

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND  
PRIVACY ACTS**

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

**FILE: 7-115**

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1806 FIRST NATL BANK BLDG  
CHARLOTTE NORTH CAROLINA

REFERENCE BLUE BLACK CADILLAC SEDAN OHIO LICENSE MAY BE CARRYING TEXAS LICENSE

TWO FOUR DASH SEVEN FIVE TWO <sup>0</sup> KELLY PROBABLY ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER MAN AND  
TWO WOMEN

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 17, 1933

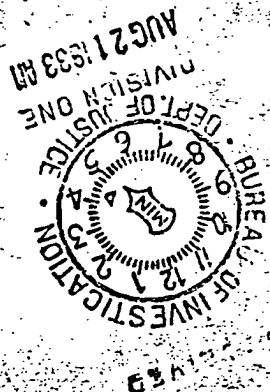
J. A. DOND  
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
FEDERAL BUILDING  
DENVER COLORADO

KELLY ETAL KIDNAPING CANNOT ISSUE SUBPOENA DUCKS TECUM UNTIL GRAND JURY IS CALLED  
THERE IS NO JUDGE IN DISTRICT NOW AND NO USA BUT SPECIAL ASSISTANT FROM WASHINGTON  
WILL ARRIVE TOMORROW STOP DATE OF CALL FOR GRAND JURY AS YET UNKNOWN BUT WILL  
EXPEDITE ALL POSSIBLE STOP SUGGEST ADVISABLE LEAVE BATES IN CUSTODY POLICE TO  
AVOID COMMISSIONERS HEARING AS LONG AS POSSIBLE STOP IF FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO  
DELAY HEARING BEFORE COMMISSIONER ADVISE AND I WILL THEN FURNISH NAMES OF WITNESSES  
BUT DESIRE TO AVOID HEARING IF INDICTMENT CAN BE RETURNED QUICK ENOUGH

GOLVIN

Official Business.  
Government Rate Paid  
Charge Division of Investigation, U.S.  
Dept. of Justice

cc: Director ✓



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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
August 18, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

RE: URSCHEL KIDNAPING

With reference to your telephonic conversation of August 9, 1933, relative to the person who apparently followed the intermediaries from Oklahoma City to Kansas City, I beg to inform you that Special Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted] at Kansas City of the Katy Railroad.

It will be recalled that you informed me that the person, who apparently followed the intermediaries, left Kansas City, July 28, 1933, via the Katy Railroad, traveling in car 38, lower berth 6, on pullman ticket 68, and that this person had a round trip ticket. That on July 27th the Division Passenger Agent of the Katy Railroad at Kansas City wired to [redacted] Division Passenger Agent at Oklahoma City, as follows:

"Lower 6 to Kansas City July 29th ticket 68 advise quick  
H-22 (Signed) [redacted]"

It appears that [redacted] the Agent at Oklahoma City, wired back to the Passenger Agent at Kansas City, as follows:

"Assigning lower 5 in car 138 on July 29th from Oklahoma City to Kansas City."

Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted] of the Katy Railroad at Kansas City. [redacted] said that he was not familiar with the circumstances with the transaction in question and that apparently one of the salesmen handled it. [redacted] ascertained that [redacted] is the person who handled the transaction. [redacted] was interviewed and said that from his records it appears that only one round trip ticket with week end rates was sold on July 27, 1933; that this ticket, form X627, ticket 1041, was sold on the 27th and that it was good from Friday, July 28th until the following Tuesday; that this transaction, as he recalls, was handled telephonically and that the person talking to him over the telephone gave the name of [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri. The

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amount of the ticket was \$12.50 and the pullman, round trip ticket, was \$6.20. [redacted] stated that it is his recollection that this ticket was sent to the office of [redacted] in the Commerce Building by one Pollian, a negro messenger at the ticket office. [redacted] was certain in his own mind that no one appeared at the ticket office at the time the ticket was purchased. The records at the ticket office show the telegram dispatched to the Passenger Agent at Oklahoma City, as above indicated.

[redacted] the negro messenger at the ticket office, was interviewed at which time he stated that he believes possibly he did deliver a ticket on the date indicated, that is the 28th of July, to some office on the fourteenth floor of the Commerce Building. [redacted] although questioned specifically about this transaction, stated that he has no very definite recollection as he runs so many errands during the day.

At 1415 Commerce Trust Building, Kansas City, Missouri, is the office of the law firm of Borders, Borders and Warrick. [redacted] and [redacted] are members of this law firm. Associated with this firm are [redacted] and [redacted]

From the description given of the person who is suspected of being the person who followed the intermediaries, it appears that [redacted] possibly is the man, who purchased the ticket in question. Confidential inquiries were made in Kansas City for the purpose of ascertaining something of [redacted] From the best information at hand, he formerly was located in Chicago, Illinois, where he represented several of the larger packing houses, but for some unknown reason he discontinued his practice of that nature in Chicago and a few years ago came to Kansas City and engaged in the practice of law with his son. From the persons interviewed the firm of Borders, Borders and Warrick have enjoyed a rather large corporate practice in their profession and had a good income and so far as it can be known they have not engaged in criminal practice. This firm is considered an ethical and respectable law firm.

With Agent [redacted] I went to the office of Borders, Borders and Warrick on the afternoon of August 10, 1935, for the purpose of interviewing [redacted] in respect to this matter. It was learned at [redacted] office that on the morning of August 10th he left Kansas City for El Paso, Texas, where he has a son. [redacted] secretary stated that he had gone to El Paso on business and that he could be reached at the residence telephone of his son in El Paso, [redacted] and at the business telephone of his son, [redacted] and

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that this case is located in the First National Bank Building, St. Paul, Tenn.  
This information was communicated telephonically to the Oklahoma City office  
on the afternoon of August 10, 1935.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois

August 18, 1933.

[REDACTED]  
Westmont, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your letter of August 18, 1933,  
relative to one [REDACTED] whom you state bears a close resemblance  
to Harvey Bailey, who has been sought by the Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice.

Please be advised that Harvey Bailey was recently appre-  
hended at Paradise, Texas.

I desire to thank you for your co-operation in this matter  
and for furnishing the information to this office.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan  
August 19, 1935

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

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication dated August 15, 1935, concerning Post Office Box 631. Please be advised that a discreet inquiry was conducted at the local Post Office and it was determined that Box 631 was assigned on March 11, 1930, to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Detroit.

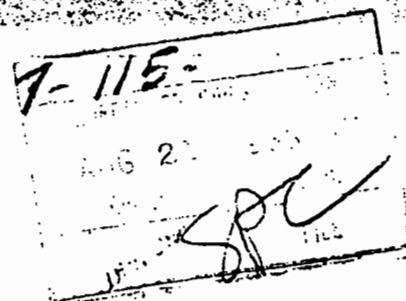
The letters in the box at the time the inquiry was made indicate that they were all from business institutions, and there appeared to be nothing to show that [REDACTED] has any connection with the above entitled matter.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

August 12, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: HARVEY BAILEY, with aliases, I.O. 1189,  
et al. CHARLES F. URSCHEL -  
Victim, KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-8.

With reference to the money which has been  
identified as ransom bills paid in the above case, which  
is now in the possession of [REDACTED]  
of the First National Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, I  
submit the following:

One envelope contains \$1,000 in \$20 ransom  
bills received by [REDACTED] of the Hennepin State  
Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota (subsidiary of the First  
National Bank), August 5, 1933, from Sam Frederick in  
partial exchange for cashier's check No. 13793 of that bank.  
This envelope was sealed in the presence of [REDACTED]  
and [REDACTED] of the Hennepin State  
Bank, August 12, 1933, the envelope bearing their initials  
and can be identified by them.

[REDACTED] of the St. Anthony Falls  
Branch, First National Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 328  
East Hennepin Avenue, can testify regarding the \$500 in  
\$20 ransom bills; that same were deposited by the DeFrance  
Company at his window August 5, 1933. The DeFrance Company  
is the name under which S. Kronick, 209 East Hennepin Avenue,  
does business. This money has been placed in a sealed  
envelope, sealed in the presence of [REDACTED] and  
[REDACTED] of the St. Anthony Falls Branch  
of the First National Bank of Minneapolis and they can testify  
to same, identifying their signatures on the envelope.

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I have made arrangements with [redacted] of the First National Bank of Minneapolis to hold these two envelopes containing the money temporarily and he will deliver same to the parties at the two respective subsidiary banks should it become necessary for these parties to produce the money in Federal Court in Oklahoma at the trial.

In view of the fact that the United States Attorney in Oklahoma has instructed that the parties being held here in connection with this ransom money be released, it is respectfully requested that you ascertain and advise what his wishes might be with regard to holding these two envelopes containing ransom money.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HARRY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

[redacted]  
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RE: [REDACTED]  
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325 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, La.  
August 18, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:-

Re: Unknown Subjects,  
Charles F. Orsichel, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

With reference to your letter of August 10, 1933, in the above captioned case, please be advised that there is no address as 2546 St. Charles Street, New Orleans. The 2500 block of St. Charles Avenue, and vicinity, is an exclusive neighborhood. The house numbers in that block only run as high as 2524. Inquiry in the block referred to, and vicinity, developed that no person by the name of [REDACTED] was known.

The Bureau of Identification, Police Department, New Orleans, has no record of any [REDACTED]. However, the Police Department has a record of four individuals named [REDACTED]. I am attaching hereto photographs of these four individuals for your convenience in determining if any of them is the person in this investigation. Please return the photographs in question as soon as they have served the purpose.

Very truly yours,

H. Whitley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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[Signature]  
[Stamp]



313 Old Post Office Bldg.,  
Portland, Oregon

August 17, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Charles Urschel - Victim  
Kidnaping

This office is in receipt of telegram from Special Agent in Charge Dowd, Salt Lake City, requesting that there be forwarded to your office immediately, by air mail, photograph of [redacted] Seattle Police [redacted] This office has just received from the sheriff at Colfax, Washington, a circular containing the desired photograph of [redacted] and likewise a photograph of [redacted] taken with his wife [redacted] possibly at the time of their marriage. Both are herewith forwarded for your use, it being requested that the photograph of [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted] be returned when it has served its purpose.

It will be noted that description appearing on the back of the photograph of Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] varies somewhat from that on the circular, in that [redacted] weight is given as 220 pounds on the former and 170 pounds on the latter. [redacted] is wanted in connection with the robbery of the First Savings & Trust Bank of Colfax, Washington, on September 21, 1932, he having been identified as being the leader of the gang consisting of [redacted] George Kelly and George Bates, alias Albert L. Bates, et al. Warrants are outstanding for Bates at Colfax, Washington, and he can doubtless be detained on this charge in the event none other is available.

Very truly yours,

H. A. KING, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.**

**St. Paul** FILE NO. **7-8**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>8-19-33</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>8/1 to 19/33</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE: <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; CHARLES F. URSCHER - Victim.</b>		CHARACTER: <b>EXTORTION</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <p>On August 5, 1933, EDWARD BERMAN with the assistance of CHARLES WOLK and SAM FREDERICK secured cashier's check at Minneapolis, Minnesota, for \$1,800, using \$1,000 of ransom money. PETER VALDER cashed check at Minneapolis same date for BERMAN. BERMAN claims to have received \$5,500 of ransom money from Lone COLLINS, dispensing it to various people in the Twin Cities. BERMAN, WOLK, FREDERICK, VALDER, KOZBERG, and KRONICK arrested and arraigned on August 14, 1933, charged with conspiracy, on papers forwarded from the Oklahoma City office; committed to Hennepin County Jail in default of \$50,000 bond each. Upon advice of United States Attorney in Oklahoma City, the United States Attorney, St. Paul, released these individuals August 17, 1933. Further investigation being conducted at St. Paul.</p>			
DETAILS: <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Telegrams of S.A.C. R.H. COLVIN, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 8-1-33.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>On receipt of the telegrams in question, the Minneapolis banks were</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>W. H. H. H.</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <b>7-115-295</b>		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>AUG 28 1933</b>
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canvassed by Special Agent [REDACTED] and the St. Paul banks were canvassed by Special Agent [REDACTED] of the St. Paul office. Under date of August 2, 1933, a confidential letter was prepared and forwarded to all banks in the Ninth Federal Reserve District advising them of the descriptions of the money in question and requesting their cooperation. On the morning of August 5, 1933, a call was received at the St. Paul office from the Hennepin State Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Special Agent [REDACTED] conferred with [REDACTED] who advised that they had received \$1,000 in \$20 bills of the Ninth Federal Reserve District from a truck driver employed by the Wolk Transfer Company in connection with the purchase of a cashier's check, which check was made payable to S. H. PETERS. [REDACTED] produced the \$1,000 which were checked by agent and the following serial numbers noted:

J01958211A  
J03018673A  
J00517630A  
J02665431A  
J03553782A  
J03525996A  
J03566647A  
J02550316A  
J03645461A  
J02629393A  
J02550185A  
J02598743A  
J02495992A  
J03103515A  
J03653531A  
J00794390A

J03004890A  
J04094986A  
J03975819A  
J03065418A  
J02665656A  
J02952483A  
J03032284A  
J02082841A  
J02476795A  
J00968044A  
J02551109A  
J02407943A  
J02668777A  
J00921725A  
J03059654A  
J02634161A

J04102340A  
J02388693A  
J00649157A  
J03880030A  
J02768758A  
J02597119A  
J03316441A  
J03020991A  
J00889060A  
J03042937A  
J00622865A  
J00879496A  
J03486696A  
J04720583A  
J00188281A  
J03586494A  
J00953057A  
J03834571A

A letter was dispatched to the Oklahoma City Division Office under the same date with a list of the serial numbers of the foregoing bills attached. On the morning of August 6, 1933, a telephone call was received from S.A.C. R. H. COLVIN, Oklahoma City, advising that the numbers furnished had been found to be a part of the ransom money and requested that appropriate action be taken. From [REDACTED] agent determined that the name of the truck driver in the employ of the Wolk Transfer Company was SAM FREDERICK, 725 Girard Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Agent in company with Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] proceeded to this vicinity and under pretext, FREDERICK'S mother was interviewed and she advised that he could be located at the Wolk

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Garage. At the Wolk Transfer Garage, 512 DuPont Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota, inquiry of CHARLES WOLK at this place disclosed that FREDERICK had left about an hour previous with [redacted] to release a truck near Jordan, Minnesota, which had been stuck. Agents [redacted] and [redacted] remained in the vicinity of this garage, and this agent in company with Agent [redacted] proceeded to Jordan, Minnesota, and found that [redacted] had been in the vicinity but apparently had departed. On arriving back at Minneapolis approximately 12 o'clock noon, FREDERICK had shown up at the Wolk Transfer Garage and had been taken into custody by Agents [redacted] and [redacted] who also took CHARLES WOLK into custody and brought them to the St. Paul Division office where they were later interviewed by agents. CHARLES WOLK made a signed statement, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part of this report:

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STATEMENT OF CHARLES ALBERT WOLD

St. Paul, Minn.  
Aug. 6, 1933.

I, Charles Albert Wold, residing 224 Thomas Ave. South, Mpls., Minn., give the following statement voluntarily to Special Agent [redacted] of the United States Bureau of Investigation, at Saint Paul, Minn., promise force, duress, or coercion, from any source, knowing my Constitutional rights, and after having been advised that I need make no statement, and that any statement I may make can be used in a subsequent prosecution against me or others.

I and [redacted] South, Mpls., and [redacted] South, Mpls., Minn., operate the Wold Transfer Company which has an office at 201 Washington Ave., North, Mpls. and a garage at 612 N. Dupont St., that city. Sam Frederick is a helper in the office of the Wold Transfer Company, at 201 Washington Ave. North.

