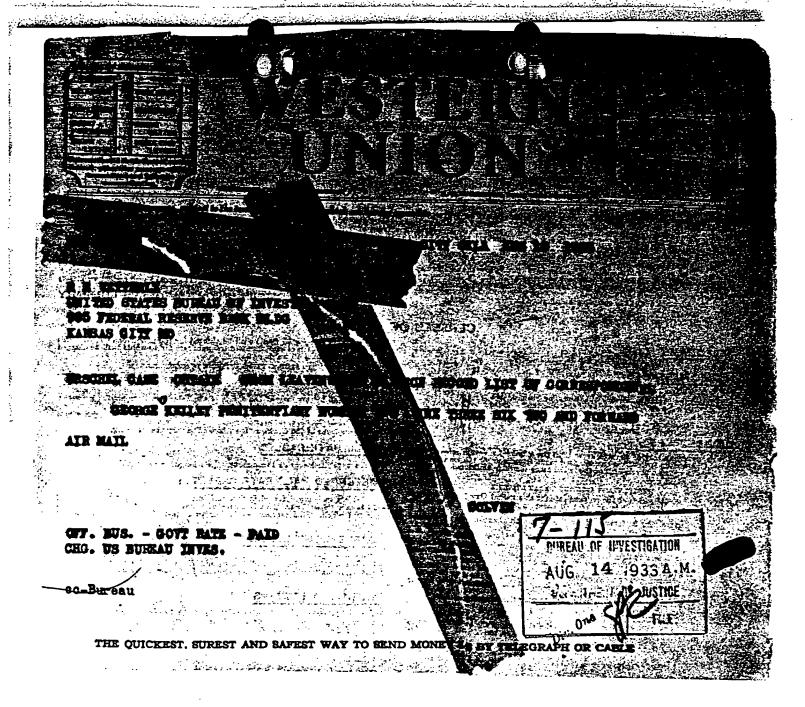
That he had contacted Gus Jones at Oklahoma City and that Jones advised that they have been covering the mail of Kelly for some time; that on August 4th Kelly did send a letter from St. Paul; that on August 7th Kelly sent a letter from Madison, Wisconsin; that he was expected in a day or so to call at the General Delivery window at Indianapolis; that Kelly is supposed to closely resemble "Pretty Boy" Floyd; that he instructed Jones to show a picture of Kelly to the Urschels, and that if Kelly appears in Indianapolis he should be taken into custody. Mr. Nathan stated that Jones had forwarded an Air Mail letter to the Cincinnati office in this regard, but I suggested that Mr. Nathan personally contact Mr. Connelley.

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Mr. Nathan advised that he had informed the mot, primarily a liquor gang, that we had plenty on them to throw them all in jail, but that he was willing to deal with them as previously indicated but wanted facts from them. Mr. Nathan further stated they are now going to stop bringing them in, but of course will talk to anyone who comes in voluntarily. He believes that the fact that the correspondence the Judge had ties in with the information the Chief had, is very encouraging. I suggested to Mr. Nathan that he tell Connelley to personally cover the matter of the General Delivery window at Indianapolis. He stated that they today picked up another \$20 ransom note.

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August 11, 1933.

There are attached four positive photostats of the fingerprints and photographs (excepting in the case where we do not have a photograph) in the cases of Criminal individuals known as Hanrahan records as disclosed by our files are also attached.

These are being sent air mail, special delivery.

Sincerely yours,

% Enc. #201862.

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY.

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The following is our record in the case of

Subject as arrested 80, Phillipsburg, Kansas; no further information given. Print received Pebruary 27, 1928.

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The following is our record in the case of

Subject as arrested 23, Chicago, Ill., July 22, 1982, charge soldery - gam (5); held to Criminal Court \$30,000 band.

Til., Oct. 7, 1982 from Cock County, crime subbery armed; sentence 1 year to life (5 commitments to run concurrently).

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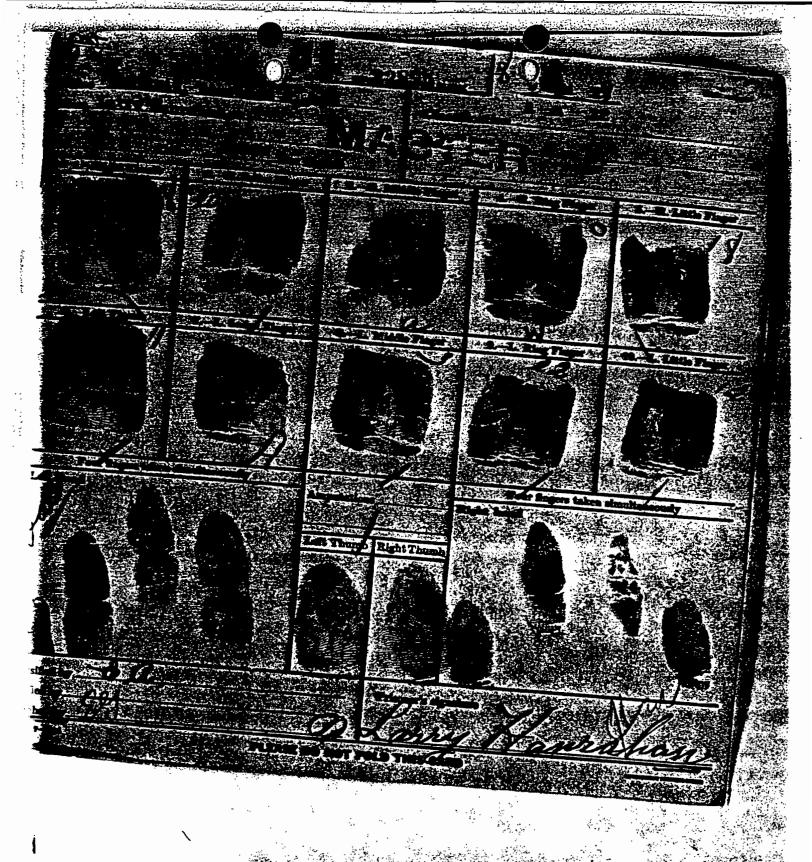
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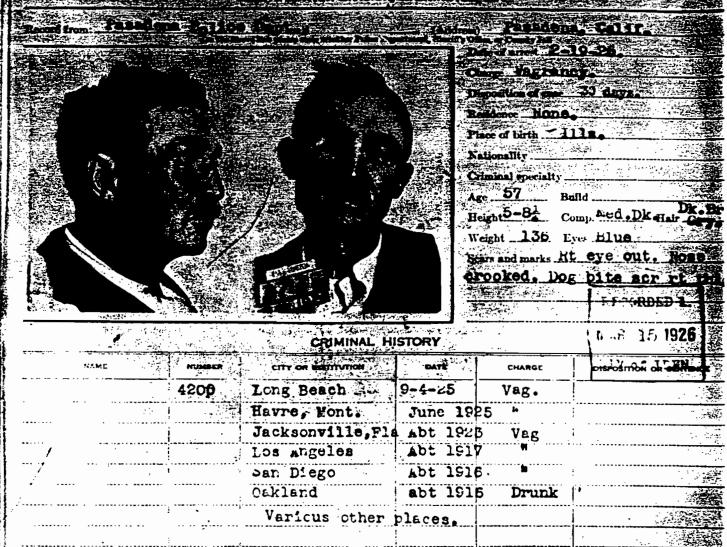
"Arrested various other places.
Oakland, about 1916, drunk.
San Diego, about 1916, vagrancy.
Los Angeles, about 1917, vagrancy.
Jacksonville, Fla., about 1925,
vagrancy.
Havre, Mont., June 1925, vagrancy.
#4200, Long Beach, 9-4-25, vagrancy."

