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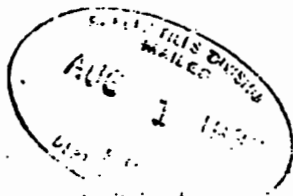
MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I thought you might be interested in a development which arose at Fort Worth, Texas, incident to the removal of the Shannons from Fort Worth to Oklahoma City for trial for the kidnaping of Mr. Urechel. The day when Judge Wilson granted the order of removal for the Shannons to be taken to Oklahoma City, the defense attorneys had a writ of habeas corpus prepared to be filed immediately following Judge Wilson's decision. However, in the interim, the United States Marshal and Agents of this Division executed Judge Wilson's order of removal by taking the Shannons from the Federal Building to the Municipal Airport and placed them in a plane. They were in the air within fifteen minutes after Judge Wilson's order of removal was issued.

The attorneys for the defense requested Judge Wilson to hold the Shannons in Fort Worth as they intended to file a writ of habeas corpus. However, the Judge refused to do this, whereupon the attorneys for the defense claimed that the officers were "spiriting the Shannons out of town." The Judge replied that if so, the officers were only executing his order of removal, and as the matter that had been before the Court had been disposed of, there was nothing at that time before the Court. The habeas corpus writ was then filed, but as indicated, we had the Shannons out of town before it reached Judge Wilson's hands. As a matter of fact, the officers departed from the Federal Building at Fort Worth, Texas, at 12:20 p.m., and at 1:50 p.m., the Shannons were safely lodged in the Oklahoma County Jail two hundred miles away. The move of the attorneys for the defense was simply one in which they hoped to get the removal case before the Appellate Court and thereby cause a delay in removing them to the jurisdiction of the Federal Court in Oklahoma.

Respectfully,

Director. RECORDED



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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

August 31, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your recent communication concerning the reward for the capture of Harvey Bailey and I am attaching hereto copy of a letter from the Warden at the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, and a copy of the letter from [REDACTED] Parole Attorney.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Topeka, Kansas

August 24, 1933

Mr. Lacey Simpson
Warden
Lansing, Kansas

Dear Warden:

I have your letter of August 22nd, in which you inclose letters from R. E. Vetterli, of Kansas City, Mo., and also letter from the officer at Dallas, in regard to the reward offered for Bailey's arrest and conviction.

In answer wish to say that we also offered a reward of \$250.00 in this case. We will be glad to pay this reward when we learn that Bailey has been convicted of an offense as serious as the one he was serving time for at Lansing. However, we do not want to pay this reward if he is not convicted of as serious an offense as the one for which he was serving time for at Lansing, and is not returned to Kansas.

We simply want to know that Bailey is getting what is coming to him.

Under the strict provisions of our offer we are not compelled to pay this reward, but we want to pay it, and will pay it provided Bailey is convicted as suggested above.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

Parole Attorney.

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Kansas State Penitentiary

Lansing, Kansas

August 30, 1933

Mr. R. E. Vetterli
Bureau of Investigation
Federal Reserve Building
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Vetterli:

Upon receiving your letter relative to the reward for the capture of Harvey Bailey, I immediately wrote [REDACTED] Parole Attorney and [REDACTED] to the Governor, for his approval of your request. I herewith enclose a copy of his reply, which is self-explanatory. b7C

I trust the matter will be adjusted at an early date.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Lacey Simpson

Warden.

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Department of Justice

420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

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

August 28, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:-

In reply to Division letter of 8/24/33 relative to an article in the Philadelphia Public Ledger of 8/18/33 to the effect that three bars of the cell of HARVEY BAILEY had been found to be sawed through:

The Division is advised that there is not one scintilla of truth in such a statement.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

REPORT MADE AT:

Portland, Oregon

DATE WHEN MADE:

8-30-33

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:

8-20/29-33

REPORT MADE BY:

C. C. Spears

TITLE:

**UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim**

CHARACTER OF CASE:

Kidnaping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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 reported receiving mail general delivery Chicago. George Bentz of Chicago reported to be means through which Ed Bentz receives communications. Mrs. Clarence Hall, sister of Ed Bentz and Theodore Bentz, died and buried Tacoma, Washington, August 18, 1933. Funeral covered and other investigation made without developing information as to whereabouts of Ed Bentz.

