

Postmaster

Town

Asher, Oklahoma
Pearson, Oklahoma
Konawa, "
Byng, "
Ada, "
Stratford, "
Byars, "
Wanette, "
Trousedale, "
Tribbey, "
Tecumseh, "
Shawnee, "
St. Louis, "

[REDACTED] St. Louis, Oklahoma, stated that the postmaster, [REDACTED] was ill at present and it was not known when he would return to duty. She stated that she was acting as postmaster in the absence of [REDACTED] and though she is only 12 years of age she believed that she could handle this matter properly.

[REDACTED] postmaster at Asher, Oklahoma, said that he was well acquainted with all members of the Coleman and Shannon families, having known them for several years. He said that Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Coleman, parents of Mrs. R. G. Shannon, live on a rural route at Stratford, Oklahoma. He said that Mrs. Kelly's real name is Cleo and that she and Kelly often called to see Mrs. Kelly's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Coleman, at Stratford, Oklahoma, and both have told him that they are very fond of the old Colemans. [REDACTED] is a son of T. M. Coleman and resides with him on his farm near Stratford. [REDACTED] sister of Mrs. R. G. Shannon, married [REDACTED] and they reside at Stratford also. [REDACTED] and Cleo Kelly are approximately the same age.

After the above interview had been made, these two Agents returned to Asher, Oklahoma the following day, which was August 13, 1933 and [REDACTED] at that time stated that the letter which had been mailed in Dallas, Texas had been received at his Post Office and was called for by [REDACTED] about 2:30 P.M. that day. [REDACTED] said that it was his opinion that Cleo and George Kelly may visit another aunt of Cleo's, who resides at Coleman or Santa Anna, Texas. He said that this aunt is [REDACTED] and is about the same age as Cleo and they have apparently been very close friends.

[REDACTED] postmaster at Stratford, Oklahoma, advised that two letters were just being mailed at the time Agents were at Stratford by someone who had mailed them from the T. M. Coleman farm, one was addressed to [REDACTED] Route #2, Coleman, Texas, with the return address,

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[redacted] Stratford, Oklahoma. The other letter was addressed in the same handwriting to [redacted] Route #2, Coleman, Texas but no return address was on this letter.

[redacted] for Route #2 out of Stratford, Oklahoma, who delivers mail to the T. M. Coleman farm, said that about three or four months ago he noticed a red colored large sedan parked at the T. M. Coleman farm, and the descriptions of the man and woman who were apparently in possession of it fit fairly well the descriptions of Mr. and Mrs. George Kelly, although he did not get a good look at the man. They stayed at the T. M. Coleman farm, he said, for several days. [redacted] also stated that Mrs. George Kelly resided at the Coleman farm for probably several weeks around December, 1932, and until past Christmas of 1932, and sent mail and several cakes to George Kelly at some unknown address at Oklahoma City. He said that he could not remember this address but it had a $\frac{1}{2}$ at the end of the number. [redacted] said that he would keep a close watch on the Coleman farm and if he sees anything suspicious about people who are visiting there and especially anyone who is driving a large sedan automobile, he will notify Postmaster [redacted] who in turn will communicate with the Oklahoma City Bureau Office.

[redacted] in the Post Office at Stratford, Oklahoma, stated that [redacted] the letter of whom is a sister to Mrs. R. C. Shannon, reside just across the street from where she, [redacted] lives at Stratford. She said that on Monday last, which was August 14th, a large dark colored Sedan, which she does not believe was as large as a Cadillac, stopped in front of the [redacted] home and the occupant, or occupants, went into the house, but stayed only a few minutes. She took no particular notice of this car and does not know what license it had on and took no particular notice of the occupants - she does not know whether there was one or more. She said that [redacted] had lived there for about six or seven months and that she had only seen [redacted] upon two occasions and that he apparently spends most of his time away from Stratford, although she does not know whether he works or not. She said that [redacted] was a little peculiar and did not associate with other people as a neighbor. [redacted] will also watch the home of [redacted] and if anything suspicious happens at that place she will notify Postmaster [redacted] who will in turn communicate with the Oklahoma City Bureau Office.

The Oklahoma City Bureau Office will report any information which is received from any of these Postmasters regarding a letter which is mailed at any of these points stated above to Mrs. Kelly or any of the following aliases which she is known to use: Mrs. George Kelly, Cleo Kelly, Kathryn Kelly, Kathryn Thorne, Ora L. Shannon, Mrs. R. C. Shannon.

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August 14, 1933.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL - FRANK BLAKE

Mr. Blake advised he thought the story would break before noon as the Kansas City papers have it now (Kansas City Star). I advised Mr. Blake that I desired that if possible the story be held up until late this afternoon, as Mr. Stanley will make a radio address this evening and it is desired that he break the story at that time. Mr. Blake stated he would do all he could to hold up the story, but doubted that much could be done. Mr. Blake stated that in giving the story out he would suggest that we say we had the place under suspicion and surveillance for some time, and at what we considered the opportune time, we walked in and found these individuals, and after taking fingerprints we identified it as the place where Urschel was kept. Mr. Blake advised that the papers at Kansas City had queried the Dallas papers, but it is not known how they got the story. I instructed Mr. Blake to confer with Gus Jones and decide whether we should let the newspapers have the information that we are looking for Kelly and Bates, and also with Colvin, and advise.

Later, Mr. Blake advised they were of the opinion it would be best to break the whole story, and that as a matter of fact one of the papers was already out on the street with the Kansas City angle. I advised Mr. Blake that after I talked with the Acting Attorney General about the speech he is to deliver tonight I would again call him and advise him of the contents thereof. Mr. Blake stated he would not release the amount of money found on Harvey Bailey, but would just state that there was a large amount; that he thinks it is alright to say what kind of a car Kelly and Bates are using; that he does not believe it should be said that Urschel was at the house when the identifications were made.

I advised that we should secure indictments for the kidnaping at Oklahoma City as soon as possible. I also stated they should secure an indictment at Kansas City against Harvey Bailey for murder. Mr. Blake stated they have not as yet talked with Bailey, but will this afternoon.

Subsequently, Mr. Blake advised that Bates was apprehended at Denver; that Dowd is personally proceeding to Denver upon Mr. Blake's instructions, which he suggested be confirmed by telephone call by the Director. Mr. Blake advised they caught a telegram coming in from "Davis" at Denver; that he immediately called Dowd by telephone, and he called back and said it was the man wanted.

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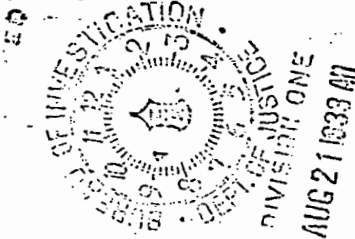
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASHDC=

ALBERT LAWRENCE⁰BATES ETAL KIDNAPING BATES TAKEN

IN FEDERAL CUSTODY BY US MARSHAL HERE 4 PM TODAY=

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 15, 1933.

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

V.W.H.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I talked with Agent [redacted] over the telephone in Denver. He stated that Agent in Charge Dowd had not yet arrived but was expected within the next hour; that he, [redacted] had talked with Bates and is working in cooperation with the police officers at Denver, who are at present checking up Bates' connection with three or four bank robberies in that vicinity. A complaint has been filed but the city authorities have not surrendered Bates to the Marshal, desiring to hold him in the jail until they have made some further inquiries in the bank robberies. [redacted] stated that they found \$700.00 on Bates' person; that he, [redacted] together with police officers, had checked this money against the numbers of the Urschel ransom money and found that thirty-three \$20.00 bills, or \$660.00, are identical with the Urschel ransom numbers. Bates' story is that he obtained this money in exchange for some "hot bonds". He denies knowing anything about the kidnaping. [redacted] is of the opinion that when Bates is convinced that we have the goods on him, he will probably talk. I instructed [redacted] to advise Mr. Dowd upon his arrival to immediately telephone Blake and obtain such information as he desired relative to the facts in the possession of the Dallas office, when he would be in a better position to talk to Bates. I then called the Dallas office and advised Agent in Charge Blake of this information.

Agent in Charge Blake stated that they had obtained another license number which is probably being used by Kelly and he is sending telegrams to all field offices. The number is 1933 Texas license F 24-752. This license was obtained by Kelly for the Cadillac car in May of this year. However, the motor number of the Cadillac for which the license was obtained is different from the car he is now using.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

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**DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building
Philadelphia, Pa.**

August 14, 1933.

TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS:

Gentlemen:

The Division of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice is desirous of causing the arrest of one George R. Kelly, alias R. G. Shannon, and one George Bates, aliases, Albert L. Bates, James C. King, George Davis, George Harris, Roy Harris, Bernard McLaughlin, Bernard Hughes.

Please be on the lookout for the above named individuals and their associates, and cause their apprehension should they be located in your district, notifying this office immediately in the event of their arrest or upon receipt of any information concerning their whereabouts.

George R. Kelly, with two unidentified men and one woman, has since August 12, 1933, been traveling 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 #891-965.

It has been reported that the Kellys intended to purchase a 12-cylinder convertible coupe from the Cadillac agency at Cleveland. It is believed that Bates may be one of the unidentified men with Kelly traveling in the 16-cylinder, blue-black Cadillac sedan.

George R. Kelly is described as follows:

Age - 35	Complexion - medium ruddy
Height - 5' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Build - medium muscular
Weight - 177 pounds	Expert machine gunner
Eyes - gray or blue	
Hair - dark brown	
Fingerprint classification: 23 27 W O	
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George Bates is described as follows:

Age - 39	Height - 5' 11"	Fingerprint classification: 6 25 W II II 17
Weight - 170 pounds	Build - slim	26 U II or IQ
Hair - Light	Eyes - blue	AUG 21 1933
Residence - 5519 Blackstone, Chicago.		
Wounded in shoulder and has silver plate therein.		

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Kelly has the following criminal record:

Subject as George Kelly, #1968 U. S. J., received State Prison, Santa Fe., N. M., March 14, 1927, from U. S. Court, crime violation Prohibition Act; \$250 fine.

As George Kelly, #5298, arrested PD, Tulsa, Okla., July 24, 1927, charge state vagrancy; released - \$250 bond.

As Geo. Kelly, #2332, arrested SO, Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 13, 1928, charge National Prohibition Act; disposition not given.

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

Bates has the following criminal record:

Subject as James B. King, #1868, received SP, Carson City, Nevada, March 28, 1916, from Elko County, 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. Bates, #---, inquiry made by SO, 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, Pw Pw, Michigan, December 1, 1931, charge carrying concealed weapons; pending.

The following notations appear on our records:

"4-22-20, #2*3, 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 degree, from Weber Co., sentenced indeterminate, 1-15-21, terminated.

7-20-21, Salt Lake County, Utah, #--, 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 Company, 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 Du Page County for robbery in Wheaton. (Per information received 12-21-31 from St. Bu., Lansing, Mich.)

Upon receipt of any information concerning these individuals or their associates, or in the event of their apprehension, please notify the undersigned (Room 735, Philadelphia Saving Fund Building, Philadelphia, Pa., telephone: Walnut 2213) immediately, or the Director, or the nearest office of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Harvey
R. G. HARVEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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August 14, 1933.

Mr. Clegg.....
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Mr. Tolson.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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I called the Dallas office with reference to the proposed prosecution of the persons captured in Texas charged with the Urschel kidnaping and suggested to Agent in Charge Blake that he discuss the matter with Agent in Charge Colvin, of Oklahoma City, and that they endeavor to reach a determination as to which would be the best district in which to charge these individuals, indicating that the trial might be at either Texas or Oklahoma under the Federal law and inasmuch as neither of these states have the death penalty for kidnaping, the Federal Court would probably be the best tribunal to try the matter. I also suggested that Agent in Charge Colvin proceed to his office at Oklahoma City just as soon as he had completed matters, either late today or tomorrow morning in order to arrange for possible prosecution in that district. I advised Agent in Charge Blake that Kansas City would file a murder warrant against Bailey.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes

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Denver, Colorado.
August 17, 1933.

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

Dear sir: Re: George Welley et al.
Kidnaping.

Enclosed find six (6) photographs of
Albert Lawrence Bates alias George Lewis, un-
der arrest here, for your uses. They consist
of the following:

- 1 Front view without glasses.
- 1 Front view with glasses.
- 1 Side view without glasses.
- 1 Side view with glasses.
- 1 Front, full length, without,
glasses but hatless.
- 1 Front view, full length with
glasses and with hat.
- 1 Rear, full view, hatless.
- 1 Rear, full view, with hat.

Very truly yours,

cc Bureau ✓ John A. Bond.
Special Agent in Charge.

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W. W. SPC

Post Office Box 1776
Denver, Colorado
August 17, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

In re: George Kelley, et al.
Charles F. Urschel, Victim
KIDNAPPING

It has been determined here that George L. Davis, believed to be Albert Lawrence Bates, one of the principals in this matter, now under arrest at Denver, Colorado, rented Post Office Box No. 651 at Denver, Colorado, on June 20, 1933, at which time he claimed he was in the show business and connected with the Showmen's League of Chicago. As references he gave [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and a local address of 1476 Pencil Apartments. He is known to have lived at the Pencil Apartments during February, 1933, and [REDACTED] served time with Bates at the Colorado State Penitentiary. b7C

It has now been learned that a person believed to be Bates telegraphed Kelley under the name of Shannon on August 8, 1933, from Minneapolis, Minnesota. The telegram was directed to Shannon at Cleveland, Ohio, and read as follows:

"DEAL HAS FALLEN THROUGH JACK AND
TOM HAVE LEFT" (signed "George").

This would indicate that Bates was at Minneapolis on August 8, and that he and Kelley had some deal in view. Shortly prior to the arrest of Bates

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Mr. Werner Hanni

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here, he had a "shover" working for him in disposing of American Express Company Travellers' Checks, and it is probable that the three men you have under arrest at Minneapolis for having in their possession some of the money paid by Urschel as ransom were employed by Bates as "shovers" to get rid of the money at Minneapolis or St. Paul.

I am forwarding you a photograph of Bates, taken here recently, which you might be able to use successfully in breaking down the men under arrest there and get them to admit their connection with Bates.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau
cc Oklahoma City

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DALLAS TEXAS AUGUST 15 1933

WILLIAM LARSON
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
625 LAFAYETTE BLDG
DETROIT MICHIGAN

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ANOTHER MAN AND TWO WOMEN

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
203 Post Office Bldg
St. Paul, Minn

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URSHEL KIDNAP FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM UNITED STATES MARSHAL

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LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA AUGUST 15 1933

SEND FOLLOWING TO:

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3. " " " " " " " " EL CENTRO "
4. " " " " " " " " SAN DIEGO "
5. " " " " " " " " SAN YSIDRO "
6. INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, U. S. IMMIGRATION SERVICE, BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA
7. " " " " " " " " CAMPO, CALIFORNIA
8. " " " " " " " " FRESNO "
9. " " " " " " " " SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA
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20. " " " " " " " " TUCSON, ARIZONA
21. W. C. QUICK, QUARANTINE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, YUMA, ARIZONA.
22. E. C. GREMMINGER, QUARANTINE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, BLYTHE, CALIFORNIA
23. F. D. STORMS, QUARANTINE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, DAGGETT, CALIFORNIA.
24. PAUL M. HOWARD, QUARANTINE INSPECTOR IN CHARGE, 305 Municipal Pier
Building, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.
25. U. S. COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS, NOGALES, ARIZONA.
26. " " " " " " " " SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.
27. DEPUTY COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS, DOUGLAS, ARIZONA.
28. " " " " " " " " NACO, ARIZONA.
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(following wire to persons listed on page 1.)

GEORGE KELLY ALIAS R G SHANNON WANTED FOR KIDNAPPING
 DESCRIPTION AGE THIRTY FIVE YEARS HEIGHT FIVE FEET NINE AND HALF
 WEIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN EYES BLUE OR GRAY HAIR DARK BROWN
 DRIVING THIRTY TWO MODEL SIXTEEN CYLINDER BLUE BLACK CADILLAC
 SEDAN WITH TRUNK ON REAR MOTOR FOURTEEN NAUGHT NAUGHT TWO SIX THREE
 OHIO LICENSE PLATE SIX NINE NINETEEN SIX FIVE STOP IF APPREHENDED
 NOTIFY GOVERNMENT RATE COLLECT TELEGRAM DUNN UNITED STATES BUREAU OF
 INVESTIGATION LOS ANGELES OR COLLECT TELEPHONE MUTUAL TWO TWO NAUGHT
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
AUGUST 15, 1933

CHARLES F URSCHER KIDNAPING STOP SHERIFF ELCENTRO IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
ADVISES NO INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY TWENTY DOLLAR BILL STOP CHECK YOUR INFORMATION AND ADVISE

DUNN

CHARGE, Gov. Rate, Off. Bus.
Division of Investigation, U.S. Dept of Justice

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AUGUST 15, 1933

I QUOTE FOR YOUR INFORMATION WIRE RECEIVED FROM INSPECTOR KEITH AT SALT LAKE CITY
QUOTE FURTHER REFERENCE GEORGE KELLY FUGITIVE URSCHER KIDNAPING ADVICE JUST
RECEIVED FROM DALLAS KELLY PROBABLY TRAVELING IN SIXTEEN CYLINDER CADILLAC PRE-
VIOUSLY DESCRIBED WITH TWO WOMEN AND ANOTHER MAN IDENTITIES UNKNOWN BUT THOUGHT
TO BE MEMBERS SAME GANG STOP CADILLAC CAR THOUGHT TO BE BEARING TEXAS LICENSE
F TWO FOUR SEVEN FIVE TWO THROUGH PEACE OFFICERS COVER ALL ROADS YOUR DISTRICT
KELLY THOUGHT TO BE HEADING FOR VANCOUVER BC KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN HEADED WEST FROM
DAVENPORT IOWA AUGUST ELEVENTH UNQUOTE

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E J CONNELLEY
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1420 ENQUIRER BLDG
CINCINNATI OHIO

REFERENCE BLUE BLACK CADILLAC SEDAN OHIO LICENSE MAY BE CARRYING TEXAS
LICENSE F TWO FOUR DASH SEVEN FIVE TWO KELLY PROBABLY ACCOMPANIED BY
ANOTHER MAN AND TWO WOMEN

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DALLAS TEXAS AUGUST 15 1933

M H PURVIS
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1900 BANKERS BLDG
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

REFERENCE BLUE BLACK CADILLAC SEDAN OHIO LICENSE MAY BE CARRYING TEXAS
LICENSE F TWO FOUR DASH SEVEN FIVE TWO KELLY PROBABLY ACCOMPANIED BY
ANOTHER MAN AND TWO WOMEN

BLAKE

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

August 17, 1933.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL - MR. CONNELLEY

With reference to the surveillance of the General Delivery window at Indianapolis, in an endeavor to locate one Kelly, Mr. Connelley advised that a registered letter was sent from Wisconsin down to Texas and the return to the woman has been there since last Friday; that yesterday afternoon about 2:30 a boy who has been hanging around a park near the Post Office, said a man named George Kelly asked him to step over to the Post Office and get his mail, and that if there was no mail he did not need to come back but if there was, to bring it back to him; that of course there was no mail, and the boy started out for home; that they took the boy into custody, and that his story checks out and is no indication that he is connected in any way with Kelly; that he says the man who approached him and requested that he get George Kelly's mail is not the man pictured as Kelly; that they endeavored to get the man who contacted the boy, as they believed he was an intermediary for Kelly; that police cars covered the whole area for about four blocks around; that the evening papers stated that someone in the Police Department stated the Agents had picked up a man who had positively been sent by Kelly; that it has been impossible to place the responsibility in the Police Department, but that they might have secured the information from the Police in the cars. I instructed that he take the matter up with the Chief of Police at Indianapolis and see if there is not some way we can get cooperation from the Police Department. Mr. Connelley advised that two Police Officers picked the boy up after he left the Post Office and sent him back to the park with a letter on the possibility that the man would be there, but no one appeared for the letter. Mr. Connelley advised that they waited until he came out into the hallway of the Post Office Building, next to the Post Office Inspector's office, and that no one saw him taken into custody. I instructed that in talking with the Chief of Police he be advised that we do not want Police Officers to assist further in the surveillance over the Post Office, and that we should use our own men. He advised that there were three Agents at Indianapolis, and I advised that if necessary other Agents should be brought there to handle the matter.