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August 11, 1955

The following is our record in the case of

Subject as arrested PD, Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 5, 1926, Charge grand larecay; disposition not given.

As arrested PD, Minneapolis, Minne, July 51, 1950, sharge indecent assault; disposition not given.

Notation:

"May 5, 1926 as man, vagrancy; dismissed."

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August 11, 1985,

Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Fustice, 205 Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minageota.

Dear Sir:

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Supplementing the Division's telegram of August 9th, relative to the case of please be informed that the following is the resort of an individual of this name as disclosed by the Division's fingerprint files:

As arrested PD, Birmingham, Ale., July 11, 1950, charge grand larceny.

received State Convict Department, Hontgomery, Ala., June 2, 1931, from Jefferson County, erime robbery; sentence 10 years.

It will be observed that no Minneapolis criminal history is given in this record and that the subject thereof is colored and at the present time twenty years old. Further, it would appear that he is still incarcerated under the jurisdiction of the State Convict Department, Montgomery, Alabama.

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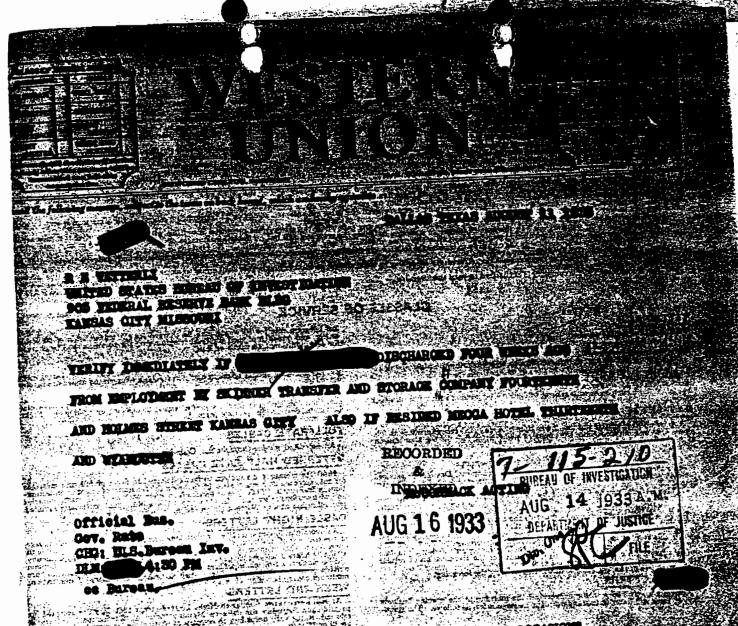
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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234 Federal Building Oklahoum City, Oklahoum August 10, 1985

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Special Agent in Charge United States Bareau of Investigation 905 Federal Reserve Bank MAg., Baneau City, Missouri.

Deer Sir:

Our investigation into the Breshel Kidnapping indicates complicity upon the part of one George Kelly, a son-in-law of R. G. Shannon, Paradise, Texas.

The following telegrams are quoted:

D.BG.V. 5 Chicago Ill July 19 1953 1165 am RGShaunca Paradise Texas Notting for call signed Lang 1842 p.m.

Apparently the Chicago office of the Western Union wired the operator at Paradise to have Shanzon reply quickly for the following was sent:

MC CHICAGO ILL July 19 1953 Yours 19th date RGShammen signed Lang called on Shammon for \bigcup_{k} promised answer as soon as he can get details Paradise Texas

D. RD W. 9 XC July 19 1933 1159 am Chicago Illinois RGShannon Paradise Texas Details by mirmail souvenirs by express at once signed Lang 1247 pm

Denver Colo SS5 pm June 15 1933

RGShanmon RFD phone 1606F11 Paradise Texas

Message just received delayed account address impossible for me to
make trip at once anyway waiting word from Chicago regarding finances
write me same didress give full particulars if and when drilling is
to start signed George 440 Palla

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Paradise Tems May 15 1885 Lilling State Motel Kensas City No. Will call Tuesday night 8:30 after socing Davis signed Shemmon.

You are requested to shock at the State Botel for all infermation possible as to Lang.

A copy of this letter is being furnished the Chicago effice with request that efforts be unde through the Western Union to identify Lang and secure as much information concerning him as possible.

Yery truly yours,

R. M. Colvin, Special Agent in Charge.

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203 Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Angust 12,1933.

Unal Agent in Charge, 1900 States Bureau of Investigation, Chickers' Building,

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Re: UNENOWN SUBJECTS.
URSCHEL KIDMAPING.
St. Paul File No.7-8.

you and Mr. Nath reference to telephonic communication between with aliases, enclosed find photograph of GEORGE KELLEY, Qur use.

in your own office suggested that you cause photostats to be made its purpose. It return this picture as soon as it has served

Very truly yours,

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1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Illinois.

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

August 12, 1985.

Special Agent in Charge, United States Bureau of Investigation, 619 Federal Building, Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects; Charles F. Urschel, Victim; Kidnaping. Oklahoma City, Origin. Chicago File #7-26.

Please be advised that this office has received telephonic information from the St. Paul Bureau Office, to the effect that had transported approximately \$200,000.00 ranson money paid in this case, from Oklahome City to St. Paul, and requested that the Chicago Bureau Office contact of the Chicago Police, immediately, for the purpose of ascertaining the present location of if possible, inasmuch as reported to be informed regarding movements.

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An interview with disclosed that he is not personally acquainted with his apprehension in Chicago during 1928 and 1929.

that no doubt is the payoff men for confidence men in the west, for he has contacts at Los Angeles, California, and Reno, Nevada.

Today, telephoned and stated that the was in Los Angeles about one month ago, at which time he furnished bond for a man and his wife, named the who were arrested on shoplifting charges. It is highly possible that the can be located through this source.

Through a confidential informant, who is personally acquainted with it was ascertained that the latter was in Los Angeles recently, and probably not later than three months ago he was residing at the Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood, California, where he is the head of a confidence ring and is reputed to be worth \$200,000.00.

Physical description of the party as obtained from a Wanted Card issued by the Chief of Police at Tacoma, Hashington, follows:

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Residence - Minneapolis, Minneapta
Age - 35 years, in 1928

Height - 5 feet 10 inches, shoes
Weight - 232 pounds
Complexion - Medium ruddy
Hair - Brown
Build - Stout
Cooupation - Salesman
Nativity - Minneapolis, Minneapta
Nationality - Jewish

The following is the known criminal record of as taken from the Tacoma, Washington, Wanted Card:

Missouri State Pen. No.

Alnnea polis, Kinn., Police Dept.

In addition to the above, he has done time in the following places: Stillwater, Minn., Penitentiary; Omaha, Neb.; St. Joseph, Mo.; Bismarck, N. D.

A photograph of bearing his fingerprint impressions and physical description, is attached hereto for your assistance in causing his location at Hollywood or Los Angeles, California. In the event is located, it is the request of the St. Paul Bureau Office that he be held in communicado and the St. Paul Bureau Office be contacted immediately.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS, Special Agent in Charge.

Enc. J CC: Bureau, St. Paul, Oklahoma City.