I have known a man whom I call by the name of "Barney" for the past 15 years in Mpls. Formerly he used to go to dances which I attended, and in recent years, I have frequently seen him at the 5th St. Cigar Store which is across from the West Hotel on 5th St., and at the Loop Recreation Billiard Hall, 614 Hennepin Ave., Mpls. He is a gambler and bets on baseball results in these last named two places. He is known to [redacted] also to [redacted] and [redacted] who frequent the 5th St. Cigar Store, and to the [redacted] who own the 5th St. Cigar Store. Barney is about 38-39 yrs. 5'8", 180-190 lbs., husky build, black hair thin on top, smooth shaven. I do not know whether he is married or not, and can not say what his correct name is. I have indorsed several small checks for him in the past, but do not recall the name on them.

I had not seen Barney for several weeks up until Aug. 5, 1933. On that date I received a phone call at the Wold Transfer Co. office, about 9AM. The party calling said it was "Barney" and asked for [redacted] who was not in the office. When Barney learned I was the one on the phone he wanted to know if I could get him a cashier's check from a bank for \$1800. I told him I did not know, but would call up the bank and find out. He asked me to do this, saying that he had \$1800 and wanted to send it away, hence wanted the cashier's check.

I then phoned the Hennepin State Bank, in Mpls. and learned that I could get a cashier's check for this amount, but that it would cost \$1.80. After my phone conversation with Barney, within 30 minutes or an hour, a car which I am sure was a dark Chevrolet, and which I think was a coupe, drove up in front of the Wold Transfer Co. office 201 Washington Ave. N. Mpls, and blew the horn. I went out to see who it was; and in the car was Barney and another man. This other man was driving the car, but I can not give any description of him, except that he was about 30 yrs old, and had on a straw hat. Barney did not introduce me to this man, and I did not pay sufficient attention to him to note his description, as they only were there a couple of

*Charles Albert Wold*

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Statement of Charles Albert Wolk. 5

minutes. I noticed that Barney had a flat package of money in his hands, but I had no way of ascertaining how much was in the package. When I went up to these two men in the car, Barney asked me "Do you want to go to the bank with us to get a check?" I told him that I could not go, as I had to stay at the office to handle the business. Barney then asked me "Send a flunkie with us". So I then told Sam Frederick, who works for the Wolk Transfer Company to go to the Hennepin State Bank with Barney and this other man, in their car, and Frederick went off with them.

I did not get anything from either of these two men for calling the bank, or for sending Frederick to the bank.

I sign this voluntarily at St. Paul Minn. Aug 6, 1933.

*Charles Albert Wolk*  
Charles Albert Wolk

Witness:

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[Redacted]  
Special Agent, United States Bureau of Investigation, St. Paul, Minn.

[Redacted]  
Special Agt. United States Bureau of Investigation,  
St. Paul, Minn.

[Redacted]  
Special Agt. United States Bureau of Investigation,  
St. Paul, Minn.



On August 9, 1933, CHARLES WOLK made an additional statement admitting that the identity of the person referred to by him as "BARNEY" was in fact BARNEY HERRMAN. A copy of this statement is attached to the Division copies of this report and the original and two copies are attached to the Oklahoma City office's copies.

SAM FREDERICK was questioned and made a signed statement, copies of which are attached and made a part of this report, the original being furnished the Oklahoma City Division office. He was thereafter questioned by Assistant Director NATHAN regarding his suggesting the name of S. H. PETERS on the cashier's check and he emphatically denied that he had done so.

St. Paul, Minnesota,

August 5, 1933.

b7C I, Sam Frederick, City of Minneapolis, State of Minnesota, do hereby voluntarily make the following statement to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] of the United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

I am twenty-nine years old, a naturalized citizen of the United States. I have been in the employ of the Volk Transfer Company, 203 Washington Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for more than two years in the capacity of helper and driver. I went to the Volk Transfer Garage, 612 DuPont Avenue North, arriving about 7:00 A. M., August 5, 1933. I cleaned up a truck and took it to the office, arriving about 7:30 A. M. After getting to the office, I worked on the truck some more, finishing at or about 9:00 A. M. I sat around in the warehouse, in the rear of the office, until about 11:00 A. M. About 11:00 A. M. Charlie Volk called me to the sidewalk, in front of the office. He told me to get in this car. There was a car parked at the curb on Washington Street, headed South. The car appeared to be either a Chevrolet, or possibly a Pontiac. In either case, it was a coach and pretty new, light cloth seat covers, I am sure. The body of the car was a dark brown or maroon colored. There were two men in the car, and before I got in, one of them got in the back seat.

I judge the driver was about six feet tall, medium complexioned, dark hair, wearing a white cap. He looked to be about thirty years old and slender built. He would weigh about one hundred-fifty or sixty pounds, or even more than that. He was wearing a light, possibly green, colored shirt, without tie, and dark trousers. He smoked a cigar. He looked like he had been in his clothes for several hours, and may have had about a day's growth of beard, the color of which I cannot state. I can give no further description of him. This man may be what you call medium light complexioned.

The other man who got on the back seat appeared to be about thirty-five years old, about five feet and eight inches tall. He was medium built and slightly husky, dark complexioned. I did not notice the color of his hair or eyes. These men were just ordinary looking fellows, and while I do not know their nationality, I do know they were not Jewish. They were probably just ordinary Americans. The second fellow, above referred to, was wearing a white cap, light shirt, open at neck, and dark colored trousers. Neither wore glasses, and so far as I noticed they had no physical defects. There was no peculiar accent to the driver's voice. I did not hear the other fellow talk.

As above referred to, I got into the car with these two men, and Charlie Volk said: "Show these men to the bank" or words to that effect. We were then headed toward the Hennepin State Bank, Washington and Hennepin Avenues. Just as we started off, the driver did not say anything, but thinking he did not know where the bank was, I said: "Straight ahead two blocks". The driver stopped at the Washington Avenue entrance of the Hennepin State Bank.

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-2- Statement of Sam Frederick.

The fellow driving the car told me to get him a cashier's check under the name of S. H. Peters. When we stopped at the bank, the man in the rear seat handed me a flat package of bills, and twenty-five cents in change. I went in and bought a cashier's check from [redacted] in the bank, who I only know by name. I read the check and it was made out to S. H. Peters, and the amount was \$1,800.00. After getting the check I walked back to the sidewalk and stopped. I was there just a few seconds and a horn sounded. I looked up and saw it was the same two fellows in the car. I walked out and handed the check to the driver, and he said: "Do you want to ride back?" I said I would walk, and they drove South on Washington, and I walked back to the office.

I never saw these men before and have not seen them since then. I doubt that I could identify these men if I saw them again. The whole transaction took place in about ten minutes. There is one thing I forgot to say. When we stopped at the bank, the driver turned around and said: "Barney, give him the money".

Sam Frederick L.S.

I hereby certify that I furnished the above details, and that I have carefully read same, initialing the first page, and that the information contained above is correct.

Sam Frederick L.S.

Witnessed:

[redacted] 203-P.O. Bldg.  
Special Agent, United States  
Bureau of Investigation.

[redacted] Special Agent, United States  
Bureau of Investigation.

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After questioning CHARLES WOLK, it was determined that [REDACTED] maintains cottages on Shell Lake in Becker County, Minnesota, near Detroit Lakes. Inasmuch as it would be possible that some of the persons who brought the money to Minneapolis might be hiding at this location, investigation was conducted at Shell Lake, Minnesota, during the morning of August 7, 1933, by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Ponsford, Minnesota, advised that while he knew [REDACTED] he had not seen him in that vicinity for several months. Discreet observation was made about the cottages of [REDACTED] and after it was determined that no one was present other than the caretaker, she was interviewed without the identity of agents being disclosed and she advised that [REDACTED] had been there from Saturday until Sunday in company with a man referred to as MIKE and so far as she knew, he had returned to his home in Minneapolis.

While several telephone conversations were had with the Oklahoma City Division Office, they are not being referred to except in cases where same appear to be of importance.

On the morning of August 7, 1933, Special Agent [REDACTED] was canvassing the Minneapolis banks in an effort to cause the apprehension of the person who might attempt to dispose of the cashier's check issued on the Hennepin State Bank. It is appropriate to state here that further inquiry at the Hennepin State Bank disclosed that the cashier's check was No. 13793, issued to S. H. PETERS, in the amount of \$1,800. However, the other money was in small bills and did not appear to be a part of the ransom money. Appropriate arrangements were made to cause this money to be held as evidence for the Government by Special Agent [REDACTED] and a photostatic copy of the cashier's check in question was obtained and is attached to the Oklahoma City Division office copies of this report.

While making inquiry at the First National Bank, it was determined from [REDACTED] that the check had been presented for payment on August 5, 1933, and that he had paid same to WILLIAM NELSON, who, it was later determined, was in fact PETE VALDER. Through appropriate arrangements made by Agent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the Minneapolis Police Department, officers who this Division knows to be reliable, [REDACTED] called NELSON to the bank where he was apprehended on August 7, 1933. [REDACTED] was brought to the St. Paul Division office and made a signed statement, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part of this report.

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STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

St. Paul, Minn  
Aug. 7th, 1933.

I, [REDACTED] South, Mpls. Minn. give the following statement voluntarily to the United States Bureau of Investigation, without threat, promise, force, coercion, or promise from any source, having had my Constitutional rights explained to me, knowing that I need make no statement and that any statement I may make can be used against me or others in a subsequent prosecutive action.

On the morning of Aug. 5, 1933 I cashed a Cashiers Check #13725 of the Hennepin State Bank, in amount \$1800 for Peter Hackett, who presented it. It was made payable to S.H. Peters, who is not known to me, but was endorsed by the name of William Nelson, which is an alias of Peter Hackett. I am a teller at the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Mpls. Minn. and cashed this check in routine duty of that position. Peter Hackett has been using the alias William Nelson in cashing checks for some time. I gave him the \$1800 in \$100 bills. I know that Peter Hackett is employed by [REDACTED] and does most of the banking for [REDACTED]

On Aug. 7 1933 I phoned Hackett at Bridgeport 4929 to come to the bank, and when he did, he was taken into custody. About 6PM this date, [REDACTED] phoned me asking where Hackett was, and I told [REDACTED] that Hackett had been taken into custody on account of the \$1800 check, and [REDACTED] said he would see what he could do to get him out. Shortly thereafter [REDACTED] called me, desiring information as to who had taken Hackett into custody.

[REDACTED] has a wife [REDACTED] Up to about 1932 [REDACTED] had power of attorney on an account in our bank in the name of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is 40 yrs, 5'8" or 9" 160 lbs, med. bld., neat dresser, light brown hair bald on top in front, ecc. liquor and gambling operator, formerly was part owner of Senator Hotel with [REDACTED] in Mpls. and his signature card should be on file in the 1st Natl Bank; also he may have a deposit box there. Peter Hackett has been employed by [REDACTED] to my knowledge for approximately 5 or 6 years, and is the only party who does banking for [REDACTED] usually about once or twice a week he brings bills of small denomination to the bank to get them changed into bills of \$50 or \$100 denomination, and one occasion recently he told me that this money was [REDACTED] and came from proceeds of gambling at the Hollyhocks Night Club, in St. Paul. Hackett uses the name of Frank Overton also, and had an account in our bank under that name. I do not know Barney Berman or Leon Glickman. The only other party I can recall who is acquainted with [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] 1st Natl. Bank, who has had considerable connection with [REDACTED] in a business way.

I give this statement voluntarily to Special Agents [REDACTED] and S.W. Hardy of the United States Bureau of Investigation.

Witnesses

[REDACTED] Special Agent, United States Bureau of Investigation, St. Paul, Minn

[REDACTED] Special Agent, United States Bureau of Investigation, St. Paul, Minn.

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at this time, NELSON with aliases, refused to make any statement at all.

During the afternoon of August 7, 1933, [REDACTED] was located at the Wolk Transfer Company and brought to the St. Paul Division office where he was questioned until 3:00 a.m., August 8, 1933, and made the following statement which he refused to sign and which statement is attached hereto and made a part of this report:

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St. Paul, Minnesota,

August 7, 1933,

My correct and full name is [REDACTED]. I will be thirty years on December 25, 1933. I am married and have two boys. I live at [REDACTED] Minneapolis, Minnesota, and at [REDACTED]

I have been working regularly all during this year, and so far as I recall I have not been out of the State of Minnesota. I have not had a vacation this year.

I left Minneapolis at or about 8:10 P.M. August 4, 1933, and in company with [REDACTED] Minneapolis, I went to my cottages on Shell Lake, Becker County, Minnesota. I stayed around there until about 9:30 A.M., August 6, 1933. We returned via Detroit Lakes, where I bought gasoline, but I don't remember the place. I bought some cigars at the Greystone Hotel where I am known.

I now recall that I bought the gasoline at the Pure Oil Station. On the way up to the lake, I stopped at the little place run by [REDACTED] or some similar, bought some sandwiches and something to drink. I am personally known to this man.

I was born in Minneapolis and have resided there all my life. I have known Barney Berman all of twenty years. Barney is mixed up in that Karadio Co. at 17th and Hennepin. I saw Barney at the wedding last night, which I came home from the lake to attend. Albert Berman is his father's name. The wedding was between a [REDACTED] boy who lives near 6th Street and Du Pont Avenue, North, and "Kid Can's" sister. "Kid Can" was there.

I have only been arrested once before and that was in or about 1925 in connection with the "Cleveland Alcohol Ring". I was hauling some alcohol at that time. I got out of it by paying a fine.

I have known [REDACTED] since he came to Minneapolis, which was some eight, ten or twelve years ago. We are good friends, and visit each other, and he and Mrs. [REDACTED] go fishing with me and my family from time to time. We also go to Nite Clubs together at intervals.

[REDACTED] lives on Drew Avenue, South in Minneapolis. I do not know the number, but the house is on the east side of the street, between 38th and 40th Street. My relationship with him has been only social, and I have never had any business dealings with him, except to move him several times, and haul furniture, etc. to and from the Senator Hotel in which he formerly had an interest.

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To the best of my knowledge, [redacted] and Barney Berman are acquainted, however, Charlie has never been connected with Berman. Barney was in the liquor racket and we did not do any of the hauling for any of the rackets. So far as I know he has for the past three years been connected with the radio business.

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Witnessed:

Werner Hanni (Signed)

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

[redacted] (Signed)

[redacted] Special Agent,  
United States Bureau of Investigation.

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At this point [redacted] refused to cooperate with the Division in any manner and was not very communicative. However, there was nothing to connect him with instant case and he was not detained beyond the time it took to secure the foregoing information from him. He did, however, during the time he was at the St. Paul Division office, accompany agents to the home of [redacted] Minneapolis, the location of which was not known previously to agents of this office.

On the morning of August 8, 1935, Agents [redacted] and [redacted] in company with [redacted] and [redacted] called at the [redacted] home and made various hangouts about the Twin Cities where BARNEY BERMAN, and ISADORE BLUMENFELD generally frequent, as well as Rooms 729 and 730 of the West Hotel and Rooms 728 and 729 of the Dykeman Hotel where [redacted] maintains rooms with private telephones. These places were, however, deserted and it was rumored that the above mentioned individuals had gone into hiding. On this date, it was suspected that they were actually conferring with [redacted] a shyster of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Agent [redacted] made a call to his office and the girl answering the phone stated he was not in and after considerable conversation, this agent advised that it was absolutely necessary to confer with him, and the girl asked that his number be left and she would have [redacted] call him.