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 DATE **9-8-93** BY **9803** **[REDACTED]** b7C
#309,580

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** b7C
 San Francisco, California, August 21, 1933.

DETAILS:

Special Agent **[REDACTED]** b7C conducted the following investigation at Vancouver, British Columbia, relative to the escape of Theodore Bentz, brother of Ed Bentz, at Vancouver, B. C., on July 24, 1933, in effort to secure more information relative to the present whereabouts of Ed Bentz:

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FORWARDED:SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE

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Agent under the pretext of

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Vancouver.

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Theodore Bentz claiming he was the cause of

downfall.

always communicated with Theodore Bentz through his brother George Bentz, who resides at 7124 Belden Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; that after Theodore Bentz came to Vancouver, B. C., this summer he received several letters from Ed Bentz in Chicago, and that he would always communicate with Ed Bentz through his brother George Bentz in Chicago; that it was her understanding that George Bentz did not work, that Ed Bentz and his gang paid George Bentz to act as a go-between for the gang and the

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[REDACTED] Canadian Bank of Commerce, Ltd.
Pleasant Branch, Vancouver, B. C., was interviewed and advised agent

that [redacted] opened an account at his bank on June 24, 1933, with a deposit of \$180.00 in cash and that she drew out the full amount on July 22, 1933. (The date Theodore Bentz escaped from jail). That he wrote [redacted] to call at the bank because of the cash that she did not endorse the check properly at the time the account was closed.

Postmaster [redacted] Vancouver, Washington, was interviewed and advised that he would have his records searched for the package of supposed stolen bonds received by Theodore Bentz registered mail and forward this agent complete record of this package. It may be possible with the records of above package that some information may be obtained as to the present location of Ed Bentz and George Kelly.

A telegram was sent the Chicago office of the Division on August 29th, advising of the reported presence of Theodore Bentz and [redacted] in Chicago, furnishing the aliases noted herein, and the fact that [redacted] might be located through general delivery of the post office.

At Seattle, Washington.

On August 17, 1933, Special Agent [redacted] learned of the death of Mrs. Clarence Hall, sister of Ed Bentz and Theodore Bentz at Tacoma, Washington, through Special Agent [redacted] of the American Railway Express Company of Seattle, also that the funeral of Mrs. Hall was to be held on August 18, 1933. Special Agent [redacted] conducted the following investigation in Tacoma, Washington, in this respect:

Accompanied by Special Agent [redacted] of the American Railway Express Company, Seattle, Washington and Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] of the Tacoma, Washington Police Department, agent attended the funeral of Mrs. Clarence Hall, a sister of Edward R. and Theodore Bentz at Tacoma on August 18, 1933, which was held from the Mellinger Funeral Home, 510 Tacoma Avenue. talked with [redacted] of the Mellinger Funeral Home, who advised that funeral arrangements were made by [redacted] that the entire funeral expense was \$125.00, which was to be paid as soon as Mrs. Hall's insurance was settled. [redacted] further advised that neither Edward R. nor Theodore Bentz had appeared at the funeral home and had not in any way communicated with him; that a George Bentz, brother of Mrs. Hall, had appeared at the funeral home that morning to view the remains and would attend the funeral later in the day.

inquiry in vicinity of [redacted] street, the home of deceased, failed to disclose any information as to whether Edward R. or Theodore Bentz had been at above address or that any mail had been delivered to this address. [redacted] inquiry at [redacted] Tacoma, the home of [redacted] failed to disclose any additional information.

[redacted] of the American Railway Express, arranged with [redacted] of the Pacific Telephone Company to cover all calls coming to the home or made from 3717 South Fairview Street, the home of the deceased, and [redacted] reported no calls had been received or sent which were of interest in locating Edward R. and Theodore Bentz.

Agent inspected the floral designs at the above funeral home, but no cards were found on same that would indicate they were sent by Edward R. or Theodore Bentz.

George Bentz, a brother of deceased, attended the funeral, also deceased's mother, Mrs. Rose Byron [redacted] who resides in Tacoma, also [redacted] who resides in Seattle, Washington.

