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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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6-20-35

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Birmingham, Alabama August 26, 1935.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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NEW YORK, N. Y.

RE: [REDACTED] RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, SUBMACHINE GUN NUMBER FOUR NINE NINETEEN SEVEN
AND PERMANENTLY LOST TO [REDACTED] GOLF RIFLE, SALEM, NEW HAMPSHIRE, LOUISIANA
AND THE [REDACTED] ATLANTA, GEORGIA STOP [REDACTED] APPARENTLY ON VACATION LEFT FORWARDING
ADDRESS GAVE GOLD VIRGINS COMPANY HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT UNTIL SEPTEMBER FIRST FIVE
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] LOCATED ORCHARD, CONNECTICUT STOP ENDEAVOR LOCATE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] STOP BY KIM ADAMS DALLAS

LETTER TO
[REDACTED] OFFICIAL BUILDING
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
[REDACTED] NATIONAL LIFE BUILDING
[REDACTED]
Dallas
Kansas City
Oklahoma City
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
201 LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE BUILDING
BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA

RETEL GEORGE R. KELLY KIDNAPPING [REDACTED] STATES ASTING FOR [REDACTED]
EMPLOYEE WINNIE THOMAS HARDWARE COMPANY BIRMINGHAM HE SOLD TO WELF AND
KLAR GUN DEALERS FORT WORTH TEXAS THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUN NUMBER UNKNOWN
SHIPPING SAME FROM LAKE CHARLES LOUISIANA FEBRUARY THIRTEEN THIS YEAR

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AUG 26 1933 A.M.

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315 Old Post Office Building
Portland, Oregon



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

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
CHARLES F. BRECHER - Victim
Kidnaping

Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram
and letter dated August 19, 1933, concerning the death
of Mrs. Edith Hall, sister of Edward W. Bentz, with
aliases.

For your information, Special Agent [redacted]
attended the funeral in company with Special
Agent [redacted] of the American Railway Express Company,
Seattle, and Detectives of the Tacoma, Washington Police
Department. No information of immediate value in locating
either Edward W. or Ted Bentz was forthcoming at the
funeral, neither of these parties putting in their appear-
ance. This matter is receiving close attention, however,
at the present time and a report will be forthcoming at an
early date.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Kirt, Acting
Special Agent in Charge
Co-Division
Oklahoma City

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DEPT. OF JUSTICE

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Charlotte, N. C.,
August 23, 1933.

TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS:

GEORGE R. KELLY, alias GEORGE KELLY alias R. C. SHANNON is wanted by this Division for the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on July 22, 1933. Kelly's photograph, fingerprints and description appear on Identification Order #1203, issued August 14, 1933, by the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice. Also, see circular letter of same date from this office.

KELLY is reported to be traveling with another man and two women in one of the following described automobiles:

CADILLAC SEDAN, blue-black, 16 cylinder, 1932 model, 9 passenger, motor #1,400,263, specially constructed, very large. This automobile may bear either Ohio 1933 license #691-965, or Texas 1933 license #E-24-752.

CHEVROLET SPORT COUPE, Motor #3,740,186, with Iowa 1933 license #82-17210.

KELLY and one of the women may be using the names MR. AND MRS. F. E. COLEMAN and the other woman may be using the name MISS LOUISE CLARK. One of the women also uses the name MRS. ORA L. SHANNON.

SEIZE AND HOLD either or both of these AUTOMOBILES, and ALL OCCUPANTS, wherever found. Care should be exercised in effecting the arrest of the persons mentioned above. They are DESPERATE CHARACTERS and will probably resist arrest. They are no doubt armed with machine guns and other modern weapons. KELLY is an EXPERT MACHINE GUNNER.

PLEASE NOTIFY THIS OFFICE by long distance telephone, collect, at Charlotte, 3-4127, regarding any information received concerning KELLY, his COMPANIONS, or either of the AUTOMOBILES described above.

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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August 21, 1933.

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

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**Re: GEORGE R. KELLY with aliases, August 8 1933 A.M.
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim,
KIDNAPING.**

Dear Sir:-

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
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Mr. Harbo	Mr. Mohr
Mr. Mohr	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Pennington	Mr. Nease

Reference is made to my report dated August 21, 1933 and particularly that portion wherein Agent [redacted] contacted [redacted] at General Delivery, Indianapolis, Indiana. At the time the above party was contacted, I had left approximately fifteen minutes previously in order to cover interview with Supreme Court Justice Myer, U. S. District Court Judge Baltzell and Secretary of the Indiana Bar Association Batchelor, in connection with [redacted] being considered for appointment to a legal position in the Department. I had also covered the outside investigation in connection with the matter at Indianapolis, wherein there was a possibility of locating Kelly and Agents [redacted] and [redacted] and Police officers who were cooperating with us had been very definitely advised of what we intended to do, under each condition which might arise, namely that should Kelly himself appear, due to his reputed dangerous character, we were to endeavor to take him immediately into custody. However, should Kathryn C. Kelly or any third party call for mail, they were not to be approached, but were to be suitably shadowed, in order to have them take us to Kelly, or others involved, which, of course, was contrary to the action of Agent [redacted] in accosting this party in the Post Office as he did. However, it is noted he apparently approached him in the small corridor off the main corridor outside the observation of anyone from the outside and probably no one saw him talk to this boy. This possibly was more the result of the construction of the building, rather than any specific idea of precaution.

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When I returned to the Building, approximately thirty-five minutes later, they had allowed the boy to return to the Park, after having suitably covered the Park and also suitably shadowing the boy, at a safe distance.

I talked to Agent [REDACTED] as to this, as to what his reaction was which prompted him to pick this party up, rather than covering him in the manner previously arranged and he indicated that when the boy called, he asked for mail under the name of George Kelly, and being approximately the same size and description as Kelly, he was pointed out by the General Delivery Clerk, as being Kelly. However, he advised me that when he was closer to this party, he readily saw that he was not Kelly.

In explanation of the reason why he walked up to this party and merely asked him what his name was, instead of taking suitable precaution, if he believed he was Kelly, he advises that the boy was leaving rather hurriedly, and in the direction he would go, in accordance with his story, to us that he was proceeding to West Indianapolis, Indiana and apparently he became apprehensive that he would get away from him, and therefore stopped him, rather than to allow him to proceed; that he, Agent [REDACTED] realizes now that he erred in his action as to this and realizes that he should have allowed this party to continue and suitably cover him, with a possibility of his leading us to the party who sent him, and also as there is a possibility that this party was shadowed into the Post Office, for the purpose of detecting whether or not the place was being covered.

In connection with the Police Officers assigned to us, namely [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], I do not believe they had anything to do with the releasing of the story; possibly some of the squad cars which had been assigned to pick up the car of Kelly were aware of the fact that [REDACTED] had called for mail and undoubtedly one of these gave the story to Robert Early of the Indianapolis Star, a morning paper, on the afternoon of August 16, 1933 and thereafter they referred this party to me in the Post Office, it not being known generally that I was working on this matter at Indianapolis, and Early approached me as to whether or not we had actually been endeavoring to locate Kelly, he not intimating at that time the details of the information he had. As a result of this, a story appeared in the early evening edition at about 9:00 P.M. August 16, 1933 of the Indianapolis Star for August 17, 1933, copy of which is attached hereto.

Subsequent inquiry by Narcotic Agent [REDACTED] through the reporters who cover the Federal Building, indicates that the story in question came out of Police Headquarters, it being noted that Robert Early is the reporter who covers Police Headquarters from 1:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. each day, and is not the Federal Building Reporter.

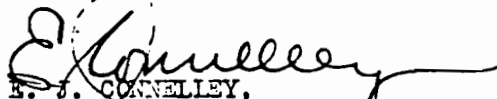
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In conformity with your instructions on August 17, 1933 I conferred with Chief of Detectives [REDACTED] and Chief of Police [REDACTED] and advised them of the fact that the publicity undoubtedly emanated from the Police Headquarters and that same had resulted in possibly frightening Kelly away from Indianapolis. I also advised them that we would not use the Indianapolis Police further in this inquiry and they were relieved from the assignment on the afternoon of this date.

I believe that Agent [REDACTED] did not intend to ignore instructions previously given to him, but apparently became confused as to just what he should do at the moment, resulting in his action indicated above.

Very truly yours,


E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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"INDIANAPOLIS TIMES"
Indianapolis, Ind.
8-14-33

**HAB 6 IN KIDNAPING
OF OIL MILLIONAIRE**

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—The department of justice believes it has solved the kidnaping of Charles Dracel, millionaire, Oklahoma, and the Kansas City mail station message, with the arrest of Harvey Bailey and five others in Texas, Attorney-General Homer C. Cummings announced today.

Part of the Dracel ransom money was found on Bailey, Cummings said in a statement released here. Others arrested with him, according to the announcement, were R. G. Shannon, his wife, Ora, their son, Arman Shannon and his wife, Oleta, and Earl Brown, father of Oleta.

Cummings revealed airplanes, many special agents and automobiles were used in the spectacular capture of the suspects in a raid on Shannon's home, seven miles south of Paradise, Texas, Saturday.

To Bureau

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NAB URSCHEL KIDNAPER, TEN OTHER

U. S. AGENTS HOLD NOTORIOUS GUNMAN IN CRIME ROUNDUP

Harvey Bailey, Wanted for Abduction of Rich Oil Man and for Slaying of Five at Kansas City Depot, Is Captured While Asleep on Cot at Texas Farmhouse—Weapons at Side—Has Ransom Money—Five Others Caught at Hideout, One at Denver and Four at St. Paul.

PLANE, AUTO SEARCH ENDED

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Eleven persons headed by the notorious Harvey J. Bailey, were held tonight in the Federal government's investigation of two major crimes of the year, the machine gun slaying of five men at the Kansas City (Mo.) Union station and the \$200,000 kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City oil man.

Department of Justice agents moved swiftly about Paradise, Colo., Denver, Col., and St. Paul, Minn., to make a major blow at racketeering.

"Well, it looks like too bad for you, doesn't it?" commented Bailey, trapped as he slept on a cot before dawn Saturday at a farm near Paradise where officers said Urschel was held by his abductors.

Six Captured at Farm

Bailey, 48-year-old bank robber and fugitive from the Kansas penitentiary, sought as the leader of the men who killed Frank Nash, convict, and four officers on the Kansas City plaza June 17, was one of six persons arrested at the farm.

Federal operatives said they found on his person marked money which was paid for the ransom of Urschel.

Albert L. Bates, 39, former convict arrested in Denver, was identified by Department of Justice agents as George Able, a suspect in the Urschel kidnaping. Bates is a fugitive

and has been charged with a Federal conspiracy to kidnap Urschel.

Money No Resistance

Sleeping with firearms beside him and a motor car clocked for flight, Bailey made no resistance when the raiding party struck at the Texas farmhouse.

Fingerprints of the multimillionaire Oklahoma were found on a bed, a bench and a water glass in a tenant house on the farm on which Urschel was held prisoner until released by his family. First announcement of the arrest came today from Homer Cummings, United States attorney general at Washington.

Alongside him on the cot, Bailey had a machine gun, an automatic rifle and an automatic pistol, but when he was awakened he was with the muzzle of a machine gun in the hands of Gus Jones, head of the San Antonio office of the Department of Justice, producing him.

Outmost Prisoners Even Taken
"Well, it looks like it is too bad,

Urschel, While Captive, Heard Plane Each Day Except 1, So Traces Hideout

PORT WORTH, Tex., Aug. 11.—The regular passing of an airplane over a heavily wooded farmhouse where Charles Urschel, wealthy oil man, was held captive, resulted in the capture of Harvey Bailey. When Urschel was released by kidnappers, after payment of ransom, he told Department of Justice agents that each morning at 8:15 o'clock, and each afternoon at 3:15 o'clock he heard an airplane passing overhead. On one Sunday morning, he said, the airplane did not pass. He made a note of that and the day.

Officials checked daily reports of the pilots and of the ground radio operators. They discovered that on the day Urschel had not heard the plane, the pilot had been forced to swerve slightly from his course because of bad weather conditions.

With that development it was comparatively simple to search an area in which the house must have been located.

CUMMINGS PRAISES BLOW TO GANG RULE

Urschel One of Most Dangerous Criminals, Attorney General Comments.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—(AP)—The capture of Harvey Bailey in Texas was regarded tonight by Federal officials as a triumph in the government's war against gangsters and racketeers.

Details of Bailey's capture in a two-day chase on a remote farmhouse near Paradise, Tex., were announced today by Attorney General Cummings who paid highest praise to the Department of Justice agents responsible.

"Bailey, in Cummings's opinion, was the leader of one of the most dangerous criminal gangs in the country. The arrest was made only a few days after President Roosevelt had taken personal direction of the government's anti-racket campaign in conferences at Hyde Park.

Three Others Under Arrest.

Cummings said Bailey had been identified as the operator of a machine gun which killed two in Kansas City June 17 and disclosed also.

4 FACE CONSPIRACY CHARGE AT ST. PAUL

Men Held in Urschel Kidnaping Alleged Liquor Deal Brought Marked Money.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 11.—Four Twin City men will be charged with conspiracy in connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, millionaire Oklahoma oil man, Werner Hannel, chief of the United States bureau of investigation has announced today.

W. T. Hodder, United States commissioner, will issue fugitive warrants later he said. The warrants setting forth the conspiracy charges will be based on formal complaints filed at Oklahoma City.

Fourth Surrendered Voluntarily.

All four men are in custody. The fourth man surrendering voluntarily this afternoon, Hannel announced.

All were linked with the passing along of part of the marked ransom money paid kidnappers for Urschel's release.

During the investigation the past few days Hannel said as far as he knew Harvey Bailey, captured in Texas, was not caught in connection with the Urschel abduction. Whether

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developments today there was a different light on the case. It was not a simple kidnapping. The man who was taken, J. Edgar, head of a racketeering and gambling concern, was a former partner company. William Nelson, unemployed until after all at Birmingham, and Sam Kershaw, owner of a manufacturing drug store, were also involved.

One Man Outfitted Alone.
Kershaw mentioned today. The others have been held a week since being picked up by Federal agents. Nelson and a mother's check purchased with \$1,000 of the ransom money, and Kershaw backed out of the ransom.

A liquor deal brought the money to the Twin Cities. A man in a leather suit and some money to an unidentified man with connections in the South and was paid, he told Federal agents, with part of the ransom money.

Cummings Lands Racket Roundup

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last marked ransom money paid in the kidnapping of Charles E. Urschel at Oklahoma City July 22 had been found on the fugitive.

Cummings said three others whose names were not made public, were taken arrest and had confessed they had taken part in the kidnapping.

Cummings stressed that the Urschel family did not hesitate to call in the government and local authorities. He said this should be the rule in all kidnappings lest the trail be lost and the perpetrators make good their escape.

The ransom money was paid in the form of a check on the Chicago National Bank, which was cashed at the Chicago National Bank. The check was for \$25,000 and was payable to the order of Charles E. Urschel. The check was cashed on July 22, 1936.

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It also stated that the ransom money was paid in the form of a check on the Chicago National Bank, which was cashed at the Chicago National Bank. The check was for \$25,000 and was payable to the order of Charles E. Urschel. The check was cashed on July 22, 1936.

Two occupants of the farmhouse, R. G. Shannon, identified as "apparently the owner of the house," his wife, Vera L. Shannon, his son, Arnold Shannon, and his wife, Della Shannon, and their father, John L. Shannon, were arrested along with Bailey.

The Department of Justice agents had not decided what would be done with Bailey.