On August 8, 1935, Assistant Director HAROLD NATHAN arrived at St. Paul, Minnesota, and on the following day, he and Special Agent in Charge WERNER HANNI conferred with [redacted] and [redacted] of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and secured their cooperation in this case. On this date, a telegraphic request was received from the Oklahoma City office for a photograph and signature of SAM FREDERICK, which request was complied with.

PETER VALDER, alias PETER RACKETT, alias WILLIAM NELSON, made a signed statement, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part of this report, the original being furnished the Oklahoma City Division office.

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Statement of Peter Hackett

St. Paul, Minn

Aug. 8, 1933.

I, Peter Hackett, Room 532 West Hotel, Minneapolis Minn., employed as chauffeur and handy man (errand boy) for [redacted] of Mpls. give the following statement voluntarily to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] of the United States Bureau of Investigation, without threat, promise, force or coercion, or inducement or fear, from any source, knowing my Constitutional rights, having had it explained to me that I need make no statement, and that any statement I may make can be used in a subsequent prosecutive action against me or others.

I know Barney Barman of Mpls. who is very friendly and closely associated with my employer [redacted]. On or about Wednesday Aug. 2 1933 around 10:30AM I met Barman in the lobby of the West Hotel, and he handed me a check for \$1000 drawn on some bank in Fargo, N. Dak. the name of the maker being Barry, asking me to go to the bank and get cash for this check, and to bring the cash to him at the West Hotel. I cashed this check for him at the First National Bank & Trust Co. in Mpls. [redacted] cashing same for me. I endorsed this check under my alias William Nelson, and took the cash back to Barman at the West Hotel, giving it to him.

About 11:30AM Saturday Aug. 5, 1933, [redacted] phoned me at Bridgeport 4929, which is a private phone in Room 730 West Hotel [redacted] (room) and told me that this \$1000 was returned for insufficient funds, and asked me to take care of this item. I phoned [redacted] at the Flour City Trunk Co., telling him to have Barney phone me. About 11:55AM that date I met Barney Barman in the lobby of the West Hotel, told him about this check being returned, and he gave me a Cashier's Check drawn to the order of S.H. Peters on the Hennepin State Bank of Mpls. in amount \$1800, and told me to take up the \$1000 Barry check item with this Cashier's Check, and to get the \$800 difference in eight \$100 bills, and to instruct the bank to put the Barry check through again for collection, and to bring him the \$800 at the West Hotel. I therefore took the \$1800 Cashier's check to the First National Bank & Trust Co., took up the \$1000 bad check with the \$1800 Cashier's Check, instructed that the bank put through the bad check again for collection, and secured eight \$100 bills which I gave to Barney Barman later at the West Hotel.

When first questioned by Special Agent [redacted] Aug. 7, 1933 as to who I had received this Cashier's check from, I refused to give any information regarding the identity of the party from whom I received it. Barney Barman, to my knowledge has, and drives, two different cars, one is a dark maroon colored Ford V-8 Victoria Coupe which has front seats divided and a rear seat, seating five passengers, and an Olds Sedan which is either dark blue or black. Barney Barman spends part of his time at the 5th St. Cigar Store, across from the West Hotel. During July 1933 Barney Barman and his wife, [redacted] and his wife, and one [redacted] and his wife, made two fishing trips together. I heard them talking about where they were going on these trips, and they said they were going to some old man's place near the end of Gunflint Trail, north out of Grand Marais, Minn. They made both trips in [redacted] Cadillac car. The first trip they left either Saturday or Sunday preceeding the 4th of July, returning on July 4th at night, the second trip they left Mpls. Saturday July 15th, and returned about Friday July 21, 1933. I sign this voluntarily Aug. 8, 1933

*Peter Hackett*  
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On the morning of August 7, 1933, [REDACTED] St. Anthony Falls Branch of the First National Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised that S. P. KRONICK had deposited \$500 in \$20 Federal Reserve notes of the Tenth Federal Reserve District on August 5, 1933. Agent [REDACTED] copied the serial numbers on the notes which are as follows:

J03641286A  
J03804567A  
J00687729A  
J03186747A  
J02955595A  
J02995636A  
J02474461A  
J04925868A  
J02104714A  
J02101735A  
J03630302A  
J04927994A

J02772853A  
J04916829A  
J03829537A  
J03610709A  
J03805439A  
J03679527A  
J02679755A  
J04931218A  
J00605070A  
J03183430A  
J04926267A  
J03179267A  
J03142270A

It was later determined that these notes were included in the ransom money and accordingly, KRONICK was taken into custody on the same date and questioned at the St. Paul Division office. From that date until August 10, 1933, he maintained he was innocent and executed a signed statement which is attached hereto and made a part of this report, the original being forwarded to the Oklahoma City Division office:

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
August 10, 1933.

I, Sam Kronick, of the City of Minneapolis, State of Minnesota,  
do hereby voluntarily make the following statement.

I am a naturalized citizen of the United States of Russian  
Jewish birth. I have lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the past five  
years, where I have been engaged in the retail barber supply business  
at 209 East Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis.

Regarding the \$500.00 deposited by me on August 5, 1933, in  
the St. Anthony Branch of the 1st National Bank, all of which consisted  
of \$20.00 bills, I picked it up from different customers during the week,  
less or more, I could not exactly tell you. I do not know the names and  
addresses of any of my customers. I do not know how it happened that I  
got all \$200 bills.

(Signed)

Sam Kronick

Witnessed:

Special Agent, United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,

Special Agent, United States Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice.

Later in the afternoon, S. KRONICK changed his statement and advised Special Agent in Charge WERNER HANKE and Assistant Director HAROLD NATHAN that he had secured the money from SAM KOZBERG, his cousin, on August 5, 1933. He refused to make any statement as to why he had lied when questioned on previous occasions.

It may be noted here that this money has been preserved at the First National Bank, Minneapolis, in a sealed envelope initialed by [REDACTED] at the above mentioned bank, who advised that KRONICK operates the DeFrance Company which deals in barber supplies and that he received said money from KRONICK. In reviewing his account on August 8th, Agent [REDACTED] determined that KRONICK does not keep a balance in excess of \$60 or \$80 in his checking account and when he issues checks in the amount of \$500 he covers them immediately by cash. It was noted by [REDACTED] of the St. Anthony Falls Branch of the First National Bank, that KRONICK had made a check payable to SAM KOZBERG of the LaSalle Products Company in St. Paul. It was further determined that KOZBERG is KRONICK'S cousin.

Immediate efforts to locate KOZBERG at his home and at his office, 149 East 13th Street, St. Paul, on August 9th disclosed that he had left very unexpectedly on the morning of August 8th for "a fishing trip up north" and that neither the girl at the office nor KOZBERG'S wife knew where he had gone. Continued efforts were made to locate KOZBERG and finally agents were stationed at his home and at his place of business. At about the same time, numerous overtures were made to the Special Agent in Charge of the St. Paul Division office to permit KOZBERG to come in and not be arrested. However, no such assurance was given and finally on the morning of August 14, 1933, he was brought to the St. Paul Division office by his attorney, [REDACTED]. He made the following statement which he refused to sign and was committed to jail. The statement is attached hereto and is made a part of the report, the original being forwarded to the Oklahoma City Division office:

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
August 24, 1933

I, Sam Kronberg, of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, this date of my own free will and accord, without threats or promises of any sort, and having been advised that anything I may say may be used against me, do hereby state as follows:

I called up Barney Berman in Minneapolis on August 5th and asked him to give me \$500.00. Barney Berman invited me to come to his place at the West Hotel, Room 730, to which I complied, and I met Barney Berman at the above named place at about 2:30 or 3:00 p.m., Saturday, August 5, 1933, and in the presence of others, whom I did not recognize, he called me to the side and handed me twenty-five \$20.00 bills, a total of \$500.00, which he had all ready for me. I did not give Berman any security or written acknowledgment of the receipt of this \$500.00, nor oral acknowledgments, in the presence of others and departed and proceeded to the place of business of Sam Kronick, reaching there at about 3:00 p.m., or shortly thereafter. The place was locked up and I located Kronick in a nearby restaurant. I with Kronick proceeded to his place of business and no one other was present and there handed him these twenty-five \$20.00 bills, or a total of \$500.00, and he in return gave me a check for \$500.00 made payable to the LaSalle Products Company for the purpose of applying such check to the account Sam Kronick has with the LaSalle Products Company. I did not advise Kronick of the source of the twenty-five \$20.00 bills.

The reason for furnishing Kronick with \$500.00 cash was that he asked me for a loan some time prior to this date and I, having money coming from Barney Berman, asked Berman for the amount of \$500.00, which amount I then loaned to Sam Kronick which represents my personal loan to him. Sam Kronick did not give me, nor did I ask for any security, written document, or other acknowledgment of any sort to indicate that this \$500.00 represents a personal loan of my own to him. I did not advise Sam Kronick that I had borrowed \$500.00 to loan him to enable him to apply on his indebtedness to the LaSalle Products Company. Kronick gave me a check for \$500.00 immediately at the time I gave him the twenty-five \$20.00 bills. The LaSalle Products Company received the check for \$500.00 which represents money I obtained from Berman and which money in cash I loaned to SAM KRONICK for the purpose of enabling him to apply payment on his account with the LaSalle Products Company. In other words, instead of obtaining a check from Sam Kronick for the sum of \$500.00, and instead of furnishing Sam Kronick the cash sum of \$500.00, I could have advised Sam Kronick that I have \$500.00 of my own which I will loan him by applying these very \$500.00 in cash to his account with the LaSalle Products Company.

This is the only transaction of this nature that I can recall in connection with business dealings of the LaSalle Products Company or any of its clients.

I have read the above and sign my name hereto as being the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

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Witnessed and signed in the presence of:



ISADORE BLUMENFELD, alias "KID CANN", was interviewed by Assistant Director HAROLD NATHAN and Special Agent in Charge WERNER HANNI on August 15, 1933, and he made a verbal statement as follows:

ISADORE BLUMENFELD, alias "KID CANN", is 34 years of age, married, born at Minneapolis, Minnesota; his only criminal record is a \$250.00 fine for possession of liquor. He stated that on Thursday, August 3, about 4:30 p.m., a man came into their offices at the West Hotel, Room 730, Minneapolis, Minnesota; that he talked to BARNEY BERMAN; that he mentioned to BERMAN somebody from the South. BARNEY turned him over to KID CANN because the latter had southern connections. The man, who had given his name as [REDACTED] mentioned bootleggers in Jacksonville and Tampa, Florida, one of them named [REDACTED] and another named [REDACTED]. CANN said he listened and he told BARNEY that they knew two men down there, but of course he could not tell whether he was all right or not. A deal was made whereby \$5,500.00 was to be paid for 125 cases of liquor. The money was counted and was turned over to SKELLY. The liquor was carted away by [REDACTED] and another man, in a truck. The second man, CANN did not see close at hand and could give no description of him. The description of the first man he gave as about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches, weight about 180 pounds, dark, wearing light straw hat. He confirmed the story told by BERMAN to the effect that they had a deal on for alcohol in New York which required \$1,800.00; that a cashier's check was to be gotten for this amount and was so gotten, but before it could be sent to New York, they heard from the bank that a \$1,000.00 check given them by a customer had been returned, and it was necessary to take care of that check at the bank.

The following interviews were conducted by Assistant Director NATHAN and Special Agent in Charge HANNI:

CLIFFORD SKELLY was interviewed and gave his age as 35 years, married, born in Minneapolis, Minnesota; that he is in business with BERMAN and KID CANN. His story was along the same line as that told by KID CANN. He could give but a very vague description of one man, and none of the other. The description of the first man, i.e., [REDACTED] is 5 feet 9 inches, dark, 200 pounds, dark suit, soft straw hat. He said that the money, the \$5,500.00, that was paid on this deal, was disposed of as follows: \$1,440.00 to MAX BINDER; \$400.00 he, SKELLY, spent on certain repairs to his house and other matters; \$500.00 to KOZBERG; \$1,000.00 of it for the cashier's check; \$1,100.00 to his brother-in-law who needed the money. The only description of the younger man, with [REDACTED] was that he was a younger man of fair complexion, much lighter.

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EDWARD BERMAN, alias BARNEY BERMAN, is 33 years of age, married, in the liquor business, and born in St. Paul, Minnesota. He stated that on Thursday, August 3, 1933, he was approached by a man who gave his name as [REDACTED]. The man said he wanted to buy some liquor; that he knew several people in the South. BARNEY BERMAN turned him over to KID CANN, who has southern connections. KID CANN reported that he did know certain people in the South. The deal was consummated at the West Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He said that the [REDACTED] in question was about 190 to 200 pounds, about 5 feet 8 inches or 9 inches tall, dark hair, wore a dark suit, and had on a soft straw hat. He said he sold him 125 cases of whiskey for \$5,500.00 and he came back in an hour and took away the whiskey in a Chevrolet Truck, dark green paneled; that the money was paid in twenty-dollar bills, as well as bills of other denominations. He believed there were three \$100 bills in the amount, some tens, fives, and the rest were twenties; he thought that about \$5,000.00 was in twenties. He said that he then made a deal with one [REDACTED] of New York who gave him a price on some alcohol; that in pursuance of this deal, he wanted a cashier's check for \$1,800.00 to send to [REDACTED] in New York; that he made arrangements to secure this cashier's check through the WOLK brothers; that [REDACTED] was not there so he got CHARLIE WOLK, and CHARLIE WOLK sent his driver with him (BERMAN) and SKELLY to the bank. They secured this \$1,800.00 check and later in the day they were notified by their bank that one [REDACTED] the ABC Distributing Company at Moorhead, Minnesota, but who lived at Fargo, North Dakota, and who had given him a check for \$1,000.00, - that the latter check had been returned to the bank as no good. He thereupon sent the cashier's check over to the bank to take care of the \$1,000.00 check that had been returned. With regard to the name of S. H. PETERS, he said that in securing the certified check with which to do business, they made up any name that came into their head; that his recollection was that the name of S. H. PETERS had been suggested by FREDERICKS, the employee of CHARLIE WOLK, who went to the bank with them and secured the check. Photostatic copy of this check is attached to copies designated to the Oklahoma City Div. office, of this report.

At the request of [REDACTED] Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] contacted him and [REDACTED] at 9:15 a.m., August 10, 1933, at 4th Avenue and 8th Street South, Minneapolis. They advised that they had received from a confidential source that HAROLD SKELLEY had attempted to get another man to deposit between four and five thousand dollars for him, and told him that it was not very hot. This occurred on August 5, 1933. The other man flatly refused SKELLEY and SKELLEY left Minneapolis, Minnesota, via rail, Sunday night for Seattle, Washington, where he will stay for a short time, then will go on to Alaska where he expects to visit one of his brothers, name and address not known, but further efforts will be made to secure this information by the above mentioned officers.

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It is thought by [redacted] and [redacted] that SKELLEY will get rid of the money in Seattle where he will probably register at a hotel. SKELLEY is one of the alcohol kings in Minneapolis and is in partnership with [redacted] and [redacted]. So far as known, SKELLEY does not have a criminal record.

A wire was dispatched to the Portland office giving a summary of the above and requesting appropriate investigation. A cover was placed on the mail of the SKELLEY family, who are known to the postal authorities as [redacted] Minneapolis, which is located just South of Sixth Avenue North, about one mile beyond the Minneapolis City limits.

[redacted] described SKELLEY as follows:

Age - 35 years  
Height - 5 feet 6 or 7 inches  
Weight - 140 pounds  
Build - Very slender  
Hair - Medium light  
Mustache - Small light mustache  
Peculiarities - Nervous and very talkative.