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Mr. Jones	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Keenan	
Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Reppert	
Mr. Urschel	
Mr. Bailey	
Mr. Jones	

August 18, 1933.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL - MR. NATHAN.

Mr. Nathan thinks that today will be his last day at Dallas. He advises that the case is alright against everybody except the young girl. I advised that Mr. Keenan was leaving this evening by airplane and is stopping off at St. Louis, then to Kansas City to look into the matter of Police Commissioner Reppert and also the Harvey Bailey indictment; then to Oklahoma City to confer with the Special Assistant on the Urschel case. I requested that Mr. Nathan go back to Kansas City and meet Mr. Keenan there, and be there on Sunday, and work with him on the indictment of Bailey for murder, and also, accompany Mr. Keenan to Oklahoma City. I advised that Mr. Keenan is then proceeding to St. Paul and Minneapolis. I suggested that Mr. Nathan accompany Mr. Keenan over this entire trip, and keep me posted of developments by telephone.

Mr. Gus Jones gave the following additional itinerary in connection with the trip of young Rockefeller—Leave Chicago 7:45 a.m. tomorrow via United Air Lines; arrive Toledo 10:00 a.m.; arrive Cleveland 10:46 a.m.; arrive New York e.s.t. 1:35 p.m. (Newark airport).

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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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DIRECTOR DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION=
 US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASHDC=

MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

UNKNOWN SUBJECT CHARLES F O URSCHER NOTHING FURTHER HAS
 DEVELOPED THROUGH BOY CALLING FOR MAIL OR OTHERWISE HERE
 STOP VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES COVERED HERE AND VICINITY STOP
 RECEIPT FOR REGISTERED LETTER MAILED MADISON RECEIVED HERE
 AUGUST ELEVEN FOR KATHRYN C KELLY ONLY MAIL RECEIVED STOP
 DUE PUBLICITY NOTHING FURTHER EXPECTED STOP WILL COVER
 GENERAL DELIVERY AUGUST NINETEEN THEREAFTER WITHOUT CLOSE
 SURVEILLANCE AGENT [REDACTED] WILL KEEP IN TOUCH FREQUENTLY
 DAILY WITH RECEIPT MAIL OR FORWARDING ADDRESS WILL RETURN
 CINCINNATI NOON NINETEENTH UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED=
 CONNELLEY.

Mr. Olegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. [REDACTED].....
Mr. Hughes.....
Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....

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THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

August 19, 1933.

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your telegram, there are transmitted herewith the original Urschel kidnaping ransom notes, together with the original envelope, a portion of the flap and a clipping which was found enclosed in this envelope. You have never advised whether the clipping was forwarded with any of the ransom notes to the Urschels or was enclosed by your office.

Upon receipt of these notes they were thoroughly examined, first, in order to compare the typewriting. They were then photographed so as to retain copies in the original condition. Following this an effort was made to develop latent prints. Your statement that you made no effort to develop latent prints was noted but the Division feels that this procedure is absolutely incorrect, even though, as you stated, the notes had been handled by various persons before they came into the possession of the Division. It makes no difference how many fingerprints appear on a document, providing success is had in developing some portion of one print which was left by the criminal. If, for instance, on these notes there should have been found a print corresponding to that of Bailey or any of the other members of the gang, it would have been conclusive proof that he participated. As a matter of fact, you will observe that various prints were developed, many of which are, no doubt, those of members of the Urschel family, police, agents, or others.

For your information, however, there was developed on the flap of the envelope after it was cut open, and in such a place that it is extremely probable it was inadvertently left by a subject, a portion of a fingerprint. This has been compared with all of the gangsters. It has not been compared with certain of the Shannon family and possibly others whom you might know to be suspects but who are not those connected by the Division.

There are also enclosed herewith photographic copies of this portion of a fingerprint for your use in searching for likely suspects, whose prints may be compared. Certainly the prints of every individual who has thus far been connected with the case, including those who passed ransom money, should

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SAC, Oklahoma City, Okla.

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be compared. It is believed that you should take every precaution to prevent information regarding this latent print from becoming known.

The condition of the notes is caused by the use of ordinary fingerprint powders, a silver nitrate solution and fuming with iodine.

The notes are enclosed in cellophane and you are instructed hereafter to take this precaution, in accordance with previous instructions, as to the handling of questioned documents immediately upon the receipt of such documents in the future. In an important case, such as this one, such documents, upon receipt, should be forwarded to Washington for examination, including the development of latent prints. Instructions, additional to those heretofore issued, are being prepared for all field offices for their assistance in handling such specimens.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #660859

REGISTERED MAIL

VWH:

August 17, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL HALLOY.

In connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, of Oklahoma City, on July 22, it has been ascertained by investigation that Mr. Urschel was transported to Texas and held for a period of days in a house six miles south of the town of Paradise. Information obtained to date indicates that the actual kidnaping was accomplished by George R. Kelly and George Bates, perhaps assisted by others. Bates is in custody at Denver, Colorado. Kelly is a fugitive from justice.

On August 12, Agents of the Division located the house in which Mr. Urschel had been held and discovered on these premises Harvey J. Bailey, a notorious outlaw and wielder of a machine gun in the Kansas City shooting resulting in the death of four law enforcement officers on June 17, R. G. Shannon and his wife, Ora Shannon, Shannon's son, Arman Shannon, and his wife, Oleta Shannon, and the father of Oleta Shannon, namely Earl Brown. R. G. Shannon and his son, Arman, are admitted guards over Urschel. Apparently the only part played in the case by Earl Brown and the Shannon women is that they had knowledge of the kidnaping. Harvey J. Bailey was found in possession of \$700.00 of the money which had been paid as ransom. This was identified by serial numbers. It is believed that Bailey is probably the directing genius in the kidnaping, although he has made no admissions whatever.

At St. Paul four persons have been in custody for some days. These persons were found in possession of large sums of the ransom money. They are Sam Frederick, Peter Valder, Sam Kronick and Charles Albert Wolk. I am today in receipt of a telegram from my St. Paul office stating that these four persons have been released today on advice of the United States Attorney at Oklahoma, who stated that he would not prosecute. While I am not in possession of all of the information obtained concerning these persons I believe that they should be considered as part of the conspiracy at least for the present and until definite evidence is at hand that they were not in league with George Kelly and others of the kidnapers.

George Bates, when apprehended at Denver, had in his possession \$660.00 of the ransom money. He likewise has made no statement.

It is entirely probable that other persons whose identities are now unknown may be later connected with the kidnaping.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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DIRECTOR: ✓

=DIVN OF INVESTIGATION US DEPT OF JUSTICE=

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

GEORGE KELLY ETAL KIDNAPPING BATES ARRAIGNED BEFORE USC DENVER
THIS MORNING PRELIMINARY HEARING SET FOR SEPTEMBER FOURTH
BOND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS REMANDED DENVER COUNTY JAIL
DENVER:

=DOWD.

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JOHN A DOWD
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
c/o UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
DENVER COLORADO

CHECK POST OFFICE BOX SIX THREE ONE DENVER ASCERTAIN IF ANY PERSON
CONNECTED URSCHEL CASE RECEIVING MAIL THERE AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION
TELEGRAM SIGNED GEORGE ADDRESSED TO KELLY SAID COMMUNICATE WITH ME AT
BOX SIX THREE ONE

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JOHN A DOWD
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
c/o UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
DENVER COLORADO

ALBERT BATES INFORMATION YOUR TELEGRAM KNOWN HERE WILL ADVISE WHEN ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION RECEIVED

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F.J. BLAKE
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
POST OFFICE BUILDING
DALLAS? TEXAS

DENVER COLO
8-16-33

IN RE CHARLES F URGHEL KIDNAPING
PO BOX. SIX THREE ONE RENTED JUNE TWENTY THIS YEAR BY GEORGE L DAVIS
SHOWMANS LEAGUE CHICAGO GAVE LOCAL ADDRESS ~~at~~ fourteen SEVEN SIX
PENCIL APARTMENTS HERE stop DAVIS UNQUESTIONABLY BATES LATTER LIVED
PENCIL APARTMENTS FEBRUARY THIS YEAR stop ADVISE DATE OF TELEGRAM
DAVIS SENT KELLEY MENTIONED YOUR WIRE AND CITY FROM WHICH TRANSMITTED.

DOWD

GOVERNMENT RATE COLLECT.

CC BUREAU

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 14, 1933.

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

VVH:

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Interviewed

[redacted] of the International News Service, called on the telephone and stated that he understood that a release had been given out by Mr. Stanley at noon concerning the capture of Harvey Bailey in the Urschel case. He wanted to obtain information from that release and stated that Mr. Gates did not have any copies of same. I thereupon acquainted [redacted] with the substance of the release, which I had on my desk.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes
V. W. Hughes.

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OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA AUGUST 18 1933

WERNER HANNI
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING
ST PAUL MINNESOTA

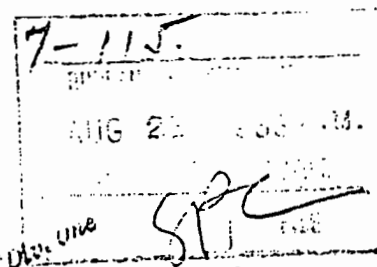
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WIRE IMMEDIATELY NAMES AND ADDRESSES PERSONS NOW IN CUSTODY
URSHEL RANSOM MONEY WHICH WAS PASSED IN ST PAUL IN ORDER THEY MAY BE
SUBPOENAED DUCES TECUM FOR WEDNESDAY AUGUST TWENTY THIRD AT OKLAHOMA CITY
ALSO WIRE NAMES ANY ADDITIONAL WITNESSES TO BE USED BEFORE GRAND JURY IN
ORDER TO INCLUDE MINNEAPOLIS PERSONS RELEASED YESTERDAY IN INDICTMENT
EXPEDITE AS SUBPOENAS BEING ISSUED TODAY ALSO WIRE ME NAMES AND ADDRESSES
PERSONS PASSING THIS MONEY OR ADMITTING POSSESSION OF SAME FOR INCLUSION
IN INDICTMENT UNDER CONSPIRACY AND ADVISE NAME OF BUREAU AGENT MOST
COMPETENT TO TESTIFY FACTS DEVELOPED MINNEAPOLIS ST PAUL

COLVIN

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cc: Bureau ✓



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U. S. Department of Justice
DIVISION
Bureau of Investigation
420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Jones	✓
Mr. Mumford	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Jones	✓
Mr. Mumford	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓

August 19, 1933.

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

RE: George R. Kelly, with aliases;
et al.
Charles F. Urschel-Victim.
KIDNAPPING.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to Division telegram
of 8/18/33 directing that fingerprints of the Shannons
and E.H. Brown be forwarded immediately to the Division:

The Dallas Police Department is today
forwarding through regular channels to Washington, D.C.
fingerprints of:

Robert G. Shannon
Ora L. Shannon
Oleta Shannon
Armon C. Shannon

E.H. Brown was released the same date
he was taken into custody, as there were no grounds
upon which he might be held.

Very truly yours,

F.B. Blake
F.B. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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*I want to know
more about this.*

8/22/33 J.C.H.

FJB
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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

Denver, Colo.
August 15, 1933.

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PERSONAL

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

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Dear Sir:

Attached hereto you will find a list of the serial numbers appearing on the twenty dollar bills found in the possession of Albert Lawrence Bates, suspect in the Charles F. Orchel kidnaping case, as well as the serial numbers appearing on five and ten dollar bills found in his possession.

The U.S. Attorney here advises that the government has no jurisdiction over the money said to be a part of the ransom money paid in this case. Yesterday local counsel for the American Express Company filed attachment suit against all the money held by the local police which was found on the person of Bates and against a Buick Sedan found in his possession. The basis of the attachment being the allegation that Bates robbed the Citizens State Bank of Tupelo, Miss. of \$2,000.00 in American Express Company's Travelers Checks and converted them to his use. The U.S. Attorney suggested that Orchel employ Denver counsel to intervene in the suit for the money believing that Orchel's counsel upon advancing proof that the money is Orchel's can secure it and then such of the money as is considered as necessary as evidence in the kidnaping case can then be made available to the government. I wired the Oklahoma City Bureau Office to-day accordingly.

Very truly yours,

John A. Dowd

John A. Dowd.

Special Agent in Charge

CC Dallas
Oklahoma City

Take this up at once
with Mr. Parrish. We
cannot let this money
get away for it is an important
link of evidence. 8/17/33 J.E.A.

6-1 informed Mr. Parrish
who placed A.C. Attorney
Dowd and Parrish
arrangement
8/17/33

The following serials are the numbers on the twenty dollar bills found on the person of Albert Lawrence Bates with aliases arrested at Denver, Colo. on August 12, 1933 all of which are prefixed by the letter "J" and followed by the letter "A".

00549832	02616883
03379083	03912555
03465668	02282997
03878247	03835398
04039021	02482424
03340984	03414070
02784768	00572729
02810837	00584715
03007468	04036458
03091355	00850312
00025999	03210366
03815243	03338328
00981400	
02305140	
03773562	
03772905	
02589670	
03213253	
03805553	
03825755	
02246238	

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Bates had the following ten and five dollar bills on his person:-

FIVES	
I04659123A	FNB of KC Mo.
G16953092A	" " " "
D001305A	Citizens State National Bank of Salt Lake City, Utah
A012158A	First National Bank of Denver, Colo.
B92319984A	U.S. Bank note
C002010A	First National Bank of Hooper, Nebr.
C09059678A	U.S. Bank Note
I05317865A	FNB of KC Mo
B54109974A	U.S. Bank Note
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B011151A	U.S. National Bank of Omaha, Nebr.
B000237A	First National Bank of Wellington, Tex.
I04519527A	FNB of KC Mo.
I04519523A	" " " "
I04519529A	" " " "
C008740A	Denver National Bank of Denver, Colo.
B001337A	Lawndale National Bank, Chicago, Ill.

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MINUTES IN TRANSIT

FULL-RATE DAY LETTER

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHDC=

CHARLES URSCHER KIDNAPPING COMPLAINT FILED HERE AGAINST
BATES WARRANT ISSUED FOURTEENTH INSTANT BOND HUNDRED
THOUSAND STOP BATES STILL IN POLICE CUSTODY WARRANTS BEING
RECEIVED DAILY FROM MANY POINTS FOR HIM HE HAS BEEN
POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED BY TWO PERSONS AS HAVING ROBBED BANK IN
LOUISVILLE COLORADO ABOUT YEAR AGO STOP PART MONEY FOUND ON
HIM IDENTIFIED AS URSCHER MONEY IN CUSTODY POLICE UNTIL
TODAY THE LOCAL COUNSEL AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY HAVING
FILED ATTACHMENT SUIT AGAINST ALL MONEY FOUND ON BATES
ALLEGING BATES ROBBED CITIZENS STATE BANK TUPELO MISSISSIPPI
OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS IN TRAVELERS CHECKS CONVERTING SAME
TO HIS USE STOP LOCAL STATE COURT NAMED CUSTODIAN FOR MONEY
STOP USA HERE CLAIMS GOVERNMENT HAS NO JURISDICTION OVER
MONEY AND CANNOT SECURE IT STOP WILL PHOTOSTAT MONEY
TOMORROW AS PRECAUTION STOP INTERVIEWED BATES TUESDAY BUT
DENIED ALL CLAIMING HAS NOT BEEN IN OKLAHOMA AND TEXAS= P.M.

Mr. Clegg
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Egan
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson

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Div. One

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MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

FOR YEAR AND SPENT ALL JULY IN CHICAGO AND DENVER STOP
CLAIMS SECURED MONEY AT CHICAGO WHEN HE SOLD FIVE THOUSAND
DOLLARS WORTH OF STOLEN BONDS FOR ONE THOUSAND CASH WILL NOT
FURNISH NAME ADDRESS PERSON CONCERN WITH WHOM DEALT AND
DECLINES INFORM WHERE HE RESIDED JULY STOP CANNOT
INTELLIGENTLY INTERROGATE BATES NOT KNOWING BACKGROUND
URSCHEL CASE COLVIN INFORMED BLAKE WAS SENDING ME AIR MAIL
COPIES STATEMENTS MADE DALLAS IMPLICATING BATES BUT NOT YET
RECEIVED UPON RECEIPT WILL AGAIN INTERVIEW BATES STOP ON
TUESDAY KEITH AT SALE LAKE RECEIVED WIRE FOR ME FROM [REDACTED]
COLORADO SPRINGS INFORMING BATES AND KELLEY CONTEMPLATED
KIDNAPPING [REDACTED] WEALTHY OIL MAN OF FORTWORTH TEXAS
NOW SPENDING SUMMER COLORADO SPRINGS AND FULL INFORMATION
THAT MATTER COULD BE SECURED THROUGH USM [REDACTED] FORTWORTH
AND CITY DETECTIVE [REDACTED] FORTWORTH WITH WHOM [REDACTED]
HAS BEEN COOPERATING [REDACTED] HAS=

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MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

BEEN GUARDING [REDACTED] FOR SEVERAL DAYS STOP [REDACTED]
FRIENDLY WITH KELLEYS WIFE I WIRED BLAKE THIS INFORMATION
SUGGESTING THROUGH [REDACTED] CONTACT [REDACTED] FOR INFORMATION
WHEREABOUTS KELLEYS WIFE AND KELLY BLAKE REPLIED HE ALREADY
HAD SAME INFORMATION STOP DENVER POST WEDNESDAY NIGHT
PRINTED [REDACTED] STORY AND STATED THREE BUREAU AGENTS
GUARDING [REDACTED] COLORADOSPRINGS=

DOWD.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

August 18, 1933.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

With reference to the attached telegram and letter from Agent in Charge Dowd at Denver, Colorado, relative to the Urschel ransom notes found on George Bates, arrested there, you are advised that I conferred with Mr. Parrish, who called the United States Attorney at Denver on the telephone and arrangements were perfected whereby the Chief of Police would hold the money subject to subpoena duces tecum, which will be immediately served upon him, but he will not produce the money until the Grand Jury requires the same.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes
V. W. Hughes.