It was ascertained that Edward R. and Theodore Bentz had the following relatives:

George Bentz (brother), 7124 Belden Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] Seattle, Washington, address formerly Governor Hotel and Ritz Hotel, Seattle, now thought to be living [redacted] in Seattle.

[redacted] Tacoma, Wash.

[redacted] San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. Rose Byron (mother), 1706 Steiner St., San Francisco.

[redacted] Dallas, Texas, street address unknown.

[redacted] was recently in jail at Fort Worth, Texas, charge unknown. Detective Burgerson of Tacoma Police Department furnished this information.

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[redacted] of the Tacoma Police Department advised agent that he knew Edward R. Bentz and George Kelly personally and had been trying to ascertain their whereabouts since they robbed the bank at Colfax, Washington, during 1932. That he had information in Tacoma that would advise him if either of them ever showed up, that he had received information several times that both Edward R. Bentz and George Kelly had friends in Reno, Nevada, and often visited Reno; that both of above parties were too well known to attempt to visit Tacoma; that he was of the opinion Edward R. Bentz kept in touch with his family through George Bentz, who resides in Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] will advise this office immediately should he obtain any information of value.

Appropriate mail covers are in force at Tacoma, Washington in connection with the Bentz relatives as noted above, on the possibility of securing some information of value. It should be stated, however, that the mail of the Bentz family has been under surveillance for some time in connection with the efforts of the state authorities to locate Theodore Bentz without definite result.

At Portland, Oregon.

On August 18, 1933, a telegram arrived at this office from the Oklahoma City field office, stating that Bates, when arrested in Denver, Colorado, possessed a Buick Victoria Coupe, Motor #2823917, Colorado license 1-65483. It was further stated that there was a ticket in this automobile indicating that while bearing the same license number it had been washed at the Fifteenth Street Auto Laundry, located at 15th and Davis Streets, telephone Broadway 2515, in an unknown city, on July 25, 1933. The Oklahoma City field office suggested that the above address might be located in Portland and requested a quick and thorough check of the transaction covered by laundry ticket 38215.

Pursuant to this request Special Agent [redacted] proceeded to the Fifteenth Street Auto Laundry, located corner of 15th and Davis Streets, this city, and there talked with [redacted] [redacted] called the various employees engaged at his place of business and asked them successively to examine photographs supplied by agent of George Bates, Ed Bentz, George Kelly, Theodore Bentz, [redacted] and [redacted] examined all the photographs carefully and then stated that only the photograph of Johnston appeared at all familiar. He thought he had seen this man some place the day before, but was unable to place him in any

connection. [redacted] and [redacted] both picked the photograph of Ed Bentz, both stating that this likeness was familiar, but they were unable to place him definitely. [redacted] then quickly stated that he thought the man depicted looked like a man who used to be engaged in some sort of racket here in Portland and who later engaged in the operation of a taxi cab. Questioned as to how long he operated the taxi cab, [redacted] said he believed this man was still driving.

[redacted] himself, examined all the photographs carefully and then selected those of George Kelly and Ed Bentz. He said that these two likenesses were vaguely familiar to him, but that he could not definitely place them any more than to say that they must remind him of two men whom he had seen recently, perhaps within the past two weeks, drive into the wash station in either a sport roadster or sport phaeton. He went on to describe these individuals, but in this connection it should be noted that he does not definitely connect the men he describes with the photographs of Kelly and Ed Bentz, but merely says that he thinks these two men are the ones who looked like the photographs. He said the one he thinks looked like Kelly would be about 31 or 32 years old, about 5' 6 or 7" tall, about 185 lbs., with thick black hair and very heavy, beetling, black brows. This man's outstanding characteristic, according to his recollection, was his very thick neck, which combined with the thickness of his upper body through the chest, both from front to rear and laterally, and the muscular quality of his shoulders, made [redacted] conclude that he might be or might have been a wrestler. He was wearing a high necked sweater of a faded terra-cotta red color. He had his sleeves rolled up. The other man with him [redacted] did not remember as clearly, but he was under the impression that this other man wore a similar sweater, but of a different color. He added that the man who seemed to resemble Kelly had small hips and legs so that almost all his weight was in the torso.