Bailey Held in State Prison

Shortly with Bailey at the Shannon place was George Kelley, alias R. G. Shannon, who said in a statement, "has been absolutely identified as one of the kidnapers."

It was in hopes that Kelly would fall into their trap that the Federal agents patrolled the roads of the paradise area last night and prodded upon this morning's newspapers not to publish the facts of Bailey's arrest.

The dispatch also said, "It is known that one George Kelley, alias Albert Bates, and with various other aliases has been identified as one of the kidnapers."

Toward Home Urschel Prisoner

Bailey's prison release was given up since arrived in the United States penitentiary at Leavenworth and the state prison at Santa Fe, N. M. That of Bailey as "wanted" in Nebraska and various other places, and known as an escapee and bank robber.

Bailey led the Memorial day escape of eleven convicts from the Lansing (Kan.) state prison. He was serving ten to fifty years for the \$25,000 robbery of the First Nat. Bank, Chicago. He stated that he was wanted for the \$200,000 holding of the Lincoln (Neb.) Bank and Trust Company, Sept. 17, 1935.

Agent Blake said a tenant house on the far north town identified positively as the place where Urschel was held. He said admissions from persons at the Shannon place that Urschel had been a prisoner there had been obtained.

New Motor Car Packed

Bailey had placed his cot some dozen feet away from the rear of the Shannon farmhouse, leaning down with his three weapons as "side support." Alongside was the new motor car packed with a getaway kit. Near was still another machine gun on the back porch of the Shannon house and hundreds of rounds of ammunition for the various weapons.

The agents apparently did not know that Bailey was to be their game. It so happened that the group led by Jones came upon Bailey's sleeping place and Jones, remembering the Bailey features from a rogue's gallery picture of the desperado, recognized Bailey.

The farm house stands out among others in the sparsely settled community because it had been well kept in recent months. It is located at the top of a slight incline.

Bullets to Be Compared

The firearms found in Bailey's possession were taken to the Dallas police rifle range where several rounds were fired to obtain bullets for comparison with those fired in the Kansas City killings.

Bailey declined vehemently and profusely today to sit for any more pictures.

"Get out of here," he shrieked when Federal agents led a photographer to his cell. "You'll get no more pictures of me. The government has put out \$5,000 and you can get out for a 2-cent stamp."

Urschel Vacationing With Wife

Urschel, who was kidnaped from his home in Oklahoma City the night of July 22 by two machine-gunmen

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"INDIANAPOLIS STAR"
 Indianapolis, Ind.
 8-17-33

'DUMMY' SEIZED AS HE ASKS FOR FUGITIVE'S MAIL

Long Absence of Mes-
 senger Believed to Have
 Put Hunted Man
 on Guard

(Picture on Page 14.)

George E. Kelly, suspected kid-
 naper and one of a gang of four who
 is believed to have escaped in a final
 lade of bullets from a police dognet
 in Chicago Tuesday, yesterday was
 believed to have eluded Federal
 agents in Indianapolis.

Anxiety of Department of Justice
 agents to capture Kelly was said to
 have resulted in a "tip-off" to him
 and his subsequent flight.

Kelly, it was said, was lured to
 Indianapolis by a special delivery
 letter containing valuable informa-
 tion for him, which was held at the
 post office.

Sends "Dummy" for Letter

Instead of calling in person for the
 letter, however, Kelly or his agent
 is said to have paid money to an
 itinerant found in University park
 to call for the letter at the post
 office.

Federal agents instead of permit-
 ting the "dummy" to have the letter
 and then following him to the hideout
 of Kelly or his agents seized the
 "dummy" and held him for question-
 ing.

In the meantime, Kelly is believed
 to have become suspicious and es-
 caped.

In order to make sure of the cap-
 ture Michael J. Moriarty, chief of
 police, had detailed three police
 squads and a squad of detectives to
 aid the Federal agents.

Kelly Escapes Trap Set Here

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Hotel suite today under heavy guard
 with his family.

Chief of Detectives William Schoe-
 maker said failure of his forces to
 catch two kidnaping suspects in the
 suburbs yesterday was "Just a bad
 break."

He said three weeks of prepara-
 tions preceded the attempt. Army
 airplanes were used to spot the fugi-
 tives and blueprints of an area four
 miles square were made so that no
 road might be unwatched.

Business Detectives Tardiness.

Schoemaker said the fiasco was re-
 sponsible in part to failure of De-
 tective Frank McKenna to arrive on
 time at a roadside lunchstand at
 which the ransom was to be paid. As
 a result, McKenna gave the money
 to two suspects, riding in an automo-
 bile, at some distance from the stand.

A cordon of police, therefore, was
 unable to surround the suspects' automobile. The fugitives speeded
 about the vicinity for a time and
 finally escaped in a wood. One of
 them told a farmer he was being pur-
 sued by an irate wife and purchased
 transportation to a street car line for
 \$10. The other also escaped.

One of the men to whom the ran-
 som package, containing \$500 in
 marked currency provided by Fac-
 tor, was paid was believed by police
 to be George Kelly, sought for the
 Urschel kidnaping and for the kill-
 ing of five persons in an attempted
 delivery of Frank Nash, convict in
 the Kansas City Union railroad sta-
 tion several weeks ago.

Roadhouse Operator Wanted.

Schoemaker issued an order for po-
 lice to bring in Gene Crotty, road-
 house owner in the district where the
 man hunt took place. The automo-
 bile driven by the suspects was said
 by Schoemaker to have been owned
 by Crotty and four men were ar-
 rested in his roadhouse.

The "Tough territory" in Wiscon-
 sin was considered as especially fer-
 tile grounds for the case, as Roger
 Touhy and three associates have
 been arrested for the Harlan kidnap-
 ing.

GETS AWAY AGAIN

(Associated Press Photo)



GEORGE KELLY

To Bureau

7-115-321

After Federal agents had taken the "dummy" into custody and questioned him, Department of Justice Agent Connelly of Cincinnati, Ohio, who was in command, announced that they were working on another case that did not involve Kelly but that they would arrest the kidnaper if he happened to appear.

Kelly is said to be one of the kidnapers of Charles Urschel, millionaire Oklahoma City (Okla.) oil king, and John (Jake the Barber) Factor of Chicago and was a member of the gang that killed Alvin Karpis, convict, and four Federal agents in a machine gun slaying at Kansas City, Mo., and kidnaped William Hamm Jr., St. Paul (Minn.) brewer.

Kelly, accompanied by Richard (Ma) Phillips, Vernon Miller, a member of the notorious Harvey Bailey gang, and Tommy Touhy, brother of Roger Touhy, alleged kidnaper of William Hamm Jr. and formerly Chicago enemy No. 1, was said to have escaped from 800 police, Federal agents and deputy sheriffs in Chicago Tuesday.

Appear to Collect Ransom.

The gang was surrounded when they appeared to collect \$50,000 ransom money for Factor.

Discovering that they were surrounded and in a trap, the alleged extortioners opened fire and made their escape with a package said to contain the ransom, but authorities said that the package was a dummy and contained no money.

KIDNAP DRAGNET COMBS WISCONSIN

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—(P)—A kidnap chase started in Chicago by 800 massed police spread to southern Wisconsin tonight with confident predictions that Touhy gangsters and those suspected of kidnaping would be caught tonight.

Locale of the hunt was the Wisconsin resort district about one hundred miles north of Chicago, where gangsters long have congregated and several kidnap victims have believed they were held captive.

Two score Chicago police were rushed to the region today with machine guns, rifles and bombs.

Get Evidence on Hideouts.

Evidence concerning several gangster hideouts previously had been gathered by detectives disguised as farmers and tourists, police officials said.

They had hopes of arresting additional conspirators in the kidnappings of William Hamm Jr., St. Paul (Minn.) brewer, and Charles Urschel, Oklahoma City (Okla.) oil king.

John Factor, millionaire speculator whose negotiations to make a ransom payment started the anti-kidnap drive, reported today he had been threatened with death by the man who kidnaped him several weeks ago.

"They never believe I didn't help the police," Factor yelled. "It was none of my doing. The police tapped my telephone wires, learned about the payment and then horned in."

Factor said the threat came from

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TRAIL SUSPECTED KIDNAPPER IN CITY

Department of justice agents Tuesday kept on the trail of James H. Kelly, suspected kidnapper, who is believed to have eluded them Wednesday in Indianapolis.

Kelly, who is suspected of having been one of the kidnapers of Charles Urschel, Oklahoma City oil millionaire, and John (Jack the Barber) Factor, was expected to call at the Indianapolis postoffice but did not appear.

Agents had learned that a special delivery letter addressed to him and containing valuable information had arrived at the postoffice and was being held for him.

He Sends Messenger

With the letter as "bait" they awaited him, reinforced by Indianapolis police and detectives.

Instead of calling, however, Kelly sent a messenger, a man he met in University park. Agents noted the "dummy" when he appeared instead of permitting him to leave the letter and then followed him. In the meantime Kelly is believed to have become suspicious and escaped.

Kelly is said to have been one of a gang of four who escaped Tuesday from a trap laid by Chicago police. The men were surrounded when they came to collect a second installment of \$50,000 on the Factor ransom. Despite a fusillade of police machine gun bullets, they escaped.

Involved in Slaying

Kelly is also said to be involved in the machine gun slaying of Frank Nash, convict, and four federal agents in the Kansas City Union Station and the kidnapping of William Hamm, Jr., St. Paul (Minn.) brewer.

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BAILEY DELIVERY PLOT REPORTED

**Grants at Dallas Had In-
creased—Road Patrols
Are Posted**

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Highway patches were posted and the ladies' county jail guard was strengthened tonight, as officers feared a riot might erupt. Harry J. Bailey, manager and another car was being taken to the jail.

The men determined to prevent a repetition of the Kansas City slaughter, said Sheriff R. A. Schmidt.

... was charged with first degree murder for the slaying of Raymond J. Canbury, Federal agent, in the bungled attempt of murdering Gardner in the Crown Court, shortly after the latter's trial, during one of the last days with Canbury and three other officers who were guarding him.

Bank Under \$100,000 Bond.
 Monday is paid \$100,000 in bonds of
 \$100,000 bond for the financing of
 Charles F. Brachtel, wealthy Okla-
 homa City oil man.

Shariff Schupf announced posting
of the extra guards.

These precautions were taken despite the discounting by Houston police of a report that gangsters from there were on their way to Dallas.

Two carloads of Department of Justice agents and Detectives, heavily armed, left the Federal building today after receipt of an uncorroborated report that a motor car carrying the description of the blue-black, two-door sedan machine driven by George Henry Hughes in the Crediton case, had been seen on the highway leading from Houston to Dallas.

Only one man was in the car, according to information received by the Department of Justice, and the lead agents to arrest the man was Kelly. Agents were inclined to believe Kelly would not venture out without confederates to guard him.

"We expect to receive lots of reports of cars such as Kelly's in the next few days," the agent said.

Nevertheless, officers were checking closely every report in the hope that one of them might lead to the discovery of the missing.

Band for Bailey and four others charged with the kidnaping was \$200,000, a total of \$200,000 today.

and plead not guilty.
Each pleaded not guilty, when
asked by the judge, and the
state commissioner, to a
court room on the fifth floor.
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Bailey Delinery Plot Reported

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The Harpers protested the amount of their share, insisting that they would not be hearing the Harper sons and asked for a dinner table. J. A. Harpers asked to be seated the "top boys" so that the youngest, the Harpers, Jr and the youngest old, respectively.

...and the steamer will ...
...to ...
...which arrived yesterday. ...
...the transfer can be made ...
...approval of a Federal judge ...
...will have to be obtained ...
...is expected to be ...
...to ...

Police at Denver, Col., today re-
ceived their second batch of
bullet, held there in amount of
thirty-five of Urethel. For the same
time Colorado officers had a
search for a sixteen-caliber car
load to have been compiled
George (Machine Gun) Kelly
and his federal associates, say
connected with the shooting.

It was considered possible a tip from a friend of Bates could lead to the fugitive. The New York Times reported that the FBI was looking for a tip from a friend of Bates who might have information about the fugitive. The Times also reported that the FBI was looking for a tip from a friend of Bates who might have information about the fugitive.

Bank records also caught \$2,000
travel currency, a part of the
\$200,000 paid as ransom in the
United case, which was reported
have been stolen by Bates just
before he was arrested Saturday. W.
Mann Armstrong, chief of detective
at Chicago, said 900 of the ransom
money had been found in Bates's

At the same time, in Chicago and southern Wisconsin, a great drive went forward to round up Italian suspects. One of the suspects believed to be Kelly.

TRAP LEFT UNSURE

Agent of Sales, Railway Division
General Directorate of Railways

Denver Post says a spokesman
of Federal agents was last
spring and a planned kidnapping
any Western weekly last week
Glenn and operator and operator
was reported by the Bureau last
Bert Bates last week Harvey
on Texas.

Both Baker and Bailey are
with the United Shiping. Ac-
cording to the Post, Waggoner had
selected by them for shiping.

KIDNAP TRAP FAILS TO SNARE SUSPECTS



A joint manhunt by 500 Federal, state and Chicago officers on the outskirts of Chicago, can be brought to a halt. Officers, linked with the John Dastor case, closed the trap and left in a burst of gunfire. More police are shown trailing the gang in a wooded area near Chicago.

After the fact was known to Colorado to learn Vagstad's habits when he was arrested by Denver police in a bank robbery attempt.

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...of these plans, said the FBI
and Bates was arrested.

his home had been under guard in
telegraphic conversation today
the immediate train from Dallas
Col., where he had gone, accompa-
nied by Wright.

"The kidnaping gang is all broken up," Wright added, "with Bates and Bailey both arrested."



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OWNER OF ALLEGED KIDNAPERS RETREAT HELD

R. G. Shannon (left, above), on whose farm Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City (Okla.) oil magnate, was held prisoner by kidnapers, pictured with his son, Armon Shannon. The pair has been arrested by Department of Justice agents in connection with Urschel's kidnaping. Harvey Bailey, former convict, alleged kidnaper of Urschel, was captured on the Shannon farm. (Associated Press.)



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000 Bonds for 5 Urchel Kidnap Suspects.

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DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 15.—(AP)—The Federal government today in the prosecution of Harvey Bailey and four others charged with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City (Okla.) an affidavit by ordering them before bonds today.

Each pleaded not guilty when assigned before Lee R. Smith, United States commissioner, in an appearance court room on the fifth floor of the Dallas county jail where they had been since their arrest after kidnaping Urschel at a farm house near Fanning, Tex.

Bonds were set as follows: Bailey, \$100,000; R. G. Shannon, wife, \$100,000; R. G. Shannon, wife, \$100,000; R. G. Shannon, wife, \$100,000; R. G. Shannon, wife, \$100,000.

The Way to Get Bates

Federal agents pointed out that even though Bailey was to make bond, they still would not release him since he is an escaped convict from the Kansas penitentiary at Lansing and charged with murder in connection with the Kansas City Union station massacre.

The Shannons protested the amount of their bonds, estimated that they ought seek a hearing for lower bonds and asked for attorneys. Mrs. R. G. Shannon asked to be freed for "two years" so that she might see her daughters, 11 and 17 years old respectively.

Federal Warrants Arrive

Bailey and the Shannons will be held here pending possible removal to Oklahoma City on Federal warrants which arrived yesterday. Before the transfer can be made, however, approval of a Federal judge in this district will have to be obtained. Bailey is expected to be taken to Kansas City to stand trial for murder.