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F J BLAKE
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
POST OFFICE BUILDING
DALLAS TEXAS

FORWARD SPECIAL DELIVERY AIR MAIL PHOTOGRAPH CATHERINE THORNE KELLY
IF NOT ALREADY SENT ADVISE

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Telegrams

(THE MACKAY SYSTEM)



ALL AMERICA
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CABLES

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CHECK
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and the following Message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Form 2

San Francisco, California,
August 15, 1933.

52096

Mr. J. E. P. Dunn,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
919 Federal Building,
Los Angeles, California.

CHARLES F URSCHIEL KIDNAPPING SHOULD HAVE BEEN SHERIFF FRESNO STOP SHERIFF FRESNO
JUST TELEPHONED ME FURNISHING NUMBER OF BILL WHICH IS NOT IDENTIFIED AS RANSOM

URGENT-Gov. Rate,
U.S. Bur. of Investigation,
518 Hewes Bldg., San Francisco, Calif.
U.S. Bur. of Investigation
3:15 p.m.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

Mr. Clegg.....
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Mr. Tolson.....

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August 24, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In connection with the arrest and release of E. H. Brown in the Urschel kidnaping case, a review of the report submitted by Special Agent [redacted] of the Dallas Office dated August 18, 1933, reflects that on the early morning of August 12, 1933, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon was raided, and that they, together with Harvey Bailey, were taken into custody. Armon Shannon and his wife were next taken into custody at their residence. Upon questioning of Armon Shannon and his wife, Oleta Shannon, it developed that her father, E. H. Brown, lived about a mile from their residence; that the officers then went to Brown's residence and took him into custody. Upon questioning, he denied that he knew anything about the kidnaping of Urschel or that Urschel was held in the home of his son-in-law, Armon Shannon. He stated that on one occasion, which was during the time that Urschel was being held at Armon Shannon's home, he went to the Shannon place for the purpose of getting a hog; that on this occasion he did not enter the residence, but that Armon met him at the hog pen and no mention was made of the kidnaping. Armon Shannon also denies that his father-in-law knew anything about the kidnaping of Urschel or that Urschel was being held at his place.

Although the report does not so reflect, Mr. Blake of the Dallas Office advised me by telephone on Sunday, August 13, that all the Shannons denied that Brown was in any way connected with this case or that he knew anything about it. He was arrested because he was a relative of the Shannons and because he lived in that vicinity.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 7-7-

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 5-18-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/24 to 8/17/33	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING			52086
<p>CHARGES:</p> <p>GEORGE R. KELLY, alias GEORGE KELLY, alias R. G. SHANNON - I.O. #1205 - FUGITIVE;</p> <p>ALBERT L. BATES, alias GEORGE BATES, alias JAMES C. KING, alias GEORGE DAVIS, alias ROY HARRIS, alias BERNARD McLAUGHLIN, alias BERNARD HUGHES - FUGITIVE;</p> <p>KATHRYN THORNE KELLY, alias CATHERINE OKELLY, alias MRS. R. G. SHANNON - FUGITIVE;</p> <p>ROBERT G. SHANNON - FUGITIVE; ARMON SHANNON - FUGITIVE; ORA L. SHANNON - FUGITIVE; OLETA BROWN SHANNON - FUGITIVE; HARVEY J. BAILEY, alias J. J. BRENNAN, alias JOHN BROWN - I.O. #1189 - FUGITIVE; CHARLES F. URSCHEL (Victim).</p>			

Synopsis of Facts:

Farm house where Charles F. Urschel was held by kidnapers, located four miles south of Paradise, Texas. Urschel identified same, as well as R. G. Shannon and his son Armon Shannon as two of the men who guarded him at the house. Early morning raid on two farm houses owned by R. G. Shannon results in capture of Harvey J. Bailey, I.O. #1189, who had part of the ransom money in his possession. Besides Harvey Bailey, R. G. Shannon, his wife Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, Armon Shannon and his wife Oleta Shannon, were taken into custody and are now confined in the County Jail, Dallas, Texas. Signed statements secured from R. G. Shannon, Armon Shannon and Mrs. Ora Shannon admitting their part in holding Urschel, and naming George R. Kelly and George Bates, alias Albert Bates, as the actual kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel, with Kathryn Kelly assisting before and after the kidnaping. Fugitive complaints filed against those in custody. At a hearing before United States Commissioner at Dallas, Texas on August 16, 1933, Harvey Bailey, whose bond was set at \$100,000.00 and the four Shannons at \$50,000.00 each, were

DETAILS:

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

D. J. Blake

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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held for removal to the Oklahoma City District. None of these subjects was able to make head

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent D. J. McCormack, Dallas, Texas, dated 8-7-33.

DETAILS:

On Monday morning, July 24, 1933, less than two days after the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this Agent contacted [redacted] of the Ft. Worth, Texas, Police Department, who stated that he felt confident that the job had all the earmarks of being that of George Kelly, Tulsa, Oklahoma No. 2292, Santa Fe Penitentiary No. 1933, and United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, No. 29,362. He based his convictions on information of a confidential nature that he was receiving from Kathryn Thorne Kelly, wife of George Kelly. [redacted] was known George Kelly and his wife Kathryn Kelly for five or six years, and only became intimately acquainted with them after he [redacted] and his partner [redacted] arrested Edward W. Bentz on November 2, 1932, for a bank robbery job. Bentz was a partner of Kelly, but at the time of Bentz' arrest there was no warrant for George Kelly, although Kelly was reported in on the job with Bentz. George Kelly and his wife had been under the impression that [redacted] and [redacted] let him get away, and from that time on Kathryn Kelly confided to [redacted] and [redacted] a number of secrets concerning the criminal operations of her husband and notorious criminals like Frank Nash, Harvey Bailey, Verne Miller and others who they were acquainted with at St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota; Chicago, Illinois; Kansas City, Missouri, and other places. Kathryn Kelly maintains a home at 857 East Mulkey Street, Ft. Worth, Texas. She has been known to make frequent trips out of town, and upon return to Ft. Worth usually contacted [redacted] and [redacted] with a view of feeling them out for whatever information she could gather from them with respect to the police at Ft. Worth or other places suspecting her husband's criminal activities.

[redacted] stated that Kathryn Thorne Kelly returned to Ft. Worth, Texas, on Sunday morning, July 23, 1933 about ten o'clock, in her 16 cylinder Cadillac, 1932 model, Sedan, bearing 1933 Ohio License Plates #691-985; that she called him on the telephone and stated she would like to see him. He went over to her house at 857 East Mulkey Street, Ft. Worth, Texas, about 11: A. M., and talked to her, at which time she stated that she had just returned from St. Louis, Missouri, where she left George. She inquired about [redacted] partner [redacted] and when told that he was on his vacation visiting the World's Fair at Chicago, she commented that it was too bad that he [redacted] could not go along. He told her that he could not afford it, and in an apparently

serious manner she informed [redacted] that she realized that police officers were getting poor pay; that if he needed any money, he should not be bashful in asking her for some as she would let him have whatever money he needed, stating that in a few days she expected to receive some money from George, who would have plenty at that time.

[redacted] stated he did not press her for information as to where George was or how he was going to get the money, knowing how shrewd she is, but figured that George was on some big bank robbery job or perhaps in on a kidnaping. According to [redacted] his visit with Kathryn Kelly was a brief one. On leaving her house he noticed the 16 cylinder Cadillac Car with the Ohio License Plates, parked in the driveway. He remarked to her how well she kept the car, and noticed on the front seat of the car an Oklahoma newspaper with a headline regarding the Urschel Kidnaping at Oklahoma City. He also observed that the Cadillac Sedan had red dirt dust around the rims of the wheels, and that Kathryn Kelly did not appear in any way fatigued after her long alleged trip from St. Louis. On returning to his home, [redacted] stated that he read about the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel in one of the Ft. Worth papers; that from his talks with Kathryn Kelly, the meagre description of the alleged kidnapers and the fact that George Kelly was the owner of a new 1933 Chevrolet Sedan, this being the kind of a car that was said to have been used in the kidnaping, he was convinced that George Kelly and one of his partners pulled the job. He advised Agent that he and his partner had George Kelly under suspicion for some time, and in this connection checked the Cadillac Sedan driven by Kathryn Kelly and determined that 1933 Ohio License Plates #691-965, were issued on June 3, 1933 to Mrs. Ora L. Shannon of Park Lane Villa, Cleveland, Ohio, for a Cadillac Sedan, motor #14000263. Mrs. Ora L. Shannon is the mother of Kathryn Kelly and resides on a farm four miles south of Paradise, Texas.

In a previous conversation with Kathryn Kelly, [redacted] noticed that she was wearing an expensive platinum wrist watch set in diamonds with a number of diamond rings on her finger. He cautioned her at the time about wearing such expensive jewelry and she remarked to him that as soon as she could get to her safety deposit box in the Ft. Worth National Bank, she would put the jewelry away. Subsequent investigation by [redacted] and [redacted] revealed that there was such a safety box at the Ft. Worth National Bank in the name of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon, Paradise, Texas, being No. 1413A, and the last time this box was entered was on June 29, 1933 by a man fitting the description of George Kelly. [redacted] informed Agent that Kelly and his wife were probably using the name of R. G. Shannon, and that the box was in all probability used to conceal loot from bank robberies and undoubtedly would be a good place to keep the ransom money if it developed that George Kelly was involved in the Urschel kidnaping. [redacted] impressed upon Agent the importance of investigating George Kelly as one of the kidnapers, as he recalled that the last time he saw Kathryn Kelly was on Monday, July 10, 1933, when she left Ft. Worth, Texas, telling him that George was then at Chicago, but she did not reveal where she was going. [redacted] was of the opinion that Kathryn probably left Ft. Worth that time to assist in the kidnaping, as she is known as a "locator", and just the type of a woman needed on such a job.

Special Agent in Charge Blake had already received confidential information on July 7, 1933 from [redacted] of the Identification Bureau of the Ft. Worth Police Department, [redacted] that Kelly was an expert machine gunner and possibly involved as one of the machine gunners employed in the Kansas City Massacre. Mr. Blake at that time also interviewed [redacted] and [redacted] and they advised him that George Kelly and his wife lived for approximately two years in Kansas City with Verne Miller and his wife, [redacted]. Kathryn Kelly visited the Holdens and Keatings in the apartment in Kansas City in which they were living when Holden and Keating were arrested; that she narrated to [redacted] and [redacted] many details about Verne Miller, Bernard Phillips, Harvey Bailey, Francis Keating, Tom Holden, Frank Nash and Max Weisman, and that George Kelly was a member of that mob. The Kansas City Office was furnished this information in a letter dated July 7, 1933 in the case captioned "Unknown Subjects"- OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

Inasmuch as Special Agent in Charge Blake, who had been at Oklahoma City on an assignment on the Charles F. Urschel Kidnaping Case, had previous knowledge of some of George Kelly's activities in and around Ft. Worth, Texas, the information obtained by this Agent from [redacted] and [redacted] was transmitted to him by Acting Special Agent in Charge McCormack, and that the latter was advised to continue to keep a check on the Ft. Worth and Paradise angles.

Arrangements were made with [redacted] of the Ft. Worth, Texas Police Department whereby he agreed to allow [redacted] and [redacted] to spend all the time necessary in running out leads and keeping a close surveillance on Kathryn Kelly's house at 857 East Mulkey Street, Ft. Worth, Texas. [redacted] stated that he also was convinced that from the information furnished to him by [redacted] and [redacted] that the Government could not afford to leave George Kelly out of the picture; that the Detective Bureau of the Ft. Worth, Texas, Police Department, was ready to assist the Dallas Bureau Office in every way possible.

A surveillance was kept on the house of Kathryn Kelly from July 25 to July 30, 1933. In this connection [redacted] advised that Kathryn Kelly was at the house Sunday, July 23, in the morning because he visited her that morning about 11 A.M.; that she was there Sunday night, July 23, 1933, and also on Monday, July 24; that his check on July 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, failed to find her there. He stated that his information was that she last left Ft. Worth to visit her mother, Mrs. Ora Shannon at Paradise, Texas.

On August 1, 1933, Agent went to Paradise, Texas, a town of about 300 people, and there interviewed [redacted] for the Southwestern Telephone Company, and ascertained that George Kelly and Kathryn Kelly were frequently in and out of Paradise; that the last time she saw them was on Monday, July 31, 1933, about 2: P.M., when George Kelly passed her house in which the telephone board is located, driving his 16 cylinder 1932 Cadillac Sedan with Ohio Plates; that with him at the time was his wife Kathryn Kelly. She further stated that Kathryn Kelly was at Paradise for a whole week; that Kathryn

visits with her from time to time and has invited her to go automobile riding with her; that she has refused to do so because there has been plenty of gossip at Paradise regarding Kathryn Kelly and her husband George Kelly as well as Mrs. Nora Shannon, the mother of Kathryn, who has been known to have plenty of money, spends it freely and usually is changing bills of large denominations of at least \$20.00 which is very noticeable in a small town like Paradise. She further stated that in addition to the 16 cylinder car driven by Kathryn Kelly, she also observed George Kelly driving a Chevrolet Sedan and a Ford Sport Roadster, and that George and Kathryn Kelly are frequently in and out of Paradise, Texas; that the Shannons and Kellys have their cars serviced at her husband's Garage located at Paradise, Texas. During the interview with [REDACTED] Agent's identity was not made known.

Pursuant to a telephonic request to the Dallas Bureau Office by Special Agent in Charge Blake from Oklahoma City, the following investigation was made by Agent relative to departure and arrival of airplanes at the Ft. Worth, Texas, Airport:

At the office of the American Airways, Meacham Field Airport, Ft. Worth, Texas, Agent interviewed [REDACTED] who stated that the company had just moved into their new quarters the day before, and their records were not all available at the time of Agent's interview on 8-7-33. However, he stated that there are 16 ships operated by the American Airways that arrive and depart from the airport at Ft. Worth as follows:

ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE		VIA	DIRECTION
8:37 AM		From Cleveland	Memphis	NE
8:55 AM	9:00 AM	To Galveston	Waco	S
9:00 AM	9:05 AM	To Brownsville	Waco	S
9:00 AM	9:10 AM	To Los Angeles	El Paso	W
9:10 AM	9:15 AM	To Amarillo	Amarillo	NW
9:40 AM	9:47 AM	From Los Angeles	El Paso	W
	10:08 AM	To Atlanta	Shreveport	E
	10:15 AM	To Cleveland	Memphis	NE
5:22 PM		From Atlanta	Shreveport	E
6:05 PM	6:10 PM	From Amarillo	Amarillo	NW
6:58 PM		From Cleveland	Memphis	NE
7:40 PM	7:45 PM	From Brownsville	Waco	S
7:45 PM	7:50 PM	From Galveston	Waco	S
8:20 PM	8:27 PM	To Los Angeles	El Paso	W
10:01 PM	10:08 PM	From Los Angeles	El Paso	W
	10:45 PM	To Cleveland	Memphis	NE

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S	4 "
NW	2 "
W	4 "
E	2 "

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In connection with the movements of these ships, [redacted] stated there were no individual logs; that all the information from pilots received by means of radio and teletype machines was recorded on a daily report sheet. That this sheet did not contain definite information as to the arrivals and departures of ships other than Ft. Worth, it being sometimes impossible to contact the pilots. However, the pilots are required to report at least every 20 minutes while en route, and the information received from them is then transferred to the daily report sheet. In order to compile a separate log for each sheet it would be necessary to go over the daily report sheets, which [redacted] states would necessitate the services of one of their experienced employees, in order to interpret some of the code language contained on these sheets. This would probably require several days.

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

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

The daily reports concerning the movements of ships indicate that from 7-23-33 to 7-29-33 this ship was about on time every day; that there was no rain recorded over the course during that period. However, on Sunday 7-30-33 there is a notation on the records as follows:

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

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

The records further show that the same plane left Amarillo, Texas at 3:30 PM the same date and arrived at Wichita Falls, leaving the latter place at 5:55 PM, arriving at Fort Worth about 7 PM - about one hour late. [redacted] stated that this plane probably flew over the regular route.

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

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

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

Departments 8:10 AM from Ft. Worth for Dallas

Depart - 8:30 AM	"	Dallas	"	Tulsa	Northbound
Depart - 11:00 AM	"	Ft. Worth	"	Dallas	
Depart - 11:20 AM	"	Dallas	"	Oklahoma City	"
Depart - 1:35 PM	"	Ft. Worth	"	Dallas	
Depart - 2:00 PM	"	Dallas	"	Tulsa	"
Depart - 4:25 PM	"	Tulsa	"	Ft. Worth-Southbound	
Depart - 5:30 PM	"	Okla. City	"	"	"
Depart - 7:20 PM	"	Tulsa	"	"	"

RECAPITULATION

Northbound 3 ships
Southbound 3 ships

At the office of United Airlines, Meacham Field Airport, Ft. Worth, Texas, Agent interviewed [redacted]. He stated that the United Airlines have a total of four planes in and out of Ft. Worth each day - and the schedules are as follows:

Depart - 7:40 AM	from Oklahoma City for Ft. Worth	Southbound
Depart - 10:20 AM	" Ft. Worth	" Dallas
Depart - 10:45 AM	" Dallas	" Tulsa Northbound
Depart - 5:40 PM	" Oklahoma City	" Ft. Worth Southbound
Depart - 9:00 PM	" Ft. Worth	" Oklahoma C. Northbound

RECAPITULATION

Southbound 2 ships
Northbound 2

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

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

[redacted] also advised Agent that he is familiar with an automobile trip to this country from Oklahoma City. That if he were to drive his car he would go to Norman, across the bridge at Lexington, continue to Purcell, Pauls Valley, Davis, Ardmore, Marionette, Thackersville, and from there on a rough road to Gainesville, Texas, thence to Denton and Decatur, and from the latter place on a country dirt road to Paradise, Texas. That during the trip there are a number of forks of the river in the vicinity of Decatur. According to [redacted] one of the lakes is named after a Mr. Cook, who has been in that location all his life and knows the territory very well, but he would not vouch for him being reliable, as Cook is sometimes referred to as being an outlaw.

At the United States Airways Weather Bureau, Meacham Field Airport, Ft. Worth, Texas, Agent interviewed [REDACTED] who stated that the weather conditions are received from Kansas City every four hours. According to his charts on file from 7-23-33 to 7-31-33 inclusive, he furnished Agent with the following unofficial weather reports:

7-23-33 Rain at Shreveport, La., Houston and Dallas, Texas 12 noon and 4 PM
Rain at Waco, Texas 6 AM
Rain at Little Rock and Shreveport, Springfield, Ill. 4 PM and 8 PM

7-24-33 Rain at Little Rock, Ark. 8 PM

7-25-33 Rain at Memphis, Tenn., Little Rock, Ark., and Shreveport, La. 4 AM

Rain at Memphis, Tenn. and Little Rock, Ark. 8 AM.

Rain at Memphis, Tenn. and Little Rock, Ark. 12 noon.