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On August 8, 1933, the State Grand Jury at St. Louis, Missouri, returned town bills of indistant against the following individuals charging all of them with the kidneping of August Loars Forey Michael Fitugoruld: Rendel Regene Bervell: Welter Helland: Mike Musicles Christ Elocle Citches Liept Boyles Hrs. Lillien Chossens Charles Chessens Grace Chase, According to information received from State's Attorney Lester Goers at St. Louis, an endeavor will be made to keep the indistreet against Lloyd Dayle secret until Boyle has been apprehended. In addition to Doyle, Helter Helland, with aliases, and Grace Chase, with aliases, are still at large, all other subjects mentioned above having been taken into pustody. Charles Chessen and Mrs. Lillian Chassen were taken into sustedy subsequent to the last menorandum sent you relative to the Lawr case. You will recollect that they are the "finger" people who are alleged to have pointed out wealthy prospects, including August Luar, to the kidnaping gang. Mrs. Idllian Chassen admitted to two Agents of the Division of Investigation from the St. Louis Office that the last reason note demanding \$16,000 from Luor had been written in her home, and that she had driven the car at the time this renson note was thrown into the yard of Doctor Meyer at Bast Alton, Illinois.

Kidnanine of Charles F. Breshel.

Information has been received by telephone from the St. Paul Office of the Division of Investigation to the effect that a conspiracy complaint has been filed at Oklahoma City against mine individuals under the Extertion Act. The individuals against whom the conspirecy complaint was filed as noted above include Tom Benks, an alleged bootlogger of St. Peul, and Minneapolis, and several of his henchmen, all of whom figured in the arrangements relative to the purchase of a cashier's check with some of the twenty-dellar bills paid as renson by Mr. Urschel. Two other individuals against whom complaints have been filed are H. L. Binder, an alleged broker, also active in the "boose" racket, who deposited \$500 of the Urschel notes, and S. Kronick who operates a cosmetic store and who deposited \$160 of the Brechel bills. Three of the individuals against whom complaints have been filed at Oklahoma City, as noted above, have been taken into custody and it is expected that the remainder will be apprehended within a short time.

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Room 1405 870 Lexington Avenue New York City

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August 14, 1988

Special igent in Charge Division of Investigation 284 Federal Building Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

> Re: Unknown Subjects (Charles F. Urschel - Victim) Kidneping

Dear Sir:

Under date of August 8, 1933 a of the First National Bank, New Milford, Connecticut, sent a letter to this office advising as follows:

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"We formerly had an account, one electrician, whose address at that time was Marble-dale, Conn., which is located six or seven miles north of here but this account is now closed. We understand that this came originally from Haymerket, Virginia.

This information is given you in confidence and of source we have no knowledge that it has any reference to the mentioned in your letter to us of august 6th, 1935."

This information is being furnished to you for whatever value it may be worth.

Very truly yours,

T. F. CULLEN Special Agent in Charge

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G. A. SIEBERT, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
RUSSELL SAVILLE, ASSISTED AND TRUST OFFICER

August 12, 1933.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director, U. S. Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We acknowledge receipt of your circular letter of August 7th, giving a list of numbers of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases.

We will, of course, cooperate in the most earnest manner with you in endeavoring to bring the receivers of these notes to justice.

Very truly yours,

PRESIDENT.

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MEMORANDOM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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Bates will be placed immediately under Federal process, charging him with the kidnaping of Charles F. Brackel.

Vigorous investigation is now being made by the Agents at Denver, Colorado. This leaves only one of the kidnapers at liberty, namely George Kelly.

Respectfully,

Director.

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

I have just received advice from my Salt Lake City office to the effect that George Bates, with aliases, identified as one of the kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel by the confessions reseived from the individuals taken into custedy in Texas, is now in custedy at Denver, Colorado. Bates was arrested by the Denver police and was being held on a charge of investigation. When word was received by our Texas office of this arrest they promptly communicated with the Salt Lake City office and Bates was identified as the person wanted for the kidnaping of Hr. Urschel.

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Room 1403, 570 Lexington Avenue, New York, N. Y.



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

Dear Sir:-

This will refer to the telephone conversation between Mr. Vincent Hughes of the Division and myself, on August 12, 1933, during which Mr. Hughes advised that the Division had received a postal card from the Nichols National Bank of Nichols, N. Y., A. M. Ryan, Cashier, to the effect that the bank would be governed by the letter of August 7, 1933.

Please be advised that this communication from the bank undoubtedly refers to the Division Bulletin dated August 7, 1933, listing bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases. This bulletin was sent to the New York office for distribution to banks in the district.

In view of this, no further inquiry will be made at the Nichols National Bank.

Very truly yours,

T. F: CULLEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDOM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MALLOY.

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Bates will be placed immediately under Federal process, charging him with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel.

Vigorous investigation is now being made by the Agents at Denver, Colorado. This leaves only one of the kidnapers at liberty namely George Kelly.

Very truly yours.

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GATES.

I have just received advice from my Salt Lake City office to the effect that George Hates, with aliases, identified as one of the kidnapers of Charles F. Drachel by the confessions received from the individuals taken into custody in Texas, is now in custody at Denver, Colorado. Bates was arrested by the Denver pelice and was being held on a charge of investigation. When word was received by our Texas office of this arrest they promptly communicated with the Salt Lake City office and Bates was identified as the person wanted for the kidnaping of Mr. Urschel.

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Vigorous investigation is now being made by the Agents at Denver, Colorado. This leaves only one of the kidnepers at liberty, namely George Kelly.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MIMORANDUM FOR MR. KEEMAN Special Assistant to the Attorney General

I have just received advice from my Selt Lake City office to the effect that George Bates, with aliases, identified as one of the kidnapers of Charles F. Brachel by the confessions received from the individuals taken into custody in Texas, is now in custody at Deaver, Colorado. Bates was arrested by the Deaver police and was being held on a charge of investigation. When word was received by our Texas office of this arrest they promptly communicated with the Salt Lake City office and Bates was identified as the person wanted for the kidnaping of Mr. Urschel.

Bates will be placed immediately under Federal process, charging him with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel.

Vigorous investigation is now being made by the Agents at Denver, Colorado. This leaves only one of the kidnapers at liberty, namely George Kelly.

Very truly yours,

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Department of Justice

1806 First National Bank Building Charlotte, N. C.

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Director Division of Investigation U. S. Department of Justice Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letters of August 13, 1933, in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim, Kidnaping.

There is enclosed herewith a specimen of the notice sent out by this office today to all law enforcement officials within the jurisdiction of the Charlotte office.

Very truly yours..,

L. B. REED, Acting

Special Agent in Charge

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

August 14, 1933

TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

The man named and described below are wanted in connection with the commission of a serious offense. Special efforts are being spent to cause their apprehension and your cooperation is requested. They are considered dangerous characters and will probably resist arrest.

> George Bates, aliases: Albert L. Bates, James C. King, George Davis, George Harris, Roy Harris, Bernard McLaughlin, Bernard Hughes.

Age:

Weight: yrs.

170 pounds.

Height: Hair:

51 11". Build: Slim.

Residence:

Light. Eyes: Blue.

5519 Blackstone, Chicago, Illinois. Wounded in shoulder and has silver plate therein.

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George R. Kelly, alias R. G. Shannon.

Age:

35 yrs. 5! 92"

Complexion: Build:

Medium ruddy. Medium muscular.

Height: Weight:

177 lbs. Expert machine gunner.

Eyes:

Gray or F. P. C .:

blue.

Hair:

Dark brown

Either or both of these men will probably be driving a 16 Cylinder blue-black Cadillac Sedan, 1932 model, Motor #1,400,263, 9 passenger, specially constructed, very large car. May bear Ohio 1933 license 691-965.

Please notify this office by telephone or telegraph, collect, of any information received.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy, Special Agent in Charge.

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Subject as Seorge Kelly, \$1968 V. S. S., received State Prison, Senta Pe W.S., March 14, 1927, from V. S. Court, erime violation Prekibition Act; \$250 fine.

As George Kelly, #5298, errested PD, Telsa, Wkla,, July 24, 1927, charge state vegrency, released - \$250 bond.