As the result of a long distance telephone conversation between S.A.C. WERNER HANNI of the St. Paul office and S.A.C. C. C. SPRARS of the Portland office, it was learned that JOHN HAROLD SKELLEY had made statements to the personnel of the Portland office indicating that he and his brother and [redacted] operated the Conoco Filling Station at 2020 Bloomington Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota; that he (SKELLEY) had an account at the Northwestern National Bank under the name of JOHN H. SKELLY and that he also had an account at the Fourth Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota, under the alias ED CARLSON; that he had recently sold a house, the address of which is 3121 East 53rd Street, Minneapolis, to his brother, [redacted] for \$3,500.00, \$1,100.00 of the purchase price having been by check and the remainder by cash; that his brother, CLIFF. SKELLY, resides at 3454 North Humboldt Street, Minneapolis, and operates a chicken ranch in Golden Valley, Hennepin County, Minnesota; that he (JOHN H. SKELLY) received \$1,400.00 from one [redacted] who resides somewhere in the vicinity of Medicine Lake, Hennepin County, Minnesota, which amount [redacted] owed him.

[redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted] at the Conoco Station 2020 Bloomington Avenue, Minneapolis. He stated that he and JOHN H. SKELLY were partners, operating the above said filling station, and had been in business together for about four years; that the firm has no bank account; that they make it a practice to have an account once a year, the latest account having been made on or

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about January 5, 1933. SKELLY has received no cash return from the business since that date [January 5, 1933]. [redacted] and SKELLY each have about \$150.00 invested in the enterprise. To the extent of [redacted] information and as he believes, SKELLY earns his livelihood principally from dealings in stocks and bonds and in the real estate business. [redacted] has no information indicating that SKELLY operates an office in connection with any of his business enterprises and does not know whether SKELLY is engaged in the liquor business. [redacted] further, stated that SKELLY left Minneapolis for the West Coast about two weeks ago, and maintained that he did not know the location of SKELLY at the time of interview and would be unable to contact or interview him.

It is agents' observation that the location of this filling station is such that it is improbable that a profitable filling station business could be conducted and that [redacted] had concealed much information and apparently was unwilling to make complete answers to the questions propounded to him.

[redacted] stated that she, her husband and children, have resided at that address since June, 1933; that all their dealings in connection with the rental of the home have been conducted with MR. J. H. SKELLY who represented himself as the owner of the premises and who, to the extent of their knowledge and information, is still the sole owner of the property located at that address. [redacted] displayed a receipt dated August 2, 1933, reflecting receipt of \$15.00 rent by J. H. SKELLY, whose signature it bears.

[redacted] of the Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota, after reference to appropriate records, stated that SKELLY, under the name J. H. SKELLY, maintains an account at the main bank. Examination of the ledger sheets of this account reflected that the same is and has been for some time past practically dormant and no deposits or withdrawals have been made during the period of time with which this investigation is concerned. There is, also, an account entitled [redacted] 2030 (apparently should be 2020) Bloomington Avenue, which was opened in May, 1933. This account reflects a usual balance of less than \$100.00. It is important to note that there have been numerous overdrafts in the account of J. H. SKELLY and that it bears a notation indicating that no more overdrafts should be honored. The file on JOHN H. SKELLY at the Northwestern National Bank reflects that in 1923, a Denver, Colorado, bank wrote to the Northwestern National Bank stating that SKELLY had been a satisfactory customer of the Denver bank. It also appears that SKELLY resided at 1020 East 25th Street prior to removal to 3516 East 24th Street, his present address. The file also reflects his date of birth as October 30, 1890.

[redacted] communicated by telephone with [redacted] of the Fourth Northwestern National Bank, who stated that SKELLY does not maintain an account at that branch under the alias ED. CARLSON or under his proper name. Reference to the index files in the bookkeeping department of the Northwestern National Bank disclosed that there is no account entitled ED. CARLSON that could possibly be one maintained by SKELLY.

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[redacted] was interviewed at his place on Medicine Lake. He admitted that he has in the past been engaged in the liquor business and that he has had some dealings with SKELLY. He stated that some time ago, he borrowed \$3,000.00 from JOHN H. SKELLY, having made a repayment of \$2,000 on this sum, sometime over a year ago, and being still indebted to SKELLY in the amount of \$1,000.00. [redacted] stated that he is willing to swear that he has not paid SKELLY a dime within the last year, and that he has not seen JOHN H. SKELLY for over a month and a half.

It is worthy of mention that in the efforts to locate [redacted] it was ascertained through the assistance of a taxi driver that [redacted] is operating what appears to be a speakeasy on the second floor of the building, the address of which is 1427 Washington Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

[redacted] also stated that on or about August 7 or 8, 1933, an individual named "BARNEY", together with CLIFF, SKELLY and two other men, hired a cottage from him [redacted] at Medicine Lake, paying one week's rental in advance. These men remained at the cottage for a period of one day and then left without having communicated in any manner with [redacted]. They were driving automobiles bearing Minnesota, 1933 license plates, the numbers of which are unknown to [redacted]. All these vehicles were Ford's. On being questioned specifically, [redacted] stated that KID CANN was one of those present at the cottage.

Investigation at the office of the Register of Deeds and of the County Auditor, Hennepin County, Minnesota, reflects that the property at 3121 East 53rd Street is described, legally, as Lot 5, Block 5, Longfellow Park Addition to Minneapolis. This property is and has been since 1928 registered in the name of J. H. SKELLY and no transfer of title to this property has been recorded. It was likewise ascertained that no contract for the sale of this property has been made a matter of record.

Inquiry at 3454 North Humboldt Street, Minneapolis, developed that the residents at that address were absent; however, a neighbor, who was present in the house, stated that CLIFF, SKELLY owns the property but does not reside there.

[redacted] was interviewed at the chicken ranch in Golden Valley. He stated that he is and has been in the liquor business and that he is presently engaged in this business in North Dakota. He denied that he or either of his brothers are associates of [redacted] but did state that they have, on occasions, bought beer from [redacted]. [redacted] stated that [redacted] together with the latter's wife, daughter, sister, and niece, were somewhere on the West Coast en route to Alaska. He [redacted] stated that [redacted] JOHN left Minneapolis on or about August 4, 1933, on that trip; that at that time, he had considerable money in his possession, the amount of which was

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unknown to [REDACTED] although he believed it was somewhere in the vicinity of \$2,500.00. He stated that he was positive there was no foundation for the belief that any of the money in the possession of his brother JOHN at the time the latter left Minneapolis was included in the ransom paid for the release of CHARLES F. URSCHEL; that he was satisfied also that his brother would under no circumstances become involved in the possession or transfer of any of this ransom money; however, he was unable to state the source from which JOHN SKELLY received the money which he had in his possession at the time he left Minneapolis. He stated that he had neither bought from nor sold to his brother JOHN any real estate during the past several months; that he [REDACTED] does not own the property at 3121 East 53rd Street.

[REDACTED] of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, was interviewed at the city offices of the railroad, located at 6th and Hennepin, Minneapolis. He stated that he had prepared the itinerary for JOHN H. SKELLY and it was learned from [REDACTED] that the itinerary comprised travel from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Seattle, Washington, via the Northern Pacific Railway; Seattle to Vancouver via the C. P. Steamship Company; from Vancouver to Skagway, Alaska, by the Canadian National Steamship Company; from Skagway, Alaska, to Atlin, Alaska, via the White Pass and Yukon; from Atlin, to Dawson, Alaska, by steamer; from Dawson to Skagway by the White Pass and Yukon; from Skagway to Van Couver via the Canadian National Steamship Company; from Vancouver to Seattle by the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company; from Seattle to Portland via the Northern Pacific Railway; from Portland to Ogden, Utah, via San Francisco on the Southern Pacific Railway; from Ogden to Denver on the D.R.G. Railway; from Denver to Chicago on the Santa Fe Railway, and from Chicago to Minneapolis on the Burlington Route. Arrangements were made for the party to stop at the following hotels, in the following places:

Atlin, Alaska	-	Atlin Inn
Skagway, Alaska	-	Pullen House
White Horse, Alaska	-	White Horse Inn
Dawson, Alaska	-	Royal Alexandra

[REDACTED] displayed a copy of a telegram received by him from Seattle on the morning of August 18, 1935, reading as follows:

HERE LOOKING FOR PASSES PORTLAND TO MINNEAPOLIS VIA  
SAN FRANCISCO OGDEN DENVER KANSASCITY AND CHICAGO  
STATE YOU WERE TO ARRANGE FOR SAME SHE IS LEAVING  
FOR PORTLAND TONIGHT IF YOU WILL WIRE ME IF WHEN AND  
WHERE TRANSPORTATION HAS BEEN SENT I WILL ADVISE HER  
AT PORTLAND TONIGHT SHE HOLDS N P TRIP PASS P 1164  
FILE R 817

Signed: [REDACTED]

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[redacted] stated that he had wired [redacted] to the effect that the passes had been mailed but apparently misdirected and also that he [redacted] was wiring passes for [redacted] and daughter to Portland, Oregon, Denver, and Chicago.

[redacted] stated that he was unable to recall the full amount of the transportation purchased by MR. SKELLY but recalls that it covers the entire cost of transportation furnished to MR. and MRS. SKELLY and their daughter MARY from Minneapolis, back to Minneapolis, along the route indicated, and that it also covers the steamship fares of [redacted] and daughter [redacted] the railroad fare of the [redacted] having been furnished on a railroad pass as a result of the fact that [redacted] is an engineer on the N. P. Railroad.

[redacted] also stated that payment for the transportation was made by SKELLY in the form of a check of the amount of approximately \$1,300.00, which check was drawn by some person whose name [redacted] could not recall, on an out-of-town bank, payable to the order of SKELLY and endorsed by SKELLY. [redacted] cashed this check at the Fourth Northwestern National Bank after the same had been O.K'd by [redacted] an officer of that bank.

[redacted] of the Fourth Northwestern National Bank, stated that he recalled having O.K'd the check in question from [redacted] In reference to the transit letters of the Fourth Northwestern National Bank, it developed that a check in the amount of \$1,310.00 dated August 1, 1933, drawn on the First National Bank of Moorhead, Minnesota, by HANAUER & O'NEIL, INC., bearing the name of [redacted] as last endorser, was handled by the Fourth Northwestern National Bank, on August 3, 1933. It is [redacted] recollection that SKELLY was the payee of this check. [redacted] stated that he had O.K'd the check on the strength of his acquaintance with SKELLY, explaining that the latter on numerous occasions purchased drafts on the Fourth Northwestern National Bank, payment for these drafts having been made, invariably, in the form of cash. [redacted] verified the statements made to Special Agent Coulter and Special Agent [redacted] on August 17, 1933, by [redacted] to the effect that SKELLY has no account at the present time, under his own name, or the name of ED. CARLSON, at the Fourth Northwestern National Bank, and [redacted] also ascertained that SKELLY has at no time maintained an account under the name of ED. CARLSON at the Fourth Northwestern National Bank.

On August 7, 1933, the American National Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, called the St. Paul Division office and advised that H. L. BINDER COMPANY had deposited the following list of bills, [redacted] having received same:

J03091785A	J02538542A
J03949971A	J00578695A
J03690460A	J02460099A
J02982807A	J00601216A

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Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] conducted the following interview on August 7 and 8, 1933:

With reference to the receipt of \$160.00 in form of \$20 bills by one [redacted] for the Calumet Brewing Company, handling Badger Beer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on Monday, August 7, 1933, [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] at the St. Paul Division office. [redacted] produced duplicate deposit slips disclosing that on August 7, 1933, he deposited in the American National Bank at St. Paul, Minnesota, the sum of \$1,075.05 consisting of \$455.00 in bills and the remainder in checks and silver. [redacted] stated that he received this money from [redacted] alias [redacted] who is a distributor of beer for him at Minneapolis, Minnesota. He stated that the money was handed to him at around 9:00 a.m., at Minneapolis by [redacted] and who is married to [redacted] a driver and collector for [redacted].

[redacted] was questioned at the St. Paul Division office and repeatedly stated that he obtained the \$20 bills in question from his two drivers, [redacted] and [redacted]. Examination of the drivers' receipts produced by [redacted] disclosed that it was improbable that he obtained these twenties through this channel and his various customers paid him small amounts while the large accounts were paid to his drivers by checks. However, faced with these facts, he persistently denied that he had obtained the twenties in any other manner except from his drivers.

Special Agent [redacted] later interviewed [redacted] at his place of business, 190 Chestnut Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, who informed agent that last Sunday, August 6, 1933, the [redacted] was married and that [redacted] and BARNEY BERMAN were all at the wedding, this in spite of the fact that [redacted] insisted that he has not seen [redacted] for over six weeks. It is the opinion of [redacted] that [redacted] obtained this money from his brother [redacted] last Sunday, August 6, 1933.

[redacted] upon interview stated that she kept the above mentioned money in a small box in her bureau drawer; that the money was handed to her by [redacted] and that she did not count it but on August 7, 1933, at around 9:00 a.m., she paid this money to [redacted] at her place in Minneapolis. She stated that as far as she knew, this money came to her from [redacted] who obtained it from his drivers.

[redacted] is described as: age, 30; height, 5 feet 5 inches; weight, 124 pounds; hair, black; eyes, dark; teeth, regular; complexion, medium dark; married; residence, [redacted] Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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[redacted] is described as: age, 27 years; height, 5 feet 7 inches; weight, 140 pounds; build, slender; hair, black and curly; teeth, regular; marital status, single; occupation, former bootlegger and now distributor of beer; residence, [redacted] Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The following interviews were conducted by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] on August 8, 1933:

[redacted] business address 190 Chestnut Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, jobber for Calumet Beer and Beverages, was brought to the St. Paul Division office by Agents [redacted] and [redacted] on August 8, 1933, for questioning.

[redacted] advised that he and [redacted] are engaged in the jobbing of a Wisconsin beer made at Chilton, Wisconsin; that they employ the following persons:

[redacted] truck driver  
[redacted] truck driver

[redacted] further advised that [redacted] handles the office work and, as a general thing, the receipts for each day's business; that their principal bank account is with the American National Bank, although they have a small checking account at the Commercial State Bank and have a safety deposit box at the American National Bank. Concerning deposits of Monday, August 7, 1933, in the American National Bank, [redacted] advised that this deposit was made by [redacted] and that it included receipts from [redacted] in Minneapolis; that [redacted] is an independent jobber for the Calumet Beer handled by [redacted] and that [redacted] buys his beer from [redacted] and sells same to the retail trade. [redacted] further advised that to the best of his recollection, the deposits of August 7, 1933, included \$1,062.00, which was received from [redacted] of Minneapolis.

It appears, however, from records of the American National Bank, that two deposits were made on the above date, one in the sum of \$195.75, which included \$184.00 in currency, 25¢ in silver, and the balance in checks and the other, in the sum of \$1,062.00, included \$400.00 in currency and \$48.95 in silver, the balance in checks.

Concerning the sum of money received by [redacted] from [redacted] [redacted] states that same included about one hundred fifty \$1 bills and the rest was in twenties, tens, and fives; that all of this amount was in cash; that he received same on Monday morning, August 7, 1933, when he called at [redacted] place of business and residence on [redacted] in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and requested his money; that same was paid to him

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by [REDACTED] that she obtained this money from a box in which only money to be paid to him [REDACTED] is kept by [REDACTED]

On August 2, 1933, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were brought to the St. Paul Division office by Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and interviewed separately relative to the source of the moneys which were paid by [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] as he calls, himself, to [REDACTED] on Monday, August 7, 1933. [REDACTED] was first interviewed and she advised that all collections for beer sold were made by the truck drivers, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that the only way it would be possible for her to tell from whom money was received during the past week would be to examine the receipted bills and stubs. [REDACTED] further advised that she was [REDACTED] who is the operator of the business known as the Calumet Beverage Jobbing Company, 11th Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota; that she is charged with keeping all of the moneys to be paid to [REDACTED] from whom all beer is bought; that on the evening of each day, the drivers turn over the receipts for that day, to her and same is either counted by her or by [REDACTED] and placed in the little tin box; that as often as [REDACTED] calls for same, it is paid over to him; that in the instant matter, no payment had been made to [REDACTED] since Wednesday, the 2nd of August, 1933; that the moneys paid to [REDACTED] on Monday morning represented the entire collections since Wednesday, August 2, 1933.