It is also noteworthy, in connection with the information supplied by [redacted], that he exhibited to agent what appeared to be an honorary police badge of the Portland Police Department, and seemed to create the impression that he considered himself an acute observer. He was careful at the outset to state that his recollection of these men was vague, but as will be noted above he went on to describe one of them in considerable detail.

[redacted] searched his records and procured the original wash ticket for the above described automobile, which he exhibited to agent. The ticket corresponded as to make of car, license number and date, but further showed that the only work done on the car was a wash

job for the sum of \$1.25. It did not, however, indicate anything as to the ownership or address of the owner of the automobile. [redacted] also stated that gasoline or oil might have been purchased for the car without its being shown on this ticket, although any other service would appear from the record. He then called the man who wrote this ticket, [redacted] and the writer exhibited to him the various photographs previously mentioned. [redacted] studied these pictures at length and finally said that he could not definitely place any of them. He went on to state, however, that if any one of them was more familiar than any other it would be that of George Kelly. He said he vaguely remembered a man resembling this photograph coming to the wash station within the past few weeks. His only characteristic that [redacted] could recall was a very gruff manner. He was unable to describe the type of automobile this man used or to state whether he was accompanied by any one else.

In addition to the persons named above as having selected various photographs from the group exhibited to them, there were five or six other employees who viewed the pictures and were unable to make any selections. It should be noted, however, that all those who did make selections, with the exception of [redacted], picked likenesses of either George Kelly or Ed Bentz, or both, as having been at that location within the past few weeks. Further weight is added to their choices, moreover, by the fact that no person viewing the photographs knew the identity of any of the men until after he had made his choice.

A telegram was forwarded immediately to the Oklahoma City field office, stating that no information was obtainable with reference to Victoria Coupe at the 15th Street Auto Laundry, except the record of work done on the date given, and conveying additional information secured by this agent to the effect that an Oregon visitor's permit was issued for this automobile in Huntington, Oregon, July 19, 1933, in the name of Mrs. G. L. Davis of Denver, Colorado. The Oklahoma City office was requested to notify this office if able to identify Mrs. Davis there or at Denver as Bates' wife, and to advise this office as to any further inquiry which was desired.

Referring to letter dated August 15, 1933, addressed to the Birmingham office of the Division by the St. Paul office, relative to P. O. Box 631, investigation was made at Seattle and Tacoma, Washington, and Portland, Oregon, no information of value being developed indicating that this box could have been used in any of those cities by the subjects or other persons connected with this case. It is now noted that Box 631

was determined to be located at Denver, Colorado, and further inquiry in connection with this angle does not now appear to be necessary.

Further investigation is being conducted at Seattle and Tacoma, Washington, in an effort to secure further information relative to the Bentz brothers in view of the possibility of procuring through that source information as to the whereabouts of subject George Kelly, who is wanted in the instant matter.

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All law enforcement officers in the Portland Division District have been furnished complete information relative to subject George Kelly as have the Immigration and Customs officers on the Canadian border and [REDACTED]

UNDEVELOPED LEADS.

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CHICAGO OFFICE: Will conduct investigation at Chicago in an effort to locate [REDACTED] and Theodore Bentz through General Delivery, Chicago, Illinois. Will also take necessary steps to determine, if possible, whether or not Ed Bentz is communicating through his brother George Bentz, who resides at 7124 Belden Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-2-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8-12-33/8-24-33	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] 676
TITLE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS CHARLES F. URSCHEL (Victim)			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

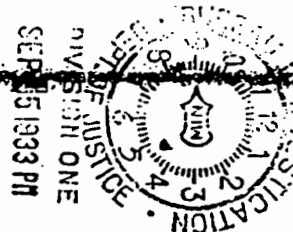
Upon receipt of information from Division concerning car Kelly was driving, all Canadian points covered by phone and five state police alarm sent out. Investigation at Rochester and Syracuse fails to ascertain anything of value. Police in this district will continue efforts to locate Kelly. Attempts now being made to trace sale of Thompson sub-machine gun, #4907.