As Goo. Helly, #2332, arrested 80, Tulsa, Okla., Fem. 13, 1928, charge Mational Prohibition Act; disposition not given.

As George Kelley, #29362, Received U. S.Fonitentiary, Leavenworth, Kans., Feb.11, 1928, from Tulsa, Okla., crime possession of liquor (Indian Cy); sentence 3 years.

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August 13, 1933

The following is the criminal record of George Davis as disclosed in the Identification files of the Division:

Subject as James B. King, #1868, received SP, Carson City, Nevada, March 28, 1916, from Elko Co., crime, burglary 1st degree; sentence 1 to 15 years, paroled November 13, 1917.

As Albert L. Bates, #861, arrested PD, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 4, 1919, charge petty larceny; sentence 6 months in the County Jail.

As George Davis, #--, SO, Ogden, Utah, arrested April 22,1920, at Salt Lake City, Utah, charge, burglary; disposition not given.

As Geo. Harris, #3945, received SP, Salt Lake City, Utah, August 3, 1921, from Salt Lake County, crime burglary 2nd degree; sentence not given, wanted for escape - notified 10-27-26.

As Albert L. Baves, # ---, inquiry made by 80, Grand Junction, Colorado, October 27, 1926.

As A. L. Bates, #14000, received SP, Canon City, Colorado, May 10, 1927, from Mesa County, crime burglary and larceny; sentence 3 to 5 years, discharged on expiration of term, Sept. 15, 1930.

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

The following notations appear on our records:

*4-22-20, #993, Salt Lake City, Utah, Geo. Davis, burglary for Ogden, Utah, PD, 4-22-20, released to Ogden Authorities.
4-22-20, #28, Ogden, Utah, George Davis, burglary (returned from Salt Lake City, Utah; held to answer, transferred to Co. Jail.
4-22-20, Weber Co., Utah, #--, Geo. Davis, burglary; 5-8-20; sentenced to Utah State Prison.
5-8-80, #3792, SP, Salt Lake City, Utah, Geo. Davis, burglary 2nd degree, from Weber Co., sentence indeterminate, 1-15-21, terminated.

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> 7-20-21, Salt Lake County, Ttah, f-, George Harris, burglary 2nd degree; sentenced to Utah State Prison. 8-3-21, Utah State Prison, #3945, George Harris, burglary 2nd degree; from Salt Lake County, sentenced indeterminate term, 4-21-23, escaped from Cedar City, Utah Jail, while being returned from road camp. Wanted 10-15-24, returned from Kimball, Nebraska where he was arrested for robbery; 10-23-25, terminated. 8-12-24, George Harris, PD, Kimball, Nebr., suspected of bank robbery; returned to the Utah State Prison, Salt Lake City, Utah. 10-9-26, Leadville, Colo., #--, as Bates, safe burglary. 5-10-27, Colorado SP, #14000, Albert Bates, burglary and larceny; sentence 5 years, transferred to Colorado St. Ref. to work 8-5-27. Escaped - Apprehended - Discharged 9-15-30. Wanted, George Harris, robbery, notify SO, Lincoln, Nebraska. Wanted, A. L. Bates, (14000 SP, Canon City, Colo.); notify PD, Lincoln, Nebraska. Wanted, Roy Harris (possibly identical), for holdup. Notify PD, Idaho Falls, Idaho. Wanted, Albert L. Bates, #861, PD, Salt Lake City, Utah; notify PD, Salt Lake City, Utah. 12-8-31, #152, St. Police, Paw Paw, Mich., carrying concealed weapons and driving while intoxicated; 35 days in Jail, fine and costs of \$74.80; carrying concealed weapons charge pending. Wanted, Albert L. Bates, escaped from Paw Paw, Mich. Co. Jail, 12-25-31 while awaiting trial. Notify St. Department Public Safety, Lansing, Mich. (Also notify SO, Yorkville, Ill.) Wanted, burglary of money orders. Notify Special Agent, American Express Co., Chicago, Ill. (Per information received 3-21-32.) Arrested in Chicago about 3 years ago for being drunk. (Per information received 12-21-31, from St. Bu., Lensing, Mich.) Wheaton, Ill., PD, desires to prosecute Bates in Du Page County for robbery in Wheaton. (Per information received 12-21-31 from St. Bu., Lansing, Mich.)

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A.S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

Room 1403 370 Lexington Avenue New York City

August 14, 1935 - 16

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephonic conversation between Mr. Hughes and Agent of this office regarding an Associated Press dispatch from Buffalo, New York, indicating that information had been given by this office as to the identity of the Urschel kidnaping in connection with the request to all border officials to apprehend persons driving a 16 cylinder 9 passenger Cadillac with 1933 Ohio license plates #691965.

When the information was received from Assistant Director Tolson at 10:15 P.M. on August 12, 1933 concerning this car, all border points were communicated with telephonically by this office and advised to apprehend the persons driving this car, but no information was given as to the identity of the case. When information was received at this office on Sunday, August 13th, as to the number of the license plates, the officials at the border points were contacted, as well as the police at Albany and Rochester, and also Agent at Buffalo, but no information was given as to the name of the case in any manner. I am advised by Agent that when the office telephoned him at Buffalo to communicate with the officials there, he was not given the name of the case and could not and did not give any officials the identity of the case at Buffalo.

Upon receipt of Mr. Hughes' information that the name of the case had appeared in a dispatch at Buffalo, I communicated with Agent at Buffalo and had him make discreet inquiries to determine how the newspapers obtained same at Buffalo. Agent the article appeared in the Buffalo Courier and that the article stated that all officials, both American and Canadian, had been requested to look out for a car bearing Ohio license plates #691965, but that all officials at Buffalo, New York were "mum" but "it was believed that the case involved the kidnaping of Urschel at Oklahoma City."

The further informed me that the police at Buffalo had stated that a police reporter of the Buffalo Courier had seen the teletype flash which was sent out at the request of this office and that the reporter had apparently guessed that the alarm had some connection with the Urschel case.

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In this connection, the New York office received a telephone call at 11:50 P.M. Sunday, August 13th, from a of the Associated Press, who stated that he had received a story from Buffalo, New York, that this Department had requested that a certain Cadillac sedan with Ohio license plates be located and that he understood that the occupants of the car were suspects in the Urschel kidnaping case and that he desired to confirm this. He was advised under instructions from me, that this office had received a request from Washington to locate this car and that we had absolutely no information that the Cadillac sedan had any connection with the Urschel case or the name of any case in which the same was involved.

Very truly yours,

T. F. CULLEN

Special Agent.

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Bureau of Investigation

625 Lafayette Bldg. Detroit Michigan August 14 1933

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS

Charles F. Wrschel - Victim

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Dear Sir:

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Div. One File:

Reference is made to telephonic communication had with the Cincinnati Bureau office August 12, 1933 and also with the Bureau at Washington concerning the above entitled matter. Following is the result of investigation conducted at Cleveland, Ohio.

On May 51, 1933 a Mr. and Mrs. R. G? Shannon of Decatur, Texas registered at the Park Lane Villa Hotel, Park Lane & E. 105th Street, Cleveland, Ohio with a sixteen year old girl who they claimed was their daughter. They remained at this hotel until June 4, 1933, at which time they checked out leaving no forwarding address. They made only one telephone call from this hotel which was to a local dry cleaning company and has no significance.