Rain at Memphis, Tenn. and Little Rock, Ark. 4 PM

Rain at Memphis, Tenn. and Little Rock, Ark. 8 PM

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

7-27-33 Rain at Little Rock, Ark. 4 AM, 8 AM, 12 noon

7-28-33 Rain at Shreveport, La. 12 noon

7-29-33 No rain

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

7-31-33 Rain at Ardmore and Oklahoma City, Okla., and Waco, Texas 8 AM
Rain at Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Okla. 8 PM.

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

[redacted] stated he was at the camp located on the lake near Paradise, Texas, on Sunday 7-30-33, and that it rained all that day.

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

In endeavoring to determine where a certain plane would be about 9:45 AM and 5:45 PM, taking into consideration the departing and arrival time as indicated on the Ft. Worth Airport Register, and assuming that only two planes crossed over the same place - each going in the opposite direction - [redacted] stated that the American Airways plane on the Ft. Worth - Amarillo line was the only plane he was able to figure on in referring to the Terminal Circumference Aeronautic Mileage Map in his office. He stated that this plane at 9:40 to 9:45 AM and 5:40 to 5:45 PM should be not more than 5 miles North or South of Bridgeport, Texas. However, [redacted] stated that this only applies to the planes departing and arriving at the Ft. Worth Terminal; that it is possible that at the same time of day two planes could possibly be out of some other airport terminal.

Based on a radius of 500 miles he named three other important airport terminals, viz. - Tulsa, Oklahoma; Kansas City, Missouri; and Wichita, Kansas; stating that it would be an easy matter to determine from the terminal's circumference aeronautic mileage maps posted in such terminals and by reference to the arrivals and departures of planes as recorded in the airport register. In order to properly arrive at such information [redacted] stated that it would be necessary to check the other airport terminals at Tulsa, Oklahoma; Kansas City, Missouri, and Wichita, Kansas.

To further assist in this investigation, [redacted] voluntarily turned over to Agent the original Ft. Worth Airport Register Sheets for the period of 7-23-33 to 8-1-33, inclusive - with the request they be returned to his office after they have served their purpose. These original register sheets were forwarded to the Oklahoma City Bureau Office.

On August 9, 1933, the Dallas Bureau Office received a request by telephone from Special Agent in Charge Blake of the Dallas Office, from Oklahoma City, to check the Bowen Air Lines for actual arrival and departure of planes at Dallas from Tulsa; also weather conditions, wind, rain, etc., in the vicinity of Paradise, Texas from July 23 to July 30, 1933, as well as the corn crop reports prior to July 23, 1933. This information, Mr. Blake stated, was desired because while Mr. Urschel was between 9 and 10: A.M., Sunday, July 23, 1933, it started raining and rained intermittently until about 2:30 P.M. that afternoon. Mr. Urschel had stopped at that time in a garage with a tin roof. About two hours later, which would be 4:30 P.M., on July 23, it rained very hard for about thirty minutes and did not rain anymore that day. He further stated that on July 29 the wind blew very hard all day from the south, and on July 30 it started raining again before daylight and rained until the middle of the afternoon; that it was not a hard rain, just a steady rain. Mr. Urschel also advised that from what he was able to learn there was no rain where he was held, between July 23 and July 30, and that it was very dry up until July 23, a remark being made to Mr. Urschel by one of the guards that the crops were burned up and they might not make enough corn for feed purposes.

The investigation requested was conducted by this Agent, which resulted in the following information being obtained from the records of the Bowen Air Lines at Love Field, Dallas, Texas, showing planes leaving and arriving on the Dallas - Tulsa Air Route:

RECORD

<u>BOWEN AIR LINES</u>				
<u>Date</u> <u>1933</u> <u>JULY</u>	<u>Plane No.</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Leave Dallas</u>	<u>Arrive Tulsa</u>
23	5	Northbound to Tulsa	8:35 AM	10:30 AM
23	3	"	2:05 PM	3:50 PM
24	4	"	8:50 AM	10:45 AM
24	2	"	2:37 PM	4:40 PM
25	5	"	8:37 AM	10:35 AM
25	3	"	2:27 PM	4:35 PM
26	4	"	8:53 AM	10:25 AM
26	5	"	2:08 PM	4:10 PM
27	2	"	8:37 AM	10:30 AM
27	5	"	2:20 PM	4:20 PM
28	3	"	8:35 AM	10:15 AM
28	2	"	2:10 PM	3:50 PM
29	4	"	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
29	3	"	2:10 PM	3:45 PM
30	3	No trip on account of bad weather		
30	5	" " " "		
31	3	Northbound to Tulsa (Weather bad)	9:53 AM	11:00 AM
31	2	Northbound to Tulsa	2:00 PM	3:30 PM

			Leave Tulsa	Arrive Dallas
23	5	Southbound to Dallas	2:05 PM	3:50 PM
23	3	"	5:30 PM	7:15 PM
24	3	"	2:02 PM	3:30 PM
24	3	"	5:10 PM	6:35 PM
25	3	"	2:02 PM	3:35 PM
25	3	"	5:10 PM	6:45 PM
26	4	"	2:00 PM	3:50 PM
26	5	"	5:10 PM	6:45 PM
27	2	"	2:03 PM	3:40 PM
27	5	"	5:10 PM	6:50 PM
28	3	"	2:02 PM	3:55 PM
28	2	"	5:15 PM	7:10 PM
29	4	"	2:05 PM	4:05 PM
29	5	"	5:10 PM	7:20 PM
30		No trip on account of bad weather		
30		"		
31	3	Southbound to Dallas	2:32 PM	4:42 PM
31	2	"	5:12 PM	7:18 PM

Texas, Airport, advised Agent that: [REDACTED] United States Weather Bureau, at Dallas,

According to his airways charts of weather conditions prevailing from July 23, 1933 to July 30, 1933, as reported every four hours from weather stations at Dallas, Ft. Worth and Gainesville, Texas, in which district Paradise, Texas is located, the following is taken from his records:

Date	Time	Location	Weather
July 23	7:00 AM	Ft. Worth	Heavy mist
	11:00 AM	(including Paradise)	NW Wind 2 miles per hour
	3:00 PM	"	Showers East, Northeast & South
	7:00 PM	"	North 13 miles per hour
July 24	3:00 AM	"	Showers in the East
	7:00 AM	"	E.N.E. 10 miles per hour
	11:00 AM	"	Scattered clouds,
	3:00 PM	"	N.E. 8 miles per hour
	7:00 PM	"	Misting
		"	Cloudy
		"	N. 18 miles per hour
		"	Shower southwest
		"	N.N.E. 21 miles per hour
		"	Scattered clouds
		"	N.E. 19 miles per hour
		"	Scattered clouds
		"	N.E. 16 miles per hour

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Date	Time	Location	Weather
July 25	3:00 AM	Ft. Worth	No rain
	7:00 AM	(including Paradise)	N. 13 miles per hour, no rain
	11:00 AM	"	N.E. 20 miles per hour, no rain
	3:00 PM	"	N.E. 17 miles per hour, no rain
July 26	7:00 PM	"	N.E. 16 miles per hour, no rain
	3:00 AM	"	N. 6 miles per hour, no rain
	7:00 A.M.	"	N., N.W. 8 miles per hour, no rain.
	11:00 AM	"	N. 15 miles per hour, no rain
July 27	3:00 PM	"	N.N.E. 18 miles per hour, no rain
	7:00 PM	"	N.N.E. 11 miles per hour, no rain
	3:00 AM	"	N.N.W., 6 miles per hour, no rain
	7:00 AM	"	N.W. 8 miles per hour, no rain
July 28	11:00 AM	"	N.N.W. 8 miles per hour, no rain
	3:00 PM	"	N. 9 miles per hour, no rain
	7:00 PM	"	E. 6 miles per hour, no rain
	3:00 AM	"	S.S.E. 5 miles per hour, no rain
July 29	7:00 AM	"	S.E. 6 miles per hour, no rain
	11:00 AM	"	S.S.E. 6 miles per hour, no rain
	3:00 PM	"	E.S.E. 11 miles per hour, no rain
	7:00 PM	"	S.E. 11 miles per hour, no rain
July 30	3:00 AM	"	S.E. 6 miles per hour, no rain
	7:00 AM	"	S.S.E. 9 miles per hour, no rain
	11:00 AM	"	S.S.E. 13 miles per hour, no rain
	3:00 PM	"	S.E. 21 miles per hour, no rain
July 31	7:00 PM	"	South 16 miles per hour, no rain
	3:00 AM	"	S. 16 miles per hour, no rain
	4:20 AM	"	Started raining
	7:00 AM	"	Light rain, wind S.E. 12 miles per hour
August 1	11:00 AM	"	Light rain, wind southeast 12 miles per hour
	3:00 PM	"	Light rain, wind east S.E. 14 miles per hour
	7:00 PM	"	Scattered clouds, S.E. 8 miles per hour

According to [REDACTED] the annual average of wind velocity in North Central Texas would not exceed 10 to 12 miles per hour. He states that the wind from the South in the summer time has a higher velocity average than the wind from the North.

[REDACTED] United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, 1022 Cotton Exchange Building, Dallas, Texas, advised Agent that his records indicate the following information:

7-23-33 at Bridgeport and vicinity - 0.26 inches rain during day; no exact time of rain kept.

7-24-33 to 7-29-33 no rain

7-30-33 1.75 inches rain at Bridgeport and vicinity.

He stated that prior to the rain of 7-30-33 the last good rain at Bridgeport and vicinity was 1.05 rain on 5-20-33.

Total rain in June 0.01 inches

Total rain ending 7-19-33 0.24 inches

He stated it was exceedingly dry; severe drouth in June and early part of July; that the first real rain since May 20, 1933 was 1.75 inches on July 30, 1933; that corn began firing in June. The rain fall on July 30 was too late to materially benefit corn planted in April, May or June, 1933; that there was only 1/2 crop Spring or Indian Corn.

In his bulletin issued 7-4-33 he states as follows:

"Corn badly damaged by drought - late planted corn will be a complete failure unless it rains soon, but early planted corn will make a fair crop. Corn is now badly firing in places."

[REDACTED] stated that the weather observation point is at Bridgeport, Texas, which covers Paradise - the latter being about 6 miles Southeast of Bridgeport.

A letter received by the Dallas Bureau Office from the Oklahoma City Bureau Office, dated August 9, 1933, enclosing a sketch of the shack in which Mr. Charles F. Urschel was held indicating the road and surrounding houses and other information furnished by Mr. Urschel for assistance in getting up such a sketch, the Dallas Office was requested to make an investigation in the vicinity of Paradise, Texas relative to the possibility of some of the ransom notes showing up there and, principally, with a view of locating, if possible, the shack where Urschel was held, as the information thus far furnished by the Dallas Bureau Office indicated that the shack in question was at or near Paradise, Texas. Accordingly, this Agent conducted the following investigation:

On August 10, 1933, Agent, accompanied by [redacted] and [redacted] of the Ft. Worth, Texas, Police Department, drove to Decatur, Texas. While [redacted] and [redacted] remained in town Agent interviewed [redacted] of the First National Bank, relative to the possibility of some of the \$20.00 Federal Reserve Ransom Notes having been deposited or exchanged in the bank by one R. G. Shannon, Paradise, Texas, father-in-law of George Kelly, one of the suspects in this case. [redacted] stated that thus far none of the notes showed up at the bank.

In making inquiry as to the reputation and financial standing of Mr. R. G. Shannon, who is also known as "Boss" Shannon, Agent was advised by [redacted] that he knew Boss Shannon for a number of years; that Shannon was considered a good cotton farmer and, as far as he knew, bore a good reputation. He further stated that there was an account in the bank under the name of Boss Shannon which was opened September 12, 1931; that the average monthly balances were between four and five hundred dollars, the present balance being \$793.75. The account of late has not been active. There is no deposit box in the bank in the name of R. G. Shannon or Mrs. Ora Shannon.

According to [redacted] for some time he has been endeavoring to get more of Shannon's banking business, and in this connection, he had Shannon investigated by the bank's confidential investigator. A report was received from this investigator to the effect that it was not advisable to tie up very much with R. G. Shannon inasmuch as there were considerable rumors to the effect that Shannon was handling more money than ordinarily would be derived from the sale of his cattle and farm products, and the source of this money was beginning to be questioned.

The First National Bank of Decatur, Texas, is a Wagoner Institution. [redacted]

After a brief conversation with [redacted] Agent was convinced that he was willing to cooperate in every way possible. Therefore, Agent asked [redacted] who was, in his opinion, an absolutely reliable man in the county familiar with the country in the vicinity of Paradise, Texas, which is located in Wise County, Decatur being the County Seat. [redacted] stated that [redacted] of the county and now employed in the bank in conducting confidential investigations in connection with loans and collaterals, checking live stock, etc., could be absolutely relied upon to assist Agent; that [redacted] probably knew every

road and country in the county and was, undoubtedly, familiar with every farm and acquainted with the occupants thereof inasmuch as it is [redacted] duty to daily contact families in Wise County concerning loans and renewals of notes and payments of their obligations to the bank. In this connection, [redacted] advised Agent that [redacted] has been a very valuable man to the bank; that he and [redacted] would vouch for his honesty, sincerity and dependability. It was then decided by Agent to contact [redacted] had him come to the bank and, after a brief conference, [redacted] suggested that Agent might accompany [redacted] in the vicinity of Shannon's home under the pretext of being a bank examiner; that he [redacted] stated there was an old note of Boss Shannon's at the bank, dated December 31, 1931, on which the interest had only been paid to date and, in order that Agent might have an opportunity, if possible, of interviewing Boss Shannon with [redacted] he prepared a new note for Boss Shannon to sign, dating it August 10, 1933. The note in question was for money borrowed for the account of [redacted] Archer, Oklahoma. Agent later ascertained that [redacted] and now resides at Stratford, Oklahoma.

Before starting on the trip with [redacted] in his Ford Coupe, Agent exhibited to him a pencil sketch of the shack in which Mr. Urschel was held, with roads and surrounding houses drawn according to information available. This sketch had been received in a letter from the Oklahoma City Bureau Office, dated August 9, 1933, and was drawn from the information contained in interview by Special Agent in Charge Jones with Charles F. Urschel on August 2, 1933, which memorandum was set out in report of Special Agent in Charge Colvin, dated at Oklahoma City, August 5, 1933. [redacted] looked the sketch over and recalled such a house in the vicinity of R. G. Shannon's Place, but stated that the direction and roads on the sketch apparently did not cover the house he had in view but that they would fit a similar house located on one of Shannon's Farms which, to his knowledge, was occupied by one [redacted] wife and four children when he [redacted] called there last in an attempt to collect some money on an old note due the bank.

Agent started out with [redacted] in his Ford Coupe from Decatur, Texas, and following a rather winding course over a fair dirt road for a distance of about 16 miles, [redacted] remarking on the trip that it was not possible for an automobile to travel over 30 miles an hour, the town of Paradise, Texas, which has a population at the present of 300 people, was reached.

While [redacted] remained in his car, Agent interviewed Postmaster [redacted] who stated that on August 8, 1933, an air mail registered letter was received addressed to Mrs. R. G. Shannon; that the latter was probably expecting this letter inasmuch as she was waiting at the Post Office when the mail arrived. This registered letter, No. 1717, was postmarked Madison, Wis., with return address Kathryn C. Kelly, General Delivery, Indianapolis, Indiana. The last letter in the handwriting of Kathryn Kelly, who left Paradise, Texas with George Kelly about 2:00 P.M., July 31, 1933, was postmarked St. Paul, Minn., August 4, 1933. Postmaster [redacted] advised Agent that she believed the registered letter which had 26¢ postage on it, contained money. The next day - August 9, 1933 - Mrs. Ora Shannon came to the Post Office and purchased a money order for \$45.15

to the order of the Universal Credit Company, 1200 Patterson Avenue, Dallas, Texas, paying for the same with two \$20.00 Federal Reserve Notes, and one \$5.00 Federal Reserve Note. A record of the serial numbers on these bills was taken by Postmaster [redacted] which was as follows:

The serial numbers on the two \$20.00 notes are:

K 02577256 A Federal Reserve District #8.
K 01302282 A Federal Reserve District #11.

The serial on the \$5.00 note was:

B 98300832 A No Federal Reserve District Number given.

The serial numbers of the two \$20.00 notes were checked against the list of the numbers of the bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases as named in Bureau Letter dated August 7, 1935, and these numbers did not tally with any on the list.

While at Paradise, Texas, Agent did not deem it advisable to contact [redacted] inasmuch as when Agent previously interviewed her he did so under a different pretext.

From Paradise, Texas, Agent continued in the Ford Coupe with [redacted] about four miles south where discreet inquiries were made by him from two farmers enroute regarding the shack described in the above-mentioned sketch. Information was received that this shack was occupied by Boss Shannon's son Armon Shannon, who moved there with his wife during the Fall of 1932.

Agent and [redacted] proceeded to the shack and while Agent remained in the car [redacted] talked to Armon Shannon with regard to locating his father with a view of having him sign a new note. [redacted] exhibited the old note and Armon Shannon remarked that the counter signature on the note was that of [redacted] who now resides at Stratford, Oklahoma. Agent got out of the car and asked for a drink of water. Armon Shannon went into the house and brought out an old galvanized bucket containing some water, in which there was a tin cup. Armon Shannon suggested to [redacted] that he draw some fresh water from a well located slightly northwest from the shack.

Agent accompanied [redacted] to the well, which is located slightly northwest from the shack, about 10 to 15 feet from the kitchen. Agent noticed that it was a board well with a bucket and pulley rope. In drawing water from the well Agent observed that there was a slight squeak and that the galvanized bucket and tin cup which showed considerable use, had been corroded due to the mineral iron in the water. About ten or fifteen feet back of the well north, Agent observed two small wooden houses, probably hen houses, and directly in back of the shack north about 50 to 75 feet there was an old barn and shed. After tasting the water drawn from the well, it appeared very hard, with a sharp mineral iron taste. From the well Agent and [redacted] returned to the northeast side of the shack and went up on a small living porch where a conversation was carried on with Armon Shannon while we all had a small watermelon. Armon Shannon remarked

that he had two hogs and two pigs and four milk cows and about 100 chickens on the place; that he would not be able to realize anything out of his corn crop due to the drought.

He further stated that his father's house was located a mile and a half or so west of his place. Agent observed the small corn field at the west of the shack, as referred to in the pencil sketch. While conversing with Armon Shannon, a small baby came walking out from the kitchen of the shack to the porch. Agent followed the baby and it went into the kitchen on the northwest of the shack and from there into the southwest room of the shack where Agent noticed that the baby's mother was sitting on a double bed with old springs. The mother of the baby, who appeared to be in a family condition, told Agent that her baby girl was 14 months old and that she was the wife and her husband was on the porch talking to [REDACTED].

In the kitchen of the shack Agent observed on the west side, below a window, about a five foot wooden bench. In the southeast corner of the room there was a blue baby high chair, and in the northeast corner of the same room there was a small wooden table with an oil cloth cover over it. In the southwest room there was only the double iron bed mentioned, with no other furniture. The floors were bare. There was a connecting door between the southwest room and the southeast room. However, in order not to create any suspicion whatsoever, Agent did not enter the southeast room but observed from the southwest room that there was what looked like or appeared to be an old fashioned piano located in the southeast corner of the room.