[REDACTED] driver for [REDACTED] was interrogated and advised that he delivers the product to the customers; and that all sales, with the exception of one or two, are made on a strictly cash basis; that when cash is received, he gives a receipt and a stub is kept in his order book which shows that payment has been made or is still outstanding. [REDACTED] advised that during the period from August 2, 1933, until Sunday night, August 6, 1933, he did not recall receiving any \$20 bills and was positive that the only receipts of such a large amount as \$20 were paid by check; that the bills, which are retained for every sale, would show the exact amount of each sale and each item received during the week's period. [REDACTED] was unable to give the names of any customers from whom \$20 bills might have been received, and maintained after continuous questioning that he had, in fact, received no \$20 bills during the above period, and that in so far as he knew, no \$20 bills were paid to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed and advised that to the best of his recollection, the sum of \$1,073.00 which was paid by [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] on Monday, August 7, 1933, consisted of about \$45.00 in silver, about ten or twelve \$20 bills, about fifteen \$15 bills, and the balance in \$1 bills and checks. [REDACTED] further advised that he was unable to

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state from whom this money had been received, without his sales blanks, which were at his home in Minneapolis. It is noted that [redacted] and [redacted] did not agree as to the \$20 bills, which were included in this sum.

Agents [redacted] and [redacted] called at the [redacted] home at [redacted] Minneapolis, Minnesota, and examined all of the sales slips for the past two weeks, particularly the bills for the period from Wednesday, August 8, 1933, to Sunday night, August 13, 1933. It was noted that with the exception of three or four orders in the sums of \$24 and \$32, all made to a cafe in Minneapolis, all of the order slips reflected sales of considerably less than \$20 and [redacted] insisted that he had made no change, receiving \$20 for any of the smaller payments. [redacted] and [redacted] insisted that the larger orders, above mentioned, were all paid by check and neither [redacted] nor [redacted] could explain, from the sales slips, how the \$20 bills were received. [redacted] insisted that of the sum in the tin box, which was paid over to [redacted] approximately \$400 or \$500 were in \$1 bills, \$300 in checks, and the balance in fives, tens, and silver.

[redacted] the other driver for [redacted] was absent making deliveries and could not be located at the time of agents' visit to the [redacted] establishment.

It may be noted that the Calumet Distributing Company, operated by [redacted] who operates under the name of [redacted] is located at the residence of [redacted] and [redacted] at [redacted] Minneapolis, Minnesota; the telephone number is [redacted].

It should be noted that at the time interview was had with [redacted] and other employees, it was not known to this office that he had actually received \$1,440 of the ransom money. Further interview will be had with him at an early date.

On August 11, 1933, [redacted] came to the St. Paul Division office at the request of [redacted] St. Paul, Minnesota, and conferred with Assistant Director HAROLD NATHAN, Special Agent in Charge WERNER HANNI, and Special Agent [redacted]. At this time he made no definite statement but promised to cooperate with the Division and to use his influence in causing the other various persons under investigation to communicate with the St. Paul office.

Through the Minneapolis Police Department, it was determined that [redacted] Apartment H, telephone [redacted] Minneapolis, Minnesota, claimed to have been approached by a man who was

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[ ] formerly a dealer in "hot" cars in Minneapolis and who attempted to sell him \$2,000 worth of the BRUCHL money for \$500. Later he attempted to consummate this deal at the request of Special Agent [ ] and the person in question told him that there was too much heat on the town and that he could not get the money. [ ] was requested to renew his efforts to contact this man at a later date and report whatever information he could obtain regarding the money. Little or no credence is given [ ] story as during the last interview it appeared that the person who [ ] had contacted was drinking at the time.

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[ ] Federal Narcotic Agent, Minneapolis, Minnesota, informed Special Agent [ ] that on August 11 and 12, 1933, a paid informer of his Bureau had related to him that a tall man about 40 years of age, who appeared to be an ex-carnival man, whom he further described as having a crooked nose and only one tooth in the upper mouth, had approached the informer with the statement that he had been solicited by the Minneapolis underworld to take \$2,000 of "hot" money to the County Fair at Rice Lake, Wisconsin, and peddle it. I told [ ] to have his informer get the name of the person who was going to Rice Lake and whatever other information he could. [ ] reported that he had so instructed his informer and the informer had reported to him that the individual in question had stated to the informer that there was so much heat on the town that he could not get the money and the plan was abandoned.

Agent [ ] arranged with [ ] to inform the St. Paul Division office of any further developments. It is possible that the informer desired a trip to Rice Lake, Wisconsin, and that there is very little to the story.

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[ ] From a confidential source, Special Agent [ ] determined that [ ] was at 2453 Aldrich Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on August 4, 1933, arriving with two men and was driving a Graham Sedan. He stayed for a few minutes, then took the two women in the apartment with him and went to St. Paul, returning in the early morning. This matter is mentioned in connection with this report for the reason that it appeared that the ransom money was brought to Minneapolis on or about August 4, 1933. Agent [ ] is giving the matter regarding [ ] every possible attention. The name of the confidential informant is being furnished the Director under confidential cover.

In compliance with the telegram received from S.A.G. R. H. COLVIN, Oklahoma City, August 18, 1933, he was furnished the names of CHARLES WOLK, SAM KRONICK, SAM KOZBERG, BARNEY BERMAN, PETE VALDER alias HACKETT, and CLIFFORD SKELLY as persons who had assisted in passing the money in Minneapolis. SAM FREDERICK'S name was furnished as a witness only to the transaction regarding the \$1,800 cashier's check issued to S. H. PETERS on August 5, 1933.

[ ] at the Hennepin State Bank, was the person who received the

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b7C [redacted] at the St. Anthony Falls branch of the First National  
Bank, who received the \$500 from KRONICK, was also given, and the name of  
Special Agent [redacted]

The following descriptions of VALDER, CHARLES WOLK, KOZBERG,  
KRONICK, and BERMAN were noted from personal observation:

Name - PETER VALDER alias PETER HACKETT

Age - 29 years

Height - 5 feet 8 inches

Weight - 170 pounds

Build - Medium

Hair - Light brown, thin on top

Eyes - Blue

Complexion - Medium

Condition of teeth - Good

Scars or marks - None

Peculiarities - None

Marital status - Single

Nationality - American

Nativity - Blair, Nebraska

Race - White

Eyeglasses - None

Occupation - Bootlegger

Fingerprints - On file in Division of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Handwriting specimen - On signed statement, St. Paul  
Division office file

Criminal record - None developed.

Name - CHARLES ALBERT WOLK

Age - 33 years (born Minneapolis, Minn.)

Height - 5 feet 6 inches

Weight - 168 pounds

Build - Regular

Hair - Black

Eyes - Black

Complexion - Medium dark

Scars - Scar right hand back of thumb

Residence - 224 Thomas Avenue South,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Occupation - Moving and transfer business

Marital status - Married

Race - White

Nationality - U.S.A. (Jewish extraction)

Fingerprints - Forwarded to Div. of Investigation, Washington,  
D.C., 8-15-33 by St. Paul office but no criminal record  
revealed.



Name - SAMUEL KOZBERG  
Age - 40 years (born Timofitch, Russia)  
Height - 5 feet 6 inches  
Weight - 150 pounds  
Build - Small  
Hair - Brown  
Eyes - Blue  
Complexion - Medium  
Scars - Cut scar right forearm near elbow  
Residence - 1791 Goodrich Avenue, St. Paul,  
Minnesota.  
Occupation - Secretary-treasurer, LaSalle Products  
Company, St. Paul, Minn.  
Marital status - Married  
Race - White  
Nationality - U.S.A. (naturalized citizen, of Jewish  
extraction)  
Fingerprints - Forwarded to Div. of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C., 8-15-33 by St. Paul office  
but no record revealed.

Name - SAM KRONICK  
Age - 51 years (born in Russia)  
Height - 6 feet  
Weight - 180 pounds  
Build - Large  
Hair - Black, gray  
Eyes - Hazel  
Complexion - Medium dark  
Scars - Cut scar nose, below bridge  
Residence - 209 East Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis,  
Minnesota  
Occupation - Owner, DeFrance Company, cosmetics,  
perfumes and barber supplies  
Race - White  
Nationality - U.S.A. (naturalized citizen, Jewish  
extraction)  
Fingerprints - Forwarded to Div. of Investigation,  
8-15-33 by St. Paul office but no criminal record  
revealed.

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Name - EDWARD BERMAN alias BARNEY BERMAN  
Age - 33 years  
Height - 5 feet 6 inches  
Weight - 175 pounds  
Build - Medium, muscular  
Complexion - Dark  
Hair - Black, thin on top  
Eyes - Brown  
Mustache or beard - Smooth shaven  
Scars - None visible  
Peculiarities - None  
Eyeglasses - None  
Marital status - Married  
Race - White  
Nationality - American, Jewish extraction  
Occupation - Bootlegger  
Fingerprints - Not taken  
Photograph - Not taken  
Criminal record - None developed

The following description of SAM FREDERICK was noted by personal observation:

Name - SAM FREDERICK  
Age - 29 years (born Roumania)  
Height - 5 feet 7 1/2 inches  
Weight - 225 pounds  
Build - Heavy  
Hair - Dark brown  
Eyes - Blue  
Complexion - Medium light  
Residence - Minneapolis, Minnesota.  
Occupation - Truck driver  
Marital status - Single  
Race - White  
Nationality - U.S.A. (naturalized citizen, Jewish extraction)  
Fingerprints - Forwarded to Div. of Investigation, Washington, D. C., 8-15-33 by St. Paul office but no record revealed.

Approximately twelve \$20 ransom notes have been passed in various places in and about the Twin Cities. In some instances, an effort has been made to trace the origin, without success and nothing of importance has been developed in this connection and the details are not set out herein.

This matter is receiving appropriate attention at the St. Paul  
Division office.

PENDING

905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,

Kansas City, Missouri.

August 18, 1938.

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



Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
CHARLES F. OURSCHEL - Victim  
Kidnaping  
K.C. File #7-9-

Reference is made to a telephone conversation from Agent in Charge Elake regarding the Des Moines angle in the above captioned case. For your information, Special Agent [redacted] has submitted the following memorandums and wire:

(August 15, 1933) (Agent [redacted] reporting Agent [redacted] telephone call):

Special Agent [redacted] called from the Kirkwood Hotel, Des Moines, tonight and advised that he had ascertained that [redacted] Davenport, Iowa, registered at the Fort Des Moines Hotel, Des Moines, on 8-11-33, and that on the following night one [redacted] registered there at about midnight as from Chicago.

The night clerk at the hotel advised that [redacted] whose description he stated fitted that of George Kelley, advised him that [redacted] was expected to register there, and requested that she be assigned to a room next to the [redacted]

Agent [redacted] stated that he found that [redacted] had a Chevrolet car, body style unknown, bearing Iowa license #82-17210, issued from Davenport, Iowa. He was not able to learn from the license record official at Des Moines tonight, to whom these plates were issued, as they are of recent issue. He will make further effort to secure this information tomorrow.

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[Signature]

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[redacted] advised that he would prepare report tonight, and that if you desired him to go to Davenport to make further investigation regarding these persons, to notify him at the Kirkwood Hotel, Des Moines.

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August 15, 1933.

Referring to your telephonic conversation this afternoon, I checked at the Fort Des Moines Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa, immediately upon my arrival and learned the following:

[redacted] of Chicago, Ill. arrived at the hotel according to the time stamp on her statement for room, etc. between 11:00 and 12:00 P.M. on August 12, 1933. Her registration card bore no stamp mark as to time of arrival. She checked out the following day, Sunday, August 13th, between 10:00 and 11:00 A.M. She had no telephone calls from her room and was just there the one night. She was assigned to room #740.

I checked numerous other registrations on 11th, 12th, and 13th, and picked out several which appeared to be suspicious, but was it not until the night clerk arrived that I learned that on Friday, August 11, 1933, a [redacted] of Davenport, Ia., arrived between 4:00 and 5:00 P.M. and were assigned to room #737. They made two telephone calls, namely, 4-4721 and 4-7241. The first number is that of the Jess F. Stevens Investment Co., Valley National Bank Bldg., while the second number is that of the Boeing Airport. Notice the similarity in numbers; the first is believed to be an error, but will be checked. On Saturday evening, the night clerk, [redacted] advised, [redacted] came to the desk and asked if he had a registration for [redacted] and upon being advised that he did not, they told him she was a friend of theirs and to put her in a room next to them. When she arrived he placed her in room #740. The [redacted] had room #737.

Inquiry of the bell boys and the five garages in the vicinity of the hotel produced no information regarding the Cadillac Sedan with Ohio or Texas license plates.

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(Agent [REDACTED] August 15, 1933): Continued -

I returned to the Hotel and pressing the Manager further, I learned that when the bellboys are called to a room or sent to a room, the call is generally recorded on a slip of paper. These slips were located and I then found that Room #737 called a boy and asked him to get his car from the garage and gave him at the time his garage check number which was 5250. I questioned the bellboy, and he advised me that he called the Hood garage and asked them to bring over this car. I then checked at the garage and from their slip learned that this car was brought in about 5:40 PM on August 11, 1933. It was taken out at 8:45 P.M. that same evening. The garage records further showed that it was a Chevrolet car, type not shown, bearing Iowa 1933 license [REDACTED]

The Police or local Sheriff being unable to give me anything on this license, thru the aid of [REDACTED] head of the State Automobile Department, who came to his office for me, a search was made of all the registrations for Scott County, which is #92, and of which Davenport, Ia., is the county seat, but this number had not as yet been recorded. The last listing he has for July 31, 1933, is for license #82-17085. It would, therefore, appear that the license [REDACTED] must have been secured very recently.

This evening's paper carried item relative to this outfit being routed in the vicinity of Chicago, Ill. I, therefore, called the office and talked to Agent [REDACTED] and gave him the above information for you and asked that I be called should you desire me to go to Davenport and check further as to the owner of this car. Since this mob has slipped through the men at Chicago, it is possible that they have returned to Davenport, Iowa, or Rock Island, Ill., to hide out.

As I am not conversant with all the names in this matter I am listing those of the person who registered at the Hotel about the same time as the [REDACTED] and at the same time as [REDACTED]

On August 12, 1933, the registrations were as follows:

Reg. No.	Name and address	Room
5659	[REDACTED] Omaha, Nebr. (Travelers Ins.)	#545
5660	[REDACTED] (Travelers Ins.)	"
5661	[REDACTED] Kansas City, Mo.	420
5662	[REDACTED] The Hoover Co., N. Canton, Ohio.	539

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Reg. No.	Name and address	Room
5683	[REDACTED] Des Moines	517
	no baggage, paid in advance	547
5684	[REDACTED] Kansas City, Mo.	548
5685	(These parties asked for adjoining rooms)	549
5686	[REDACTED] Chicago, Ill.	550
5687	[REDACTED] Olivet Memo Park, San Francisco, California	551
5688	[REDACTED] San Francisco, California	740
5689	[REDACTED] Chicago, Ill.	753
5690	[REDACTED] (?) Chicago, Ill.	
5691	[REDACTED]	

The registrations for August 11, 1935, were as follows:

5584	[REDACTED] Albia, Ia.	1050
5585	[REDACTED] Hollywood, California	547
5586	[REDACTED] Hollywood, California	548
5587	[REDACTED] Wilmington, Calif.	550
5588	[REDACTED] Davenport, Ia.	757
5589	[REDACTED] Chicago, Ill.	748
5590	[REDACTED] Cedar Rapids, Ia.	819
5591	[REDACTED] Dubuque, Ia.	820

I still have a further check to make at the Hotel in order to talk to the bellboy who brought the [REDACTED] in, and to then check with the day man at the Hood garage relative to the Chevrolet.