On June 3, 1933, one day before they departed from the Park Lane Villa, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon appeared at the Cadillac Motor Sales Company in Cleveland and negotiated a trade of their 1929 Cadillac Convertible Coupe, Motor 333107 which had been purchased from the Ed G. Hall Cadillac Company, address and place unknown, but located somewhere in Texas, for a 16 cylinder Cadillac Sedan Motor No. 1400263, 1932 model, blue-black with large black trunk on rear. The price of this 16 cylinder Cadillac, which was immediately delivered to the Shannons by the Cadillac agency in Cleveland, was \$3,700. \$1,100 which included turn-in value on the old Cadillac Goupe was paid to the Cadillac Company at Cleveland on June 3 when the 16 cylinder Cadillac was secured and the deal was financed by the General Motors Acceptance Corp. In order that the machine might be taken out immediately without any delay, Mr. and Mrs. Shannon suggested that

of the Cadillac Motor Sales Company of Cleveland, call the City Marshal at Paradise, Texas who would vouch for them. This was done and the City Marshal, whose name could not be secured, advised that Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon were very fine people, reliable and that he would experience no difficulty in securing complete payment. The Shannons then departed from Cleveland with the 16 cylinder

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Cadillac on which 1933 Ohio license plates 691965 were attached. These license plates were issued to Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, who gave her address as the Park Iane Villa Hotel.

At the time this 16 cylinder Cadillac was purchased on June 3, a salesman for the Cadillac agency at Cleveland assisted in negotiating the sale and it has been learned that and Mr. and Mrs. Shannon became quite friendly. On the evening of June 3 these two families attended a party where there were some drinks served and Shannon evidently did considerable talking. After this party had broken up on the night of June 3, the salesman, proceeded back to the Cadillac agency and informed the General Sales Manager that Shannon had \$36,000 in cash in his pockets, stating that he had seen this money personally. The salesman also went to the suite in a hotel where it was noted that Mrs. Shannon had a large number of Parisian gowns designed by Chanel.

When Mr. and Mrs. Shamon and their daughter departed from the Park Lane Villa Hotel in June, they imformed the Sales Manager at the Cadillac agency that they were going to New York.

On June 2, 1933 a Cashier's Check drawn on the Peoples State Bank, Paradise, Texas in the amount of \$1,000 was forwarded by Shannon to the Cadillac Company at Cleveland as additional payment against the 16 cylinder Cadillac. The number of this check is 88-1737. This left a total of \$1,600 yet to be paid on the car. On June 26, 1933 a letter was received by at the Cadillac Agency, Cleveland signed by R. G. Shannon and on July 1, 1933 a letter was received signed by Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, which letters concerned the money owed on the car, the substance of the communications being that they were unable to make the necessary payments for a few weeks.

States that he responded to these communications advising that an extension of time in payment of the car was all right with him.

During the time that the 16 cylinder Cadillac was purch ased there was some talk between the Shannons and regarding a 12 cylinder Cadillac Coupe and Shannon indicated that perhaps some time he would desire such a car. This accounts for the latter addressed to Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, Paradise, Texas from Cadillac Motor Company, Cleveland, requesting them to appear at Cleveland to pick out the 12 cylinder Cadillac Coupe having one on display at that time.

R. G. Shannon appeared in his sales room and at that time he was paid the \$1,600 balance on the Cadillac previously sold to them; that the denomination

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of the money which he received were one \$1,000 bill and six \$100 bills. The descriptions of George R. Kelly and his wife were furnished to and he stated that they were identical with the persons who purchased the car from him under the name of R. G. Shannon except for the ages. He feels that Kelly is approximately 38 years of age and that his wife is about 34. Outside of that he was unable to add anything further concerning the descriptions other than the fact that Kelly alias Shannon is now wearing octagon shaped rimless glasses and that his wife was wearing a beautiful Martin diamond dinner ring which was quite noticeable. has today positively identified the photograph of George R. Kelly as that of the man who appeared at his place of business under the name of R. G. Shannon.

During the time of the visit on August 8 these people again talked about purchasing the 12 cylinder Cadillac Coupe and I am now in receipt of information from Special Agents and Chapman, who are covering this case at Cleveland, advising that Kelly alias Shannon, left a \$500 deposit with toward the purchase of a Cadillac 12 cylinder convertible coupe and Kelly informed that he intended to return to Cleveland in about a month. further advised that while Kelly and his wife were at the Cadillac agency on August 8 their 16 cylinder Cadillac Sedan was completely serviced and that when they departed from the garage on that date this automobile bore the same Ohio license plates as described above, 691965.

further informed the Agents that the alleged daughter who was with them when they originally purchased the Cadillac Sedan, was not along on this last trip; that before departing from Cleveland on the afternoon of August 9 Kelly informed that his wife's mother was seriously ill in Texas and that he was contemplating driving the car to Chicago where his wife would board an airplane for Texas.

Suggested that it would be closer to proceed to Columbus, O. to get a plane. However, it was quite clearly indicated upon their departure that the Kellys were planning to drive to Chicago. They talked about the roads to that City.

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This wire was signed, "George."

Inquiry at the Post Office at Cleveland reflected that George R. Kelly left a forwarding address on June 8, 1933 requesting that all mail be sent to 520 K. Washington Street, Syracuse, N.Y. This information was left at the General Delivery Window. It was also determined at the Cadillac Company that when the Kellys arrived on August 8 they requested permission to leave two handbags at the sales room and that these were loaded into the automobile the following day when they departed. Nothing unusual was seen in the car by the employees who serviced same.

who is cooperating with the Agents of this Division very nicely, states that he had not known the Kellys prior to their appearance at his sales room on June 5, 1935 when the 16 cylinder Cadillac was purchased. He has assured us that we shall be immediately notified in the event he receives any communication from Kelly or his wife.

The cash which was paid to by Kelly in the form of bills, is now being inquired into in an effort to determine if it has any connection with ransom paid in recent kidnapings.

It was also determined at the airport in Cleveland that the records of both the United Air Lines and the American Airways are at their headquarters at Chicago. An effort was made at Cleveland to determine if either Kelly or his wife had boarded a plane there.

The information concerning the wire from Minneapolis, Minn. was telephonically dispatched to Mr. Harold Nathan at the St. Paul Bureau office. The Chicago office was telephonically notified regarding the airplane records located in that city and the New York City office was notified by telephone regarding the forwarding address left by George R. Kelly at Cleveland. The substance of the above information has been telephonically transmitted to the Bureau.

The description of the alleged daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly was furnished as follows: Height about 5° 2"; Weight 85 lbs.; Age about 16; Build very thin; Hair dark blonde, long, not bobbed.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson

Special Agent in Charge

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August 14, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Dowd called and stated that they had in custody George Bates under the name of Albert M. Bates, but the police number under which he was held in Fort Worth given to him by Frank Blake identifies him positively as the Bates mentioned in the "rschel case. Agent in Charge Dowd stated that he had 'phoned at Denver and instructed that he immediately file a fugitive complaint charging him with the kidnaping of Urschel and see that he is placed under \$100,000.00 bond and that he be thoroughly interrogated. Dowd said he would like to go himself in accordance with the request of Blake but he had no one at all but himself at the office and he is working the night shift as well as the day shift; that he would go but would have to leave the office without anyone at all for a period of possibly twenty-four hours at least. I then suggested that he order another Agent in and He stated he would get hold of and have go to help or two. I suggested that they ascertain where Bates had been living so they could have a search made of the house; that they ascertain if the money on Bates at the time he was apprehended checks with the Urschel money and to be sure that ample protection was thrown around him if he was moved from the city jail where he is at present held only for investigation.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

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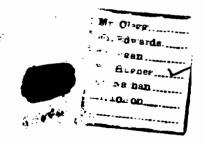
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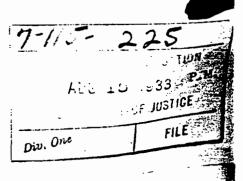
MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL - MR. DOVD