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DETAILS:

AT NEW YORK CITY

On August 12th at 10:15 P.M. Assistant Director Tolson telephoned the New York City office and advised that George R. Kelly who is a suspect in the Urschel kidnaping was last reported in the vicinity of Indianapolis, Indiana, but is now reported accompanied by his wife who sometimes uses the name of Ora L. Shannon, on his way to Canada, in a 1932 model sixteen cylinder nine passenger blue black Cadillac car, bearing motor number 1400263. The type of car was unknown, that is, whether sedan or coupe.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-397	RECORDED AND INDEXED: SEP 5 1933
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b7c Assistant Director Tolson further advised that Kelly was implicated in the Kanno case and requested that Canadian points be checked for Kelly and his wife. Special Agent [redacted] who received the phone call from the Bureau was advised by Special Agent [redacted] to contact the border points in New York State. Special Agent [redacted] by telephone, contacted [redacted] Border Patrol, at Rousses Point. [redacted] advised Agent [redacted] that he would notify five other officers in his vicinity. Agent [redacted] communicated with [redacted] Customs Service, Buffalo, N.Y. and [redacted] advised that he would communicate the information concerning this car to the patrols at Lewistown and Niagara Falls. Agent [redacted] contacted by phone [redacted] of the Border Patrol, Ogdensburg, N.Y. and he advised that he would take appropriate steps and would also notify officers in the territory between Lake Champlain and Lake Ontario. Agent [redacted] contacted [redacted] Immigration Bureau, Malone, N.Y. [redacted] advised that he would communicate the information given him to three adjacent points as well as taking care of the situation in his immediate vicinity.

On August 13th S.A.C. Cullen called agent and advised that the Division had informed him by long distance telephone that the Cadillac Sedan believed to be driven at this time by George R. Kelly alias R. G. Shannon, bore an Ohio license plate 691965. Mr. Cullen suggested that the border points be contacted by phone and the Rochester and Albany Police Department also be given the information.

b7c Agent contacted each of the border points called by Agent [redacted] on the night of August 12th giving them the additional information relative to the license number which the car was believed to be using. On August 13th a five state alarm was arranged for through the police department at New York City, the alarm being #13991. On August 14th a letter from the Division was received giving the descriptions of George Bates and also a letter giving the description of George R. Kelly. This additional information was communicated to the Border Points by telephone and an addition was made to Alarm 13991 setting out the description of Kelly and Bates.

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On each occasion thus far no information was given to the police or border points relative to why Kelly's apprehension was desired, informing each of the parties who desired this information that this office had just received the same from one of our western offices and they had not communicated the crime for which the individuals were wanted. On August 14th a wire was received from the Division advising that Kelly and Bates' apprehension was desired in connection with the Urschel kidnaping case in Oklahoma and this information was communicated to the border points by phone and was incorporated in another addition to original alarm #13991. On August 14th a wire was received at the New York City office advising that George Bates with aliases was in custody at Denver, Colorado. On August 15, 1933 the Division advised by wire that the Kelly car, a blue black Cadillac Sedan, heretofore reported to be using an Ohio license plate might possibly be carrying Texas license F24-752. This information was immediately communicated to the border points by telephone and incorporated in another addition to the police alarm, 13991.

On August 14th S.A.C. Larson of the Detroit Office telephoned the New York Office advising that subject Kelly under the name of R. G. Shannon had left a forwarding address at General Delivery Window at Cleveland, Ohio on June 8, 1933 to 323 East Washington St., Syracuse, N.Y. S.A.C. Larson further stated that photograph of Kelly had been identified as being that of R. G. Shannon who had left the forwarding address. The New York Office communicated with Agent [REDACTED] at Buffalo, N.Y. and instructed him to proceed to Syracuse to make the necessary investigation. On August 15th Special Agent in Charge Larson telephoned from Detroit and stated that the Cleveland, Ohio Police had informed him that they had received a letter from Chief of Police [REDACTED] of Rochester, N.Y. on Sunday, August 13th inquiring for any information concerning one Kelly and one Moe. S.A.C. Larson stated that the Cleveland Police could not find the letter and requested that Chief of Police [REDACTED] be contacted to determine whether the parties he inquired about had any connection with the subjects in this case.

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The results of the investigation conducted by Agent [REDACTED] at Rochester, N.Y. are shown in his memorandum submitted on August 18, which is as follows.