# COPY OF TELEGRAM

MR. AS7 56 DL GOVT COLLECT CNT DASH-O DES MOINES IOWA 18 11044 1935 Aug 16 AM 1152

R. E. VETTER: I US BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION 905 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK E. IG KSC.

MY LETTER LAST NIGHT IOWA LICENSE [REDACTED] ISSUED TO [REDACTED] AUGUST

ELEVENTH FOR CHEVROLET SPORT COUPE MOTOR 3740188 CAR PURCHASED MICHIGAN

AVENUE CHEVROLET COMPANY SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE CHICAGO INVOICE 1288

GAVE MISSISSIPPI HOTEL DAVENPORT IOWA AN ADDRESS. (Signed) [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTER  
Special Agent in Charge

RAY-etc  
cc-Division  
cc-Oklahoma City

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
August 18, 1933.

MEMORANDUM

GEORGE R. KILL, with aliases, I.O.#1234  
et al; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
CHARLES FURSCHER, Victim;  
St. Paul File No. 7-115.

This is a brief summary relating to the connections relative to the handling of ransom money in the above case, in Minneapolis, the various persons involved, and the parts they played therein.

CHARLES WOLK was contacted in Minneapolis on the morning of August 5, 1933, by BARNEY BERMAN for the purpose of securing a Cashier's check at WOLK'S bank. WOLK, for a period of one week, denied knowing the identity of BARNEY BERMAN. He instructed a truck driver, of his firm, to accompany two persons, in a Ford Victoria Coupe, to the Hennepin State Bank, in Minneapolis, and there to assist them in obtaining a Cashier's check in the amount of \$1800.00, which was done.

BARNEY BERMAN and CLIFFORD SKELLEY acknowledge that they are the men, who contacted CHARLES WOLK, for the purpose of obtaining an \$1800.00 Cashier's check, purchased with cash of which \$1,000.00 represented FURSCHER ransom money, and acknowledge receipt of the Cashier's check from the Hennepin State Bank. BARNEY BERMAN claims the name, S. H. PETERS, used in obtaining the Cashier's check, was a fictitious name, and was suggested by the truck driver, who took them to the bank, SAM FREDERICK. The latter denies any such suggestion, on his part.

PETER VALDER alias HACKETT alias NELSON, et cetera, also, on August 5, 1933, and within a short period after the Cashier's check was obtained at the Hennepin State Bank, cashed said Cashier's check at the First National Bank in Minneapolis, through [REDACTED] and received cash for same. [REDACTED] knows VALDER well, and knows VALDER'S connections.

SAM KRONICK of Minneapolis, deposited twenty-five of the \$20.00 ransom money, at the St. Anthony Falls Branch of the Northwestern National Bank in Minneapolis, during the evening banking hours on August 5, 1933. He was held for a period of a week and maintained his claim that these \$500.00, deposited by him, represented all of the income of his business of the week of July 31, 1933; that he did not know any of his customers, and that the money, so deposited, was so received during the course of a week's business. Not until a week after his incarceration, would he admit that he received these twenty-five \$20.00 bills from one, SAM KOZBERG.

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SAM KOZBERG of the LASALLE PRODUCTS COMPANY, St. Paul, Minnesota, kept himself in hiding for a week and, finally, surrendered by his Attorney. He claims he received these \$500.00 from RABBIT BREMAN, who owed him that much money, and that, thereafter, he loaned these \$500.00 to SAM KRONICK, as a personal loan, to enable SAM KRONICK to issue a check in the sum of \$500.00 in favor of LASALLE PRODUCTS COMPANY, of which KOZBERG is an officer, to apply on KRONICK'S account with the LASALLE PRODUCTS COMPANY.

Signed statements of these persons have been obtained, with the exception of KOZBERG, who refused to sign his statement.

[redacted] at the Hennepin State Bank, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, who handled the \$1800.00 Cashier's check transaction.

[redacted] of the St. Anthony Falls Branch of the Northwestern National Bank is the officer of said bank, who, on the evening of August 5, 1933, received the \$500.00 deposit in the form of twenty-five \$20.00 ransom bills, from SAM KRONICK, and who is, also, acquainted with the presentation of the \$500.00 check, issued by SAM KRONICK, in favor of LASALLE PRODUCTS COMPANY, which check was presented at his bank on August 7, 1933, for payment.

[redacted] of the First National Bank of Minneapolis, is the Teller, who cashed the \$1800.00 Cashier's check, secured at the Hennepin State Bank, cashing said check for PETER VALDER alias HACKETT alias NELSON.

Special Agent [redacted] of the St. Paul Office, is familiar with all the above transactions and is qualified to introduce the various statements obtained from the above named persons.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*  
WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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WH [redacted]  
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
224 FEDERAL BUILDING  
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

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CHARLES URCHIEL KIDNAPING ALBERT LAWRENCE BATES WA INCUSTODY DENVER  
POLICE WHEN ARRESTED HAD THIRTYTHREE TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS ON PERSON  
SERIAL NUMBERS OF WHICH CORRESPONDED WITH BUREAU LIST stop  
AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY THRU LOCAL COUNSEL FILED ATTACHMENT SUIT  
AGAINST MONEY AND BUICK ALLEGING BATES ROBBED CITIZENS STATE BANK  
TUPALO MISSISSIPPI OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS IN AMERICAN EXPRESS  
COMPANYS TRAVELERS CHECKS CONVERTING SAME TO HIS USE stop  
USA HERE STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NO JURISDICTION OVER MONEY CANNOT  
SECURE IT AS EVIDENCE stop USA HERE SUGGESTS URCHIEL EMPLOY  
DENVER COUNSEL TO INTERVENE IN SUIT HERE FOR MONEY BELIEVING  
CAN SECURE MONEY UPON PROOF OF URCHIEL OWNERSHIP AND CAN THEN BE  
MADE AVAILABLE TO GOVERNMENT stop USA SUGGESTS ATTORNEYS  
AND DENVER IN HIS  
OPINION BEST SUITED TO ACT IN MATTER stop CONTACT URCHIEL IMMEDIATELY  
AND WHEN LOCAL COUNSEL SELECTED HAVE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN URCHIELS  
DENVER ATTORNEY CONFER USA HERE stop  
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IF PROSECUTIVE JURISDICTION YOUR DISTRICT HAVE USA THERE IMMEDIATELY FORWARD CERTIFIED PROCESS TO USA DENVER IF PROSECUTION UNDER DALLAS YOU IMMEDIATELY WIRE DALLAS TO FORWARD PROCESS TO DENVER stop IF YOU POSSESS ANY SIGNED STATEMENTS INVOLVING PRINCIPALS INCLUDING BATES FORWARD COPIES ME IMMEDIATELY AIRMAIL CARE USA DENVER SO THAT WE WILL BE IN POSITION TO INTERROGATE BATES. ADVISE

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GOVERNMENT RATE COLLECT.

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Denver, Colorado  
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F J Blake  
United States Bureau of Investigation  
Post Office  
Dallas Texas

Albert Bates kidnapping [redacted] Colorado Springs  
Colorado informs USM [redacted] Fort Worth Texas informed him about  
week ago that George Kelley planned kidnapping [redacted]  
wealthy oil man of Fort Worth now summering Colorado Springs stop  
[redacted] secured his information from [redacted] Fort Worth  
city detective who is close to Kelleys woman stop suggest work  
through [redacted] on [redacted] for any information helpful locate  
Kelley

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FROM: United States Bankers' Bldg.  
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Charles Urohel kidnapping Oklahoma City office seeking arrest  
George Kelley as one instant case stop Albert Bates under arrest here  
identified as one kidnappers friend of jumping Kelley last  
latter wanted Fort Worth Texas for Sedan Motor bond stop one  
reported travelling blue in Cadillac for one sixteen cylinder truck on  
two carrying three blue license six color nine sixteen cylinder and unknown man  
license F latter two four license five stop two with two women has and brother  
the latter two possibly seven stop two with two women has and brother  
Chicago either latter or [redacted] had past Chicago addresses  
or [redacted] and through him [redacted] stop suggest try locate  
brother of [redacted] and Kelley suggest information  
concerning Kelley and [redacted] be furnished city state police please relay  
this to St Paul office [redacted]  
Western Union Messengers are available for the delivery of notes and packages

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U S Department of Justice  
224 Federal Building  
Oklahoma City Oklahoma

St Paul Minnesota  
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RETEL KELLY ETAL NAMES ARE BARNEY BERMAN PETER VALDER ALIAS HACKETT AND CLIFFORD SKELLY

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203 P.O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.  
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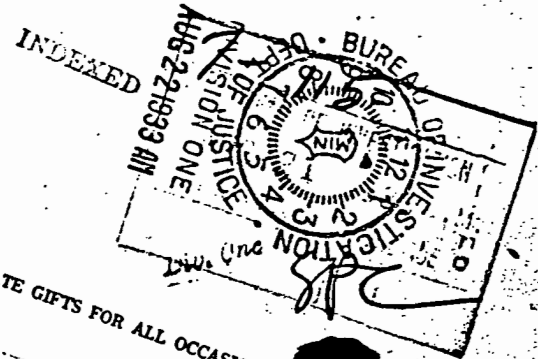
M. H. FURVIS  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILL.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA. AUGUST 19, 1932.  
11:20 A.M.

RETEL [REDACTED]  
NAMES [REDACTED] RE CORRESPONDENCE RECORD BRUSHY MOUNTAIN PENITENTIARY  
FRIEND OF [REDACTED] CHICAGO AS

Gov't. Rate  
Chg. 201 Lib. Natl. Life Bldg.  
TDQ [REDACTED]  
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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313 OLD POST OFFICE BLDG  
PORTLAND OREGON

GEORGE KELLY ET AL KIDNAPPING PLEASE ASCERTAIN AND ADVISE WHETHER  
[REDACTED] IN CUSTODY VAN COVER NATURE OF CHARGES  
[REDACTED] FLAKE



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JOHN A DOWD  
% UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
FEDERAL BUILDING  
DENVER COLORADO

0 KELLY ETAL KIDNAPING OKLAHOMA LICENSE [REDACTED]  
REGISTERED TO [REDACTED] PONCA CITY  
OKLAHOMA FOR DODGE NINETEEN THIRTY TWO SEDAN MOTOR DL ELEVEN THIRTEEN FIVE

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

KELLY ETAL KIDNAPING VERIFY BY WIRE SPELLING FOLLOWING NAMES MENTIONED

YOUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION JUST NOW QUOTE BARNEY BERMAN GERMAN GOLDTER

ALIAS HACKETT CLIFFORD SKELLY EXPEDITE

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C C SPEARS  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
313 OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING  
PORTLAND OREGON

GEORGE KELLY ETAL KIDNAPING RATES

MOTOR TWO EIGHT TWO THREE NINE SEVENTEEN COLORADO LICENSE ONE DASH SIX FIVE FOUR  
EIGHT THREE TICKET IN CAR INDICATED SAME WITH ABOVE LICENSE HAD BEEN WASHED AT  
FIFTEENTH STREET AUTO LAUNDRY LOCATED FIFTEENTH AND DAVIS STREETS PHONE BROADWAY  
TWO FIVE FIFTEEN CITY UNKNOWN ON JULY TWENTY FIFTH STOP BELIEVE ABOVE ADDRESS IS  
IN PORTLAND PLEASE CHECK QUICKLY AND THOROUGHLY THE LAUNDRY TICKET WAS NUMBER  
THREE EIGHT TWO FIFTEEN

Official Business  
Govt. Rate Paid - Chg. Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice.  
cc: Bureau

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

GEORGE KELLY ETAL KIDNAPPING STATEMENTS FORWARDED YOU BY AIR MAIL  
ON FIFTEENTH CAPE USA DENVER

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OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

GEORGE KELLY ETAL KIDNAPPING SUGGEST YOU TRY MILWAUKEE AS LOCATION  
AUTO LAUNDRY MENTIONED YOUR TELEGRAM

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San Francisco, CALIFORNIA.  
Aug. 15, 1933.

J.E.P. DUNN  
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
619 FEDERAL BUILDING  
LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA.

CHARLES F. URSCHEL KIDNAPPING [REDACTED] ADVISES THAT SHERIFF EL CENTRO HAS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING TWENTY DOLLAR KANSAS CITY FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES. CONTACT.

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1:15 P.M.

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Charge Govt rate  
318 Hewes Bldg.

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D M LADD  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S.BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
801 TITLE GUARANTY BUILDING  
ST.LOUIS, MO.

RE: URSCHER KIDNAPING

WIRE NAME ADDRESS OWNER ILLINOIS THIRTY THREE LICENSE [REDACTED]

VETTERLI

Off.bus.-Govt.rate-Charge  
Division of Investigation-  
U.S.Department of Justice  
K.C.Mo.  
cc-Division REV-



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

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

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# WESTERN UNION

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R.H. COLVIN  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
224 FEDERAL BUILDING  
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLA.



DENVER COLO  
8-18-33  
9:15 AM

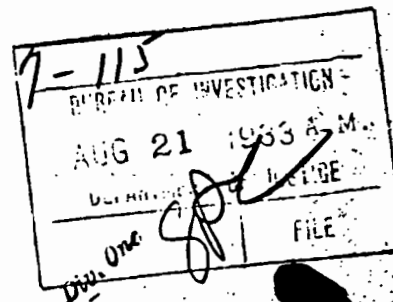
IN RE GEORGE KELLEY ETAL KIDNAPING  
NO TRUTH TO PRESS REPORTS BATT OF DISSEMINATING ESCAPE.

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

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
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ELEGRAM	FULL RATE
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NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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F. J. BLAKE  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
POST OFFICE BUILDING  
DALLAS TEXAS



DENVER COLO  
8-17-33  
9:15 AM

GEORGE KELLEY ETAL KIDNAPING ONLY OF AUSTIN CITY OFFICE AND BUREAU  
INFORMED ME YOU WOULD SEND CORRESPONDENCE SECURED INVOLVING  
DATES FOR MY USE IN EXAMINING THEM. STATEMENTS NOT YET  
RECEIVED IMMEDIATELY ADVISE IF AND WHEN SENT.

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W. W. DOWD

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DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
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J. C. SPEARS

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
613 OLD FEDERAL BUILDING  
PORTLAND OREGON



DENVER? COLO  
8-17-33

GEORGE KELLEY ETAL KIDNAPING OKLAHOMA ORIGIN SECURE SEATTLE POLICE  
PHOTOGRAPH NUMBER [REDACTED] OF [REDACTED] WA FORWARD  
IMMEDIATELY AIRMAIL TO ST PAUL OFFICE

GOVERNMENT RATE COLLECT.