[REDACTED] and Agent drove from the shack on the east side to a small lane to the dirt road in which we came in. Continuing southeast on this dirt road inquiry was made at a house located about a mile from the shack. The tenant resident of this house stated his name was Mr. Brown and that the house was owned by one [REDACTED]. Brown evidently knew or was acquainted with [REDACTED] as they carried on a brief conversation about crops and cattle. During this conversation Mr. Brown stated that to his knowledge there were only three bulls in that vicinity, all of which were owned by [REDACTED] who was no relative of [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] lived in a house east of Armon Shannon's Farm House. Brown stated that [REDACTED] had one Hereford white-faced bull and two other Jersey Bulls.

After leaving Mr. Brown's Place, Agent and [REDACTED] turned back on the dirt road east and continued north toward Paradise and then over on the road to Boss Shannon's house. Upon arrival at Boss Shannon's Place, which is located about 50 feet off the dirt road, Agent observed that he occupied a white house containing four or five rooms; that northwest of the house there was a small shed (probably a garage) and about 50 to 75 feet from the house there was a large barn with a galvanized roof. This barn was open and had a hall running through it east and west, probably between two cribs. When [REDACTED] and Agent called at this house there appeared to be no one at home. Four dogs began barking and Agent

paid particular attention that one of these dogs was a rather ferocious-looking brown bull dog. Numerous guineas were heard around the house. In order not to create any suspicion, Agent conducted no further investigation and left there with [redacted] and went back to Padatur with him.

On the trip over the road from Paradise to Shannon's house, Agent observed that some of the telephone poles which carried Shannon's wire, were painted white. It is possible these poles were painted that way for the purpose of showing the way from Paradise to the Farm of Boss Shannon.

With the exception of the locations of Brown's house, [redacted] house and the Shannon house, as indicated in the sketch furnished by the Oklahoma City Office, and a few minor changes found in the description of the shack, particularly the extension of the porch on the south side and another small living porch on the east side of the shack which was not shown in the sketch, Agent otherwise felt confident after his investigation, that the shack referred to above occupied by Armon Shannon, was the place where Charles F. Urschel was imprisoned pending the paying of the ransom money to the kidnapers. It would have been impossible to find this place in an airplane.

The result of Agent's investigation at Paradise was transmitted over the telephone to the Oklahoma City Office by Acting Agent in Charge McCormack, who was later on instructed to have this Agent and a squad of police officers from the Dallas Detective Bureau and the Ft. Worth Detective Bureau, accompany Agent [redacted] to Denton, Texas, on August 11, 1933, at which place they were to contact Special Agent in Charge Jones of the San Antonio Bureau Office, and Mr. Charles F. Urschel, who would arrive there about 5:00 P.M., 8-11-33, from Oklahoma City.

Accompanied by [redacted] of the Dallas Homicide and Robbery Division with his squad [redacted] and [redacted] Agent went to Denton. In the meantime Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] of [redacted] confidential squad, were also requested to meet Agent at Denton, Texas.

Upon arrival at Denton, Agent met Special Agents [redacted] of the Dallas Bureau Office, and [redacted] of the San Antonio Bureau Office. Later on Special Agent in Charge Jones of the San Antonio Office, [redacted] Oklahoma City, and Charles F. Urschel were contacted at Denton. After this Agent went over with Special Agent in Charge Jones of San Antonio, and Mr. Charles F. Urschel, his investigation as conducted at Paradise, Texas, and compared Agent's sketch of the shack and his findings with those of the sketch received from the Oklahoma City Office, it was decided by Agent Jones that the best time to 'hit' the place, was about daybreak, Saturday morning, August 11, 1933. Instructions were accordingly given that those who were to go on the raid were to report at Ft. Worth, Texas not later than 4:00 AM, Saturday, August 12, 1933.

On Saturday morning, August 12, 1933, at 4:00 o'clock, the following met at Ft. Worth, Texas, as requested by Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones of the San Antonio Bureau Office:

Gus T. Jones, Special Agent in Charge, San Antonio Bureau Office
[redacted] Special Agent, San Antonio Bureau Office
[redacted] Special Agent, Dallas Bureau Office
[redacted] Special Agent, Dallas Bureau Office
[redacted] Dallas P.D.
[redacted] Dallas P.D.
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Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

After plans were gone over and instructions received, it was decided to first go to the farm house of R. C. Shannon at Paradise, Texas, and later on to the shack occupied by Armon Shannon where it was thought that Charles F. Urschel had been imprisoned after his abduction.

Inasmuch as it was deemed advisable to contact [redacted] Decatur, Texas, [redacted] of Wise County, in which county Paradise, Texas is located, for him to accompany the officers to the above mentioned farms, [redacted] could not be located by telephone during the day of August 11, 1933, but was finally communicated with over the telephone shortly before 2:00 AM, August 12, 1933, by Special Agent in Charge Blake. He was instructed by Mr. Blake to meet all parties at Rhome, Texas at 4:30 AM sharp; no information as to where the party was to proceed was given him.

The officers and Mr. Charles F. Urschel, who assembled at Ft. Worth, Texas, as stated above, proceeded from that place at 4:00 AM and arrived at Rhome, Texas 4:30 AM. After waiting until 5:15 AM for [redacted] who failed to show up, Special Agent [redacted] was instructed by Special Agent in Charge Jones, to telephone [redacted] at Decatur. Agent [redacted] talked to [redacted] who stated [redacted] had just left there a little while ago. The distance between Decatur and Rhome, Texas, is about 17 miles. When [redacted] failed to show up at Rhome, Texas at 6:00 AM, Special Agent in Charge Blake was communicated over the telephone by this Agent and he instructed the party to proceed to Paradise without [redacted]. Upon returning from Paradise, Texas later in the morning of the same day with prisoners en route to Dallas, Texas, [redacted] met the convey of automobiles at Rhome, Texas and his excuse for not showing up as promised was that he misheard the instructions.

When the house where R. G. Shannon was alleged to live, four miles south of Paradise, was located, this Agent got out of the automobile and after making inquiry from R. G. Shannon, the person who came from the house, the latter said that was the place where he lived. At the time Agent observed a man sleeping on a bed in the yard to the right of Shannon's house. When Shannon was asked who the man was he replied, "Bailey", whereupon Special Agent in Charge Jones of the San Antonio Office rushed over with a machine gun and put it close to Bailey's head. Bailey was evidently sound asleep as he had to be poked to awaken and when doing so threw up his hands, stating he was Harvey Bailey. However, it was not necessary for Bailey to admit his identity because he was a perfect likeness to his penitentiary photograph and the one on I.O.#1189, issued by the United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. On the bed along side of Bailey was a fully loaded 351 Winchester Automatic Rifle and a Colts .45 Automatic Pistol with several clips containing ammunition for these guns on the bed. Bailey had been sleeping in his B.V.D.'s and his pants and shirt were at the foot of the bed. In Bailey's pants were found \$1200.00 in paper money, \$700.00 of which consisted of \$20.00 bills, being part of the ransom money paid by Charles F. Urschel. Not far from Bailey there was found a Ford Tudor, 1933 Automobile, the keys to which were in the ignition and the front wheels of the car set so that in the event Bailey had to use the car it was ready for use. Bailey admitted ownership of this car.

A search was made of Shannon's house, the barn, small garage and double garage built special for George Kelly, with a view of locating some other confederates of Bailey who might be on the farm. The small Shannon Garage contained a Ford Roadster which is the car that was used to take Urschel from the Shannon House to the shack where his son Armon lived. In the southeast room of Shannon's house there was found a Thompson Sub-Machine Gun and a Colts Automatic Pistol, both of which Harvey Bailey claimed were his property. In other rooms of the house there were found two single-barrel shot guns and a Remington .22 Calibre Rifle, claimed by Shannon and one of his boys.

While a search was being made of the premises the money found in Bailey's pants was turned over to Mr. Urschel, who separated 35 \$20.00 Federal Reserve Notes of the 10th Federal Reserve District, Kansas City, Missouri, from the money, and Agent compared some of the bills with the list of bank notes paid in ransom and kidnaping cases as contained in Bureau letter dated August 7, 1933, and found the numbers on some of the bills to correspond with those numbers checked in the list. The serial numbers of these bills together with further information will appear later on in this report as well as a description of the guns found in possession of Harvey Bailey.

While at the Shannon Farm Urschel examined Kelly's special-built garage and stated this was the garage he was taken to. He also went through Shannon's house and stated this was the place he was kept in one night. He furthermore identified R. G. Shannon as the old man who guarded him while he was being held a prisoner in the other shack.

Some of the raiding officers with Special Agent in Charge Jones of the San Antonio Office and this Agent proceeded with Mr. Urschel to the farm shack of Armon Shannon. At this place there was found Armon Shannon, his wife and baby. Urschel went to the shack and after looking it over positively identified it as the place he was held. He also identified Armon Shannon as the young boy who acted as one of the guards while he was being held a prisoner. Urschel went to the well, tasted the water and drank out of the same aluminum cup that he previously referred to in his statement to Special Agent in Charge Jones, which is incorporated in report of Special Agent R. H. Colvin, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, August 5, 1933.

While the house and premises were being thoroughly searched by officers, this Agent and Mr. Urschel talked to Armon Shannon and he admitted that his house was the place where Mr. Urschel was held and that he was one of the guards and recognized Mr. Urschel as the blind-folded man who was held in his house.

Officers of the raiding party with Special Agent in Charge Jones, Mr. Urschel and this Agent, also visited the farm of H. E. Brown, father-in-law of Armon Shannon. This place was searched without finding any other confederates of Harvey Bailey, and there was no other evidence that any of them had been in Brown's House.

Persons taken into custody were:

Harvey J. Bailey
R. G. Shannon
Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, wife of R. G. Shannon
Armon Crawford Shannon, son of R. G. Shannon
Oleta Shannon, wife of Armon Shannon
H. E. Brown, father of Oleta Shannon.

The 6 prisoners were brought by automobile to the Dallas Bureau Office where they were interviewed and made the following signed statements:

"Dallas, Texas,
August 12, 1933.

"I am making this statement of my own free will to [redacted] knowing him to be a Special Agent of the United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; after being advised that whatever I say can be used against me in subsequent Court proceedings:

"My full name is Armon Crawford Shannon. I was born in Wise County, Texas, 9-9-11 and will be 22 years of age my next birthday. My father's name is Robert G. Shannon and my step-mother's name is Ora Shannon; her name before marriage to my father was Ora Brooks - I think she came from Missouri but I am not sure, as I don't know much about her. I have an own [redacted] who lives at Paradise, Texas; and an own [redacted] who lives with my father at Paradise. I have a [redacted] who lives at Levelland, Texas; [redacted] (I am the son of

his second wife). I also have [redacted] who lives at Bridgeport, Texas and who is [redacted]. Katherine Thorne Kelly is my step-sister, being a daughter of my present step-mother.

"Katherine Thorne Kelly is married to George Kelly. I don't know their exact address, as they travel about together; if they do live at some place I don't know where.

"On 9-9-29 at Duncan, Oklahoma, I married Oleta Brown, whose father Earl Brown resides at Paradise, Texas. I have a 14 months old baby girl named [redacted] and at the present time my wife is confined and expected to give birth to a baby in about 3 months.

"My father Robert G. Shannon is the owner of 5 farms in Wise County, Texas, one of which I rent on a one-third corn and one-fourth cotton production basis. The farm in question is located about 2 miles around the road Southeast of my father's place at Paradise, Texas. I moved on this farm I believe in November, 1932. Prior to that time I was living on another farm owned by my father located about 1 1/2 miles West of my father's place.

"On Monday, I think it was 1-17-33, my father and step-mother went to Levelland, Texas to see my father's daughter Lura Read. They remained away until Saturday 7-22-33 - I think this is about the right date. During their absence I remained at their home and attended to the necessary work around the farm. During that time, the exact date I cannot recall, George Kelly (my step-sister's husband) - accompanied by a man whom I later knew as George Bates - came to the house and remained there one night.

"They arrived at the house in what I believe to be a 1932 model A four Cylinder Ford Sedan; they arrived late in the evening just before dark. After dark the same evening while sitting on the porch with George Kelly and George Bates a conversation took place in which George Kelly and George Bates asked me if I would like to make some money; I said I would if I wouldn't get into anything; they both said, "We'll take care of you. All you have to do is keep your mouth shut and wait on us, and we will be back in about a week or some time, we don't know exactly. All you have to do is wait at your house and take care of us and watch and not let anybody come in while we are there." No mention was made at the time that they was going to hold a man in my house.

"On Sunday morning 7-23-33 before 12 noon, Katherine Kelly came to my house in a Ford Roadster which belongs to [redacted]. This car stays over at my father's place all the time. After Katherine arrived at my house she requested my wife Oleta to accompany her to Ft. Worth, Texas and remain with Katherine's father, who was sick. My wife asked me if I cared if she go and I said no. My wife and 14 months old

baby girl went with Katherine Kelly in the Ford Roadster to my father's house about 2 miles northwest of my place at Paradise. At my father's place they changed to Katherine's large 1932 model Cadillac Sedan. I think it is a 16 cylinder car, and picked up [redacted] and [redacted] and they all then went to Ft. Worth in the Cadillac Sedan.

"My wife remained at Ft. Worth - I do not know at whose place, until Tuesday, 8-1-33, at which time I went from Paradise with my step-mother in the same Ford V-8 Sedan mentioned above. After reaching Ft. Worth I think we went southeast to a place I think called Morningside, where we stopped at a corner red brick house, adjoining which I believe was a double garage. I drove the car all the way from Paradise to Ft. Worth. I cannot exactly describe the house but I think it was located on the southeast corner. I drove up at the back of the house and we got out of the car and entered the house at the back door, and there I saw my wife and 14 months old baby, [redacted] and [redacted]. There was a colored woman in the house, whose name I do not know but who seemed to take care of the house. Neither Katherine Kelly nor George Kelly was there.

"Before we started to Ft. Worth from Paradise my step-mother phoned someone at Ft. Worth, telling them she would be there after [redacted] my wife and baby. We all left this house in Ft. Worth and drove back to my father's house at Paradise; in the car was myself, my baby and wife, [redacted] and my step-mother who drove the car from Ft. Worth to Paradise.

"On Monday, 7-24-33 George Kelly and George Bates came to my house in a Ford Roadster after dark; the car came from the North. George Kelly came into the house and asked me "Can you fix room for all of us to sleep here?" I said yes I could. He then went out of the house and went back to the car and returned with George Bates and another man - this other man had his eyes covered with white tape, one strip going across both eyes, then one strip up and down over each eye. They came in with this man through the back kitchen door and brought him into the front Southwest room, where I took a mattress and put it down on the floor and fixed it with blankets; they told the man he could sleep there, and the man laid down on the mattress. George Kelly slept beside this man on the floor on a bed made out of quilts and blankets. I slept on a double iron bed in the Southeast room.

"After the man was brought into the house George Bates left in the Ford Roadster. I do not know where he went. George Kelly at the time had a machine gun without a stock; I heard him explaining the next day to the blind-folded man how stout the spring was on this gun. Before going to bed at night George Kelly would place a pair of handcuffs on the blind-folded man who was lying on the floor. After George Bates left the house in the Ford Roadster he returned 2 or 3 days later with what I believe was a steel chain about 26 feet long, which was used for chaining the blind-folded man to the bed. The first night the blind-folded man

was at the house George Kelly tied him to my baby's high chair with a pair of handcuffs. George Kelly did all the guarding of the man while he was at my house. The next time I saw George Bates was on Monday afternoon between 2 and 3 o'clock; he came to my house by himself in a black Chevrolet Sedan and took the blind-folded man away in the same sedan. George Kelly was not there that day; he had left Saturday morning 7-29-33; he did not return - in fact I haven't seen him since.

"During George Kelly's absence my father Robert G. Shannon and I guarded the blind-folded man. When George Kelly did not return to the house I did not know what had happened, and while I was fixing a meal I heard my father say that if George Kelly or George Bates had been arrested or killed we would have to turn the man loose. The only time that my father stayed at the house was when he was on guard with me all day Saturday and Sunday, and Monday until the time George Bates called for the blind-folded man.

"The next time I saw the blind-folded man was when the officers came to my place at Paradise and took me from there to Dallas. The blind-folded man - whose name I now know is Mr. Urschel - talked to me about different conversations at my place, as well as the live-stock, and asked me what had become of one of the hogs, as he understood me to say that I had 3 hogs and 2 pigs. I immediately recognized him, and more so by his voice, I told him I had given the hog to my father-in-law Mr. Brown.

"My step-mother, Mrs. Ora Shannon, came to my house on one occasion in the morning and brought with her some chicken soup, tomatoes and cake, for all of us to eat. I don't believe at the time she saw the blind-folded man, because she came into the kitchen and left the stuff there, while the blind-folded man was in the southwest room. In talking with me this morning the blind-folded man, whom I now know as Mr. Urschel, remarked about the good soup my step-mother made, and I agreed with him.

"On Sunday morning 7-30-33 Katherine Kelly came to my house before noon. It was raining and I believe she walked over to the house because I did not hear a car. My father and I at the time were guarding the blind-folded man. Katherine came into the kitchen and told my father that a telephone message had been received, but "they had not connected," or something like that. My father said, "Well, it looks like we will have to stay here a day or 2 longer".

George Kelly told me 2 or 3 times to keep watch so that no one would come near the house and said that I also should keep my mouth shut if anyone did come there. Outside of myself, my father, my step-mother and George Bates, no other person entered the house while the blind-folded man was in it. One time I remember that my wife's father came right down close to the house to get a hog, but never came near enough to see what was going on. I am sure my father-in-law, Mr. Brown, did not know that the blind-folded man

was in the house, and he had nothing whatever to do with taking him there. My wife Oleta Shannon also did not know what was going on, as she was away visiting at Ft. Worth, Texas. I do remember that when she returned I told her all about George Kelly and George Bates bringing a blind-folded man to the house and how I watched him and fed him, telling her that George Kelly promised to give me some money. I told my wife that it might be as much as \$10,000.00, and she said "You'll get into it." I know I am in this thing now, but my wife had nothing to do with it and she is innocent.

"The first time I ever met GEORGE BATES was when I talked with him and George Kelly at my father's house. As nearly as I can recall he is described as:

About 40 years old
5 feet 8 inches tall
Will weigh I guess 175 or 180 pounds
Pretty stock build
Has light brown hair
I don't believe I know what color his eyes are

He has medium complexion

His neck looked kinda long and fat; having
a sort of lump in the back below
his hair

He combs his hair straight back like Geo.
Kelly, and resembles George Kelly
right smart except his hair.

I believe I could identify George Bates if
I saw him again.

"While at my father's house this morning I was able to see a man known to me as McDonald, sitting out on the grass with my father, and men guarding them. I identify McDonald as the same person wanted as HARVEY BAILEY, Identification Order #1189, United States Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C. McDonald, as I know him, was never in my house with George Kelly. The first time I saw McDonald - whom I now am told is Harvey J. Bailey - was at my father's house on Friday morning 8-4-33 - at which time he came there in a new 8 cylinder 1933 Ford Sedan, with two other men, none of whom answer the description of George Bates.