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"As per request [REDACTED] Rochester Police Department, was interviewed and advised that the letter referred to written to the Cleveland, Ohio Police Department was a letter which was written on August 12, 1933. [REDACTED] stated that said letter was forwarded to the Cleveland, Ohio Police Department in an effort to ascertain whether or not a person by the name of Kelly, possibly George Kelly or a man by the name of "Big Moe" had a criminal record in said city. [REDACTED] stated that this letter was forwarded due to the fact that on August 12th, one [REDACTED] a Rochester racketeer, was knifed several times in the back and was taken to a hospital; that [REDACTED] was questioned denied that he knew who his assailant was; that [REDACTED] is known to be connected with the [REDACTED] outfit", they being Rochester's leading violators of the National Prohibition Act; that through informants he had ascertained that a man by the name of Kelly and another by the name of "Big Moe", both from Cleveland, O. had been in Rochester at about the time this knifing occurred; and that said persons were supposed to be "high powered" racketeers and that they are occasionally called to Rochester for the purpose of performing a "job". [REDACTED] stated that there has recently been some safes broken into and due to the manner in which same were opened, he is positive that outsiders did the work in connection with local talent and working on the assumption that Kelly and Big Moe might have been connected with the safe jobs and also with the stabbing of [REDACTED] he was desirous of procuring more information of said individuals.

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[REDACTED] after examining the photos of Kelly and Bates stated that said individuals were unknown to him personally and after having the files of the Identification Division of the Rochester P.D. stated that according to their records neither Kelly or Bates were ever arrested in said city for any offense. [REDACTED] showed the photos of Kelly and Bates to his informant and others who were witnesses in the stabbing and other cases but said persons were unable to identify either Kelly or Bates although he [REDACTED] advised that according to the information he received of the Kelly mentioned is almost identified with that of George R. Kelly and further that according to his informant the persons who come in from Cleveland previously referred to, drive a large dark car, either a Packard or a Cadillac Sedan and that these individuals have from time to time stopped at [REDACTED]

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b7D [redacted] and his [redacted] Rochester, N.Y. at the suggestion of [redacted] were interviewed by the writer and the photo of Kelly displayed [redacted]

man, who, according to [redacted] answered the description of Kelly. [redacted] and [redacted] both stated that the photo of Kelly in no way resembled the man who accompanied [redacted] and that further, said person answered to the name of [redacted] The writer did not disclose his identity to [redacted] or [redacted]

Several inquiries were made through [redacted] of his confidential informants but no positive information was procured that Kelly had ever been seen in the city of Rochester or vicinity.

[redacted] Rochester Police Department, was also contacted by the writer and advised that he had received information that persons of questionable character had from time to time come into the city of Rochester from Cleveland, O. to do some "jobs" with the local racketeers and that some of these individuals who had recently been in the city were supposed to be driving a large dark sedan, exact make unknown, and although some bore Ohio license plates, exact number unknown. [redacted]

[redacted] was unable to identify the photos of Kelly and Bates and stated that in the event that he personally receives any additional information he would notify the New York Bureau Office.

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b7D [redacted] and [redacted] stated that [redacted] and [redacted] are bootleggers who have operated in Rochester and vicinity, for several years and both are reputed to be worth more than half a million dollars each but that recently there has been a considerable falling off in the liquor business and it is believed that they or their associates may be working in other channels although they have no definite information in this connection, however, both stated they learned that after the [redacted] stabbing a call was made to the [redacted] summer place telling all parties to clear out to avoid possible police questioning, in view of which none of the Rochester Police Department went to [redacted] place and were awaiting a reply from Cleveland in the hope that if said Kelly or "Big Moe" had a criminal record and were found at said place, they would know how to handle them.

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[redacted] and the writer examined [redacted] and found same to be a two story frame dwelling on the water front, having at the rear a large mail box bearing the name of [redacted]. Directly in the rear and across the road there is a three car garage in which there were three cars parked one of which was a dark blue Cadillac sedan and the number appearing thereon was checked by [redacted] and found to be registered to [redacted]. [redacted] stated that from previous experience it would be inadvisable to make any direct contact with any of the neighbors of [redacted], however, the writer made discreet inquiry of a [redacted] who were in that vicinity in an effort to ascertain whether or not a large Cadillac had been seen in that vicinity without directing attention to the [redacted] place, however, said inquiries were without results. No inquiry was made at the stores in the vicinity due to the fact that [redacted] stated that he had found them unreliable on previous occasions.