I advised Mr. Dowd I wanted him to leave immediately for Denver, Colorado, in connection with the apprehension of Bates; that he should have his stenographer keep in telephonic touch with him in order that in the event any matters of importance arise at Salt Lake City he can issue the proper orders; that I wanted a warrant sworn out against Bates on a kidnaping charge and held at \$100,000 bond; that care should be taken to have him placed in a jail from which he cannot escape or be rescued; that I wanted him, Dowd, to interview Bates and get him to talk, and make an endeavor to find where more of the ransom money is located, and I requested that either Mr. Dowd or send me a telegraphic summary of the facts developed at the earliest possible moment.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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with reference to the call of Congressmen Marvin Jones, of Texas, concerning an extertion letter received by h. B. Masterson, a ranch owner of Amarillo, Texas. I desire to advise that I called Dallas about eight o'clock last evening and talked to Special Agent Dunn. I inquired of Dunn relative to the Congressman's statement that the Dallas office had attorney for Masterson, that it had no men available and it would not be possible to take care of the extortion matter until Sunday. Agent Dunn stated that he knew absolutely nothing about the matter as he had been out all day and had not been on the desk; that probably Agent McCormack had been on the desk at the time. I instructed Dunn to immediately proceed to Amarillo. Be stated he would take a train out within the next hour and arrive in Amerillo the first thing this morning, see Mr. Masterson and and give the matter prompt attention. I also instructed him to call the Director or the writer after he had talked to Masterson.

This morn the I called the balles office and talked to Special Agent McCorneck. he . with the request in question was received and that the request came by telephone from the Chief of Police at Amerillo about four o'clock yesterday afternoon; that the Chief of Police merely asked him to send a men immediately to Amerillo but declined to either name or characterise the case. McCormack asked if they could not give him that information in order that he might determine the urgency of the matter. The Chief stated that there were so many people around he could not talk on the telephone but that he personally could give the matter the necessary attention until the Dallas office could send a man to Amerillo, not leter than Sunday. Mr. McCormack stated he had advised the Chief of Police that they were short handed and probably could not get a man to Amerillo until Sunday. He, McCormack, was not aware, at any time, of the fact that the matter was a kidnaping or a threatened kidnaping. The Chief of Police gave him no names over the telephone and did not inform him relative to Mr. Masterson or McCormack stated they had been working night and day at the Dallas office on the Oklahoma case and that it was a fact that they did not have any men to send to Amarillo on the usual police call, which very frequently is either a counterfeiting or some other case which ordinarily is not handled by the Bureau and he took this to be the usual police call, particularly when the Chief of Police did not in any way describe the matter. McCormack stated that, of course, if he had known it was a threatened kidnaping he would have handled the matter differently; that he would have gone himself immediately and left the desk open, advising the Bureau, but that he had no such intimation.

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I also talked to agent in Charge Blake, who is at Oklahoma City. Blake stated that he was going to Dallas today on the Trachel case, as they were fairly confident that they had located the shack between Fort borth and Dallas where Trachel had been confined. I instructed Blake to remain at Dallas after he had completed his work on the Urschel case today and I also advised Blake of the information which had been received from Congressman Jones, and indicated to him the woeful lack of judgment and discretion on the part of the Agents at his office in the event that the Congressman was correct in his statement. Of course, when I talked to Blake I had not received the information from Agent McCormack at Dallas. Nevertheless, I explained to Mr. Blake the imperative necessity for giving immediate attention to all cases of this character.

I called Congressman Marvin Jones this morning prior to the time that I talked to Dallas. I told the Congressmen first that we had taken care of the matter last night and that an Agent had left Dallas and would arrive at Amerillo the first thing this morning, would see Mr. and would give the matter immediate attention. I esterson and also told him that the Director was guite concerned at the report which he had given us relative to the statement made at the Dallas office and that if the Congressmen was correctly informed the Director would take immediate steps to remedy that situation. I asked the Concressman who had talked to the Dallas office and he stated that hed talked. Of course, now that - have ascertained that it was not the atterney who had talked to the Dallas office and that the Dallas office bad no intlimation of the character or deentity of the case, * have prepared a letter to the Congressman explaining that situation.

Respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM - TELESPHONE CALL, MR. MATHAM

Mr. Mathen suggested Agent for the assignment to work with the citizens of St. Paul who had been receiving threatening letters and telephone calls. He stated that Agent is assigned to Chicago. I advised Mr. Mathem to confer with Mr. Parvis as I had no preference in the matter.

Hr. Esthen stated that they think they have found in Texas a farmhouse where Urschel was kept nime days, and he advised the Agents if they make any arrests there to be sure mothing about it gets in the newspapers; that his informant this morning told him what kind of a sur the suspect is driving; that he had talked with Commelley twice and had told him just what is desired of him, and that he has proceeded to Indianapolis. Hr. Hathan requested to be advised if the Identification Division had a record on one Larry Hanraham, alias Day, alias Hogam, probably a Minneapolis arrest.

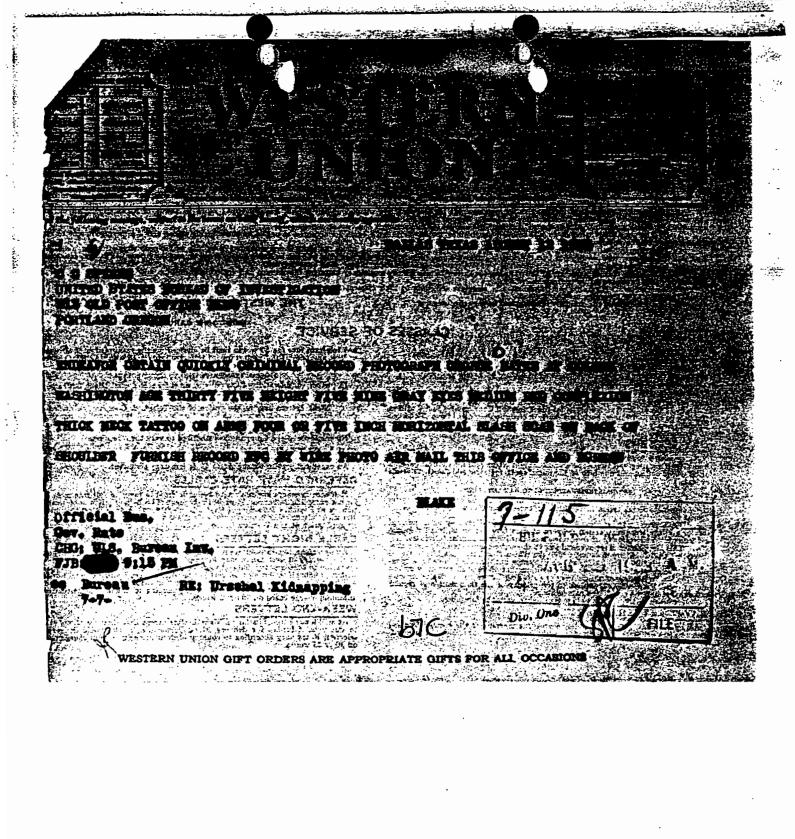
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A.S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Infrestigation
Room 1403,
370 Lexington Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

August 15, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Kindly forward to this office additional copies of the circular dated August 7, 1933 containing the list of ransom notes.

These circulars are for the various banks in this district who have asked for additional copies.

Very truly yours,

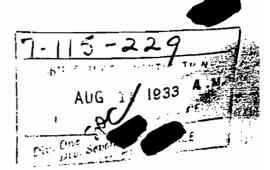
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Special Agent in Charge.