"McDonald, who was introduced to me by my father, together with the other two men introduced as Jim and Bob, were sitting on the back porch of my father's house. The two men with McDonald - as far as I can remember - are described as follows:

JIM - the shorter fellow

I judge to be about 30 years old

5 feet, 8 1/2 inches tall

Weights about 150 pounds

Looked to have red face complexion

He had on a white shirt and dark trousers

After being shown Identification Order #1192 of JIM CLARK, wanted by the United States Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., I believe this to be the man introduced to me as "Jim."

BOB - looked to be about 5 feet 10 inches tall about 30 years old

Weighted about 175 pounds; fleshy

Had dark complexion

I paid no attention to his hair or eyes.

On being shown Identification Order #1150 of BOB BRADY, wanted by the United States Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C. - I cannot definitely identify this man but believe he is the same as the one introduced to me as "Bob".

He had on a white shirt and light trousers.

"This was the only time I ever saw the men introduced to me as Jim and Bob at my father's place. Of course McDonald (Bailey) and these men could have been there other times, as I only go to my father's house, once a week to get groceries, which he buys for me.

"The house I live in is described as follows: It is an "L" shaped house, has 2 bed-rooms - one southeast and one southwest, a kitchen with a small cook room adjoining, has a little side room on the northeast and has 2 porches, one on the southeast and one on the northeast side. In the kitchen at the present time there is a wood cook stove; there is a light blue baby high-chair, a wooden bench about 5 feet long, under the window; a table with an oil-cloth cover, and a little table. In the southeast room there is one double iron bed and a little table. In the southwest room there is a large organ, a trunk and a little table. Both these rooms were used by us when the kidnaped man was in the house. When the sun would get hot on the southwest room we would move the blind-folded man into the southeast room.

"The house is located back 300 yards from the Cottondale-Paradise Road, which runs Northeast and Southwest. On the East side of the road there is [redacted] Farm, where he has a white faced Hereford Bull, and I believe 2 Jersey Bulls. My father-in-law Mr. Brown, is located southwest of my house, a distance of about one mile around the road.

"Due west of my house there is a board wall with a bucket and pulley rope. In drawing water from this well I used a galvanized pail, which is quite rusty inside - I expect by the mineral iron in the water. I also used in taking the water from this well an aluminum dipper with the handle broken off, which cup is also quite rusty from the water. This is the same pail and cup that were used by the blind-folded man. Back of the well there is a small chicken house, further back is another chicken house, and about 30 feet from there is a barn in which I have 2 hogs and 2 pigs, 3 milk cows. When the blind-folded man was at the house I had 3 hogs, but as I said before I gave one of them away to my father-in-law. My father's house is located Northwest of my house about 2 miles. His house consists of 5 rooms, a hallway and 2 porches, one on the North and one on the South side. The house he has is located on the Draco-Paradise Road. There is a smoke house southeast of his house, then a garage southwest of the smoke house, and a garage Northwest of the house, where the Ford Roadster which carried the blind-folded man is stored.

"There is also a large barn located about 100 feet from the house - there is a hallway running East and West through the barn. Altogether my father owns 450 acres of land at Paradise.

"When George Kelly left my house on Saturday morning 7-29-33 he told me that when he returned he would bring me some money; I supposed this was the money for watching the man, but I swear that I have never received one penny from George Kelly or anyone else, for watching this man - although I have been hoping to receive some.

"I do not know where George Kelly and his wife Katherine went; if I did I would tell you.

"The foregoing is a full and complete statement of everything that I know about this matter; and after reading this statement consisting of 7 pages, each of which has been signed by me, I now say that it is all the truth."

(signed) ARMON CRAWFORD SHANNON

WITNESSES:

R. H. Colvin, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas.

"Dallas, Texas,
Aug. 12, 1933.

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"I am making this statement of my own free will to [redacted] knowing him to be a Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, after being advised that whatever I say can be used against me in subsequent Court proceedings:

"My full name is Robert G. Shannon. I was born in Faulkner County, Ark.; I will be 53 years old 11-12-33. I am married to Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, who was Mrs. Brooks before we married; her maiden name was Coleman. Her father lives about 10 or 12 miles North of Stratford, Oklahoma. I reside about 4 1/2 miles South of Paradise, Texas with my wife, my own daughter and my step-grand-daughter. I was a farmer by occupation and own 523 acres of land, 73 acres of which are in the name of my wife.

"Katherine Thorne Kelly is my step-daughter by marriage and she is married to George Kelly; they stay at my house some of the time and the rest of the time they live back some place in the North; Katherine has a home in Ft. Worth, Texas somewhere on Mulkey Street; this home is my wife's name and was that way before I married her.

"The first time I became acquainted with George Kelly was approximately 3 years ago, at which time I met him at Ft. Worth at Katherine's home. Since that time George Kelly and his wife Katherine have visited my place at Paradise regularly.

"Sometime about Tuesday 7-18-33 my wife and I left Paradise to visit my daughter Lura Read, who resides in the western part of Texas; we remained away until Saturday 7-22-33, when we returned to our home at Paradise. On Sunday 7-23-33 about 4 o'clock I saw George Kelly and George Bates drive into George Kelly's Garage on my place, in a Chevrolet Coach or sedan. During the next day, which was Monday 7-24-33, I saw George Kelly and George Bates around my place. About dusk that evening I noticed George Kelly and George Bates carrying a blind-folded man from the Southeast room of my house to a car on the North side; the car being a Ford Roadster. I did not see George Kelly and George Bates carry this man into my house, but as the room was closed I suspected they had someone in there they didn't want me to know about. When they left my house with the blind-folded man in the Ford Roadster, they drove west of my house on the road out toward a school house. The Ford Roadster in which they took the blind-folded man is in the name of [redacted]

"On Friday 7-28-33 George Bates came to me and told me that I had to go over to my son's place and help the boy guard Mr. Urschel. Prior to that time I did not know who the blind-folded man was or where he came from. At the time George Bates made the request he had with him a machine gun without a stock. About dark that night I went over to my son's place and helped him to guard Urschel, who was being kept in the place with white tape over cotton on his eyes, the tape being one strip all the way across both eyes and then one strip up and down on each eye.

"George Kelly and George Bates left Paradise that Friday night, but I did not know where they were going. During their absence my son and I acted as guards and when it was about time to go to bed my son would chain Urschel to the bed, Urschel having a handcuff on his hand attached to the chain. My son and I gave Urschel the best attention we could, feeding him and giving him water. Urschel and I constantly talked right smart together, and on Sunday 7-30-33 Urschel appeared uneasy because George Kelly and George Bates did not return to the house. He said, "It may be possible they won't make connections, something might happen and they won't come in." I said, "Mr. Urschel, as long as I'm guarding you and if they don't get in I'll see that you get home if I have to take you in a car and take you home myself."

"Sunday morning about 10: o'clock, while it was raining pretty hard, Katherine Kelly came from my house - walking, and told me "The boys have been delayed and won't get in today," or something to that effect. She stayed just a very short while and talked to me in the kitchen."

"While Urschel was at the house he slept in both bed-rooms. During the night he used the Southeast room and slept on the double iron bed, and during the day in order to get him away from the heat, a bed was made in the Northwest room on the floor, where he stayed. Urschel and I got to talking about fried chicken and he told me he would like to have a good mess of fried chicken and I told him I would see that he got it. On Sunday evening 7-30-33, as well as I remember, my wife carried a chicken dinner from my house to my son's place and we all ate it."

"On Monday afternoon 7-31-33 about 3 o'clock George Bates came to the house in a Chevrolet closed car; he drove around on the West side of the house, stopped by the door, came in and told me to go home. I went in and told Mr. Urschel good-bye and wished him good luck. I also told him if I could I would get Bates to let him not take his whiskers off; when I left George Bates was fixing to shave Mr. Urschel; I then left and returned to my home. When I got to my house George Kelly and Katherine Kelly were there fixing to leave in a custom made Cadillac 16 cylinder car - this is a convertible 7 passenger car. I think the license plates on the Cadillac were the original plates received in Cleveland, Ohio, where they bought the car. When they left my house Katherine and George Kelly were the only passengers in the car."

"The next time I heard from George Kelly and Katherine Kelly was, I believe, from St. Paul, Minnesota; following by a registered letter addressed to my wife from Katherine Kelly, which contained a cashier's draft made out to me in the amount of \$1,500.00. I deposited this draft in the Peoples State Bank at Paradise, Texas, where I have an account; this draft represented \$1,000.00 that I loaned Katherine to pay on this Cadillac 16 cylinder car, \$350.00 was money I had previously loaned George Kelly, and the balance of \$150.00 was for 3 payments to be made on a Ford Sedan registered in my name. I believe, and is used by my wife."

"The next day after the registered letter was received my wife sent me payment amounting to over \$40.00 to the Universal Credit Company of Dallas, Texas. After making the payment of over \$40.00 the balance of the money remains in the Peoples State Bank at Paradise, Texas to the credit of my account, known as R. G. Shannon. At the present time I have approximately \$4,000.00 in this bank. With the exception of a bank account in the First National Bank at Decatur, Texas, which probably shows a balance between \$600.00 and \$700.00 in the name of R. G. Shannon, I have no other bank accounts in my own name or other names, nor do I have any deposit boxes in my name or any other names. My wife, however, has a safety deposit box in the First National Bank at Decatur, Texas in her own name.

"On and off telegrams have been coming to my house addressed to R. G. Shannon; these telegrams were for George Kelly, who used my name; and if there have been any answers to these telegrams they have been made by George Kelly or his wife Katherine Kelly. I distinctly recall a telegram from Colorado signed "George" addressed to R. G. Shannon; the telegram was intended for George Kelly and was from George Bates. I do not know the nature of the telegrams and could never understand their contents; I never answered any of these telegrams. I paid no attention to these mysterious messages and knew it was no use to attempt to stop them, because George Kelly and George Bates have told me several times - and especially if my boy and I did not guard Urschel - that they would kill both of us, and if we ever told anything about the matter they would kill us both. I have been reluctant since my arrest in telling the truth about the matter because it places me in a position where I know I will be killed if George Kelly and his gang ever get a chance to do so.

"When the officers came to my house this morning, 8-12-33, and one of them asked me who the man was sleeping on the bed in the yard on the Southwest side of my house, I did not hesitate to state that it was Harvey Bailey. About the first of July, this year, Harvey Bailey first came to my house - with George Kelly, and George Kelly introduced this man to me at that time as Harvey Bailey. They remained, I believe over night and left next day.

"Harvey Bailey returned to my house for about a week prior to 8-4-33 and remained there, going hunting during the day and fooling around the house, fixing the fence. On the day he left 8-4-33 two men came to my house in a new 1933 Ford Coupe, to visit Harvey Bailey; they were introduced to me by Harvey Bailey as Jim Clark and Bob.

"Upon seeing Identification Order #1190 of the United States Bureau of Investigation, of one Robert G. Brady, alias Bob, Brady, I positively identify this man as the one introduced to me by Harvey Bailey as "Bob." And, upon seeing Identification Order #1192 of the United States Bureau of Investigation, of James Clark, alias Jim Clark, I positively identify him as Jim Clark, who was introduced to me by Harvey Bailey.

"I do not know how Harvey Bailey came to my house or who brought him there when he stayed with me for about a week. He departed on 8-4-33 in the Ford Coupe with these two men and they put his baggage in the back of the car. I believe he had 2 grips and one small bag; these were the same

2 grips and bag that were found at my house when Harvey Bailey was arrested this morning.

"I knew Harvey Bailey had a machine gun but I did not know that he had it concealed in one of the rooms in my house, where it was found by the searching officers. I found Harvey Bailey at my house after midnight on 8-11-33 when my wife and I returned from a reunion at Decatur, Texas; he arrived in a brand new 1933 Ford V-8 Coach.

GEORGE BATES referred to above is described as follows:

35 to 40 years of age
5 feet 9 or 10 inches tall
Weighs about 190 pounds
Has grayish-blue eyes
Sandy Hair
Medium red complexion
Medium full face
Has ears that stand out from his head
Stout neck
Wears pin stripe pants and Panama Hat
He has a scar on the back of one of his shoulders
which looks like a deep knife cut; it is about
4 or 5 inches in length and runs across the shoulder
I believe he has a tattoo mark on one of his arms
just below the elbow on the inside.
I think George Bates is from Colorado.

"I did not receive one cent of the ransom money, and furthermore I was not paid any money by George Kelly or George Bates for keeping guard over Mr. Urschel. As I said before, George Kelly and George Bates said they would kill me if I didn't help the boy guard. My son told me that he had been promised \$1,500.00 but I can say that like myself he never received one penny.

"The foregoing is a full and complete statement of everything that I know about this matter; and after reading this statement consisting of five pages, each of which has been signed by me, I now say that it is all the truth."

(signed) R. G. SHANNON.

Witnesses:

Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice,
Dallas, Texas.

R. H. Colvin, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

"Dallas, Texas,

Aug. 15, 1933.

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"In connection with the signed statement which I voluntarily furnished to [redacted] Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, I desire at this time to make a supplemental statement which is being made by me freely and voluntarily to Special Agent [redacted].

"On Sunday afternoon, about 4: 0'clock, July 23, 1933, I was up near the lot gate or at the lot gate; the lot is west of my house at Paradise, Texas. I saw a car drive around and go into the garage, with Geo. Kelly and George Bates in the car. In my previous statement I was under the impression that this was a Chevrolet Coach or Chevrolet Sedan but when I have thought it over it might have been a Buick Car; however, I can positively state at this time that it was not a Cadillac Closed Car. They drove the car they were in into George Kelly's garage, which is southeast of the dwelling house, and closed the door after them. This garage, I believe, is closed by means of a snap lock. From my observation, I only saw two men in the car and, to the best of my knowledge, George Kelly was at the wheel. I judge they remained in the garage about an hour. I went to my house and while I was in the house George Bates came in and, without saying anything to me, he proceeded to Katharine Kelly's room, which is located in the northeast part of my house. I went out to feed the horses, mules, hogs and cows.

"About 5:00 o'clock that day there were light showers. When I returned to the house that night I noticed both the south door and the door on the west side of the room, closed. I mention now that I did not see George Kelly come out of the garage after he entered it. I did not see George Kelly or George Bates that night and did not know who was in the room with them. This Sunday night - July 23, 1933 - I retired about 8: or 9: o'clock, as usual. The next morning I arose about 5: o'clock and before I had my breakfast I fed my stock and returned to the house about 5:30 AM. I then had breakfast and went to work plowing my field. At noon I came back to the house for dinner and at the table with me sat George Bates. George Kelly was not there but I suppose he was in the closed room. I suspected that something was wrong in the closed room and I told my wife that those fellows - George Bates and George Kelly - had to get away from there. I also spoke to George Bates at noon and told him that he had to get away from my house. He said they would leave that night. I went back to the field to plow. I generally work up until about 7: o'clock. I came on home, did the chores up and while I was out on the north gallery sitting on the settee on the west side of the hall door I saw George Kelly and George Bates taking a blind-folded man, as referred to in my previous statement, out of my house. I did not see them take him from the room, but when I first

saw the man he was coming out of the hall in my house and George Bates had a hold of his left arm while George Kelly walked along on the right side of this man. They were both carrying machine guns and, if I am not mistaken, they did not have stocks on them.

"I saw George Kelly and George Bates place this blind-folded man between them in the Ford Roadster which I have already referred to in my previous statement. The car started west toward the school house. At that time I did not know where they were going. I knew something was very wrong but I made no attempt to talk to them because I was just afraid to say anything. I did not talk to anyone about this except my wife. We carried on some kind of a conversation and like myself, she knew something was wrong.

"On Wednesday night, July 26, 1933, about 8: or 8:30 PM, Katherine Kelly asked me to go with her to my son's house and take a jug of ice water in a thermos jug. I believe she filled the jug with ice water and cracked ice. She did not tell me why she wanted me to accompany her to the house but I thought at the time it was to carry the thermos jug. She carried this water inside the house. I did not go into the house because I had ideas of my own that something was wrong there because Monday night I had seen George Kelly and George Bates carry the blind-folded man from my house and place him in the Ford Roadster. Katherine Kelly took the thermos jug full of water into the house. I waited on the west side of the house for her to come out. She did not remain long, came out and I accompanied Katherine back to my house across the field going northwest. The distance from my son's house I judge is about half a mile. On the way home I talked to Katherine and said there was something wrong and she up and told me that George Bates and George Kelly had a kidnaped man in the house.

"After I returned to my house my wife and I retired; I told her that George Kelly and George Bates had a kidnaped man in our son's house. We talked it over and I told her that I was going to kill George Kelly and George Bates for the condition in which they had things in with my son. She pleaded with me not to do it because she said "You are going to get us all killed." I did not go over to this house again until Friday night, July 28, about 8: o'clock, and only did so because, as I told you in my previous statement, George Bates demanded that I go and help guard Urschel with my son. I went over to my son's house that night and there found my son Armon, George Kelly and the blind-folded man whom they called Mr. Urschel, about whom I told you in my previous statement. George Kelly told me that he was leaving and wanted me to pilot him across the bottom from my son's house for fear he would get lost.

"He wanted to get to my house. At the time he was carrying a brown brief bag in his left hand and a machine gun in his right hand. He gave me a flash light and when he started said, "Let's not have no conversation". We did not say anything, about half way we crossed a ditch and told him to be careful or he would fall into a ravine. We went on further to a gate to where I knew he knew the way there on to the house. I opened the gate and he went through the gate and I closed the gate, gave him the flash light and he told me for me and my son to guard this man, to not let "no heat get out", if we did he would kill us both. I went back to the house where my son and the kidnaped man were and remained there guarding Urschel with my son until Monday afternoon, July 31, 1933, about 3: 0'clock. As stated in my previous statement, on Sunday morning about 10: 0'clock while it was raining pretty hard, Katharine came to my son's house walking, and told me the boys have been delayed and won't get in that day or something to that effect. Katharine came from my house and in her conversation with me she told me that she had received a telephone call from, I think, Tulsa, Okla.

"On Monday afternoon, July 31, 1933, about 5: 0'clock, as related in my previous statement, George Bates came to my son's house in a Chevrolet closed car. He drove around the west side of the house, called for my son Ammon while I was in the room guarding Urschel. He went out of the room and went into the kitchen where George Bates was. He told me I could go home and I asked him "Did you get the money?", and he said "We got what we asked for". I did not know how much they asked for. At the time he told me they were going to give my son \$1500.00. I told him it was a dirty shame the way you fellows have been doing this boy. He did not say anything and I walked out.

"The chain referred by me in this statement which was used to chain Urschel to the bed, the last time I saw it it was lying northwest of my house on the grass between the well and the fence. It was there when the officers came to my house and, if it has not already been found, it should be at this place.

"In my previous statement I overlooked to tell you that Harvey Bailey came to my house on Friday night, August 11, 1933, when we returned from the reunion at Paradise, Texas to my house. My wife and I were in the dining room eating watermelon when Harvey Bailey entered. We asked him to have some melon and he joined us. After we finished eating the melon I told him it was getting late and bed time. My wife and I got up to go to bed and he gave me \$50.00 in one dollar bills. He said, "Well, I have stayed here some and I am giving you this to pay for the trouble I have been to you. This is the same \$50.00 in one dollar bills which an officer found in my pants pocket in my sleeping room.