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[redacted] was interviewed and advised [redacted]

[redacted] that said place is always frequented by persons of the gangster type who are connected with the [redacted] in their liquor activities; [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he believed [redacted] wife came from either Montana or Idaho [redacted]

[redacted] examined the photos of Kelly and Bates and stated that he was positive that he had never seen said persons before but that he never paid much attention and said persons might have been there and he not know about it. [redacted] stated that he could not recall ever having seen a Cadillac sedan bearing out of state plates at the [redacted] place although there is always a number of large cars parked in the vicinity. [redacted] stated that he would take notice in the future and in the event he saw a Cadillac Sedan as described as being in the possession of Kelly or a similar car he would transmit said information to [redacted] with whom arrangements were made by the writer that upon the receipt of any information from [redacted] same would immediately be transmitted to the New York Bureau Office.

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During the writer's investigation at Grand View Heights, [REDACTED] had several other inquiries made in the city of Rochester and upon being later interviewed by the writer advised that several of his confidential informants had been contacted but no additional information had been procured that the Kelly referred to was identical with the person wanted in instant case, however, he will continue to make inquiry and in the event he receives any information the New York Bureau Office will be notified.

[REDACTED] was unable to supply any information as to where in the West [REDACTED] wife came from, and also stated that he has very little information concerning [REDACTED], who was absent from the city for several years and was supposed to be somewhere in the west. [REDACTED] stated that in the event any further inquiries were to be made by the department that same be confined either to himself or to his chief due to the fact that the [REDACTED] are very strong politically and might possibly have some friends in the Department.

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The writer, through discreet inquiry, attempted to ascertain from what part of the west [REDACTED] wife was supposed to come, believing that same might be beneficial in connecting them with some Western gangsters, however, said inquiries were without results but it is believed that said information could be procured by placing a cover on all mail delivered to [REDACTED] Grand View Heights, N.Y. and said request, if deemed advisable, should be directed to P.O. [REDACTED] Rochester, N. Y."

Agent [REDACTED] investigation at Syracuse, N.Y. is shown in his memorandum submitted August 17, 1933 which is as follows:

"As per telephonic request the writer ascertained that 320 E. Washington St., Syracuse, N.Y. is a vacant store and discreet inquiry in the neighborhood disclosed that said store had not been occupied for over a year which fact was quite evident due to the dust collection on the window sill inside the store.

320 E. Washington Street is situated in a colored section of the city which is also frequented by prostitutes and racketeers.

[REDACTED] of the Identification Division, P.D., Syracuse, N.Y. after searching his files stated that neither Kelly or Bates had a record, however, he noted Kelly's fingerprint classification and description and posted a "wanted notice" in his files whereby the New York Office will be notified in the event of an arrest.

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[REDACTED] P. O. carrier, Syracuse, N.Y. advised he had no forwarding address from 320 E. Washington Street for Kelly or Bates under their true name or aliases, and after examining said persons photos stated that same were unknown to him.

[REDACTED] after examining photos of Kelly and Bates stated that he never recalled having ever seen either person and that he had no forwarding address for either person under their true name or alias on file. General Delivery forwarding address slips were searched for a period of four months and the only forwarding address worthy of consideration was a forwarding address dated 8/12/33 for [REDACTED] or the Shannon Artificial Flower Studio which mail was to be forwarded to 13909 Potomac Ave., Cleveland, O.

Arrangements were made with P. O. [REDACTED] and Assistant [REDACTED] to forward to the New York Bureau Office any information or forwarding addresses which might come into their possession through General Delivery or from 320 E. Washington Street. No information was available at the post office, in the telephone book or city directory concerning [REDACTED] or the Shannon Artificial Flower Studios.

[REDACTED] P.D., Syracuse, N.Y. was interviewed but was unable to furnish any information concerning 320 E. Washington Street but assigned [REDACTED] of his office to assist the writer in further inquiry.