TO BUREAU ✓

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WEEK END LETTER

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DIVISION ONE  
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R. H. G...  
United States Bureau of Investigation  
224 Federal Bldg.  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Denver, Colorado.  
August 17, 1933

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
AUG 21 1933 A.M.  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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George Kelley etal kidnapping Bates when arrested had Buick Victoria coupe motor two eight two three nine seventeen Colorado license one dash six five four eight three latter issued Auditorium hotel Denver stop car registered eigh thousand eighty three miles is eight cylinder dark blue in color yellow trimming stripe around body black wire wheels large black trunk on rear also equipped Philco radio with long short wave stop car has leather sun visor on drivers seat side two fender welds royal tires clock in right corner rear vision mirror also rear vision mirror over drivers seat two oak finish cigarette trays in rear attached to doors two deep pockots on doo by back seat pipe in car had dark cherry bowl black stom with small yellow spot on left side stem stop back seat has middle arm also round foot rest felt covered stop clothes brush with light blue handle tan canvas knapp sack with name Scott printed in ink on sack and blue coat sweater found in car stop automobile wash ticket dated July twenty fifth on fifteenth street Auto Laundry ~~marked there~~ ~~night two one five four~~ located fifteenth and Davis streets

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DAY
NIGHT
WEEK END
LETTER
LETTER

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transmitted as a full-rate  
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phone broadway two five fifteen city unknown ticket numbered three  
eight two fifteen indicates Buick this colorado license washed cost  
dollar twenty five cents stop if cars used in transporting Urschel  
not yet identified or located suggest try to place this car as one  
of them stop if fifteenth street auto laundry not your city suggest  
have check made at Dallas Fort Worth Kansas City other cities suggest  
ing themselves to you stop pinned to car left of driver was delco  
battery advertising pin black center orange border

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TYPE OF SERVICE DESIRED	
SYMBOL	CABLE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FULL RATE
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFERRED
<input type="checkbox"/>	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
<input type="checkbox"/>	WEEK-END CABLE LETTER

Check class of service desired, otherwise it is transmitted as a full-rate communication

# Radio-Telegram

RAILWAY SYSTEM



ALL AMERICA  
CABLES

COMMERCIAL  
CABLES

STANDARD TIME

Receiver's Name
Check
Time Paid

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

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DALLAS TEXAS AUGUST 16

1935

JOHN A DOWD DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CARE OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
DENVER COLORADO



TELEGRAM SENT FROM MINNEAPOLIS AUGUST EIGHTE AT TWO PM TELEGRAM ALSO SAID  
QUOTE DEAL HAS FALLEN THROUGH JACK AND TOM HAVE LEFT UNQUOTE TELEGRAM  
ADDRESSE D TO KELLEY AT CLEVELAND UNDER NAME SHANNON

GOVT. RATE OFFICIAL BUSINESS

BLAKE

CHARGE DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
DAYGRAM	FULL RATE CABLE
NIGHT LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK-END CABLE LETTER
W. RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

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

# International Telegram THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Commercial  
Cables



All America  
Cables

Mackay

Radio

RECEIVER'S NUMBER
CHECK
TIME FILED
STANDARD TIME

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U.S. JUSTICE  
DIVISION ONE  
AUG 22 1933 AM

OKLA CITY OKLA AUG 18 1933

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

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AUG 21 1933

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FILE

GEORGE KELLY ETAL KIDNAPING BATES WHEN ARRESTED HAD BUICK VICTORIA COUPE MOTOR

TWO EIGHT TWO THREE NINE SEVENTEEN COLORADO LICENSE ONE DASH SIX FIVE FOUR EIGHT

THREE WASH TICKET FOUND IN CAR DATED JULY TWENTY FIFTH FROM FIFTEENTH STREET

AUTO LAUNDRY LOCATED FIFTEENTH AND DAVIS STREETS PHONE BROADWAY TWO FIVE FIFTEEN

CITY UNKNOWN TICKET NUMBERED THREE EIGHT TWO FIFTEEN INDICATES THIS BUICK WITH

ABOVE LICENSE WASHED THERE ON THAT DATE AT COST DOLLAR TWENTY FIVE STOP BELIEVE

THIS AUTO LAUNDRY POSSIBLY LOCATED MILWAUKEE PLEASE ENDEAVOR CHECK IMMEDIATELY

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Chg. Div. of Inves.  
Co-Director

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DAY LETTER	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
SHIP RADIOGRAM	WEEK-END CABLE LETTER
	RADIOGRAM

Users should check class of service desired, otherwise message will be transmitted in a follow-up communication

# Postal Telegraph

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Commercial Cables

Mackay



All America Cables

Radio

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 CHECK \_\_\_\_\_  
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 STANDARD TIME \_\_\_\_\_

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DETROIT MICHIGAN AUGUST 18 1933

M H PURVIS  
 SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
 U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 1900 BANKERS' BUILDING  
 CHICAGO ILLINOIS

URSCHER KIDNAPING TRACE BUICK VICTORIA COUPE MOTOR TWO EIGHT TWO THREE NINE SEVENTEEN  
 FRAME TWO SIX SEVENTY SEVENTY TWO  
 SHIPPED FACTORY FLINT TO BUICK OLDS PONTIAC SALES COMPANY CHICAGO ILLINOIS  
 JANUARY FOURTEEN LAST ADVISE OKLAHOMACITY DIRECT EXPEDITE

Bureau ✓

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 DIV. ONE

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

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# ESTER UNION

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RHC

OKLA CITY OKLA



WM LARSON  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
625 LAFAYETTE BLDG  
DETROIT MICH

PLEASE TRACE IMMEDIATELY FROM FACTORY ASCERTAINING DATE AND POINT SHIPMENT

BUICK VICTORIA COUPE MOTOR TWO EIGHT TWO THREE NINE SEVENTEEN EIGHT CYLINDER

EXPEDITE RE URSCHIEL KIDNAPING CASE

COLVIN

OFF. BUS. - Govt Rate - Paid  
Chg. Div. of Inves.

cc-Director

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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OKLA CITY OKLA AUG 17 1933

J M KEITH  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
HURLEY WRIGHT BUILDING  
WASHINGTON D C

RETEL [REDACTED] FEMALE NOT RELATED TO CHARLES URSCHER DOES NOT  
KNOW HER

OFF. BUS. - Gov't Rate - Paid  
Chg. Div. of Inves.

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TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
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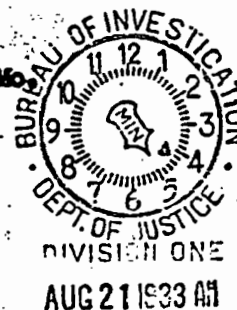
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**R.E. Vetterli**  
 Division of Investigation  
 U.S. Department of Justice  
 905-Federal Reserve Building  
 Kansas City Mo.

St. Louis, Mo.  
 8-18-33  
 8PM



Illinois license YOUR TELEGRAM ISSUED TO [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] CHICAGO FOR CADILLAC MOTOR THIRTEEN SIXTY SEVENTY

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DML  
 CC-Division ✓

Official Business: Government Rate Charge  
 Division of Investigation  
 U. S. Department of Justice  
 801 Title Guaranty Bldg., - St. Louis.

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DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
August 18, 1933.

M. LARSON,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
325 Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

RSCHEL KIDNAPING SECURE AND FORWARD HERE ORIGINAL OR EXACT COPY OF TELEGRAM  
SIGNED GEORGE TO SHANNON CADILLAC MOTOR SALES CLEVELAND COPY TO SHOW ALL  
WESTERN UNION IDENTIFICATION MARKS

Off. Bus. Govt. Rate  
Bureau of Investigation,  
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE,  
325 P.O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.  
C Bureau  
C Salt Lake City  
C Oklahoma City

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will expedite your reply if you will use

hand it to the messenger or call

TELEGRAPH on the telephone

# Postal Telegraph

(THE MACKAY SYSTEM)



ALL AMERICA  
CABLES

COMMERCIAL  
CABLES

## CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FULL RATE
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFERRED
<input type="checkbox"/>	WIGHT CABLE LETTER
<input type="checkbox"/>	WEEKEND CABLE LETTER

old check class of service desired, otherwise be transmitted as a full-rate communication

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KANSAS CITY, MO. AUGUST 18, 1933.

R. H. COLVIN

~~Special Agent in Charge~~

Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice

224 Federal Building

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

RETEL URSCHER CASE NO SUCH PHONE NUMBER KANSAS CITY OR JOPLIN STOP  
FIFTEENTH STREET AUTO LAUNDRY SAME ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER LOCATED  
PORTLAND OREGON SUGGEST YOU NOTIFY PORTLAND

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cc - Bureau

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IF SERVICE DESIRED	
BY	CABLE
GRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
WEEK END MESSAGE	WEEK END LETTER

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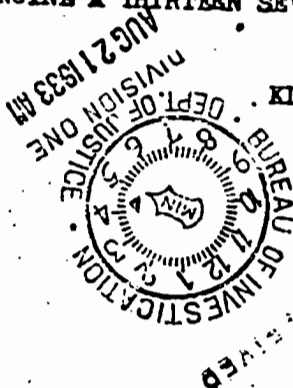
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CINCINNATI OHIO AUGUST 19 1933

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

CHARLES URSCHEL KIDNAPING INDIANA LICENSE  
ISSUED [REDACTED] TWAYNE OVERLAND TOURING MODEL  
NINETEEN SEVENTEEN ENGINE A THIRTEEN SEVEN ELEVEN ON JUNE EIGHTH THIS YEAR

NBB  
CC: DIVISION  
11:55 A.M.



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DEFERRED	
NIGHT LETTER	
WEEK END LETTER	

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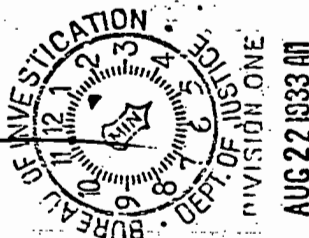
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M H PURVIS  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

CHARLES URSCHEL KIDNAPPING [REDACTED] REPUTABLE CITIZEN FORMERLY  
RESIDED DALLAS

BLAKE

Official Bus.  
Gov. Rate  
CHG: Div. of Inv.  
FJB: 5:10 PM  
cc Bureau  
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DEPARTMENT OF  
Div. One [REDACTED]

WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

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DESIRED	
Letter	X
Night Message	
Night Letter	

Patrons should mark an X opposite the class of service desired; OTHERWISE THE MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED AS A FULL-RATE TELEGRAM

# WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWTON M. CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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R.H. COLVIN,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
224 FEDERAL BUILDING  
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

DENVER COLO  
8-19-33

ALBERT LAWRENCE BATES ETAL KIDNAPING BATES TAKEN IN FEDERAL CUSTODY BY US MARSHAL HERE 4 PM TODAY.

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GOVERNMENT RATE COLLECT

CC Bureau ✓

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-SPEED	
-REIGN	
MESSAGE	FULL RATE CABLE
NIGHT LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT LETTER	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK-END CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	RADIOGRAM

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



Commercial  
Cables



All America  
Cables

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Radio

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R H COLVIN  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
224 Federal Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

RETEL NO INFORMATION OBTAINABLE RE VICTORIA COUPE AT FIFTEENTH STREET AUTO  
LAUNDRY EXCEPT RECORD OF WORK DONE ON DATE GIVEN STOP ASCERTAINED OREGON  
VISITORS PERMIT ISSUED FOR THIS CAR HUNTINGTON OREGON JULY NINETEENTH IN  
NAME [REDACTED] DENVER COLORADO ADVISE IF ABLE IDENTIFY [REDACTED] THERE  
OR AT DENVER AS BATES WIFE AND WHETHER FURTHER INQUIRY DESIRED

off bus govt rate  
chg. Div. of Invest. 313 Old P O  
cc-Bureau ✓

SPEARS

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SERVICE DESIRED	
CABLE	
DAY LETTER	FULL RATE
NIGHT MESSAGE	DEFERRED
NIGHT LETTER	NIGHT LETTER
	WEEK END LETTER

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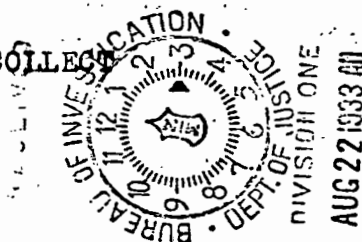
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
224 FEDERAL BUILDING  
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLA.

DENVER COLO  
8-18-33  
2:30

GEORGE KELLEY ETAL KIDNAPING IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE AND ADVISE  
NAME ADDRESS PERSON TO WHOM OKLAHOMA LICENSE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] IS REGISTERED DESCRIPTION OF CAR IT COVERS

DOWD:

GOVERNMENT RATE COLLECT



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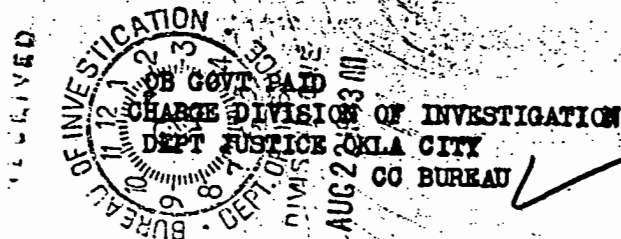
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OKLAHOMA CITY OKLA AUG 18 1933

CC SPEARS DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION DEPT OF JUSTICE  
513 OLD POST OFFICE BLDG PORTLAND OREGON

KELLY ET AL KIDNAPPING DOWD AT DENVER WILL ADVISE YOU WHETHER FURTHER  
INQUIRY DESIRED RE AUTO LAUNDRY AND AS TO IDENTITY [REDACTED]

COLVIN



RE: C. F. Urschel - Victim  
Kidnaping.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
AUG 22 1933 A.M.
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Div. One SPC FILE

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

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
MESSAGE	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
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## MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL, MR. NATHAN

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With reference to the report that our Agent looked at the number on the radio in [redacted] possession and ascertained that it was not identical with that of the stolen radio, Mr. Nathan advised that the Agent had looked at the wrong number; that he and [redacted] the man who called the number off to Agent [redacted] had found the correct number; that [redacted] had called the Lot Number affixed to that he, Mr. Nathan, has ascertained that the list issued by the insurance company was incorrect in so far as this number is concerned, as the number which the Police have listed is 59338, but the number listed by the insurance company is 59336, undoubtedly a typographical error; that they can be sure about this in an hour or so as they have asked Philadelphia to check and determine where 59336 is; that all of the other recovered radios checked with the list; that the Police say the reason the radio taken from [redacted] was not returned with the rest of the recovered radios to the United States Attorneys, was that it was overlooked, and [redacted] now says that after the way it has turned out he is glad they did not give this radio over to the United States Attorney with the rest; that this radio, taken from the house, is the only one which really tied in with [redacted] that inasmuch as it is probably this discrepancy is only a typographical error, when the list was compiled, it appears that the radio found in the possession of [redacted] was a stolen radio. I instructed Mr. Nathan that even though the list from the insurance company was in error, he should inform Mr. Keenan and the United States Attorney of the mistake made by our Agents.

With regard to the statement by [redacted] that he would suggest that a stolen radio be planted in place of the one supposed to be owned by [redacted] Mr. Nathan advises that he contacted someone in the Police Department and ascertained that despite the fact that [redacted] had said he had seen none of our Agents, he, [redacted] had told him he wanted to see Agent [redacted] and that he had taken [redacted] to [redacted] and introduced him to him; that the man who gave him, Mr. Nathan, this information is one of [redacted] appointed, and that it is probable that if it becomes known that he gave out this information he will lose his position; that, he, Mr. Nathan, believes this should be kept in confidence. I advised Mr. Nathan that, however, this information should be given to the United States Attorney and to Mr. Keenan.