"The small pocketbook containing the two \$20.00 gold pieces, one \$5.00 gold piece, one \$2.50 gold piece, one Chinese coin with a hole in it, three pennies, four nickels and two one dollar bills which were found on the premises in my house, are also my personal property.

"There is also in my house a large, upright typewriter. It might be a Remington, but I am not sure. The last time I saw this typewriter it was in the northwest corner of the dining room on a sewing machine. This typewriter is the property of Katharine Kelly and, to my knowledge, has been her property before I married her mother. The first time I saw this same typewriter was in Katharine's house on Mulkey Street in Ft. Worth, Texas. As far as I can recall, this typewriter has been at my house for about two years and on several occasions I saw Katharine Kelly write letters on this typewriter. She seems to operate it pretty well. My wife, Ora Shannon, also uses this same typewriter. It seems to me that Katharine Kelly and her mother can operate the typewriter equally as well. I heard my wife say that she at one time was employed in a bank in Oklahoma and, I believe, this is where she learned how to use the typewriter.

"I have no knowledge of any ransom notes being written on this typewriter and if the same was used I knew nothing of it because during the day I was at work plowing my fields. As I said before, Katharine Kelly and her mother, Ora Shannon, are the only two persons I have ever seen use this typewriter.

"I have read this statement over, consisting of four pages, each of which has been signed by me, and I now say that it is all the truth."

(signed) R. G. SEANNON.

Witnesses:

Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas.

Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas.

"This is a voluntary statement made by me to R. H. Colvin and F. J. Blake, Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, on August 12, 1933 at Dallas, Texas.

"My name is Mrs. Ora L. Shannon and I reside with my husband R. G. Shannon near Paradise, Texas. I married Mr. Shannon in September 1927 at Weatherford, Texas. Previous to my marriage to Mr. Shannon my name was Ora L. Brooks. I divorced my former husband at Coleman, Texas. By that marriage I have one daughter, Mrs. Katherine Kelly, the wife of George Kelly. I have lived at Paradise ever since I have been married to Mr. Shannon.

"On Sunday, July 23, George Kelly and George Bates came to our house with a man who Kelly said was one of his friends who was drunk.

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"I fix this date by reason of the fact that I returned on the Saturday previous from a trip to Levelland, Texas. They brought this man into the house after dark and kept him there all the next day. That night they took him out of the house and departed in the Ford Roadster. About Wednesday or Thursday, the 26th or 27th of July, Katherine returned to our house from Ft. Worth where she had taken Oleta Shannon.

and [redacted] or Mr. R. G. Shannon. Katherine frequently took [redacted] and [redacted] with her but never had before taken Oleta with her. George Kelly came to the house while Katherine was there but I am not sure whether he remained for the night.

"During the time Mr. Urschel was at Ammon Shannon's house, Harvey Bailey came to our house and talked to Kelly and Bates. Shortly after words, in about 30 minutes Kelly and Bates left. They were absent until the day that Mr. Urschel was released when Kelly came in and got a clean shirt. Then Kelly went up to Ammon's house and I did not see him or Bates anymore.

Katherine was at our house except for a few hours at the time during the time Kelly and Bates were away just prior to the release of Mr. Urschel.

"About an hour or so after Kelly went up to Ammon's house Katherine left. I am not sure whether she left alone, tho she left the garage alone.

"Bailey did not leave the house until about the Wednesday after Mr. Urschel was released when he left alone. I don't remember the kind of a car he had but I believe it was a Ford V-8 Coupe. He returned about eleven o'clock Friday night, August 11, 1933.

"I heard Bailey say something to Bates about a man called Verne, and Kansas City.

"A few nights before Mr. Urschel left I cooked some fried chicken, mashed potatoes and cake and took up to the house and gave it to Mr. Shannon. I never did see Mr. Urschel.

"On the Sunday before Mr. Urschel was released someone called on the phone and Katherine talked to him and shortly thereafter she went out of the house in the rain and when she came back she was wet and I asked her where she had been and she said "You don't need to know everything."

"I have read this statement consisting of four pages and have affixed my initials to each page and also affixed my initials to corrections made herein.

"George Kelly or George Bates told me just before leaving the last time "if anyone comes here you don't know anything." I said, "I don't know anything". One said "You had better not."

"Mr. Shannon wanted to kill Bates and Kelly and release Urschel but dissuaded him.

"We did not receive one penny of money from Bates or Kelly in connection with the Urschel matter. I knew nothing about it until my husband went over to help guard the man being held."

(signed) MRS. ORA L. SHANNON.

Witnesses:

F. J. Blake, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.
R. H. Colvin,

"This is a voluntary statement made by me to F. J. Blake, who has told me that he is a Special Agent of the United States Department of Justice."

"My name is Oleta Brown Shannon, I am now 15 years of age. My father's name is Earl Brown. I was born and raised near Paradise, Texas."

"On September 9, 1930, I married Armon Shannon, with whom I am now living."

"We live on the property of R. G. Shannon, the father of Armon Shannon. We have been living there since last December. We live in a five room house, consisting of two bed rooms on the south, a dining room on the west, a kitchen on the north and west and a little room on the northeast, which is used as a storage room."

"There is a corn-patch to the south-west of the house, a well at the north-west corner from which water is drawn by means of a bucket and rope. To the east about a hundred yards is a house occupied by [REDACTED]"

"On the east of the dining room is a small porch and a door leads from the dining room on to the porch. About fifty yards to the north-west of our house is a pig pen, in which are two fairly large pigs and two smaller pigs."

"The corn crop is not going to be good due to the draught."

"There is a road to the east of the house in which we live which is approximately 100 yards from the house. There is a gate to the east of the house and almost in front of [REDACTED] house. The road on the east runs north and south and at a point about 150 yards south of [REDACTED] house the road turns west to a point near the house occupied by my father, Earl Brown, where it again turns south. At a point north of [REDACTED] house there is a piece in the road where cars get stuck when it rains."

"In the dining room is a bench about five feet long. In the east bed room is an old fashioned, round top trunk. In the dining room is a high chair used by my little girl, 14 months old. The bed rooms are peiled and rats infest it.

"On Sunday which will be three weeks ago tomorrow (August 13, 1933) Katherine Kelly, the daughter of Mrs. R. G. Shannon, invited me to go with her to her home on Mulkey Street in Ft. Worth for a week. I accepted the invitation and Katherine took me and my baby in her (Katherine's) Cadillac Sedan to Ft. Worth, arriving 1: PM.

"Katherine Kelly is the wife of George Kelly. I remained at the Kelly home in Ft. Worth until the second Tuesday after my arrival when my husband, Armon Shannon and Mrs. R. G. Shannon came for me travelling in a Ford Sedan.

"Mrs. R. G. Shannon is a step-mother to Armon Shannon.

"Mrs. R. G. Shannon never told me anything about what happened during my absence from my home but Armon, my husband, told me that Mr. Urschel, the man who had been kidnaped in Oklahoma City, had been held at our house. He did not say who held Mr. Urschel prisoner. Armon told me that Mr. Urschel had been brought to our home by George Kelly and George Bates. Armon told me that Kelly and Bates promised him \$10,000 for letting them use the house for the purpose of keeping Mr. Urschel there,

"I last saw George Kelly at R. G. Shannon's Place about one month ago and I have not seen him since, I never did hear Kelly say what his business was but most of the time he had plenty of money.

"Katherine Kelly left Ft. Worth alone, driving her Cadillac Sedan, on the Thursday after my arrival at her home. It was about one thirty in the afternoon when she left. She told me she was going to Dallas and would be back the next day or thenext. I have not seen her since.

"So far as I know Armon Shannon was never paid anything for letting the men use the house. He told me that he had not been paid.

"I have read this statement consisting of six pages and it is correct. I have affixed my initials to each page."

(signed) OLETA BROWN SHANNON.

Witnesses:

F. J. Blake, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice,
Made at Dallas, Texas, August 12, 1933.

D. L. McCormack, Division of Investigation, United States Department of
Justice, Dallas, Texas.

"This is a voluntary statement made by me to F. J. Blake, who has advised me that he is a Special Agent of the United States Department of Justice.

"I am 43 years of age and live on the farm of [REDACTED] which adjoins the place of Mr. R. G. Shannon about six miles from Paradise, Texas.

"Oleta Brown Shannon is my daughter. I know nothing about what transpired at the house in which my daughter resided during the time she was on a visit to Ft. Worth the latter part of July. I only went near the house one time and that was when I went there to see about a hog. Armon met me near the pig pen and I talked to him about five minutes and left.

"Armon was at the well drawing water when I approached the house. He did not act as if anything unusual was happening. So far as I know my daughter, Oleta, had never visited Katherine Kelly at Ft. Worth before her visit with Katherine the latter part of July 1933.

"I did not know when Oleta left to go to Ft. Worth with Katherine Kelly but her (Oleta's) husband told me that she left on a Monday. It was the latter part of the week of her return before I saw Oleta.

"I know nothing about George Kelly or Katherine Kelly. The last time I saw Katherine was about a month ago when she was passing in the road in front of my house.

"I know [REDACTED] and know that he has a white faced bull.

"I know that R. G. Shannon has a flock of guineas."

(signed) H. E. BROWN.

Witnesses:

F. J. Blake, Special Agent in Charge, United States Division of Investigation, Department of Justice.
Dallas, Texas, August 12, 1933.

At the home of R. G. Shannon, Paradise, Texas, Special Agent [REDACTED] of the Dallas Bureau Office, secured the following signed statement from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that time she and [REDACTED] were at R. G. Shannon's home was on Wednesday, nearly 3 weeks before they sold their milk cow on Monday a week ago (Aug. 6th); that was about the middle of July; that the last time she saw Geo. Kelly and Kathryn Kelly was about six months ago; that she never saw any strange men at the Shannon home; that she staid at home all day yesterday,

but her husband heard in Paradise yesterday that [redacted] R. G. Shannon and [redacted] Armon had been arrested for kidnaping a man, that she had been to Armon's house for more than a month; that R. G. Shannon and Armon could have kidnaped a man and held him in Armon's house for three weeks and she wouldn't have known it.

"Made voluntarily, at R. G. Shannon's home, to Special Agent [redacted] August 13, 1933."

(signed) [redacted]

Paradise, Texas,
(Arkansas Community).

The original statements above quoted are furnished the Oklahoma City Bureau Office with copies of this report.

J. S. Brown, whose statement is quoted above, was released and requested to return to his place at Paradise inasmuch as it does not appear that he was involved in any way in the kidnaping or holding of Charles F. Urschel.

The other prisoners, viz.: Harvey Bailey
R. G. Shannon
Armon Shannon
Ora L. Shannon
Oleta Shannon

were sent to the County Jail at Dallas, Texas for safe keeping. Harvey Bailey was booked under the name of Sam Jones and placed in solitary confinement. The name of Sam Jones, under which Harvey Bailey was booked, was done with a view of averting any publicity. [redacted] of Dallas was requested to allow no one to communicate with these prisoners until given further notice.

The Dallas Bureau Office ascertained through the National Auto Theft Bureau at Dallas that 1933 Ohio License 691-965 was issued on June 3, 1933 to Mrs. Ora L. Shannon of Park Lane Villa, Cleveland, Ohio, for a 1932 Cadillac Sedan, motor 14000263. This is the car driven by Kathryn and George Kelly. In the statement of Charles F. Urschel, which is set out in report of Special Agent in Charge Colvin, dated at Oklahoma City, August 5, 1933, it is noted that he refers to a Cadillac or Buick Sedan as being the car in which he was taken to the shack where he was imprisoned after his abduction. Inasmuch as [redacted] interviewed Kathryn Kelly and saw this car about 11: AM on Sunday, July 23, 1933 at her home in Ft. Worth, this Cadillac Car in question is, therefore, eliminated as being the car used in taking Urschel to the shack at Paradise, Texas.

When it was definitely established that George Kelly and one George Bates were the actual kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel, the Bureau at Washington and the Portland Bureau Office were communicated with by telephone and telegraph in an effort to determine more information concerning the said Geo. Bates.

In this connection, [redacted] of the Ft. Worth Police Department recalled that one Bates and others were involved with George Kelly in a bank robbery at Colfax, Washington. R. G. Shannon, in his signed statement, stated that Bates had a four or five inch knife scar over one of his shoulders. [redacted] secured a photograph of Albert F. Bates, with aliases, and the description on this photograph shows that Bates had such a scar over his right shoulder.

Subsequent investigation developed that Albert Bates, alias George Bates, was the partner of George Kelly and kidnaped Charles F. Urschel.

On August 15, 1933, [redacted] of the Ft. Worth, Texas, Police Department, received a telegram addressed to the Ft. Worth Detective Agency from Denver, Colorado, signed Geo. L. Davis, reading: "George L. Davis is held in Denver Wanted Ladonia and Blueridge, Texas Bank Robberies Come at once by plane as others have hold Important." [redacted] recalled that one George L. Davis and George Kelly were still wanted in connection with the Blueridge, Texas, Bank Robbery, and stated that this was an alias used by Bates.

By telephone Special Agent in Charge Blake communicated with Special Agent in Charge Dowd, Salt Lake City Bureau Office, requesting him to conduct immediate investigation at Denver, Colorado, advising him that George L. Davis held there was probably George Bates, wanted in connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel.

A telegram was received at Ft. Worth, Texas, addressed to [redacted] at the Kelly Home on Mulkey Street on August 11, 1933, from Davenport, Iowa, instructing [redacted] to take a plane at once to Des Moines, Iowa, and go to the Des Moines Hotel. The telegram was signed Kathryn Moore, an alias of Kathryn Kelly, and said "Sender driving 16 cylinder Cadillac". This information was immediately telephoned to the Kansas City Bureau Office. [redacted] has been definitely identified by [redacted] and [redacted] as being [redacted] a woman friend of [redacted]

Agent, accompanied [redacted] and [redacted] to the office of the County Attorney at Ft. Worth, Texas, where a search warrant was obtained by these detectives to open safety deposit box #1413A at the Ft. Worth National Bank, in the name of Mr. & Mrs. R. G. Shannon, Paradise, Texas. This is a safety box that had been rented by George and Kathryn Kelly on December 2, 1932. The records show that the box was last opened June 29; prior to that time June 26, April 3 and February 20, 1933. The safety box in question was opened on the search warrant and was found to contain the following:

1 \$100.00 National Currency Bank Note of the National Bank of Duluth, Minn., serial #D-000556A, series of 1928; and
25 \$10.00 Federal Reserve Notes on the 12th San Francisco Federal Reserve District, the serial numbers of which were as follows:

L 01966101 A

01966102 A

01966103 A

01966104 A

01966151 A

01966152 A

01966153 A

01966154 A

01966155 A

01966156 A

01966157 A

01966158 A

01966159 A

01966160 A

L 01966190 A

01966191 A

01966192 A

01966193 A

01966194 A

01966195 A

01966196 A

01966197 A

01966198 A

01966199 A

01966200 A

The 25 \$10.00 notes are new money and were in an envelope, on the outside of which had a notation: Boss - Money \$250.00

There was also an envelope torn in half on which was a pencil notation, as follows:

16 750

15 500

2 500

34 750

250

34 900

Boss,

The addition should have been 35,900.00

The serial numbers of these bills were telephoned to Special Agent in Charge Hannie, St. Paul, Minn., requesting him to check the same against the serial numbers of the ransom money paid in the [redacted] Kidnaping Case.

In the same safety box there was jewelry which was examined and appraised by [redacted] Jeweler of Ft. Worth, Texas. It consisted of the following:

Platinum & Diamond lady's wrist watch with platinum & diamond mesh band containing 108 small round diamonds and two marquise diamonds. The watch is a 17 Jewel Swiss Watch and bears the name Glen Watch Co. On the dial of the watch were the letters AGWA, minimum appraisal value \$1500.00.

One Platinum lady's ring, stock No. 936, about 1 1/2 carat with 28 small diamonds appraisal value, minimum \$750.00.

One Platinum lady's ring with one large 3/4 carat diamond & 24 small diamonds with 8 sapphires, appraisal value, minimum \$200.00.

One 18 karat white gold lady's ring, 5 small diamonds, appraisal value, minimum \$35.00.

[redacted] in charge of the safety deposit boxes in the Ft. Worth National Bank, was instructed by [redacted] and [redacted] to place a stop order on this safety deposit box and to notify them in the event that George Kelly and his wife or anyone else called to enter the box.

The last known address of Kathryn Kelly is Indianapolis, Ind. The Cincinnati Office was requested to conduct investigation at that place with a view of locating George and Kathryn Kelly in the event they called for mail at General Delivery.

Information was received from Special Agent in Charge Connelley, of the Cincinnati Bureau Office, to the effect that a letter had been received at Indianapolis on August 15, 1933, addressed to [redacted] General Delivery, Indianapolis, bearing return address [redacted] Burkburnett, Texas.

On August 15, 1933, the Dallas Bureau Office was informed that a letter had been received at Indianapolis, Indiana, addressed to [redacted] General Delivery, Indianapolis, bearing return address: [redacted] Burkburnett, Texas, and Agents [redacted] and [redacted] in company with [redacted] Burkburnett, picked [redacted] up off of the streets at Burkburnett after having ascertained at the Post Office that [redacted] was unknown to the employees of the Post Office and no record of his ever having received mail there and no forwarding address could be found, but that the following persons received mail at [redacted]

██████████ is known to ██████████ who stated that ██████████ was reared in Fischer County, Texas, then moved to Southern Oklahoma and about three years ago moved to Burkburnett. ██████████ stated that old man ██████████ was nothing but an old I.W.O., who stands around on the streets and argues and curses the Government most of the time and has never been known to work; that, so far as he knows, however, ██████████ has never been in any trouble until about ten days ago when some property was stolen from the City Warehouse in Burkburnett, and a few days ago he picked old man ██████████ up and found some of the property in his possession; that he was still working on the case but had not filed any complaint against ██████████.

Upon being interviewed, ██████████ stated that the last letter written by him was about Saturday, August 12, 1933, which he got his daughter-in-law to write for him, addressed to a man by the name of ██████████, General Delivery, Indianapolis, Indiana; that ██████████ is a jeweler who wholesales beads; that he obtained ██████████ name from his ██████████ ██████████ Route #3, c/o ██████████, Horse Cave, Ky.; that he saw some of the beads that ██████████ was selling and got her to give him the name of the person from whom she purchased the beads, and she told him she purchased them for \$7.50 for a certain number of strings and peddled them out at a profit of \$25.00.

Cover was placed on ██████████ mail, and Assistant Postmaster at Burkburnett stated that upon receipt of any mail from the East or middle west, he would immediately inform the Dallas Bureau Office by telegram.

██████████ stated he would keep an eye on old man ██████████ as he is not finished with him on the case involving the theft of the city property.