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H. S. Bureau of Investigation Department of Instice Bashington, P. C. August 14, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

The following is our record in the case of one GEORGE R. KELLY.

Subject as George Kelly, #1968 U.S.J., received St. Pr., Santa Fe, New Mexico, March 14, 1927, from U. S. Court, crime violation Prohibition Act; \$250.00 fine.

As George Kelly, #5298, arrested PD, Tulsa, Okla., July 24, 1927, charge state vagrancy; released - \$250.00 bond.

As George Kelly, #2332, arrested SO, Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 12, 1928, charge violation National Prohibition Act.

As George Kelley, #29362, received USP, Leavenworth, Kans., Feb. 11, 1928, from Tulsa, Okla., crime possession of liquor; sentence 3 years.

has been furnished with the latest photograph from our files and the best set of fingerprints for the preparation of an identification order in this case.

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

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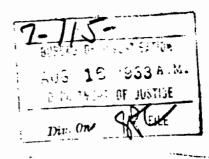
Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, CHARLESOURSCHEL - Victim, Kidmaping, Chicago File 7-26.

Attached hereto please find original photograph of GEORGE KELLEY alias GEORGE KELLEY, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, Register #29362, together with six photostatic copies of the photograph.

Very truly yours,

Att.

M. H. PURVIS, Special Agent in Charge



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

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H. S. Bureau of Investigation

Pepartment of Instice Washington, A. C.

August 14, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

The following is our record in the case of one GEORGE DAVIS:

Subject as James B. King, #1868, received SP, Carson City, Nevada, March 28, 1916, from Elko Co., crime burglary 1st degree; sentence 1 to 15 years, paroled Nov. 13, 1917.

As Albert L. Bates, #861, arrested PD, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 4, 1919, charge petty larceny; sentence 6 months in the County Jail.

As George Davis, #---, SO, Ogden, Utah, arrested April 22, 1920, at Salt Leke City, Utah, charge burglary.

As C. E. White, #---, arrested SO, Brighton, Colo., May 13, 1921, charge stealing auto tires; bound over to District Court - June term.

As George Harris, #3945, received SP, Salt Lake City, Utah, August 3, 1921, from Salt Lake County, crime burglary 2nd degree; sentence not given, wanted for escape - notified 10-27-26.

As Albert L. Bates, #---, inquiry made by SO, Grand Junction, Colo., Oct. 27, 1926.

As A. L. Bates, #14000, received SP, Canon City, Colo., May 10, 1927, from Mesa Co., crime burglary and larceny; sentence 3 to 5 years, discharged on expiration of term, Sept. 15, 1930.

As Albert L. Bates, #---, arrested by St. Pol., Paw Paw, Mich., Dec. 1, 1931, charge carrying concealed weapons; pending.

Notations:

"4-22-20, #993, Salt Lake City, Utah, Geo. Davis, burglary for Ogden, Utah, PD, 4-22-20, released to Ogden Authorities.

4-22-20, #28, Ogden, Utah, George Davis, burglary (returned from Salt Lake City, Utah) held to answer, transferred to Co. Jail.

4-22-20, Weber Co., Utah, #---, Geo. Davis, burglary 5-8-20; sentenced to Utah State Prison.

5-8-20, #3792, SP, Salt Lake City, Utah, Geo. Davis, burglary 2nd degrees from Weber Co., sentence indeterminate, 1-15-21, terminated.

7-20-21, Salt Lake County, Utah, #---, George Harris, burglary 2nd degrees sentenced to Utah State Prison.

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Memo: Director

8-3-21, Utah State Prison, #3945, George Harris, burglary 2nd degree; from Salt Lake County, sentenced indeterminate term, 4-21-23, escaped from Cedar City, Utah Jail, while being returned from road camp.

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Wanted 10-15-24, returned from Kimball, Nebraska where he was arrested for robbery; 10-23-25, terminated.

8-12-24, George Harris, PD, Kimball, Nebr., suspected of bank robbery; returned to the Utah State Prison, Salt Lake City, Utah.

10-9-26, Leadville, Colo., #---, as Bates, safe burglary.

5-10-27, Colorado SP, #14000, Albert Bates, burglary and larceny; sentence 5 years, transferred to Colorado St. Ref. to work 8-5-27.

Escaped - apprehended - discharged 9-15-30.

Wanted, George Harris, robbery, notify SO, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Wanted, A.L. Bates, (#14000, SP, Canon City, Colo.); Notify PD, Lincoln, Nebr. Wanted, Roy Harris, (possibly identical), for holdup, notify PD, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Wanted, Albert L. Bates, #861, PD, Salt Lake City, Utah; notify PD, Salt Lake City, Utah.

12-8-31, #152, St. Pol., Paw Paw, Mich., carrying concealed weapons and driving while intoxicated; 35 days in Jail, fine and costs of \$74.80; carrying concealed weapons charge pending.

Wanted, Albert L. Bates, escaped from Paw Paw, Mich. Co. Jail, 12-25-31, while awaiting trial. Notify St. Department Public Safety, Lansing, Mich. (Also notify SO, Yorkville, Ill.).

Wanted, burglary of money orders. Notify Special Agent, American Express Co., Chicago, Ill. (Per information received 3-21-32).

Arrested in Chicago about 3 years ago for being drunk. (Per information received 12-21-31, from St. Bu., Lansing, Mich.)

Wheaton, Ill., PD, desires to prosecute Bates in Pu Page County for robbery in Wheaton. (Per information received 12-21-31, from St. Bu., 'Lansing, Mich.).

has been furnished with the latest photograph from our files and the best set of fingerprints for the preparation of an identification order in this case.

The fingerprint classification assigned should be:

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Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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905 Federal Recerve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
August 14, 1938.

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

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regarding please be advised that inquiry made at the Meson (1981), 15th & Tyandotte Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, disclosed that this individual was registered there from May 20, 1985 to June 14, 1985.

advised that the wife of this man was at the hotel prior to his registration.

The telegram of reference requested that it be ascertained whether had been discharged four weeks ago from the office of Skinner Transfer and Storage Company, 14th & Holmes Street. Investigation made in that neighborhood disclosed that no such concern was known, and the City Directory and Balaphone Directory for Kansas City, Missouri, do not show such a concern.

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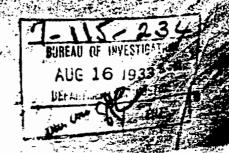
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Re: Unknown Subjects.
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August 15, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to the latent fingerprints submitted by you in connection with the URSCHEL case, please be informed that the technical experts of the Identification Unit developed a latent fingerprint on the inside of the envelope immediately next to the "flap."

This latent fingerprint, though rather fragmentary, does possess some distinctive characteristics. It has been compared with the actual fingerprint impressions of the following individuals without the establishment of an identification:

Harvey Bailey

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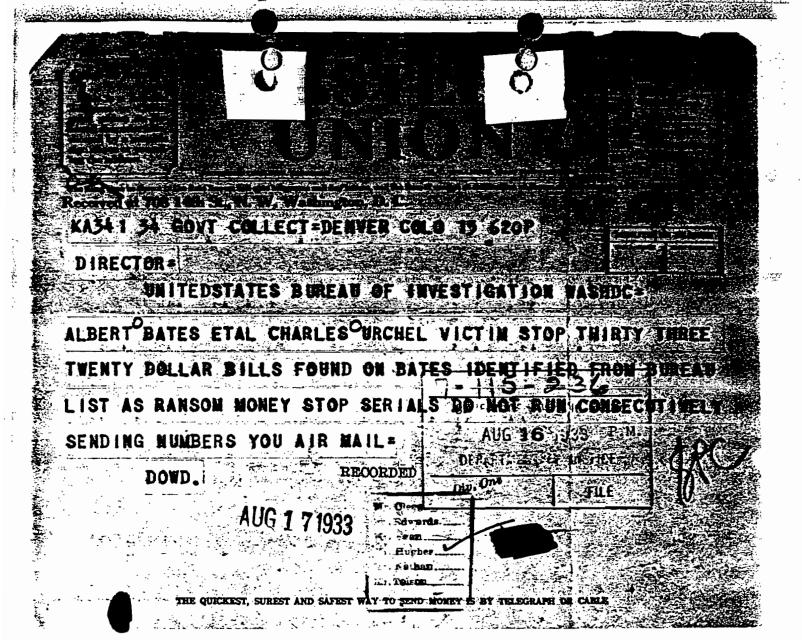
The latent fingerprint is being retained in the files for possible future reference.

Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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Agent in Charge Larson telephoned me this morning at 11:30 in the absence of Mr. Hughes. He states it has been definitely determined that the Kellys left Cleveland on August 9th instead of August 10th, as was previously reported.

NOT RECORDED He states that on June 3, 1933, Mrs. Ora L. Shannon purchased a 16 cylinder Cadillac sedan, Motor No. 1400263, 1932 model, from the agency in Cleveland paying \$3700 for the car. He states that the photograph of Kelly sent to Agent Chapman at Cleveland has been positively identified as Kelly of the Cadillac Agency thinks Kelly is nearer 38 and the woman nearer 34 than the ages given. He states the files of the Cadillac Agency contain correspondence with Mrs. Ora and R. G. Shannon regarding the purchase of a new car, the correspondence being between Paradise, Texas, and Cleveland. One letter was signed by R. G. Shannon on July 1st, and one letter by Mrs. Ora L. Shannon on July 29th.

Larson states Mr. and Mrs. Kelly registered at the Cleveland Hotel at 8:24 P. M., on August 8th, departing at 11 A. M., on August 9th. No information can be secured at the hotel concerning any telephone calls or telegrams of any kind.

Mr. Larson advised that a telegram was at the Cadillac Agency for Kelly when he came in at approximately 2 P. M., on August 8th. The telegram was addressed to R. G. Shannon in care of the Cadillac company and was from Minneapolis. The telegram read as follows:

> "DEAL HAS FELL THROUGH JACK AND TOM HAVE LEFT COMMUNICATE WITH ME AT BOX 631 SIGNED GEORGE"

This telegram was sent via Western Union. I instructed Mr. Larson to communicate this information to Mr. Nathan by telephone at once.

No recent information was available at the General Delivery windows at Cleveland concerning Shannon. However, on June 8, 1933, one George R. Kelly left a forwarding address, 320 East Washington Street, Syracuse, N. Y. I told Mr. Larson to immediately communicate with Mr. Cullen personally and give him this information.

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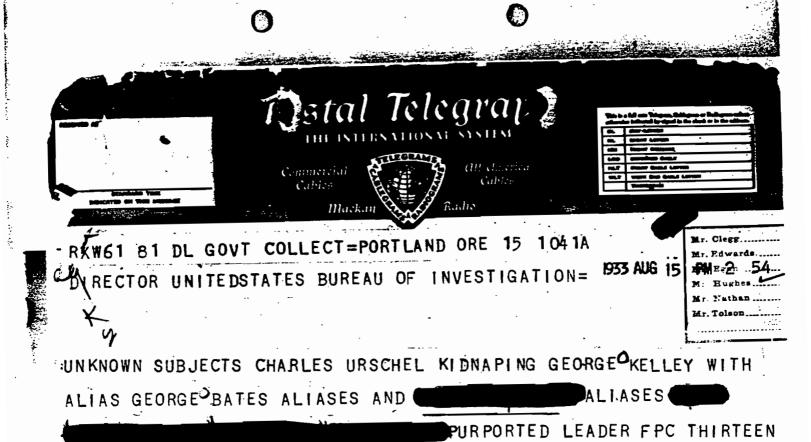
Mr. Larson stated that on August 9th, a Cadillac bearing the same Ohio license Number, 691965, as previously reported to the Bureau was serviced by the Cadillac agency. There were no guns or any other weapons in the car which could be seen but there was a large trunk on the rear of the car.

Mr. Larson stated that Kelly is now wearing octagon shaped rimless glasses. He states Mrs. Kelly was wearing a beautiful Martin diamond dinner ring. The gold ring said to be worn by Mrs. Kelly was not noticed.

Mr. Larson stated the United Air Lines and American Air Ways' records would have to be secured from Chicago. I told him to call Mr. Purvis and give him this information and tell him to check these records. Mr. Larson says that feels that the Kellys went to Chicago as they stated that Mrs. Kelly's mother was quite ill in Texas and that Mrs. Kelly was proceeding there. I told Mr. Larson that if any further information developed to notify the Bureau at once.

Respectfully,

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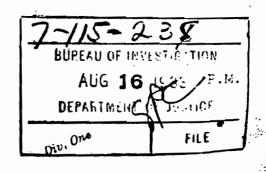
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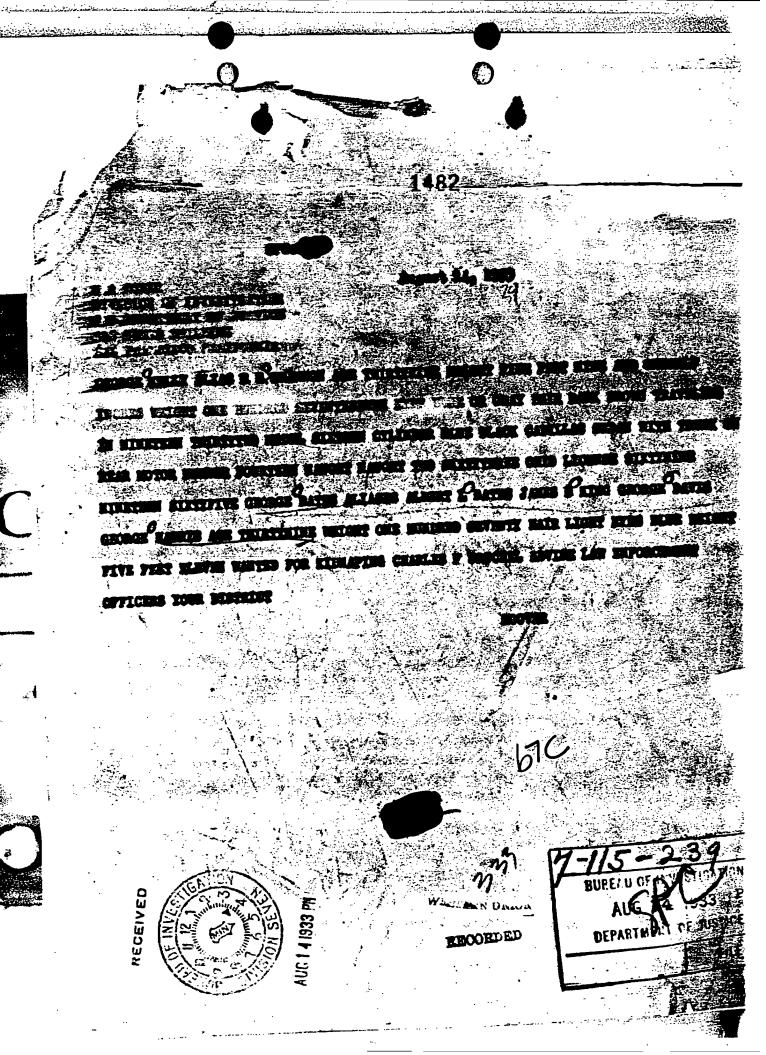
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