Police in Denver, Col., today announced they found over Albert Bates, held there as another of the kidnapers of Urschel. At the same time Colorado officers kept a close watch for a sixteen-cylinder car believed to have been occupied by George (Machine Gun) Kelly, the third man Federal officers say was connected with the abduction.

It was considered a telegram which a friend of Bates sent to Fort Worth police might have been intended ultimately for Kelly in the hope that the fugitive might be able to liberate Bates.

Seek Marked Currency

Denver police also sought \$20,000 in marked currency, a part of the reported \$200,000 paid as ransom in the Urschel case, which was reported to have been hidden by Bates just before he was arrested Saturday. William Armstrong, chief of detectives at Denver, said \$700 of the ransom money had been found in Bates's possession.

At the same time, in Chicago and southern Wisconsin, a great drive went forward to round up kidnap suspects. One of the suspects was believed to be Kelly.

TRAP LEFT UNSprung

Arrest of Bates, Bailey Frustrates Planned Kidnaping of Texas.

DENVER, Col., Aug. 15.—(AP)—The Denver Post says a spectacular trap set by Federal agents was left un sprung and a planned kidnaping of Guy Waggoner, wealthy Fort Worth (Tex.) oil operator and sportsman, was frustrated by the arrests of Albert Bates here and Harvey Bailey, in Texas.

Both Bates and Bailey are charged with the Urschel kidnaping according to the Post. Waggoner had been selected by them for kidnaping from his summer home at Colorado Springs.

Bates, the Post says, had come to Colorado to learn Waggoner's habits when he was arrested by Denver police as a bank robbery suspect.

Warned by Tip

Warned by a tip from Fort Worth, Waggoner appealed to the Department of Justice and to Colorado Springs police. Armed guards were stationed at the Waggoner home, the Post says, and J. R. Wright, former Fort Worth sheriff, engaged as a bodyguard.

Denver police, however, knew nothing of these plans, said the Post, and Bates was arrested.

Waggoner denied the reports that his home had been under guard in a telephone conversation today with the Associated Press from Dillon, Col., where he had gone, accompa-

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FLEEING KIDNAP SUSPECT IS ONE OF TOUHY GANG

Search for Chicago Mob
Turns to Southwest;
U. S. Aiding.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—Having learned the identity of one of two gangsters who escaped from a carefully laid police trap here Tuesday, state and federal authorities extended their search to the southwest today as they hunted for members of the Mayor's tough northwest side mob.

Detectives John Meyer and Frank McKenna, who surrendered to the two gangsters a dummy package supposed to contain an additional \$20,000 ransom from John (Jake the Barber) Factor, identified pictures of Martin (Ice Wagon) Connors as one of the two suspected

kidnapers. Connors recently escaped from the Stillwater (Minn.) penitentiary.

Authorities inclined toward a belief that most of the Touhy gangsters have fled from their Chicago haunts.

Melvin Purvis, chief of the local United States bureau of investigation office, said he had received reports that the Touhy men had fled to the southwest in airplanes.

To Bureau

7-115-321

U. S. Department of Justice

Division of Investigation

625 Lafayette Bldg.,
Detroit, Michigan.

August 23, 1933.

Sent to all banks in Detroit territory.

In an attempt to trace the perpetrators of a
kidnaping where a large ransom was paid, it is
requested that your records be searched between
dates of July 22 and August 14, 1933 to determine
if a safety deposit box was rented at your institution
by a person or persons whose true identity is question-
ed by you.

If you do find such an instance, please notify
this office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. De-
partment of Justice, by telephone collect - Cadillac
2835, Detroit - and steps will be immediately taken to
have a representative call on you.

Your invaluable assistance in this matter will
be deeply appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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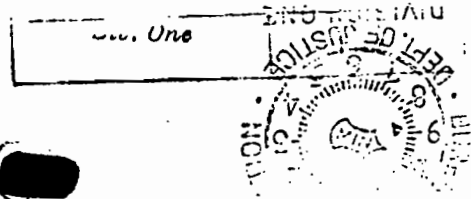
WM. LARSON,
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
224 Federal Bldg.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

August 25, 1933

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

Dear Sir: Re: George R. Kelly, et al
Kidnaping

Reference is had to Division letter dated August 18, 1933 concerning specimens of typewriting from the Remington typewriter found in the Shannon house at Paradise, Texas and to the Division's instructions relative to tracing the Remington typewriter found there and the one on which the Black Rock, Arkansas letter was written and signed by Bailey, Underhill, et al.

I wish to state that the typewriter on which the Bailey, Underhill, et al, letter was written will not need to be traced, inasmuch as we know where it came from; that is, it was loaned to [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] concerning which I will make a report as soon as possible.

I assume that the Dallas Office will trace the Remington typewriter found in the Shannon house in Texas.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Dallas

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

REPORT MADE AT: San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE: Aug. 21, 1933.	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Aug. 17-19, 1933.	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; CHARLES W. URSCHER - ACTIN		CHARACTER OF CASE: [REDACTED]	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Post Office Box 651 not in use in San Francisco since July 1, 1932. File in possession of [REDACTED] Special Agent of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company of San Francisco, California, relating to Bents Bros., and associated, reviewed, and leads set out. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Bents, with aliases, believes the latter can be contacted through [REDACTED] and that Edward Bents, with aliases, may be contacted through [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE:

Letter from the St. Paul Division Office, dated Aug. 15th; letter from the Portland Division Office, dated Aug. 15th; Division Letter, dated Aug. 16, 1933.

DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

At the Post Office, San Francisco, California, [REDACTED] after checking the records, informed that Post Office Box No. 651 is not being used by anyone at this time, and has not been rented to anyone since July 1, 1932. The said Post Office box was rented from Jan. 2, 1933, to July 1, 1932, by [REDACTED] who operated a flower store at the corner of Powell & Eddy Sts., San Francisco, California.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-324	RECORDED AND INDEXED AUG 28 1933
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The file in the San Francisco Division Office, entitled "Theodore Bantz, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act," (San Francisco file No. 28-2221), indicates that [redacted] Chief Special Agent of the San Francisco Division, California, was a source of information relative to said Theodore Bantz. [redacted] was interviewed.

[redacted] possesses a rather voluminous file on the activities of Theodore Bantz, with aliases, and of the various associates of Theodore Bantz, consisting mostly of numerous notations on scraps of paper. [redacted] went through the entire file in this Agent's presence, and submitted the following data:

Edward Bantz, with aliases, Seattle Police Department No. 6894, was arrested at Fort Worth, Texas, on Nov. 7, 1932, in connection with a \$50,000 bank robbery, on which charge he was subsequently released. Edward Bantz has relatives at [redacted] and his father was Jacob Bantz of 1709 First Ave., North Grand Forks, N.D.

Edward Bantz possessed a Buick Sedan in December, 1931, bearing motor number 2846937, serial No. 2527510, State of Washington license No. 149113, for the year 1931. In the said car was found 1931 Illinois license plates No. 1410812. The said Buick Sedan was radio equipped, to receive regular and short wave broadcasts.

On January 19, 1932, Edward Bantz, and one Cameron, (first name unknown) who was thought to be possibly Albert L. Bates, were at the Windsor Hotel, Sacramento, California, where they received long distance telephone calls from [redacted] of Maywood, Ill., relative to shipping a package to Sacramento, Calif.

Edward Bantz, Albert L. Bates, and one [redacted] of Gene Compton's Restaurant at No. 4 Kearny St., San Francisco, California, and others, whose identity is not known, were contacted in the Ambassador Hotel, San Francisco, Cal., on Feb. 15, 1933, by [redacted] an attorney of Seattle, Washington, who used the name of [redacted] at the said conference. [redacted] was paid his traveling expenses to the Leavenworth Penitentiary, where he was to contact a prisoner. When he left San Francisco, California, he took a package with him, which contained possible "hot" securities. After visiting the Leavenworth Penitentiary, he, [redacted] was to meet one [redacted] an escaped prisoner from Westminster, British Columbia, who had been convicted of a bank holdup in Ocala, Canada. Post Office Inspector [redacted] of Seattle, is supposed to be familiar with the [redacted] case. Thereafter [redacted] was to visit two prisoners, named [redacted] and [redacted] in the Joliet State Penitentiary in Illinois.

[redacted] explained that [redacted] above mentioned, appears to be a "go-between" for the Bantz and the Bates gang, as he appeared to be in

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was described as being -

Age: 32
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 155 lbs.
Complexion: Medium
Eyes: Brown
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learned of the activities of the Bantz brothers in Seattle, Washington, through one [redacted] telephone [redacted], who was not implicated with the Bantz gang. [redacted] obtained his information from conversation had from time to time with [redacted]

On Dec. 23, 1931, according to [redacted] Edward and Theodore Bantz were arrested by the Police Department at Seattle, Washington, at which time Edward Bantz was recorded as Seattle Police Dept. No. 1094. At the same time the following members of the Bantz gang were arrested:

Name: [redacted]

Age: 31 (1931)
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 155 lbs.
Complexion: Medium
Eyes: Brown
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Name: [redacted]

Age: 31
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 155 lbs.
Complexion: Medium
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
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Name: [redacted]
Age: 31
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 155 lbs.
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Eyes: Brown
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Nativity: Wisconsin
Residence: Tacoma, Wash.
Police Dept. Seattle Police Dept. picture [redacted]

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Name: [REDACTED]
Age: 22
Height: 5' 7"
Weight: 145
Hair: Dark brown
Eyes: Dark brown
Complexion: Medium-yellow
Scars: Pit scar inside corner of right eye.
Police Dept. Seattle Wash. Police Dept. No. [REDACTED]
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Name: [REDACTED]
Age: 38 (1951)
Height: 5' 8"
Weight: 185
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
Police Dept. Seattle Police Dept. [REDACTED]

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Name: [REDACTED]
Age: 22
Height: 5' 8-1/2"
Weight: 141
Complexion: Medium-dark
Eyes: Blue (large)
Hair: Dark brown
Police Dept. Seattle Police Dept. [REDACTED]
F.P.C. 9 Ut 18
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[REDACTED]
According to [REDACTED] is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], known as [REDACTED], whose home address is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED]

The only name of [REDACTED] appearing in [REDACTED] file is the name of [REDACTED]

[redacted] and his description is as follows:

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[redacted] advised that Theodore Bentz was arrested recently by the Vancouver, B.C. Police Dept. on a charge of passing fictitious travelers' checks, from which charge he succeeded in being dismissed. He was turned over to the Canadian Immigration authorities in Vancouver, B.C., who were holding him for deportation in the Vancouver, B.C. City Jail, from which institution he escaped several weeks ago. [redacted] believes that Theodore Bentz is wanted at the present time by the Police Dept. at Vancouver, B.C., for jail breaking.

On July 8, 1935, [redacted] of the Michigan State Police at Lansing, Michigan, advised [redacted] for a complete record of Theodore and Edward Bentz, who were suspected of being implicated in a bank robbery at Lansing Mich.

[redacted] furnished Agent with photographs of Theodore Bentz, with aliases (Seattle Police Dept. photograph No. 5894), [redacted] (Seattle Police Dept. photograph [redacted]), and a group photograph containing Edward Bentz, [redacted] and two unidentified women. Photostatic copies of the above described photographs have been prepared, and the originals of the same have been returned to [redacted]

With reference to [redacted] mentioned in Portland Division letter of August 15, 1935, an examination of the records of the Bureau of Identification of the San Francisco Police Department, disclosed that the said [redacted]

Name: [redacted]
Address: [redacted]
Age: [redacted]
Height: [redacted]
Weight: [redacted]
Eyes: [redacted]
Hair: [redacted]
Complexion: [redacted]

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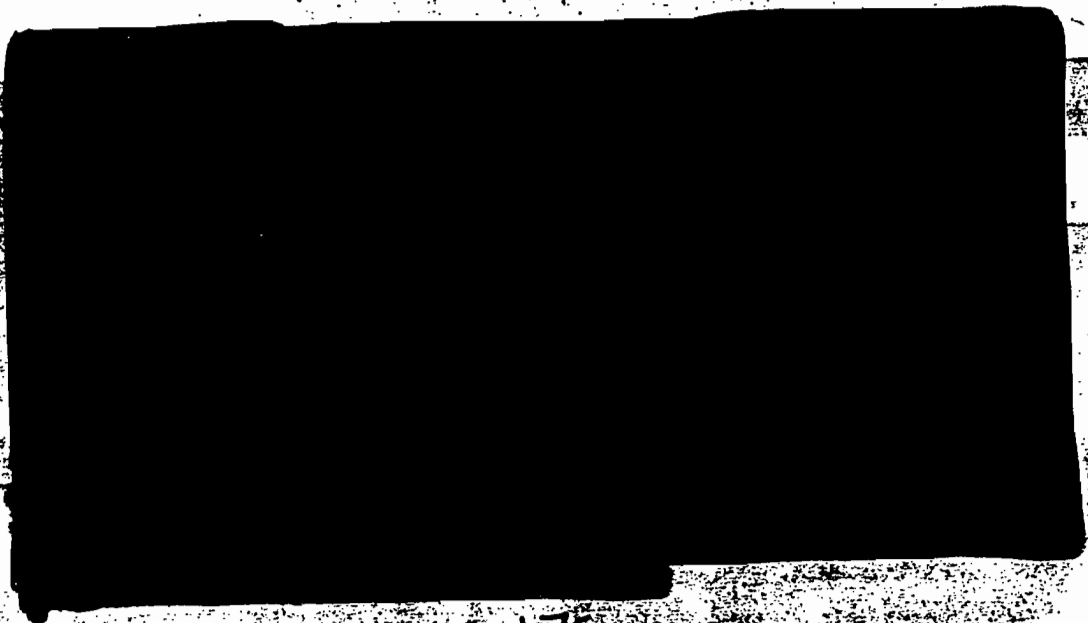
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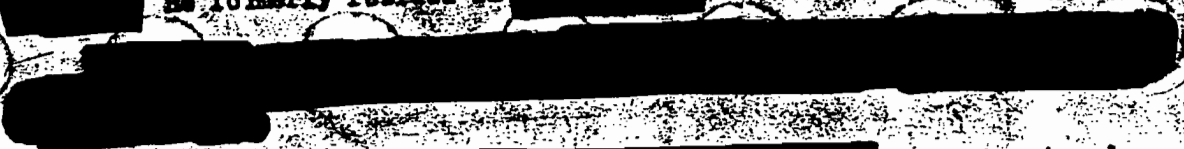


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Disposition sheet reflecting [redacted] criminal record is attached hereto.

[redacted] was located at apartment [redacted], San Francisco, California, where he resides with his nine year old daughter. He formerly resided in [redacted] at the same address.



[redacted] and [redacted] were interviewed under the pretext that this office was seeking the whereabouts of Theodore Bantz in order to question him in connection with clearing up the title on 1932 Chevrolet Coach, Motor No. 3842362 (fictitious No. 3842392), serial No. 1-B-4-06-19365. It should be noted that Theodore Bantz was the subject in a previous case, both in this district and in the Portland district, in which the above Chevrolet Coach was involved.

[redacted] stated that he has not heard anything directly regarding the whereabouts of Theodore Bantz since the latter left San Francisco, California, around Christmas, 1932, but that [redacted]

[redacted] received a letter approximately two or three months ago, postmarked "Vancouver, B.C."

[redacted] He claims he has not heard anything directly or indirectly regarding the whereabouts of Edward Bantz, except that [redacted] received a letter from [redacted]

[REDACTED] declared to him that he had no contact with either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] and that he had never received any communication from either of them, nor does he have any idea as to their present whereabouts.