Mr. Nathan advised he believed Gus Jones should proceed from Dallas to Oklahoma City today, as the Grand Jury there is set for Wednesday. I advised that it would be satisfactory, and suggested that these instructions should be sent by vi

Mr. Nathan advised that last night Mr. Keenan made the statement he thought [redacted] would leave Kansas City tonight. I advised that before he left Kansas City

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I wanted arrangements made to try Harvey Bailey there for murder. Mr. Nathan advised that last night Mr. Keenan talked this over with the two local prosecutors and decided that we should call the witnesses in this morning; that there are but three witnesses. I asked about [REDACTED] and Mr. Nathan stated he did not think she would have any connection with this angle of the case. I advised that from the complete summary sent in from Kansas City I gathered that she would be called. He stated he would check this up. I requested that he have someone at the Kansas City office get all the facts together in order that Mr. Keenan might go over them, and he stated this had been done but that he would check to see they had not overlooked anything. I stated that I wanted Bailey tried immediately, and he remarked that he would see what he could do with the two State's Attorneys, but that Keenan had been talking with them. I stated that if there was any doubt about the matter, I desired that he have Mr. Keenan call me.

I instructed Mr. Nathan to accompany Mr. Keenan to Oklahoma City and see that the indictment there is returned promptly and that the trial is begun as soon as possible. I advised Mr. Nathan that although the United States Attorney at St. Paul had ordered the four persons being held, released, they are all to be re-arrested and indicted at Oklahoma City. I suggested that inasmuch as the Grand Jury meets Wednesday of this week, Mr. Keenan should be there before the indictments are returned as he should check them over and make sure they are okay.

I advised Mr. Nathan I desired to find out from Frank Blake how the story got out about the airplane in connection with the Urschel case, and Mr. Nathan stated that the theory is that it got out through one of the police officers who worked with the Agents on the case at Oklahoma City. I advised that I also wanted it ascertained from Dallas how the information leaked out about young Rockefeller coming through; also, how it got out that Urschel accompanied the Agents to Texas and identified the house. Mr. Nathan stated that the two police office at Fort Worth, who gave us the information regarding the participation of Kelly in this case, had incurred considerable expense in connection with our investigation, and in fact because of threats from the underworld because of their participation they have had to move their families from the suburbs of Fort Worth into Fort Worth. Mr. Nathan inquired whether I would approve the payment of \$250 to each of these men for confidential information received regarding Kelly. I stated that offhand I thought this would be alright, and Mr. Nathan advised he would have Mr. Blake request this reimbursement and that I could consider it further in the meantime.

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Mr. Nathan advised that the Chief of Police at Kansas City, [REDACTED] has made the statement, it is reported, that in a few weeks [REDACTED] of Police, is going to be dropped, and that he was told by [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] has asked Vetterli for a letter from him, Vetterli, thanking [REDACTED] and a man by the name of [REDACTED] a detective, for cooperation given to the Kansas City office of the Division of Investigation in connection with the Kansas City murder. I stated that I knew [REDACTED] gave us cooperation, but that I did not know about [REDACTED] Mr. Nathan stated that [REDACTED] was to see him once and offered to do anything he could, but that so far as he knows [REDACTED] gave no cooperation at all. Mr. Nathan advised that it appears that they wanted [REDACTED] name in because the line-up is, after [REDACTED] is fired, that [REDACTED] is to remain as Chief of Police, and will be a real Chief of Police and not merely a figure-head, as at present; that [REDACTED] is to go back on the detective force and [REDACTED] is to be made Chief of Detectives. I advised Mr. Nathan I did not want the Division of Investigation to get into any local controversy out there. He stated that he thought it would be alright for Vetterli to write a letter to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] thanking them for assistance rendered. I advised this would be satisfactory with me.

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

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Portland, Oregon</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>8-19-33.</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>8-10/18-33</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>C. C. Spears</b>
TITLE: <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Kidnaping</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

One John Harold Skelly, liquor dealer, Minneapolis, Minnesota, reported left Minneapolis August 6th for Alaska, and reported in possession four or five thousand dollars of ransom money in instant case. Investigation developed Skelly spending money freely on trip but search of personal belongings of himself and party and interrogation Skelly developed no evidence he possesses any ransom money. His source of income appears to be from sale of beer in Minnesota and North Dakota. Skelly en route to Minneapolis via San Francisco, California, Denver, Colorado and Chicago, Illinois.

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REFERENCE: Telegram of St. Paul office, dated August 10, 1933.

## DETAILS:

Reference telegram is quoted below for possible future reference of interested offices:

"URSCHEL KIDNAP HAROLD SKELLEY THIRTY FIVE WHITE FIVE SEVEN VERY SLENDER ONE FORTY LIGHT BROWN HAIR SMALL LIGHT MUSTACHE NERVOUS

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-297 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AUG 23 1933 A M DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	RECORDED AND INDEXED: AUG 23 1933 CHECKED OFF: AUG 28 1933 JACKETED:
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DISPOSITION VERY TALKATIVE ALCOHOL DEALER LEFT MINNEAPOLIS SUNDAY NIGHT VIA RAIL FOR SEATTLE THEN ALASKA TO VISIT BROTHER NAME AND ADDRESS UNKNOWN RELIABLY REPORTED POSSESSION FOUR OR FIVE THOUSAND RANSOM MONEY WILL PROBABLY STOP AT HOTEL IN SEATTLE TO DISPOSE OF MONEY BEFORE PROCEEDING ALASKA MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO LOCATE AND SECURE FULL STATEMENT SOURCE OF MONEY STOP CHECK ALASKA PASSENGERS"

Upon receipt of the above telegram the information contained therein was immediately transmitted to Special Agent [REDACTED] at Seattle, Washington. At Seattle all hotels, steamship companies, race tracks, post office, money order windows and express companies, were covered but no information was developed indicating the presence of Harold Skelly in Seattle or the fact that he had taken transportation to Alaska. Appropriate arrangements were made at the above possible sources of information to notify Special Agent [REDACTED] or the Portland office if any information was obtained relative to Skelly.

The Portland office communicated by radiogram with all United States Marshals in the Territory of Alaska, asking for information pertaining to Harold Skelly or any Skelly resident in the Territory of Alaska. This inquiry by radiogram resulted in information from two sources, the Deputy Marshal at Ketchikan, Alaska, and the United States Marshal at Juneau, Alaska, advising that one J. H. Skelly and party of four women were on board the Canadian boat Prince Rupert, which left Vancouver, B. C., August 7th, and was due to return to Vancouver, B. C., on August 16th, and that their destination was Minneapolis, Minnesota.

This agent and Special Agent [REDACTED] proceeded to Vancouver, B. C., on the night of August 15th, and met the Prince Rupert which arrived there at 9 A.M., August 16th. Through arrangements made with a Canadian National messenger boy, the identity of Skelly was established as John H. Skelly and he was kept under surveillance by agents during the entire day of August 16th. On arrival at the Canadian National Pier at Vancouver, it was observed that Skelly was accompanied by four women, who later were determined to be [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] all of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The party took a room for the day only at the York Hotel at Vancouver, and it was observed that Skelly remained in his room the entire day until about 7 p.m. It was ascertained through the York Hotel that Skelly registered as J. H. Skelly, giving his address as 3316 E. 24th Street, Minneapolis, and it was also learned that the party would leave



Vancouver on the night boat for Seattle, departing from Vancouver at 11 p.m., August 16th.

Special Agent [redacted] maintained a surveillance over Skelly and his party on the boat en route to Seattle and this agent proceeded to Seattle by automobile and made appropriate arrangements for a through examination of all personal effects belonging to the party by the U. S. Customs at the Canadian Pacific Pier on the morning of August 17th. This examination by the Customs Officials disclosed no money of any nature in their baggage or personal effects, and the only money believed to be in the possession of Skelly was approximately \$600.00, consisting of fifty and hundred dollar bills. After passing the Customs inspection, the identity of agents was made known to Skelly and he was interrogated in the quarters of the Customs Service at the Canadian Pacific Pier.

Skelly stated that his full name was John Harold Skelly and that he resided at 3316 E. 24th Street, Minneapolis. He stated that he operated the Conoco Filling Station at 2020 Bloomington Avenue, Minneapolis, in partnership with [redacted]. He further stated that he had two brothers, Clifford Skelly, employed by the city in a position which he cannot exactly describe, and who resides at 3454 N. Humboldt Street, Minneapolis; that the second brother is [redacted] who resides at Golden Valley, which he said was a suburb of Minneapolis, stating that his brother operated a chicken farm. Skelly also stated that he was known as Harold Skelly probably more than J. H. or John Skelly; that he had been engaged in the liquor business, but claimed to have abandoned that occupation. He stated that he purchased the tickets for his party at Minneapolis, Minnesota, on or about July 29, 1933, from a [redacted] of the Northern Pacific Railway at Minneapolis, the tickets costing him approximately \$1100.00. Questioned as to his bank references, he stated that he had an account in the Fourth Northwestern National Bank in Minneapolis, which he claimed to have been in the name of [redacted]. He stated there was less than \$300.00 in this account. He also claimed to have a checking account in the main bank of the Northwestern National, under the name of John H. Skelly, claiming also that there was less than \$300.00 in this account. He also claimed to have approximately \$4,000.00 in an account in the Fourth Northwestern National Bank in Minneapolis under the name of [redacted] stating that [redacted]. Interrogated as to the source of this latter amount of money, he claimed to have received the sum of \$1450.00 or \$1550.00 from one [redacted] who operates a summer resort at Medicine Lake, Minnesota, this amount being money owed to him by [redacted]. He stated this [redacted].

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was not related to him in any way and that he received payment of this money approximately six to eight weeks ago. He further claimed to have received \$3500.00 approximately two months ago from [REDACTED] this sum being the cash payment to him by [REDACTED] covering the purchase of a house at 3121 E. 53d Street, Minneapolis which he, Harold Skelly, had owned; that [REDACTED] paid him by check in the amount of approximately \$1100.00 and the rest in cash. Interrogated further as to this transaction, he stated that the transfer of this property had not been recorded, and that he had retained the \$3500.00 and the \$1450.00 or \$1550.00, received from [REDACTED] in his personal possession in his home for nearly two months before depositing any of it, and that when the deposit was made, he gave it to [REDACTED] for deposit in the Northwestern National Bank under [REDACTED] name. It was apparent from the statements made by Skelly that he was lying with respect to the above transactions, but he maintained that the facts were as he had given them.

With reference to the time he and his party left Minneapolis, he stated that he departed from that point on Thursday, August 3d, and proceeded to Fargo, North Dakota, where he contacted one H. D. Perkins, an attorney and a former Federal prohibition agent, concerning a business proposition in which he was about to engage, involving the sale of beer. He stated that his wife and the rest of the party left Minneapolis on Friday morning, August 4th, and joined him at Fargo, North Dakota, where they all boarded a Northern Pacific train at 2:45 p.m., on that date. He stated that they proceeded to Seattle, Washington, and left Seattle on Monday, August 7th for Vancouver, via the morning boat which leaves Seattle at 10 a.m. (It should be stated that the boats that ply between Vancouver, B. C., and Seattle, Washington, maintain no passenger list and there is no record of the passengers using these boats.) He stated that he and his party had intended to go to Dawson, Yukon, and had purchased transportation to that point, but on arrival at Skagway they proceeded on to Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, where it was determined that there had been an error in their transportation schedule and they had missed connections between Whitehorse and Dawson, and that they, therefore, returned to Vancouver on the Prince Rupert instead of proceeding to Dawson. Skelly denied that he has a brother at any point in Alaska or that he left Minneapolis for the purpose of visiting a brother or any other relative in Alaska, and denied that he had made that statement to anyone in Minneapolis.

Skelly emphatically denied any knowledge of having received ransom money in any kidnaping case from any person and likewise stated that he was positive of the fact that neither [REDACTED] nor [REDACTED]

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[redacted] from whom he received approximately \$5,000.00 could have been implicated or received ransom money in any kidnaping case.

A summary of the information obtained from Skelly was transmitted to Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni at St. Paul, on August 17th, suggesting a check-up with reference to the alleged real estate transaction and the accounts he claimed to possess in the Northwestern National Bank at Minneapolis. Telephonic advice was received from Mr. Hanni that the information furnished by Skelly was erroneous and could not be verified, and that no bank accounts could be located.

Skelly was kept under surveillance at Seattle, and it was determined that he would leave Seattle on the morning of August 18th and arrive at Portland, Oregon at 2:20 p.m., on the same date. This agent arranged for Skelly to be met at the Union Station at Portland, and he was accompanied to this office by Special Agent [redacted] and Deputy Marshal [redacted] where he was further interrogated by this agent. At this time Skelly readily admitted that he had falsified his previous statements, stating that he was engaged in the sale of beer in Minnesota and North Dakota, and that the sale of beer was illegal in North Dakota, and fearing possible trouble on this account he had concocted the best story he could think of at the time he was interrogated in Seattle. He stated that he maintained a small account in the Fourth Northwestern National Bank at Minneapolis, but that he did not have an account in the name of [redacted] and he was not in possession of the sum of \$4,000.00 in the Northwestern National Bank or any other bank. He also admitted that his statements relative to the sale of real estate were untrue, and that he was engaged with [redacted] who resides at Golden Valley, and one [redacted] who resides at the same place, in the sale of beer at Moorhead, Minnesota. He stated that they handled Badger Club beer, which is manufactured in Madison, Wisconsin, and he buys beer from this brewery through one [redacted] of Sparta, Wisconsin, who has the Minnesota and Wisconsin territory for Badger Club beer. He stated that the beer is shipped to them at Moorhead, where it is stored at the Moorhead Storage and Transfer Company, from which point it is dispensed to their customers, consisting of various business houses, including grocery stores, restaurants, etc. He stated that they also illicitly engage in the sale of beer in North Dakota. He produced numerous bills of lading, warehouse receipts and order blanks, verifying the above. They reflect that he operated under the name of Harold Skelly. Skelly offered to surrender all of the above documents, but there was taken from him one bill of lading, one warehouse receipt and one order blank pertaining to the shipment of 90 half barrels of Badger beer on August 1, 1933 to Hamacher & O'Neill

of Moorhead, the order blank reflecting that the payment price for this beer to Skelly was \$1310.00. Skelly stated that it was not unusual for him to have the amount of \$3,000.00 in cash on his person, as the result of his beer selling activities, in which he has been engaged since the sale of beer was legalized this spring. The bill of lading, warehouse receipt and order blank referred to above are being attached to the St. Paul copies of this report, in the event further verification of Skelly's statements is desired.

Skelly stated that he and his party were proceeding to San Francisco, California, where they intended to stay but one or two days, after which they would proceed by rail to Denver, Colorado, where they could be reached through [REDACTED] at the Albany Hotel at that point; that they intend to remain in Denver three or four days and possibly visit [REDACTED] by the name of [REDACTED] at Lamar, Colorado; that they would then proceed to Chicago to attend the Worlds Fair for a day or two and thereafter return to Minneapolis. Skelly stated that he would call upon Special Agent in Charge Werner Hami at St. Paul immediately upon his return and furnish him any information he desired concerning his activities, connections, etc. He also promised to keep the Portland office advised telegraphically of his whereabouts up until the time of his return to Minneapolis.

It should be stated that Skelly denied having exchanged any money or deposited any sums in any bank since his departure from Minneapolis.

It should further be noted that the description of Skelly as furnished in the reference telegram is substantially accurate with the exception of the fact that Skelly is about 5 feet 9 inches in height and weight approximately 170 pounds.

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ST. PAUL OFFICE: Will interrogate Harold Skelly upon his return to Minneapolis in connection with the contents herein, and in further connection with any additional information which may presently be in possession of the St. Paul office or which may be secured as the result of further verification of Skelly's claims as to his participation in the beer business at Moorhead, Minnesota.

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