On August 15, 1933, based upon certified copies of complaint and warrant with non est return, received by the United States Attorney at Dallas, Texas, from the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a fugitive complaint was filed at Dallas, Texas, before United States Commissioner Lee R. Smith, charging that on or about the 22nd day of July, 1933, at Oklahoma City, in the District of Oklahoma, Kathryn Kelly, alias Katherine Thorne; George Kelly, alias R. G. Shannon; Ora L. Shannon; Albert Bates, alias George Bates, alias George L. Davis; Harvey Bailey; Oleta Shannon; John Doe; Richard Roe and William Poe, whose full and correct names are unknown, in violation of Section 408A, title 18 of the U. S. Code annotated, did unlawfully, wilfully, knowingly and feloniously transport, cause to be transported, and abet in the transportation in interstate commerce, that is to say from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County in the Western District of the State of Oklahoma to a point near Paradise, Wise County, in the Northern District of the State of Texas, one C. F. Urschel, who theretofore had been unlawfully seized, confined, inveigled, decoyed, kidnaped, abducted and carried away by means of force and, who was then and there being held by the said defendants for ransom and reward contrary to the form of statute, etc.

EXHIBIT A

Thirty-five twenty dollars (\$20.00) Federal Reserve notes of the Federal Reserve Bank, Ninth District, Kansas City, Missouri, were found in possession of Harvey J. Bailey - as follows:

J-00650742-A
J-00734878-A
J-00757418-A
J-00819351-A
J-00878859-A
J-00920692-A
J-01715721-A
J-01790066-A
J-01927883-A
J-02125919-A
J-02258081-A
J-02307105-A
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J-03803397-A
J-03883272-A
J-03894405-A
J-03952870-A
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J-04730182-A

These thirty-five \$20.00 bills totaling \$700.00 were taken from Harvey J. Bailey's pants, which were found at the end of the bed on which he was sleeping.

EXHIBIT A
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Other paper money found in the same pants consisted of:

\$ 20.00 bills	\$ 200.00
10.00	270.00
1.00	56.00
5.00	5.00
	\$ 611.00

In all there was \$1,211.00 in paper currency found in Bailey's pants. These pants were picked up from the bed by Special Agent in Charge Gus F. Jones and handed to Special Agent [REDACTED] who turned them over to [REDACTED] - who removed the money from the pocket and handed it to Mr. Charles F. Urschel, who separated the \$20.00 Federal Reserve notes of the Federal Reserve Bank, Tenth District, Kansas City.

Special Agent [REDACTED] checked some of the bills against the list of numbers shown in Bureau letter dated 8/7/33, and found they were part of the Urschel ransom money. All the money was later checked at the Dallas office of the Division of Investigation by Mr. Charles F. Urschel and Special Agent [REDACTED] and 35 of the \$20.00 notes were found to be part of the Urschel ransom money paid - the serial numbers of which are set out above.

This ransom money, and other money found in possession of Harvey J. Bailey is being retained in the Dallas office pending legal proceedings.

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EXHIBIT B

Eight photographs - taken on 8/12/53 by [redacted]
of the Identification Bureau, Dallas, Texas Police Department, and his
Assistant Harry Russell.

1. Exterior view of the farm house of R.G. Shannon located at Paradise, Texas.
2. Garage, and Ford roadster which was used in transporting Charles F. Urschel from R.G. Shannon's house at Paradise, Texas to the farm house of his son Armon Shannon.
3. Exterior view of the farm house of Armon Shannon at Paradise, Texas - where Charles F. Urschel was held prisoner.
4. Back exterior view of the farm house of Armon Shannon at Paradise, Texas - where Charles F. Urschel was held prisoner.
5. Interior view of the kitchen in the farm house of Armon Shannon, where Charles F. Urschel was held prisoner.
6. Interior view of the Northeast room of the farm house at Paradise, Texas of Armon Shannon - where Charles F. Urschel was held prisoner.
7. Exterior view of part of barn and pig pen located on the farm of Armon Shannon at Paradise, Texas.
8. Interior view of the Southwest room in the farm house of Armon Shannon at Paradise, Texas.

These eight photographs are being transmitted herewith to the Oklahoma City office.

EXHIBIT C

THOMPSON SUB-MACHINE GUN - No. 4907, Model 1921 - which was found by Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones and Special Agent [redacted] of San Antonio office, in the Southeast room (known as the guest room) located in the farm house of R.G. Shannon at Paradise, Texas.

Harvey J. Bailey admitted to Special Agent [redacted] of the Dallas office that this machine gun was owned by him.

In a subsequent interview in the County Jail at Dallas, Texas, by Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones of the San Antonio office, Harvey J. Bailey admitted that this was his machine gun; and in this connection stated he had it only 3 days; that he received it from a friend of his at Shawnee, Oklahoma; that he believed the gun was the property of one Antoine. (Antoine is a gangster who was recently killed at Kansas City by the Sheriff).

Test bullets were fired from this Thompson Sub-Machine gun by [redacted] of the Detective Bureau, Dallas, Texas Police Department.

After these test bullets had been properly marked for identification purposes by [redacted] they were given to Special Agent Frank J. Blake of the Dallas office, who forwarded them to the Kansas City office for the purpose of having the ballistic expert there examine them.

This Thompson Sub-Machine Gun is being retained by the Dallas office of the Division of Investigation pending legal proceedings.

A 351 calibre Winchester automatic rifle found on the bed alongside Harvey J. Bailey when he was apprehended, was not claimed by him. He stated that though the gun was on his bed it belonged to someone around the house of R.G. Shannon.

This Winchester rifle is being retained by the Dallas office pending legal proceedings.

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EXHIBIT D

Colt 45 calibre automatic pistol - Government model; serial number filed off. Apparently new pistol.

This Colt automatic was picked up on 8/12/35 by [redacted] of the Dallas, Texas Police Department, on a board which was part of the made up bed on which Bailey was sleeping, and which was within reaching distance of Bailey. The pistol was exhibited to Bailey, who claimed it.

Test bullets were fired from this Colt automatic pistol by [redacted] of the Detective Bureau, Dallas, Texas Police Department, on the police range of said Police Department; and after the bullets were properly marked by him for identification purposes, they were turned over to Special Agent Frank J. Blake of the Dallas office, who sent them to the Kansas City office for examination by a ballistic expert at that place.

This Colt pistol is being retained by the Dallas office pending legal proceedings.

EXHIBIT E

Colt 45 calibre automatic pistol - Government model; serial # C-129990.

This pistol was picked up on 8/12/35 by Special Agent [redacted] of the San Antonio office, from under the mattress on the bed located on the back porch of R.G. Shannon's home at Paradise, Texas. R.G. Shannon and his wife claimed ownership of this pistol. It is being retained by the Dallas office pending legal proceedings.

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EXHIBIT F

Registration of Motor Vehicle No. 224271, in the name of R.G. McDonal, 1626 Northwest 21st St., Oklahoma City, Okla., dated 8/15/33, for 1933 Ford Tudor sedan, motor #40369091, Oklahoma 1933 license #214-350.

Certificate of Title No. 1185262, issued to R.G. McDonal, for the same described automobile. These two documents are being transmitted herewith to the Oklahoma City office. Bailey admitted the car was his.

This automobile was found a short distance from where Harvey Bailey was asleep. The car had a tank full of gas, the keys were in the ignition, and the front wheels set so that in the event it became necessary Bailey could make a quick "get-away" from the place.

The car was used to transport Bailey and others from the farm of R.G. Shannon to the Dallas office; and is being held by the Dallas office pending legal proceedings.

EXHIBIT G

An aluminum dipper cup, from which the handle has been broken off. This cup is corroded due to the mineral iron in the water taken from the well. This cup was found by Special Agent [redacted] of the Dallas office, and Charles F. Urschel at the farm house of Armon Shannon.

Mr. Urschel identified this cup as the cup from which he drank well water furnished him from a bucket.

Armon Shannon admitted to Agent [redacted] and Mr. Urschel that this was the cup from which Mr. Urschel drank the water, which was drawn from the well on his place.

EXHIBIT H

Porch-swing chain, 30 feet long. This chain was found by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] between the well and the gate at the farm house of R.G. Shannon at Paradise, Texas. It was located exactly in the place where R.G. Shannon said it could be found in his supplemental statement dated 8/16/33.

R.G. Shannon admitted to Special Agent [redacted] that this was the chain that was used by his son Armon Shannon in chaining Charles F. Urschel to a bed during the time he remained prisoner in his son's farm house.

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EXHIBIT I

Remington upright typewriter, Serial # BC-76524. This typewriter was found in one of the rooms of the farm house of R.G. Shannon at Paradise, Texas. This is the same typewriter referred to in R.G. Shannon's supplemental statement dated 8/16/35.

Specimen of typing taken from this machine was forwarded to the Division of Investigation at Washington, D.C. for examination purposes.

The typewriter is being held at the Dallas office pending legal proceedings.

At 11: AM on August 16, 1933, Harvey J. Bailey, R. G. Shannon, Armon Shannon, Mrs. Ora L. Shannon and Oleta Shannon were brought before United States Commissioner Lee R. Smith for a preliminary hearing held in the County Jail, Dallas, Texas. Harvey J. Bailey pleaded not guilty and waived hearing and was held for removal to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, his bond being set at \$100,000.00. The four other defendants each pleaded not guilty and, after hearing, were held for removal to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, their bonds being set at \$50,000.00 each. None of the subjects mentioned were able to make bond and were continued confined to the Dallas County Jail, Dallas, Texas, pending removal by the District Court.

Descriptions of subjects:

Name George Kelly
Age 35
Height 5' 9½"
Weight 177
Build medium muscular
Eyes blue or gray
Hair dark brown
Comp.: medium ruddy

Remarks: Expert machine gunner
Sometimes wears Octogan-shaped, rimless glasses

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Kelly is said to be at all times in possession of a machine gun.
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Name Albert L. Bates
Age 39
Height 5' 11"
Weight 170
Hair light
Build slim
Eyes blue

Wounded in left shoulder & has silver plate therein

Knife scar on right shoulder 3 or 4 in. long
Machine gunner.

Remarks: F.P.C.: 6 25 W II II 17
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Name Harvey Bailey
Age 46
Height 5' 11½"
Weight 180
Build large
Hair black to gray
Eyes brown

Complexion	dark
Nationality	Scotch-Irish
Scars & Marks	1-clear 11 burn scar apr otr 111-2 at side 1-head above left eye mole above left eye, gold crown apr fxt left side, recent bullet scar in leg.)

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Descriptions of R. G. Shannon, Ora L. Shannon, Armon Shannon and Oleta Shannon will be set out in a subsequent report as these four subjects have not as yet been fingerprinted and photographed by the Dallas Police Department.

As quickly as developments arrive in connection with information received at the Dallas Bureau Office concerning possible whereabouts of George E. Kelly and his wife Kathryn Kelly, investigative requests have been made by telephone, telegraph and letter to Bureau Offices having such jurisdiction, therefore, no undeveloped leads are being set out in this report.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

FILE NO. 7-14

REPORT MADE AT: Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE: 8-21-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8-11-21-33	REPORT MADE BY: E. J. Connelley
TITLE: GEORGE B. KELLY, with aliases, et al., CHARLES F. BURCHIEL - Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Registered letter receipt card returned to Kathryn C. Kelly, General Delivery, Indianapolis still there. [redacted] requested by unknown party to call for mail of George Kelly, General Delivery, August 16, 1933. Party approaching him could not be located. Letter mailed by Kathryn C. Kelly, Madison, Wisconsin to Biloxi, Miss., to Charlie Weber returned to Indianapolis because of non delivery. Kelly, his wife and alleged daughter at Antlers Hotel Indianapolis, June 4 to June 8, 1933. Observations General Delivery and Antlers Hotel being continued.			
REFERENCE: Letter from the Oklahoma City office dated August 10, 1933; letters of the Cincinnati Office to the Oklahoma City office August 20, 1933 and to the New Orleans office August 21, 1933.			
DETAILS: Based upon request in letter of the Oklahoma City office above referred to, and telephonic communications from Mr. Harold Nathan, at St. Paul, Minn., the following inquiry was conducted at <u>INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA</u> : Upon arrival at Indianapolis, on the night of August 11, 1933 arrangements were made through Post Office Inspector [redacted] to check			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-294	RECORDED AND INDEXED: AUG 23 1933
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 2 Division 1 Dallas 1 Chicago 1 New Orleans 2 Cincinnati		BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AUG 23 1933 A.M. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ROUTED TO: Div. One	CHECKED OFF: AUG 28 1933 JACKETED:
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the mail in the General Delivery rack, Indianapolis, Indiana, at which time there was found a return receipt for registered letter, being the receipt for the registered letter mailed at Madison, Wisconsin August 7, 1933, registry number 1717. This receipt has been signed by Mrs. R. G. Shannon, Paradise, Texas, same being postmarked Paradise, Texas 2:00 P.M. August 8, 1933 and was arrived at Indianapolis, on the afternoon of August 11, 1933 and is addressed to Kathryn C. Kelly, General Delivery, Indianapolis, Indiana. There was no other mail of any kind for subject Kelly or his wife, all mail in the rack being checked.

Arrangements were made with [redacted] and [redacted] for assistance in covering General Delivery, and particularly for the purpose of apprehending Kelly should he appear at Indianapolis, Indiana, it being indicated in reference letter that Kelly had left Paradise, Texas on July 31, 1933 with apparently several other men in addition to his wife. General Delivery was covered by myself and Agents [redacted] and [redacted] assisted by Police Officers [redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] General Delivery being open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on all days except Sunday.

On Saturday, August 12, [redacted] arranged for a squad car to be concealed in a garage, close to the Post Office, for necessary emergency use, should subjects appear in their automobile and get away from the ones who were covering them. This arrangement was continued up until Tuesday night, August 15, 1933 when all officers of the Indianapolis Police were relieved from this assignment, except officers [redacted] and [redacted] who continued the surveillance of General Delivery, together with Agents previously above indicated.

On Monday, August 14, 1933 a letter was received at General Delivery, Indianapolis, Indiana addressed to [redacted] with return address of [redacted] Burkburnett, Texas, postmarked 8:30 P.M. August 12 and tracing was made of the address thereon and wire was immediately sent to the Dallas office, advising them of the above and requesting that they ascertain the identity and possible connection of this party with the case.

On the morning of August 14, 1933 the Dallas office advised that the name mentioned in my wire was being used by parties they are endeavoring to locate and was mailed by relatives in that vicinity.

News dispatches indicated that Department of Justice Agents were endeavoring to locate in Buffalo, N. Y., a 16-Cylinder Cadillac Sedan, and man and woman in same, who were wanted in connection with the Oklahoma City kidnaping; also on the afternoon of August 14, 1933 the Indianapolis papers carried the story as to the arrest of R. G. Shannon and wife and others at Paradise, Texas.

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On August 15, 1933 the Postmaster made examination of the letter addressed to [redacted] which apparently contained only a brief note and due to the cheap quality of the envelope involved, it was apparent that same was written by [redacted] Bartlett, Texas and referred to the forwarding of a catalog.

This information was wired to the Dallas office, requesting that they advise the identity of [redacted] and his possible connection with the case and thereafter the Dallas office wired advising that [redacted] stated [redacted] was an itinerant jewelry salesman and the letter was written to obtain a catalog. This eliminated this piece of mail from further consideration.

On the morning of August 12, 1933 the Antlers Hotel was checked, through [redacted] and [redacted] to determine whether Kelly and his wife under their right name or any aliases was registered, after verifying that they could be safely approached for this purpose and it was indicated that neither Kelly nor his wife were at present at the hotel, nor had they registered there during the present month. Various other hotels in the vicinity of the Antlers Hotel, namely the Riley, the Pennsylvania and Graylynn were checked, without result, nothing being found to indicate that Kelly or his wife was registered; also all downtown hotels in Indianapolis, Indiana were checked for possible registration of either and on Sunday, August 13 and the various other evenings at Indianapolis during the period of August 11 to 19th the streets, garages and parking lots of Indianapolis were checked closely with a view to possibly locating the car of subject, through either its description or the Ohio license plates #691-965; also in the evening of July 12, 1933 in order to avoid any possibility of the newspapers obtaining information through a broadcast, arrangements were made with [redacted] Indianapolis Police Department to furnish each Police Squad and Detective Squad with a description of the Cadillac Sedan involved, in order that they might be on the lookout for same. However, they were not to touch same until they had communicated information to headquarters and were advised further. Up until the time the story broke in the newspapers, as to the fact that George R. Kelly and wife of Paradise, Texas were being sought in connection with the Urschel kidnaping, the Police and others had not been advised of the exact or specific kidnaping case with which he was involved.

Upon receipt of Division wire of August 14, 1933 directing that the information as to Kelly and his wife and his car be released to law enforcement officers, as set out in Division letter of Aug. 13, this information was furnished to all Police Departments in the Cincinnati District, as well as

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directly to the Indianapolis Police Department at that time, with the request that they pick up either, if found.

On the afternoon of August 15, 1935 at approximately 2:00 P.M. while Agent [redacted] together with Police officers [redacted] and [redacted] were covering General Delivery and Agent [redacted] was on the outside of the Post Office a party called at General Delivery and asked for the mail of George Kelly. Upon signal from the General Delivery Window that Kelly had called for his mail, he was followed by Agent [redacted] and two police officers from the main lobby of the Post Office, and as he turned into the hall leading to the North exit on the North Meridian and Ohio corner of the Post Office, Agent [redacted] stepped up to the party, who had asked for the mail of George Kelly, this being outside the line of observation of anyone who might have been observing him from the outside and asked him who he was and he immediately advised that he was [redacted] Indianapolis, Indiana, this party being age 19, 6', weight 125 lbs., blue eyes, light brown hair, heavily tanned and dressed in white shirt and seersucker pants. [redacted] advised that on the morning of August 16, he had left his home with his father at approximately 7:00 A.M., in order that he could drive him down to town, they leaving at this time due to the fact that they lived about five miles outside the main portion of Indianapolis, and that he did, on this morning, go to the G. and J. Car Company, where his father had arranged to obtain a job for him, when available and there being no vacancy on this morning, he came on into the main part of Indianapolis and attended the Alamo Theatre, his father having given him 25¢ to get his lunch; thereafter he proceeded to University Park, which is approximately two squares north of the Post Office entrance and was seated in the park at about 1:30 P.M. when a party came up and sat down on the bench with him, and asked him for a cigarette. In the conversation which followed, this party asked him if he lived in Indianapolis and after some further conversation asked him if he would go to the Post Office and see if there was any mail for him, under the name of George Kelly; that if he obtained any mail he should come back to the Park and he would wait for him about fifteen minutes, but if there was no mail for him, there was no necessity for his returning.

[redacted] describes this party who approached him as being age 22, height 5' 10", weight 165 lbs., to 170 lbs., dark complexion, light hair, wearing white shirt and black tie, a brown suit and a gray cloth cap. He wore no glasses and was tanned. His conversation was ordinary; he was clean, although his suit was slightly worn, but seemed to be in good condition, otherwise. [redacted] positively advised that the picture of Kelly is not the party who approached him.

The above details were obtained in a later interview by myself with this party on August 16 and 17. Immediately it was ascertained what the nature of [redacted] errand was, Agent [redacted] arranged for him to return to the park with an addressed envelope indicating that presumably he had obtained some mail. Previous to the time the boy left the Post Office to return

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