[REDACTED] was interviewed in the [REDACTED] in apartment [REDACTED] where she resides with her minor daughter, [REDACTED] the name of [REDACTED] at this address, and is [REDACTED] and formerly resided in apartment [REDACTED] of the same address, with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] received a letter from him postmarked "Vancouver, B.C.," [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] further stated that the last she heard anything concerning [REDACTED] Edward Bentz, was six or seven months ago [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has not heard anything directly or indirectly regarding him [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was very indictive concerning Bentz, because of his associating with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] informed that the mother of the said brothers, who formerly resided at [REDACTED] San Francisco, whose name is [REDACTED] (referred to as [REDACTED] in Division reference letter), left San Francisco, California, several months ago, to go to the home of [REDACTED], a sister of the Bentz brothers, at [REDACTED], Tacoma, Wash., to attend the last illness of Mrs. Edith Hall, another sister of the Bentz

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the present manner, it was ascertained that [redacted] and her daughter, [redacted] formerly resided in apartment A, but moved from the said apartment several months ago. [redacted]

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A wire was sent to the Portland Division Office on Aug. 19, 1932, advising of the funeral of the sister of the Bentz brothers (Mrs. Edith Hall), from the residence of [REDACTED], another sister of the Bentz brothers. An air mail letter was also sent to the Portland Division Office confirming the foregoing telegram, and also advising of the fact that the sweetheart of Theodore Bentz, with aliases, is [REDACTED] alias [REDACTED] her sister [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED] Vancouver, B.C., (telephone [REDACTED]) and requested that appropriate investigation be conducted to locate the said Theodore Bentz.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

of [redacted] and Theodore Bantz.

[redacted] alias [redacted] alias [redacted] the Bantz brothers, should be discreetly interviewed regarding the whereabouts of [redacted] Edward and Theodore Bantz. [redacted] an attorney-at-law in Seattle, Washington, should be located and interviewed concerning whatever information he may have concerning the whereabouts of the Bantz brothers.

[redacted] located at [redacted] Seattle telephone [redacted], a previous informant to [redacted] on the American Telephone & Telegraph Company of San Francisco, Calif., should be interviewed for any information he may have relative to the present whereabouts of Edward and Theodore Bantz.

[redacted] alias [redacted] of the Bantz brothers), who is a cab driver for the Dollar Cab Co., (cab driver [redacted] whose residence telephone is [redacted] should be interviewed for whatever information he can furnish as to the whereabouts of Edward and Theodore Bantz.

It is suggested that the Seattle Police Department files be examined in the case reflecting the arrests of Edward Bantz, (Seattle Police Dept. No. 6994); Theodore Bantz, [redacted] (Seattle Police Dept. [redacted])

[redacted] and [redacted], in an effort to develop leads as to the present whereabouts of Edward and Theodore Bantz.

[redacted] should be contacted for all information available regarding the recent escape of Theodore Bantz, and for any information available relative to the present whereabouts of Theodore Bantz.

Efforts should be made to locate and interview [redacted] alias [redacted]

regarding the whereabouts of Theodore Bantz.

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CHICAGO DIVISION OFFICE: At Chicago, Ill.

should be discreetly interviewed. If any information available regarding the above named persons is obtained, it should be furnished to the appropriate authorities. The above information is being furnished to you for your information and for your use in the event you are contacted by any of the above named persons. It is requested that you do not discuss this information with anyone other than the appropriate authorities. Sincerely,
Special Agent in Charge

██████████ should be discreetly interviewed as to the whereabouts of the Bantz brothers. Efforts should be made to ascertain who possesses

██████████ should be discreetly interviewed concerning the whereabouts of the Bantz brothers.

made to locate [redacted] efforts should be
[redacted] who may be located through
[redacted] or through [redacted] of [redacted]
whose last known address was [redacted] in an
effort to establish the whereabouts of the Bentz brothers.

[redacted] located at [redacted] (telephone [redacted])
[redacted] should be discreetly interviewed on subjects to the whereabouts [redacted] in an effort
to establish leads as to the address of the latter.

ST. PAUL DIVISION OFFICE [REDACTED] Investigation should be conducted to ascertain whether [REDACTED] is located at [REDACTED] [REDACTED], if so, he should be discreetly interviewed regarding the whereabouts of [REDACTED] Edward and Theodore Bente.

DETROIT DIVISION OFFICE: At Lansing, Mich. [redacted] of the Michigan State Police, who wired [redacted] of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, San Francisco, Calif., on July 5, 1933, for the record of Edward and Theodore Bents, should be interviewed for all information relative to their whereabouts.

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION OFFICE:

San Francisco, California, will be interviewed upon [redacted] in an effort to develop leads as to the whereabouts of Edward and Theodore Bantz.

██████████ will be interviewed ██████████ with aliases.
██████████ regarding any information he can furnish which may be
helpful to establish the whereabouts of Edward Bentz.

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

Dallas, Texas

REPORT MADE AT: Dallas, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE: 8/24/33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8/11-12/33	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] b7C
TITLE: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases - FUGITIVE - I.O. #1233; et al. Charles F. Urschel - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] arrested Pt. Arthur PD 8/5/33 in round-up of underworld characters in effort determine identity person who had been making demands over telephone of [REDACTED] that they be ready to deliver \$2,000.00 when advised of proper time and place. Aforesaid persons having recently been in Oklahoma and Kansas City caused Chief of Police at Pt. Arthur to hold them as possible suspects in Urschel kidnapping and Kansas City massacre. No evidence to connect either with either offense. Photographs and fingerprints furnished Division by Pt. Arthur PD.			
REFERENCE: Copy of Division letter to Oklahoma City office dated 8/11/33.			
DETAILS: Chief of Police [REDACTED] at PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS, advised the writer that he made a mistake when he forwarded [REDACTED] fingerprints to the Division of Investigation with the notation that he was being held in connection with an extortion plot, but that he wanted to make sure that he was properly investigated. He further advised that he had given orders to hold any suspects that had a criminal record who came from either Oklahoma City or Kansas City; that he wanted to assist in every way possible to apprehend any and all persons who might in any way be connected with the Charles Urschel kidnapping and the recent Kansas City massacre.			
Chief [REDACTED] further advised that several days prior to 8/5/33 [REDACTED] local grocers, had received a number of anonymous [REDACTED]			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [REDACTED] b7C	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE F. J. Bessy	7-115-325 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AUG 28 1933 A M DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ROUTED TO: [REDACTED] FILE [REDACTED]	RECORDED AND INDEXED AUG 28 1933 CHECKED OFF AUG 29 1933 JACKETED:
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telephone calls at their homes demanding that they each be prepared to deliver \$2,000.00 in cash to him and that the time and place would be announced to them at a later date where to place the two packages, each containing \$2,000.00; that he did not wait until final arrangements were made by the would-be extortionist but immediately called a round-up to be made of all underworld characters and criminal suspects and persons who could not give a good account of their whereabouts at the time of the Urschel kidnapping and the Kansas City massacre.

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Messrs [REDACTED] advised that for several days prior to 8/5/33 they each received a number of telephone calls in Italian, demanding that each of them have \$2,000.00 in cash ready to be delivered when he again called them; that he would designate the time and place for the delivery; that they communicated with the Pt. Arthur Police Department, who immediately began an investigation, and since said investigation neither had received any more calls; that none of the calls were in the English language and neither could recognize the voice of the caller as being that of any of the members of the Italian colony with whom they were acquainted, and could give no further information of value.

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[REDACTED] were each interviewed at the office of Chief of Police [REDACTED] and the following information secured relative to them and their activities:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] were released by Chief [REDACTED] on 8/12/33 and they returned to [REDACTED] home at [REDACTED]

The Dallas Division office communicated with the Kansas City office, who advised that [REDACTED] resided at the Mecca Hotel while in Kansas City.

Chief [REDACTED] communicated with the Kansas City PD who advised that neither person was wanted there, and further that they were not wanted by the Tulsa, Oklahoma authorities. Chief [REDACTED] further advised that his investigation had convinced him that neither party was in Oklahoma at the time of the Urschel kidnapping, but that [REDACTED] was in Kansas City during June of this year.

DESCRIPTIONS

(Received from Pt. Arthur,
Texas P. D.)

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Nationality
Occupation
Complexion
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Marital status
Criminal Record - furnished by Division of Investigation

As [redacted] arr. Colorado Springs, Colo. PD [redacted] 6/25/27;
burglary; 60 days Co. Jail.

As [redacted] arr. Tulsa, Okla. SO [redacted] 11/5/27; grand
larceny.

As [redacted] arr. Sapulpa, Okla. [redacted] 1/11/28; conspiracy

As [redacted] arr. Bristow, Okla. [redacted] 1/12/28; robbery;
30 days and costs, Co. Jail.

As [redacted] arr. S.W. Hutchinson, Kans. [redacted] 6/11/28;
burglary and larceny; 10 yrs. 9/3/31 served parole and
discharged.

As [redacted] arr. Tulsa, Okla. PD [redacted] 1/12/32; state
vag. dismissed.

As [redacted] arr. Tulsa, Okla. SO [redacted] 1/18/32, 2287 moral
turnover.

As [redacted] arr. Oklahoma City, Okla. PD [redacted] 2/6/32;
drunk - driving car while drunk.

As [redacted] arr. Pt. Arthur, Tex. PD [redacted] 8/5/33;
special investigation.

Name
Age
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Complexion
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Education
Criminal record
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BELMONT

**Re: Latent Prints on Factor
and Orschol Kidnaping Cases**

In response to your request for names and arrest numbers on subjects and individuals mentioned in the Kansas City Obstruction of Justice Case, File No. 62-38915, a review has been made of Sections 1 to 6, respectively, of this file, and the following names are given you to check against the latent prints:

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Melvin Ivan Barrow
Dallas, Texas Police No. 5177

Clyde Champion Barrow
F.P.C.: 29 - MD 9
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August 25, 1933

In file No. 62-10915, the following individuals were named as subjects or suspects, but no fingerprints or arrest numbers were given:

The following named men are indicted in the Urschel Case, and their prints should be checked against the latent prints:

Isadore Blumenfeld
Sam Kosberg
Sam Kronick
Peter Valder
Edward Barney Berman
Charles Wolf

H. Levy alias "Frenchie" alias Reed
Age, 34 - Height, 5' 7" - Weight, 180
Was an associate of Subject Nash, at
Hot Springs, Arkansas.



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The following men are named as associates of Subject Bailey,
at the O.P.H., Chicago:



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August 23, 1933

The following names are prominently mentioned in the Kansas
City Obstruction of Justice Files:



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Director

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SAC JONES LEFT TODAY FOR SAN ANTONIO RE URSCHEL CASE TO

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

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Hughes	✓
Mr. Nathan	
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Mr. Tamm	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

August 23, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Reference is made to the Urschel kidnaping case. The latent print developed on the flap of the envelope submitted to the Division in connection with the ransom notes in this case, has been compared with the fingerprint impressions of Ora Lillian Shannon, Robert Green Shannon and Armon Crawford Shannon, submitted by the Police Department at Dallas, Texas, in addition to having been compared with the fingerprint impressions of other suspects and searched in the single fingerprint file maintained.

It has not been possible to establish a positive identification. However, it is the opinion of [redacted] of the Technical Section and [redacted] that there is a marked similarity between the fragmentary latent impression and the right index fingerprint impression of Armon Crawford Shannon. In this connection it is believed that five points of similarity in these two impressions can be charted. This is sufficient to raise a presumption that the latent print was caused by the finger of Armon Crawford Shannon. However, it is generally conceded that at least 12 points of similarity are necessary to conclusively establish an identification, particularly for court purposes. Although five points of similarity in this case can be charted, it should be noted that there are other points of dissimilarity which might be explained away because of differences in pressure, the age of the latent print before development, et cetera. There is at least one point of dissimilarity which it is difficult to account for.

In spite of the lack of absolute conclusiveness of the case, it is believed desirable to use the evidence thus gathered for the purpose of further questioning Armon Crawford Shannon.

A search of the criminal files of the Identification Unit fails to disclose any previous fingerprint record on Armon Crawford Shannon.

Enlargements of the latent print in question, together with the fingerprint impression of the right index finger of Shannon, are being prepared.

*Letter to Dallas
cc to OKla City
8/26/33*

Respectfully, *L. C. Schilder*

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

Dear Sir:

For your confidential information there is enclosed herewith a copy of a memorandum prepared by Mr. Schilder, of the Identification Unit under date of August 23, covering the comparison of a latent print removed from the envelope of one of the ransom letters in the Urschel case.

You will note the partial identification of this latent print as that of Arson Shannon. You will note, further, the qualifications surrounding this identification and use this information only for the purpose of further interrogation of the Shannons.

Very truly yours,

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cc to Oklahoma City

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

825 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit, Mich.

August 22, 1933.

TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS:

Referring to circular from this office dated August 15, 1933, and also to Identification Order #1203 regarding GEORGE R. KELLY alias R. G. SHANNON whose apprehension is sought in connection with a recent kidnaping, please be advised that information has reached this Division to the effect that Kelly and his wife may now be assuming the name of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Coleman. There is a possibility that they have abandoned the 16 cylinder Cadillac Sedan listed in our circular letter above referred to, and are now driving a Chevrolet Sport Coupe, motor #3746184, bearing 1933 Iowa license 82-17210. They may be accompanied by another woman.

Please be on the lookout for the above described car as well as the 16 cylinder Cadillac, and if any information regarding this matter is had by you, it is suggested that you call by telephone collect, Cadillac 2835, or wire collect.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson

WM. LARSON,
Special Agent in Charge



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August 22, 1933

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Personal and Confidential

Mr. Nathan has told me that in telephone conversation with you, you had asked him to secure from me an explanation of how the publicity relative to Mr. Urschel having accompanied our Agents to Paradise, Texas at the time of the apprehension of Harvey Bailey, et al, got to the Press.

I will state first that we had all, including Agent in Charge Jones and Agent in Charge Blake, agreed on the fact that we would deny that Urschel had been with us or had been at the scene of the Shannon ranch where the capture was made and that we would give out the story that the place of confinement had been identified by means of fingerprints left there by Urschel. This story was given to the Press and printed.

You will recall that [redacted] a deputy sheriff from Oklahoma City, had proceeded from Oklahoma City to the scene of the arrest with the Agents and Mr. Urschel. I was personally not present, not having left Oklahoma City at that time, but Agents Blake and Jones state that [redacted] was cautioned against giving any information about Urschel having been on the trip.

The first I knew of this publicity was on August 15th when Mr. Urschel's office called me, being very much perturbed about the exposure of Mr. Urschel's trip. I immediately called [redacted] the sheriff, on the phone and asked him about it and he denied vehemently that [redacted] had talked to the paper. I then had him and [redacted] come to the office, where they were shown the story in the Oklahoma News of August 15, copy of which is attached, and which quotes [redacted] throughout. Upon being questioned [redacted] admitted that he had told the papers about it but claimed that they had told him that the Associated Press already had it and that he merely verified the reports which they already had. The facts are that the reporters just slipped a fast one over on [redacted] and thereby obtained the entire story. We regretted this incident very much as it no doubt put Mr. Urschel more or less on the spot.

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Send a copy to A. G. :
 Mr. Stanley & Mr. Keenan
 also Prof. Wiley. D. C. V.

Memo
 Stanley
 Keenan
 8/29/33

There has been another bit of undesired publicity, which can no doubt be laid directly to [redacted] the sheriff, or [redacted] his deputy, and that pertains to the fact that Mrs. Urschel was high-jacked out of a \$1000 when she attempted to contact the kidnapers. The facts in this matter were known only to Agent Jones, Agent Blake and myself and finally to [redacted] and his deputy, [redacted] whom we called in after about ten days and advised them of the facts, soliciting their assistance in the apprehension of this high-jacker. These are positively the only persons knowing this matter and yet the story appeared in an Oklahoma City paper three or four days ago.

With respect to your inquiries as to how the publicity regarding the airplane clue leaked out, I can only say that I think that also came from the sheriff's office, as they are the only ones who knew it besides ourselves and I am positive that no Bureau Agent has talked about the matter at all, and I will take a solemn pledge that I have not talked.

With regard to the airplane clue there is of course a possibility that the same may have leaked through airplane pilots, whom we had consulted and whom, of course, it was necessary to take more or less into our confidence in endeavoring to locate the spot where Mr. Urschel was confined. Likewise necessary inquiries were made at the Air Company offices with regard to schedules, etc. All practicable precautions were taken in each instance to keep the matter out of the Press but it is still impossible to say definitely how the airplane clue leaked.

Another instance of undesired publicity occurred yesterday when I had a telephone call from the District Attorney at Newkirk, Oklahoma, stating that he had received information that Kelly and a couple of others had, just the night before, driven into the Henry Gramma ranch in a Buick car, this place being between Pawhuska and Ponca City, and it was believed that they were still there. This ranch is a notorious hang-out for criminals. I immediately organized a posse, including Sheriff [redacted] and three of his deputies and three Agents of this office, and dispatched them to Ponca City by automobile at 2:15 P.M. yesterday afternoon. At the same time I called Sheriff [redacted] of Pawhuska, Oklahoma on the telephone and advised him that we were going to do some work in his county that night and requested his assistance. He volunteered that he was ready to go and asked how many men he should take. I suggested that he take three or four men and meet our Agents at the Jens-Marie Hotel in Ponca City at 5 O'clock. I did not tell the sheriff where we were going or what case we were working on. At 3 P.M. an Associated Press Dispatch appeared in a local paper stating, in effect, that a hasty concentration of federal officers in Western Osage County indicated the presence of Machine-gun Kelly. As before stated, our Agents left here at 2:15 P.M. and arrived at Ponca City about 5 P.M. - Upon arrival at Ponca City they found papers on the street there containing the same story. In view of this publicity, and information having been received that the Buick car had already left shortly before, the raid was not conducted.

In the above instance the only person knowing that we were going to Ponca City was the sheriff at Pawhuska and he vehemently denies having given the same to the Press. I neglected to state that the above Press Dispatch bore a Pawhuska Associated Press date line.

It appears from the above that we can have absolutely no faith in anyone, even officers, to treat in confidence matters which we tell them, and we will in future be more discreet than ever with respect to divulging confidential information to them. You will, no doubt, realize that it is dangerous and difficult to conduct a raid or other expedition into a county without taking the county officers more or less into our confidence, especially if we ask their assistance. No one regrets more than the writer the dangerous publicity which has been had in this case.

I inclose herewith the front page of the Oklahoma News for August 15th, containing the story about Urschel accompanying us to the Shannon ranch, etc.

Very truly yours,



R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Ambassador Ignace Wallis (left) shaking hands with Dr. Carlos Céspedes who has been made president of Cuba. Matanzas, 20 July. Carl of Cuba, after the result in Havana. Also page 4 for additional pictures.

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City Clinics to Be Made at Once.

A beauty queen to represent a Glendale City pageant will be crowned today at the Glendale Civic Center. The winner will be crowned by a judge and will be crowned by a judge and will be crowned by a judge.

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Franklin County, New York

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UNBORN CHILDREN

IN PRISON MUTINY

Claim 184 Prisoners in Tennessee Cells Revolt

By United Press

PITTSBURGH, Tenn., Aug. 15.—(UPI)—Prison guards were told today by the Brushy mountain penitentiary today where 184 prisoners had mutinied against prison authorities. The convicts refused to leave the coal mine where they worked yesterday in protest against the tactics of prison

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be fired.

Bailey had been paid by the
company more than \$100,000
over many years for his con-
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American Airlines' flight

of flying over the route for
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**, O. T. U. IN NEW
ATTACK ON REPEAL**

Administration Efforts Are
Termed 'Farley's Folly'

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 13.—The
Christian Temperance Union attacked the administration's
efforts here today to
claim that "warriors are
under the

The statement was made in answer to one by Col. Louis McHenry Howe.

There is almost no prohibition movement now," the W. C. T. U. men declare. "These scoundrels are milking money from the poor. The several hundred million dollars Uncle Sam is spending on his liquor tax means an enormous sum in selling and making money. The scoundrels and crooks who sell the whiskey and crushed bodies will get most of the cost of a federal tax liquor."

Every organization branded liquor as "Parley's folly." Reuben T. Hansen said the government is the liquor's shopkeeper, it de-

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LOUISIANA, A. T. H. - H. H.

the other hand, whether high officials may find it prudent to "take refuge in their offices" is a question that will be decided by the courts.

WAKEFORD - FAIRBANKS

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Longer for Gals

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Pickford, who some think Mary Pickford and her estranged husband, Douglas Fairbanks, built in Hollywood, is not for sale, the screen actress said today. The question of marriage of a deliberate nature was credited as having caused the separation of the Hollywood couple.

Pickford's statement raised possibility that a reconciliation was effected.

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Washington Treasury on the proposed costs. It was pointed out that the bill would require the federal government to share the production of a new series of products for the purpose of maintaining the federal recovery act, but the federal recovery act, he refused to discuss a proposal.

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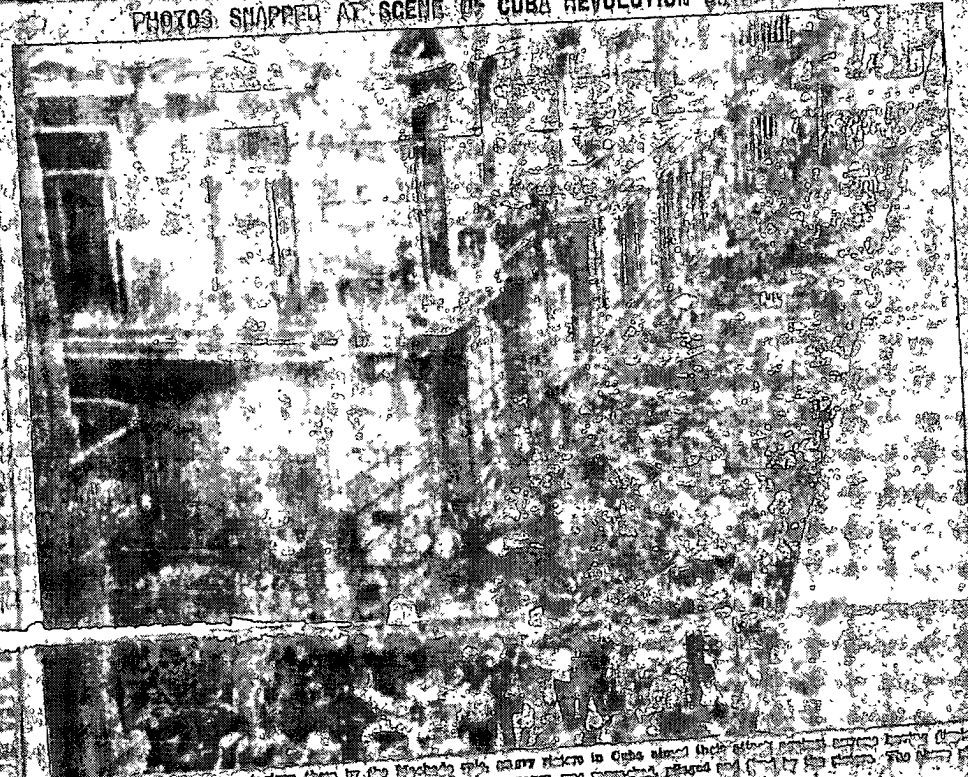
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leave a job-selling clerk
to work for them now

PHOTOS SHAPED AT SCENE OF CUBA REVOLUTION ON SATURDAY



Photograph of the street scene taken by the Associated Press from Havana, Cuba, Saturday, August 11, 1951, showing the aftermath of the revolution. The street is filled with debris and smoke, and people are seen walking through the scene.



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10-CENT SCHOOL MEALS PLEDGED

Reform in Grantee Move to Re-organizing Cafeteria System; Building Bids Rejected

Reform in Grantee Move to Re-organizing Cafeteria System; Building Bids Rejected

SUSPECT HELD IN STATE KIDNAP PLOT

Alvarado Accused of Attempt to Kill Man

Alvarado Accused of Attempt to Kill Man

Urschel's Part in Hunt

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CHARLES P. URSCHTEL

Urschel's Part in Hunt

August 25, 1933

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COORDINATED

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I am enclosing herewith for your information a copy of a personal and confidential communication which I have received from my Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated August 22, 1933, which reveals the source of the publicity which appeared in the press of the country subsequent to the raid by Agents of this Division on the Shannon house in Texas, when a number of the kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel were taken into custody.

I thought you would be interested in reading the enclosed letter, as we were, of course, very anxious to maintain secrecy in so far as Mr. Urschel's part in this raid was concerned. You will note that in spite of all of the precautions taken by the Agents of the Division, the information was furnished to the press by State law enforcement officers who accompanied the Agents.

Respectfully,

Director.

Enclosure #214937.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOSEPH E. CONAN,
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #214939.



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

I am enclosing herewith for your information a copy of a personal and confidential communication which I have received from my Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated August 24, 1933, which reveals the source of the publicity which appeared in the press of the country subsequent to the raid by Agents of this Division on the Shannon house in Texas, when a number of the kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel were taken into custody.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #214938.

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MEMORANDUM FOR PROFESSOR RAYMOND BERRY

I am enclosing herewith for your information a copy of a personal and confidential communication which I have received from my Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated August 22, 1933, which reveals the source of the publicity which appeared in the press of the country subsequent to the raid by Agents of this Division on the Shannon house in Texas, when a number of the kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel were taken into custody.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #214940.

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September 2, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
311 United States Court House Building,
Portland, Oregon.

SEP 6 - 1933

Dear Sir:

The Division has received copies of the report of Special Agent [redacted] New York City, dated August 22, 1933, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Information Concerning License #1006582. This report makes reference to a wire from you dated August 13, 1933. A copy of this wire cannot be located in the Division's files, and it is requested that you promptly forward a copy of same.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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by [signature]

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PORTLAND, ORE.**

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FILE NO. **62-4980**

DATE

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RECEIVED - INFORMATION - 62-4980
AND LICENSE NO. DX6582

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

License No. DX6582 issued John J. Gibson
Co. Inc., Buffalo, N. Y., automobile
dealers.

REFERENCE:

Wire from SAC. Spears, Portland office,
dated August 15, 1933.

DETAILS:

The wire of reference requested the New York City office to immediately notify SAC. C.C. Spears, Portland office, the make of car, motor number, name and address of person to whom New York 1933 license No. DX6582 was issued. Upon receipt of the wire, agent immediately contacted the Police Department in New York City, who, after an examination of their records, advised that they had no information concerning the registration of these plates, and advised it would be necessary to contact the Motor Vehicle Department in the State Building at Albany, N. Y., to obtain this information.

By long distance telephone, agent communicated with the officer in charge of the Motor Vehicle Department, and was advised that license

APPROVED AND
FORWARDED:

SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE

COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:

- 2 - Division
- 2 - Portland
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Is the officer in charge of the Motor Vehicle Department. Further advised that the Gilman Company were automobile dealers.

This information was immediately communicated to SAC. Spears in care of the Police Department at Seattle, Washington, as requested in the reference wire.

There being no further investigation in this district, the case is -

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO
OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

WESTERN UNION

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

DENVER, COLO
8-15-35

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

ALBERT LAWRENCE BATES WA KIDNAPING IMMEDIATELY FORWARD ME ALL BILLS
I HAVE AND WHEN INTERVIEWING BATES STOP THIRTYTHREE TWENTY DOLLAR
RANSOM MONEY EXPEDITE.

GOVERNMENT RATE COLLECT.

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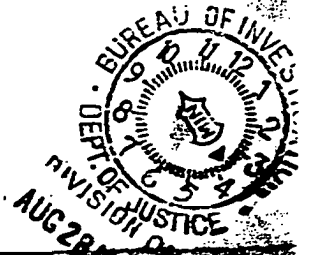
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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

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2201 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
August 25, 1933.



Dear Sir:

Re: George E. Kelly, with aliases,
I. O. 1234, et al.
Charles E. Gresham, Victim.
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to your telegram of August 22, 1933,
relative to Chevrolet Sport Coupe, motor #463124, purchased by
Kelly in Chicago, and for which Iowa license was issued at Des Moines,
Iowa, on August 11th.

Immediately upon receipt of your telegram, I communicated
with the Detective Bureau of the New Orleans Police Department, and
a description of the automobile was broadcast over the police radio.
An All Station message in writing, setting out information regarding
this matter, was also furnished to all precinct stations by the Detective
Bureau.

Attached hereto is a copy of the circular letter which was
mailed by the New Orleans office to all law enforcement officials in
this district regarding the Chevrolet and its occupants.

Very truly yours,

J. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge

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326½ Post Office Building
New Orleans, La.
August 22, 1933.

Telephone Raymond 1965.

TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS:

GEORGE R. KELLY, alias R. G. SHANNON, alias F. R. COLEMAN, who is wanted for the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 22, 1933, is reported to now be traveling with two women in a late model Chevrolet Sport Coupe, motor #3740186, bearing 1933 Iowa license #82-17210. Kelly, who has a long criminal record and who is a dangerous man, is described as follows:

Age 35 years; height 5'9½"; weight 177 pounds; build, medium muscular; eyes, blue or gray; hair, dark brown; complexion, medium ruddy; expert machine gunner; sometimes wears octagon shaped rimless glasses.

One of the women traveling with Kelly is thought to be his wife, Catherine Thorne Kelly, alias Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, alias Dolores Cannon, alias Catherine Thorne, alias Dolores Whitney, alias Mrs. F. R. Coleman, and is described as follows:

Age 28 years, (looks older); height, 5'9"; weight 141 pounds; hair, black; eyes, brown; build, medium slender; fingerprint classification: 9 17 W 0 11 Ref. 17 1 1
19 W 0 20 20 19

Police number - Fort Worth, Texas, #5025.

Reported to be wearing a beautiful marquise diamond dinner ring.

The other woman, whose description is not available at this time, has used the name Miss Louise Clark.

It is requested that all law enforcement officials maintain a careful watch for the above described Chevrolet Coupe and in the event it appears in your district, its occupants should be taken into custody and this office notified IMMEDIATELY by long distance telephone collect.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.



DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FOOT LOCKER BUILDING
MILLAN STREET

REEL TWO MORE PREVIOUSLY IN CANTON VANCOUVER ESCAPED JULY TWENTY
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August 21, 1933.

Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice

URGENT. KIDNAPING ON AUGUST ELEVENTH ONE MAN BELIEVED TO BE GEORGE KELLY
WITH TWO WOMEN REGISTERED AT HOTEL DOMINION IOWA AS MR AND MRS J E COLLINS
AND MISS LORINE CLARK DRIVING CHEVROLET SPORT COUPE MOTOR THREE SEVEN
FOUR HOURS ONE EIGHT SIX SIX WITH NINETEEN THIRTY THREE IOWA LICENSE EIGHT
TWO DASH SEVENTEEN TWO ONE NINE. ISSUED DAVENPORT IOWA AUGUST ELEVENTH
CAR PURCHASED MIDLAND AVENUE CHEVROLET COMPANY CHICAGO ILLINOIS REQUERS
POLICE YOUR DISTRICT BE ON LOOKOUT FOR CAR

URGENT

(above telegram sent to all field offices with the
Dallas, Texas.)
cc - Division

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

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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

SPC: [REDACTED]

August 26, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In connection with the information obtained by [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] of New York City yesterday to the effect that one of the \$20.00 ransom notes in the Urschel case had shown up in New York City, Agent [REDACTED] of the New York City office was contacted by the writer and was requested that all of the banks in the New York district be circularized and advised that the ransom notes were being circulated in their district and requested to exert special effort to determine the source of these notes.

Respectfully,

S P Cowley [REDACTED]

S. P. COWLEY.

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

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518 Hayes Building
San Francisco, California.

1, 1934

[Redacted]
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
Charles F. Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping.

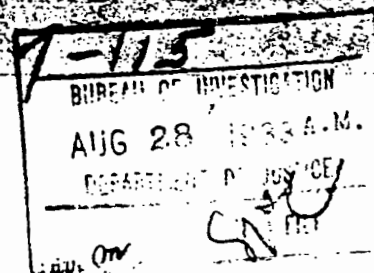
Please place a 20 day cover on all of the out of town
mail addressed to [Redacted] and/or [Redacted]
at [Redacted] at [Redacted] San Francisco,
California, and on the mail of [Redacted]
[Redacted], San Francisco, California, and forward all findings
of the same to this office.

Thanking you for your courtesy and cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

**420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas**

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

August 25, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:-

In reply to letter from the Division of 8/21/33 concerning my failure to forward promptly to the Division fingerprints and other important data; the apparent neglect was occasioned by the volume of work entailed by our efforts to apprehend other members of the gang who might be in this territory.

For several days after the apprehension of Bailey and the Shannons we spent considerable time in an effort to effect the apprehension of some of the other members.

With reference to the request of the Division for a photograph of Kathryn Thorne Kelly; at the time this request was received the only photograph which we had possessed of this woman had previously been sent to Oklahoma City, and immediately upon receipt of the request from the Division we phoned the Oklahoma City office and advised them to forward the photograph to the Division, and we were told it would be done that same night.

Subsequently we procured other photographs, which were furnished. A second report in this case was submitted on 8/23/33, and we are now in position that reports can be more promptly submitted and same will be done.

Nothing of importance has occurred since our last report, other than that Bailey waived removal hearing and expressed a willingness to be removed to Oklahoma City for trial. This occurred at Fort Worth, Texas on 8/24/33.

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Director.

A hearing is still in progress at Fort Worth before United States District Judge J.C. Wilson, upon the question of removal of the three Shannons - R.G., Ora, and Armon.

Oleta Shannon was on 8/24/33 released, due to the failure of the Grand Jury to indict her.

The Dallas office is in receipt of several rumors to the effect that George Kelly was at Fort Worth on 8/19/33, and every effort is being made to locate him and Kathryn Kelly, who is no doubt with him.

I regret that I have not promptly furnished the Division all the data desired, and it will be my effort to preclude a recurrence of such negligence.

Very truly yours,

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

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.**

FILE NO. **7-10**

REPORT MADE AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	DATE WHEN MADE AUG 29 1933	TITLE KELLY, ALBERT L. - SUBJECT; BATES, ALBERT L. - SUBJECT; CHAMBERLAIN, CHARLES F. - VICTIM.	CASE NO. 7-115-334
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Albert L. Bates alias George L. Davis, one of the subjects in this case, arrested by Police at Denver, Colorado, on 8-12-33; \$20.00 bills found on his person identified as part of ransom money paid in this case; Bates with woman and young man, said to be her son lived at 1801 Grant St., Denver, Colorado, from April until July 17th, 1933, when they checked out; during their residence in Denver they had a Buick Victoria Coupe, Motor No. 2223917, Colorado 1933 License 1-35483, and a Chevrolet Standard Coupe, Motor No. unknown. When they arrived at Denver, the Buick carried Illinois License 787918, while the Chevrolet carried Indiana License, number unknown. Bates rented P.O. Box 631, Denver, Colorado, June 20, 1933 as George L. Davis. While confined in Denver City Jail had one [redacted] an inmate of the jail, but shortly thereafter released, prepare a telegram to Fort Worth, Texas, Police, asking the Police to come for Davis. Davis' supposed wife, gave [redacted] \$200.00 to send the telegram. Bates denied any connection with kidnaping case, saying secured money through sale of \$5,000.00 worth of stolen bonds at Chicago; denies having been in Oklahoma or Texas during July 1932. Bates taken into Federal custody August 19th, 1933; arraigned before U.S. Commissioner, Denver, Colorado, August 21, 1933, pleaded "not guilty" and hearing fixed for September 4, 1933. Bond set at \$100,000.00; not furnished, and Bates committed to Denver County Jail, Denver, Colorado.

DETAILS:

AT DENVER, COLORADO.

On August 14th, 1933, agent received a telephone communication from F. J. Blake, Special Agent in Charge, Dallas, Texas, office, in which he informed that he understood that one George L. Davis was under arrest at Denver, Colorado, on a robbery charge, and that Davis might be either George Kelly or Albert L. Bates, subjects of this case. Description of Kelly, including his [redacted]

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

John A. Dowd

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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The Salt Lake City Police Number [redacted] was furnished to the [redacted] office, as well as his New Mexico State Penitentiary Number (1936) was furnished to the [redacted] office.

The Dallas office desired to know if George L. Davis was under arrest at Denver, and if so, was he either Kelly or Bates.

At Salt Lake City, Utah, Police headquarters, agent secured a description of Albert L. Bates alias James B. King, as of April 18, 1919, on which occasion he was arrested for petty larceny. He was then age 24, height 5ft. 11in., weight 150 lbs., complexion light, eyes grey, teeth good, nativity Missouri, Occupation, switchman, race, white, Nationality, American, marks - tattoo (anchor on left forearm) scars, scars on right shoulder, scar on point of chin, criminal record (On 4-15-19 sentenced to serve six months in the Salt Lake County Jail, Salt Lake City, Utah) fingerprint classification 25 II 19 . Only one photograph of Albert L. Bates was available. 25 U 10

With this information, agent telephoned [redacted] Denver, Colorado, Police, and learned that his department was holding George L. Davis. The description of George L. Davis, held by the Denver Police, fitted Bates, except in the items of age and weight, the fingerprint classification of Bates was similar to the fingerprint classification of Davis, and showed that Davis was one and the same with Bates. Salt Lake City Police No. 861. Agent requested [redacted] to place a hold against Davis for this Bureau, notwithstanding that Davis was badly wanted at Colfax, Washington, and Louisville, Colorado, for bank robberies.

Upon determining that Bates and Davis were [redacted] the [redacted] agent, on April 18, 1936, telephoned the Denver office, and was informed by Special Agent in Charge [redacted] that Bates was wanted in the instant case. On April 18, 1936, agent telephoned Agent [redacted] Salt Lake City Police, then stationed at Denver, Colorado, acquainted him with the facts in this matter, and instructed that he immediately confer with Thomas J. Morrissey, U.S. Attorney, Denver, Colorado, and arrange to have a fugitive complaint filed against Bates, warrant issued, and served upon him, and his bond fixed at the sum of \$100,000.00.

August 14, 1933, the complaint charging Bates with the kidnapping of Charles F. Urschel at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on or about July 22, 1933, and transportation to Paradise, Texas, for purposes of ransom, and that warrant issued immediately, and bond was set for \$100,000.00.

Thereafter on August 14th, 1933, agent telephoned the facts to the Division at Washington, D.C., and was instructed to proceed to Denver, Colorado, for the purpose of interviewing Bates and expediting his delivery to the U.S. Marshal at Denver, Colorado.

Agent left Salt Lake City, Utah, at 5:30 P.M. August 14th, 1933, via Union Pacific system, no reservation by aeroplane available. Arriving at Denver at 11:50 A.M. on August 15th, agent contacted Agent [redacted] and learned that he, with U.S. Attorney Morrissey, and U.S. Marshal [redacted] at Denver, Colorado, went to Police headquarters at Denver, Colorado on August 14, 1933, to execute a warrant and take custody of Bates, but that custody was not secured for the reason that the Denver Police were holding Bates under investigation in an effort to clear up several offenses committed in Denver by persons unknown, and because Bates was wanted at Colfax, Washington, and Louisville, Colorado, for bank robberies. The warrant was left with [redacted] as a Government claim against Bates.

Agent [redacted] informed agent that thirty-three (33) twenty (20) dollar bills of the tenth (10th) Federal Reserve District, were found by the Police on the person of Bates, and that the serial numbers on same corresponded with certain of the serial numbers of some of the twenty dollar bills paid by Charles F. Urschel to his kidnapers. The serial numbers of the bills found on Bates were as follows:

Twenty Dollar Bills

0256932	03007468	02389670	03836398
03379083	03091535	03815235	02482424
03455668	00025999	03806553	03414070
03878247	03815243	03825755	00572729
04039021	00981400	02246238	00584715
03340984	02305140	02616883	04036458
02784768	03773562	03912555	00860812
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Citizens State National Bank of Salt Lake City, Utah.

First National Bank of Denver, Colo.

U.S. Bank Note.

First National Bank of Hooper, Nebr.

U.S. Bank Note.

FRB of KC Mo.

U.S. Bank Note.

Ten Dollar Bill.

B011151A

U.S. National Bank of Omaha, Nebr.

B000237A

First National Bank of Wellington, Tex.

104519527A

FRB of KC Mo.

104519528A

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C008740A

Denver National Bank of Denver, Colo.

B001337A

Layndale National Bank, Chicago Ill.

Agent [redacted] informed agent that the circumstances surrounding the arrest of Bates at Denver, Colorado, were as follows:- About a year ago the Denver, Colorado, police, were seeking to locate and cause the arrest of Bates at Denver, Colorado, in the interest of the Colfax, Washington, authorities. Bates was not located. Agents of the American Express Company subsequently became interested in the location and apprehension of Bates because of the robbery of the Citizens State Bank of [redacted] Illinois, on the occasion of which robbery it is alleged that Bates stole \$2,000.00 worth of American Express Co. travel checks and converted them to his use. It appeared that the American Express Company's agents learned Bates was stopping at hotel in Chicago, Illinois, that the agents went to the hotel but learned that Bates had left presumably for Denver. It appeared that Bates proceeded to Denver, and an agent of the American Express Company proceeded to Denver in the same coach as did Bates, but the agent of the Express Company did not recognize Bates. Arriving at Denver, both Bates and the agent of the Express Company left the train, the agent proceeding to Denver police headquarters to seek the cooperation of that Department, in the location and apprehension of Bates. Bates

the [redacted] were [redacted] that [redacted] down [redacted] in an [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] were assigned to locate Bates. [redacted] [redacted] proceeded to the vicinity of 1929 19th Street, Denver, Colorado, on August 18th, 1933, intending to locate and keep Bates under surveillance, anticipating he would lead them to his place of residence at Denver, Colorado, where it was believed additional travelers checks of the American Express Company might be found. [redacted] observing Bates enter a parking lot at that point, and approach a Buick Victoria. [redacted] they realized that [redacted] entered the car and drove off and learned that he was being followed by them, that they could not hope to effect his apprehension, since they were driving a less speedy car, whereupon they effected his arrest, took him to Police Headquarters, where he, upon being searched, was found to have on his person \$770.00 in twenty, ten and five dollar bills, and some change. The police did not succeed in learning Bates' Denver residence at that time.

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With this history of the matter, Agent [redacted] accompanied by Agent [redacted] conferred with [redacted] Denver Police Department, shortly after [redacted] arrival at Denver on August 18th, 1933, at which time [redacted] stated that he had received a number of warrants for Bates, that Bates had been identified by two eye witnesses of the Louisville, Colorado, bank job, as one of the persons who effected the robbery of the bank, and that he, [redacted] believed Bates could be convicted in Colorado as an habitual criminal, and sentenced to life imprisonment. For that reason, and for the further reason that the Denver Police were striving to clear up several unsolved crimes which had been committed in Denver, he, [redacted] would not surrender Bates to the Government at that time, but would keep him over with periodical [redacted] to [redacted] as [redacted] the Bureau could contact Bates [redacted] [redacted] made Bates available to Agent and Agent [redacted] for questioning, but since agents did not know the background of the instant matter and were not in possession of [redacted] or any confessions made by other principals, the interrogation was cursory. Bates declined to state where he had been during July and August 1933 up to and including the date of his arrest, except to deny that he had been in Oklahoma or Texas for approximately a year, he denied that he knew Charles F. Urschel, denied that he had played any part in the kidnaping of him, that he participated in transporting him from Oklahoma City to Paradise, Texas, or

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any
[redacted] in transporting Charles E. Urechel, he and from his place
in captivity, a description of the car and the auto laundry
ticket were telegraphed to the Oklahoma City Bureau office
on the line of reasoning that if the car were used in the
transportation of Urechel had not been located, the Buick
Victoria Coupe seized from Bates might prove to be one of
the cars.

The Oklahoma City office telegraphically
reported that the car was washed at Portland, Oregon, on
July 16, 1933, at which time it carried an Oregon Visitor's
License issued at Huntington, Oregon, on July 17th, 1933,
to [redacted] (which would indicate that after leaving
Denver, Colorado, on July 17th, 1933, she drove immediately
to Oregon, and it is probable that Bates drove in a Chevrolet
Standard Coupe, to carry out the kidnaping). There was
also found in the car several keys; not any of the keys appeared
to be automobile or safe deposit box keys.

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On August 15, 1933, Agent, while at Denver
received a telephone communication from Special Agent in Charge
John M. Keith of the Washington, D.C. Field Office, then at
Salt Lake City, Utah, in which he informed that Chief of
Police [redacted] Colorado Springs, Colorado, telegraphed
this agent at Salt Lake City, Utah, that Mrs. Ora L. Shannon
alias Katherine Kelly of Fort Worth, Texas, secured Ohio
License No. 691965, giving her address as Park Lake Villa,
Cleveland, Ohio, on a Cadillac Sedan, motor 1400263, and
that these people (presumably meaning Kelly and Bates) were
contemplating kidnaping [redacted] a wealthy oilman of
Fort Worth, Texas, who was then spending the summer at
Colorado Springs. Chief [redacted] informed that all information
secured from former [redacted] of [redacted] of [redacted] of [redacted]
[redacted] U.S. Marshal, and [redacted] a city detective
of Fort Worth, Texas, with whom the police at Colorado
Springs have been cooperating in the investigation of the
[redacted] case and in protecting [redacted] for the past
several days. S.A.C. Keith informed that he would telegraph
all strategic points in the Salt Lake Bureau office territory
including Utah, Wyoming, Nevada and Colorado, to be on the
lookout for George Kelly and Katherine Kelly.

Upon receipt of this information agent communicated

██████████ with Chief of Police ██████████ who had no information
concerning the plan to kidnap ██████████ at Colorado Springs, to the
Dallas, Texas, Division office, and suggested that they contact
U.S. Marshal ██████████ and Detective ██████████ at Fort Worth, Texas,
in an effort to direct the location of Katharine Kelly, and
through her George Kelly.

Special Agent in Charge John M. Egan later
on August 15, 1933, telegraphed Agent at Denver, Colorado,
to the effect that he had talked with F.J. Blake, Agent in
Charge of the Dallas, Texas Division office, and he informed
Agent Keith that George Kelly was known to have been in
Davenport, Iowa, on August 11th, headed west in a 15 cylinder
Cadillac Sedan now bearing Texas License F 24702 thought
to be accompanied by two women and an unknown man, possibly
headed for Vancouver, B.C. Agent in Charge Keith suggest
that agent have the Denver, Colorado, Police run a bulletin
covering this information, and requested that agent supply
him with key points in the Salt Lake City Division office
district. The information was furnished Agent Keith, and
he forwarded the information telegraphically to all strategic
points in the district, in order that officers could be on
the lookout for the Kellys with the Cadillac Sedan bearing
the Texas license.

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Agent also telegraphed the information concerning
the plan to kidnap ██████████ at Colorado Springs, to the
Dallas, Texas, Division office, and suggested that they contact
U.S. Marshal ██████████ and Detective ██████████ at Fort Worth, Texas,
in an effort to direct the location of Katharine Kelly, and
through her George Kelly.

On the night of August 15th, 1933, agent
██████████ Denver, Colorado, received a long distance
telephone call from Agent ██████████ then at Cheyenne,
Wyoming, to the effect that the Sheriff at Laramie, Wyoming,
had been told that a 15 cylinder Cadillac Sedan, carrying
a Texas license, containing two men and a woman, had passed
through North Platte, Nebraska, about 1 P.M. on August 15th,
travelling east at a very fast rate of speed. Agent
notified ██████████ of the Denver, Colorado, police department
of this information, and ask that he notify all patrol cars
to be on the lookout for this car. Similar information was
placed in the hands of ██████████ Department of Police,
Colorado Springs, Colorado, so that he and his officers would
be aware of the direction in which this car was going, and
better afford protection to ██████████

accompanied by Denver, [redacted] highway running from
Colorado, [redacted] point [redacted] and [redacted] highway
Wyoming to Denver, Colorado, and [redacted] highway
running between Denver, Colorado, and Fort Morgan, Colorado,
at a point four miles north of Denver, Colorado, which affords
an entrance into the city of Denver from Nebraska and Wyoming
points, and "laid on" that point until 11:30 p.m. without
result, it then being believed that if Kelly was in the car
said to have passed through North Platte, Nebraska, at about
1 p.m. he would have entered Denver some time during the
time agents covered the locality.

On August 15th, 1933, agents went to [redacted]
Denver, Colorado, and interviewed [redacted]
who stated that [redacted]
in April 1933, and that Bates and a woman
represented themselves to be Mr. and Mrs. George L. Davis
and accompanied by a young man, rented an apartment; that
Bates represented himself as being connected with a carnival;
that Bates had a Buick Coupe that carried an Illinois license
and that [redacted] also saw them with a Chevrolet Sedan
carrying an Indiana license; that the numbers of both State
license plates were unknown to them. The young man was
described as in his early twenties, about 5ft 10in tall,
slender build, weight 140 to 150 pounds, light or sandy
complexion, that this young man often sat on the front steps
of the apartment, and [redacted] stated that since the
arrest of Bates and reflection on the matter he believed
the young man sat on the front step of the apartment serving
as a "look-out"; that the woman was short, slender and of fair
complexion, but that the color of her hair and eyes were
not known, and that there was nothing particularly marked
about her. That Davis, while at the apartment, frequently
wore colored glasses; that the Davis' surrendered the apartment
on July 12, 1933, and during the period of the tenancy they
occupied [redacted] apartment, and it was not known by [redacted]
if the Davis' entertained any visitors. [redacted] the
apartment they stated they came from Chicago, Illinois, and
at the time of their departure the woman said she and the
young man were going to Cheyenne, Wyoming, and at the time
of their departure the woman and the young man carried with
them a suit case and a trunk in the Buick. They were
seen later in a Chevrolet Coach at the Pomeroy Oil Station
18th and Sherman Streets, Denver, Colorado.

that the Buick carried an Illinois plate, and the Chevrolet an Indiana plate, but he did not recall the numbers on the plates; that the Buick and Chevrolet were stored at the Temple Garage during the time the Davis' were at 1801 Grant Street, and that shortly before the Davis' left Denver in July,

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Denver, Colorado, agents talked with [redacted] and he states that he knows Mr. and Mrs. G.L. Davis.

that the Buick first carried Illinois license 787-928 but later Colorado plates were placed on it and the Illinois carried off by Davis.

Chicago and in the carnival business. Mrs. Davis occasionally came to [redacted] and she seemed to be restless, nervous type of woman, and continually under a strain. [redacted] stated he saw Mrs. Davis and a young man in the Chevrolet on Sunday, August 13, 1933, on which occasion they passed [redacted] and he waved at them and they waved at him. On this occasion Mrs. Davis seemed intent on driving into [redacted] but changed her mind and drove on. When Davis was last seen he said he was going to St. Louis, Mo. [redacted]

Efforts to secure custody of the \$20.00 Federal Reserve notes of the District of Columbia from the person of Bates at the time of his arrest, but with defeat, for the reason that Counsel at Denver, Colorado, for the American Express Co., on 8-14-33, filed a suit against Bates and had an attachment issued and garnished [redacted] Chief of Police, and [redacted] Custodian of the Denver, Colorado, Police Department, the latter being in custody of the money. The U.S. Attorney at Denver, Colorado, having expressed the opinion that the Federal Government had no jurisdiction over the money, and there being a strong likelihood that the money would not be available for exhibit before the Grand Jury, to convene at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in this matter, agent arranged through the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Denver, Colorado, to have the \$20.00 bills photostated, and they were photostated, and on August 17th 1933, a photostatic copy of the bills were forwarded immediately to the Oklahoma City office.

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On August 16th, 1933, the Dallas office telephoned agent that P.O. Box 631, Denver, be checked, to learn if any person connected with the instant case was receiving mail through that box; that a telegram had been addressed to Kelly which was signed "George". Investigation through the post office proved this box to have been rented on June 20, 1933, under the name of George I. Davis, at which time [redacted] and [redacted] addresses not given, were given as references. The renter of the box stated he was in the show business and connected with the Showmans League of Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] is an ex-convict, who served a term in the Penitentiary at a time when Bates also was an inmate there. [redacted] could not be located. The Dallas office was asked to inform the date the telegram was sent, the city from which it was sent, and the name of the sender, and it was learned that it was sent from "George" at Minneapolis, Minn., to Kelly at Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of E.C. Shannon, and that the message read as follows: "Deal has fallen through Jack and Tom have left communicate with me at Box six three one". P.O. Box 631 was checked daily for mail but no mail considered material has thus far been found therein. All mail going to that box is now under a mail cover.

On August 17, 1933, Deputy U.S. Marshal [redacted] of Denver, Colorado, [redacted] informed that on or

and entered the restaurant while [redacted] man [redacted] who [redacted] asked for dinner. [redacted] told that [redacted] [redacted] be had they left the restaurant, and [redacted] was of the opinion that the man who entered the restaurant resembled George Kelly. It struck [redacted] as unusual that people in such an expensive car should stop at such a remote place for dinner when they could have had dinner at Denver, Colorado.

[redacted] was interviewed, but she stated that only three were in the car, two men and a woman, and that one of the men and the woman, entered the restaurant. She claimed not to be able to identify them and when shown the photograph of George Kelly, Albert Bates, Bob Brady, Harvey Bailey, Jim Clark and Vern Miller, she stated she could not identify them as being either of the two men who were with the woman, and it was apparent that [redacted] seemed in fear and apparently did not wish to make any identifications.

On August 17th, 1933, upon instructions from the Oklahoma City Bureau Office, agent arranged with [redacted] Denver, Colorado, police, to have new pictures of Albert Bates taken, the pictures to include a front view of Bates without glasses, a front view of him with glasses and a side view with and without glasses, a front full length view with glasses but hatless, a front view full length with glasses and with hat, a rear full view hatless, and a rear full view with hat. These photographs were secured and forwarded to the Oklahoma City Bureau office.

On the morning of August 18th, 1933, [redacted] employed, residing at [redacted] Denver, Colorado, called up [redacted] at [redacted] U.S. Attorney at Denver, and related that on the night of August 17th and early morning of August 18th, he was fishing for carp in a lake in the vicinity of 14th Street, Denver, Colorado, that about 1:30 A.M. on the 18th, he was approached by a young Italian by the name of [redacted] (phonetic spelling) whom he has known for several years, and that [redacted] had observed him fishing in the lake on the night of the 17th; that [redacted] inquired if he could fix an automobile, and when he stated that he could, [redacted] took him to a garage in the vicinity where [redacted] met a man whom he identified from a photograph as being George Kelly. That this man showed him a large Cadillac

...that was confirmed by the Nebraska State Police. [redacted] was [redacted] Paradise, Texas, and that he did not aid or abet any other persons in the instant case. He informed that he had spent the entire month of July 1933 in Colorado, residing at 1801 Grant Street, Denver, from April 1933 to July 1933, when he checked out of the apartment, and he spent the remainder of the month of July in Colorado on a lake fishing. He did not furnish the name of the lake, and stated that his lawful wife lived with him at 1801 Grant Street, and that his wife did not have a peekiness or any other type of [redacted], and that no other man lived with them at that address and that he did not, nor did his wife, to his knowledge, have at any time during July while in Denver, a Chevrolet Coach with an Indiana or any other State license; that the only Chevrolet he had was in August 1933 on the occasion of his visiting his wife's folks in Seattle, Washington, during which time he wrecked the car, was arrested and used the name of Bernard McLaughlin. He stated that the only car he had was a Buick Coupe which carried Illinois license plates. He stated he did not know that Mrs. G.L. Davis his supposed wife was in Oregon during July 1933 with the Buick Coupe, and denied that he, with Kelly drove up to Robert F. Shannon's farm in Paradise, Texas, with Urschel, on or about July 22 or 23 1933, and that neither he or Kelly later took Urschel from the Robert F. Shannon farm to that of Armon Crawford Shannon. He stated that he did not bring any chain down to the farm house which was used in tying Urschel and in general denied all allegations. He would not state the names of his wife's relatives in Seattle, and would give no account of his actions during July 1933, which could be checked up, intimating that he had told his attorney [redacted] at Denver, where he had been, and that [redacted] was making an investigation to show that he was not in Oklahoma or Texas during July 1933. Bates was very "cagey" and referred agents to his attorney. On the occasions damaging questions were put to him, at one time he stated that he "doesn't know" if the money said to be part of the ransom money and actually taken from him, was in truth taken from him; that he had been told that the jailer, who is said to have taken the money from him, had made an affidavit that the money was not taken from him. He would not state from whom he heard that, and denied that [redacted] told him, and it is believed that Bates was "bluffing" in this particular. At one time during the conversation Bates asked if he was to be taken to Kansas City, Mo. (in connection with the killings there on June 17th, 1933, and voluntarily stated that it would not be hard to convict anyone with a record for those

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[redacted] Bates was returned to the County Jail by Agents and Deputy U.S. Marshals [redacted] and [redacted] where according to [redacted] he was placed in solitary and his clothing removed and hospital attire and slippers furnished him.

On August 18, 1933, Agent [redacted] interviewed the people at [redacted] [redacted] they stated [redacted] that no Cadillac was ever stored there but that the children owned a Ford; they could not identify the photograph of George Kelly as anyone they knew or had seen. Agent [redacted] was satisfied they were truthful and they were agreeable to having [redacted] call on them at which time they believed he would acknowledge he had made a mistake. It is probable [redacted] was mistaken [redacted] or that the story he told is a fiction. However it is to be considered that he went to [redacted] in the early morning hours, at a time when he was unmindful of anything connected with this case, and under such circumstances had no reason for observing the location and that he is a [redacted] had no connection with the case. It is probable [redacted] a [redacted] locality [redacted] distant from the business district of Denver, and in a residential section. It would make an ideal hide-out for Kelly as he could enter and depart from Denver and proceeding Wyoming and Nebraska points without passing through the main part of Denver.

On August 21, 1933, Bates was arraigned before the U.S. Commissioner at Denver, Colorado. The arraignment took place in the County Jail. Bates entered a plea of "not guilty" and demanded a hearing. The hearing was set for September 4th, 1933, and bond fixed at \$100,000.00, which was not furnished, and he was kept in the Denver County Jail, Denver, Colorado.

Immediately upon receipt of this information, it was telegraphed to the Chief of Police at Denver, Colorado, and Chief of Police Reno, Nevada, to the Supr. of the Yellowstone National Park, the Wyoming State Highway Patrol, and the Nevada State Police, and also placed in the hands of the Salt Lake City, Utah, Police.

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On August 22, 1933, the U.S. Attorney, at Denver, Colorado, directed a letter to the U.S. Attorney at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, acquainting him with the fact that the thirty-three twenty dollar bills found on the person of Albert Bates at the time of his arrest at Denver, were now in the possession of the Clerk of

at Old City Jail trial cause
from Agent [redacted] Salt Lake City Bureau Office, then
stationed at Denver, Colorado, informing that a letter was
addressed to Geo. L. Bates, 3350 - 38th Street, Denver, Colorado,
but there being no such address the letter was placed in P.O.
Box 631 which was rented on June 20, 1933 at Denver, Colorado,
by G.L. Davis (presumably Bates); that the letter referred to
was postmarked Twin Falls, Idaho, August 17, 1933, and carried
a letter head of the Winchester Store, Twin Falls, Idaho, with
a return address of Box 516, Twin Falls, Idaho.

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This information was immediately telegraphed to
the Butte, Montana, Division Office, and that office was
asked to determine the identity of the person who directed
the letter to Bates, and any information that person might
have concerning Bates and his activities, particularly in
an effort to fix his whereabouts as being in Oklahoma or
Texas between July 22nd and 31st, 1933. The Butte Office
was asked to keep in mind the possibility that the person
who wrote Bates was George Kelly, or possibly the woman
known as Mrs. G.L. Davis, with whom Bates lived at Denver,
Colorado. If it appeared to be the woman, it was suggested
that it be determined if she was in possession of any twenty
dollar Federal Reserve notes of the 10th District.

About the time that Albert L. Bates was
committed to the City Jail, Denver, Colorado, one [redacted]
[redacted] was released from the City Jail. It was subsequently
reported to the Denver Police that he was heard to talk about
getting \$200.00 from Mrs. George L. Davis for taking a
message to her from Bates when he, [redacted] was released
from jail. [redacted] was arrested by the Police, and admitted
taking a message from Bates to a woman, presumably the woman
Bates had been living with at Denver, at 1275 Franklin Street.
Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] went to that address, where
they talked with [redacted] and upon searching the apartment
found a small photograph of the woman who rented the apartment,
and at which place the woman represented herself as Mrs. G.L.
Davis. She had a boy with her, whom she said was her son,
and the apartment was rented on August 7th, and they checked
out on August 10th. It was believed the woman had gone to
Cheyenne, Wyoming. Investigation through the Cheyenne Police,

Bill, and Edith [redacted] resided at 1540 Emerson Street,
Denver, Colorado.

Agent [redacted] secured the small photograph of Mrs. Davis, and had several photographs of same made, copies of which have been forwarded to the Division, Oklahoma City and Dallas offices.

Age [redacted] stated that he resides at 1402 Curtis Street, and that he was an inmate of the Colorado State Penitentiary during the time when Bates was there; that he was in the City Jail at Denver, when Bates was brought in, and that he was released on 8-13-33; that before going out Bates gave him a written message addressed to the Police at Fort Worth, Texas, informing that he was held in jail, and requesting them to come for him. [redacted] also stated that Bates told him to see Mrs. Davis in apartment 19, 1275 Pearl Street, and she would pay him for his services. [redacted] states he went to that apartment on Sunday, August 13, but finding no one at home, left a note under the door of the apartment to the effect that he had information about "George"; that on the way out he stopped in the front apartment, which he thinks was number 11, and asked if there was anyone there who knew Bates, and on being advised that they did, and that the woman in the apartment was his wife, [redacted] gave her the information that Bates was in Jail, and that he told [redacted] to tell her that everything would be all right. [redacted] informed that he showed Mrs. Davis the telegram which he had copied from the written slip given him by Bates, and that Mrs. Davis said it was all right and to send it. [redacted] sent the message to the Police at Fort Worth, and [redacted] Mrs. Davis gave him \$100.00, the sum was \$100.00, but [redacted] stated that he kept drunk and either spent the money or the money was taken from him, and he had no idea where the money went. [redacted] stated that he went back to apartment 11, at 1275 Pearl Street, about August 14th or 15th, for the purpose of getting more money from Mrs. Davis, but found no one there. He claimed that he could not identify Mrs. Davis, as he did not see her plainly, since it was night when he called there, and he was in a somewhat intoxicated condition. [redacted] recollected that Bates asked him to tell Mrs. Bates (Mrs. Davis)

The woman known to him as [redacted] showed the photograph to [redacted] also

At 1275 Pearl Street, Agent interviewed

mentioned having a son, Since Mrs. Davis asked the age of the son.

Mrs. Davis stated that her son was eighteen years of age, and was working at the Airport. [redacted] stated that Mrs. Davis drove her car to the rear of the apartment, and that she and her son made several trips from the car to the apartment, No. 11, the cars being heavily laden. [redacted] said that the son looked older than 18 years, that he was about 5ft. 10in. tall, and of slender build. [redacted] informed Agent [redacted] that when Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] came to check the apartment [redacted] that [redacted] had been rented by Mrs. Davis and her son, and that while searching the room [redacted] a small photograph of Mrs. Davis [redacted] the photograph was found between the cushions of an upholstered chair. [redacted] produced and gave Agent [redacted] a copy of the "Chicago Daily Tribune" dated August 10, 1933, a copy of the "Daily Oklahoman" published at Oklahoma City, under date of August 10th, 1933, a copy of the "Seattle Daily Times" issue of August 8th, 1933, published at Seattle Washington, and a portion of the "Dallas Morning News" issue at Dallas, Texas, August 10th, 1933, all of which were, except the "Dallas Morning News" bore the stamp of the National News Agency, 707-77th Street, Denver, Colorado. Agent [redacted] also secured from [redacted] the August 1933 issue of the Cosmopolitan Magazine, which on the front cover bears the stamp "Berry's Arcade Store, Henryveta, Okla." The copy of the Cosmopolitan was initialed by [redacted] and Agent [redacted].

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rented to Mrs. Davis. It is also to be noted the papers were

supplied to the [redacted] Davis.

[redacted] Davis and [redacted] Davis were seen

[redacted] in a dark colored Chevrolet sedan during the time that they were at the apartment, and Mrs. Davis also had a small Pekingese dog [redacted] Mrs. Davis [redacted] she told

[redacted] that she was expecting her husband to arrive before many days, and that on the day following [redacted] said that a messenger boy came to her door and inquired for Mrs. G.L. Davis.

[redacted] thought the messenger boy was in the employ of the Postal Telegraph Company. Later, Mrs. Davis told [redacted]

that she had been in Denver three days looking for apartments.

The half month's rent for the apartment was paid with \$20.00 bill, but it has been spent according to [redacted] The Chevrolet

car was a 1933 Sedan, dark in color, and standard make, but the place where it was parked during the time that Mrs. Davis occupied

the apartment was not known to [redacted] [redacted] was

positive that Bates arrived at the apartment on the evening of August 10th, since Mrs. Davis [redacted]

saying that her husband was there. [redacted] saw subject

Bates the following day, looking over a Buick Victoria Coupe, which was parked in front of the apartment, and [redacted]

recall seeing Bates play with the Pekingese dog, and seeing

him in the window of the apartment rented by Mrs. Davis. He wore dark colored glasses, and on the day that Bates was

arrested, [redacted] saw him in front of the apartment with the Buick. [redacted]

[redacted] and noticed that the first few days that Mrs. Davis and her alleged son were present (before Bates arrived)

they discarded St. Paul, and Minneapolis, Minnesota, newspapers.

Mrs. Davis and the son were seen about the apartment on Saturday night, August 12th, and [redacted] are positive they returned

on Sunday, August 13th, because they left the dog at the apartment until that time after which it was gone.

[redacted] states that as the blind man pulled into the apartment

[redacted] the

realized that they had departed.

[redacted] At the

time the apartment was rented, two keys were given to Mrs.

Davis, one of which was found on a table in the apartment,

but the other is missing. Agent [redacted] examined the key found

on the table and it bore the letters "C.R." and the No. 742297, and the following inscription "P. & F. Corbin, New Britain, Conn."

[redacted] said that after [redacted] returned the apartment occupied by Mrs. Davis, [redacted] found a note under the door of apartment 10, informing that Mrs. Davis should be home about 7 P.M. since the bearer had information about "George". This note was destroyed by the [redacted] and not available to agent. (This is apparently the note left for Mrs. Davis when he did not find her at home when he first called).

The mail cover placed on P.O. Box 631 Denver, Colorado, on August 17th, 1933, resulted in the receipt of a tracing on 8-21-33, indicating that a letter addressed to G.L. Davis had been received that day. The envelope carried the return address of Weicker Transportation Co., 1700 15 St. Denver, Colorado.

On August 22, 1933, Agent [redacted] received a call from [redacted] in charge of the P.O. Boxes, and he informed that he had a postcard addressed to Subject Bates as Albert L. Bates, which was unsigned. Agent examined the card and noted it was postmarked at Dodge City and Boise City "R.P.O." indicating it was mailed on the train between Dodge City, Kansas, and Boise City, Oklahoma, on August 21st, 1933. The message appearing on the card was printed with pencil, and bore the address "Kansas, Aug. 21, 1933". The message read:-

SO FLOYD IS A "CHEAP PUNK" EH - WELL HE IS STILL AT
LIBERTY WHILE YOU ARE LANGUISHING BEHIND THE BARS.
CHEAP PUNK - YEAH, YOUR'E A WISE GUY, AND HOW.
LOOKING OUT FROM THE INSIDE LAUGH THAT OFF. TUNE OF

In connection with this, Agent wishes to state that in the Sunday, August 15th, issue of the Denver, Colorado, Post, on page three thereof, a photograph of "Pretty Boy Floyd" appeared. Above the picture appears the words "Just a cheap punk," says Mr. Bates". Below the picture is a statement in substance indicating that Bates stated that Floyd is nothing but a small time crook, and that any Denver News Boy could take a slap at Floyd and make him cry. It is not known if Bates really did make such a statement, and it is known that he became displeased with the reporters attached to the Denver Post. Whether the postcard referred to was written by, and forwarded to Bates by "Pretty Boy Floyd" is a question.

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It was determined that on July 15th, 1933, Davis stored the following goods:

- 1 Wardrobe trunk (locked).
- 1 Steamer trunk (locked)
- 1 Carton boxed,
- 1 Radio boxed,
- 1 Box.
- 2 Cases (locked and chafed)

These goods were moved from 1801 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado, at 4 P.M. on July 15th, 1933, to the Weicker Co. storerooms, and stored and given lot No. 21122. These goods appeared to have been moved and stored a few days prior to the surrender by G.L. Davis of his apartment at 1801 Grant Street. Davis left his address as P.O. Box 631 with the warehouse.

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Further examination of the file revealed that no one had obtained an access order to the goods. Arrangements were effected with [redacted] whereby agent was to be immediately notified in the event any communication was received directing a shipping of the goods, and in case any person called to gain access to the goods.

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At the office of the Western Union Telegraph Co., Agent [redacted] conferred with [redacted] and after searching his records [redacted] advised that a Western Union telegram had been sent to Mrs. G.L. Davis, 1275 Pearl Street, Denver, Colorado, on August 9th, 1933. Through [redacted] it was learned that the telegram was sent from Omaha, Nebraska, on August 9th, 1933, to Mrs. G.L. Davis, and was signed "George", and the contents indicated that "George" would arrive at Denver on the following morning via C.B. & Q. RR.

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Agent [redacted] conferred with U.S. Attorney Thomas Morrissey, Denver, Colorado, concerning the goods stored in the Weicker Transportation Co. by Davis, and although it does not appear that access had been gained to the same subsequent to the kidnapping of Charles F. Urschel, and could not have secreted part of the ransom money in any of the trunks or boxes stored, Mr. Morrissey suggested that he would obtain a search warrant from the U.S. District Court for the purpose of enabling agent to make an examination of the contents of the stored containers, in the hope of finding some information therein which might assist in locating George Kelly or Mrs. G.L. Davis, or implicating Bates in other crimes or finding any arms or contraband goods.

Officer [redacted] City Jail, Denver, Colorado, informed Agent [redacted] that he was present and saw Officer [redacted] take a wallet from subject Bates when Bates was brought in. [redacted] he saw [redacted] hand the wallet to Officer [redacted] and saw [redacted] place the money and place it in a sack in a file cabinet. Officer [redacted] stated that he is in charge of the jail shift in which he works, and in that capacity had the key to the file cabinet in which the money of Bates was placed. [redacted] informed that Officers [redacted] and Sergeant [redacted] have charge of the other shifts of the jail, and in that capacity have the key to the file cabinet during their shift. Sergeant [redacted] being off duty, Agent [redacted] was not able to interview him, but Agent [redacted] talked with [redacted] Custodian, Police Department, Denver, and he told Agent [redacted] that on August 14th, 1933, he went to the City Jail and there received from Sergeant [redacted] the sum of \$775.00 in currency, which was in a sack, which carried the notice that the same was taken from Bates. [redacted] stated that on August 19th, 1933, he went to the office of the Clerk of the District Court, for the City & County of Denver, and personally delivered the sum of money to [redacted] Clerk of the Court, who receipted for the same. [redacted] informed that while he had the money in his custody on 8-14-33, he produced it, and in his presence Agent [redacted] took the serial numbers from the bills and later compared them with the list of serial numbers of ransom money paid by Urschel as furnished in Division Bulletin, and found that thirty three twenty dollar bills were listed in the Division list.

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hidden now by Italians in North Denver, Colorado. Chief stated that he knew his informant.

It is a small station, containing a considerable amount of
lignite coal, about 12 miles from St. Louis, Mo. It was formerly
owned by the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, and is now
being sold to the Government, it being held out in and about
North Denver by Italians.

On August 22, 1933, the matter of securing a Search Warrant for the purpose of examining the contents of the containers stored at the Weicker Storage Warehouse by C.L. Davis, was again taken up with the U.S. Attorney, but after several conferences with Assistant U.S. Attorneys Carroll and Winkler, it was concluded that Agent [redacted] could not swear to an affidavit on which a warrant could be predicated, because the warrant would be illegal, and if anything of value were found in the containers having to do with the instant case, the Kansas City, Mo., massacre of June 17th, 1933, or any other case, the evidence could not be introduced because it would have been illegally obtained. At present a plan is being worked out to let State Officers secure a Search Warrant and when this plan is effected, Agent [redacted] will accompany the State Officers to the warehouse and be present during the course of the search.

No description of Albert J. Bates is being set out herein, since a description appears in report of Agent [redacted] Dallas, Texas, Office, dated 8-18-33. However, Bates is much heavier than 175 lbs., listed in that description, and he claims to weigh 205 lbs.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS.

The SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE : - At DENVER, COLORADO.
Will report the result of the examination of the goods stored by
G.L. Davis at the Welcker Transportation Co., Denver, Colorado.

AT DENVER, COLORADO, will keep in touch with the efforts to effect the removal of Albert L. Bates from Denver, Colorado, to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and through the U.S. Marshal will learn in advance of the removal, the date of removal, the routing by which the removal will be effected, and any special arrangements made to effect the removal.

AT DENVER, COLORADO, will exhibit the photograph of the woman known at Denver as Mrs. G.L. Davis, to [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Denver, Colorado, for the purpose of

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appearance in the Denver Director, and she may be the person. If located, all information concerning her knowledge of the activities of Bates should be learned. The photograph of the woman known as Mrs. George L. Davis should be shown to her for any information concerning that woman, and where she might be located.

The Portland, Oregon, Office, through the 15th Street Auto Laundry, 15th and Davis Streets, Dean and information concerning the automobile possibly washed at that laundry on July 25th, 1935, securing particularly a description of the car, and exhibiting the photograph of Mrs. George L. Davis to see if she can be identified as the person who had the car washed. In this particular there is a possibility that one of the cars used in effecting the transportation of victim was a Buick Sedan. It is possible that Bates had the Buick Sedan in Oklahoma and Texas while his supposed wife had the Chevrolet Standard Coupe in Oregon.

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425 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
August 28, 1935

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

Re: GEORGE E. KELLY, with aliases,
I. O. #1200, et al.
CHARLES F. BROCKEL - VICTIM
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

The following telegram has been received at
this office from Special Agent [redacted] at Akron,
Ohio:

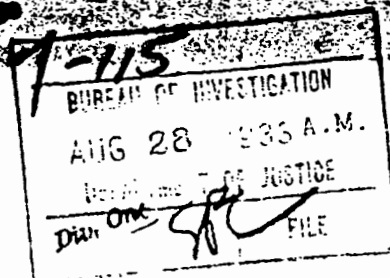
[redacted] Town Marshal North Canton Ohio reports
George Kelly with unknown woman and man passed
through there at seven o'clock Thursday morning in
tan 1933 Ford V8 coupe bearing 1933 Georgia license
801 [redacted] identification made from picture
appearing our identification order. No additional
information available [redacted]

It is deemed advisable to ascertain from the
Secretary of State's office at Atlanta, Georgia, the iden-
tity of the persons to whom 1933 Georgia license 801 was
issued.

Very truly yours,

W. J. [redacted]
Special Agent in Charge

W. J. [redacted]
cc Division



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1440 Requirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Washington, D. C.

Re: GEORGE M. KELLY, with aliases,
CHARLES F. UNSCHKE - Victim,
KIDNAPING.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
AUG 28 1933
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Wm. O'Neil

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to my report of August 21, 1933 in the above entitled matter and particularly therein where reference is made to [redacted] calling at General Delivery August 14, 1933 for mail in the name of George Kelly. In this connection Agent [redacted] who has been covering General Delivery, Indianapolis, Indiana in this matter, advises me today, as follows:

Today, 8-24-33 about 1:00 P.M. the buzzer sounded again. When we emerged into the main corridor, the General Delivery clerk called our attention to a man walking east in the corridor. We saw it was not our George Kelly. We followed him, and he went to the Star Publishing Co., corner New York and Ohio streets and went to the file of recent issues and began looking at them. He remained there about a half hour. Then he went east on New York St., to New Jersey St., and north on New Jersey to the Indianapolis Electric Sign Co. This is a small shop at 312 N. New Jersey St. There he sat down, and began to talk to two workmen, who were employed as an electric sign.

We talked with him there. He at once gave his name as George Kelly. He is approximately 19 years old, 5' 8" tall, 145 lb., blue eyes, very blonde hair, somewhat reddish on top. He was wearing brown trousers, and white shirt, no coat or hat. He said his coat was in his bag. He stated that his father is [redacted] living at [redacted] His mother is [redacted] at [redacted] Louisville, Ky., divorced from his father. His father is barely able to earn enough for himself,