[REDACTED] advised the writer that he cannot recall ever having seen Kelly in Syracuse although he is positive that he had seen Bates in said city.

Through [REDACTED] it was ascertained that the store at 320 East Washington Street had for some period of time prior to the summer of 1932 been occupied as a speakeasy by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was contacted by [REDACTED] in the presence of the writer at which time he advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] described said Kelly almost identical with the Kelly wanted in instant case and due to his enmity towards said Kelly the photo of Kelly wanted in instant case was displayed by [REDACTED] who after examining same stated that he was positive that same was not the Kelly [REDACTED] although said picture resembled him. [REDACTED] was questioned at length and during the conversation stated that as far as he knew said Kelly had no relations although he believed he came from Boston, Mass. or New Bedford, Mass. or Providence, R.I.; that as far as he knew he never lived at any particular place in Syracuse although he believed he stayed at Martin's Turkish Bath or some of the other "flop houses" in the vicinity of E. Washington Street;

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that the last time that he heard about Kelly was in the early Spring of 1933 when said person was in Syracuse and at the time he believes he went to either Chicago, Ill. or Cleveland, O. although he was unable to furnish any information as to what Kelly might be doing or where he might be living at the present time.

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b7D [redacted] then displayed the photo of George Bates to [redacted] who advised that said person resembled a man by the name of Betz who sold him a hot car [redacted] which resulted in his [redacted] arrest for stolen property and he believes that at the time Kelly [redacted] that he knew nothing about said [redacted] other than that he heard he came from some place in Connecticut.

After the photograph of Kelly had been displayed, [redacted] appeared reticent to supply any additional information, however, [redacted] stated that he will continue to make inquiries about said Kelly [redacted] through his informants in that area and after discreetly contacting some of them was unable to procure any information but believed that he might be able to procure some at a later date from individuals who at the time were absent from the city at which time he will notify the New York Bureau Office.

In this connection [redacted] advised that only mail specifically marked for [redacted] is delivered to him and that all other mail for 320 E. Washington Street is returned to the sender.

Inquiry at Martin's Turkish Bath, 117 Market St., Syracuse, N.Y. disclosed that a man by the name of Kelly who at one time was employed by [redacted] slept at said address occasionally and has not been seen for over a year's time and the person who was interviewed was unable to supply any information as to said person's possible present whereabouts and was unable to furnish a description of said Kelly.

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b7D [redacted] and the writer made inquiry at a house of prostitution operated by [redacted] and although he was attempting to contact Kelly with a fracas which occurred at said house in June by men who were driving a large car, make and license number unknown, he was unable to procure any information and those interviewed were unable to describe said persons and [redacted] stated that he would make further inquiry in this direction as said house would unquestionably be the place where Kelly's type would frequent were they in the city of Syracuse.

[redacted] of the Cadillac agency since June 1, 1933 was interviewed and after inquiring of [redacted] stated that according to their repair order #499 charge made to tourist and dated 7/27/33 a sixteen cylinder Cadillac sedan was in their repair shop due to radiator trouble and that according to their records said car at the time bore Rhode

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Island license plates 33-864 (1933), no motor number appearing on said records. [REDACTED] stated that he did not see said car himself and called [REDACTED] who stated that said car was brought in by two men who claimed to be selling biographies. The photos of Kelly and Bates were displayed and said [REDACTED] stated that both pictures resembled the persons who had said car and subsequently described both Bates and Kelly almost identically with descriptions as furnished however, said men stated that said Cadillac was a seven passenger job and was either a 1930 or 1931 issued said mechanics were unable to furnish any additional information concerning said car or its drivers but agreed to notify [REDACTED] in the event said car was brought in for repairs at a later date. [REDACTED] stated that he has had several occasions to ask [REDACTED] of said concern to identify pictures and that this was the first occasion to his knowledge that they had ever identified anyone, and in his estimation any statements made by them could be relied upon.

Inquiry at the Chapin, Inc., 375 Onondaga Street, Syracuse, owners of the Cadillac agency prior to June 1, 1933 disclosed that said concern has not done any repair work or in any way handled a 16-cylinder Cadillac in the last year and a half other than a few cars which are known by them to be owned by very reputable citizens in the city of Syracuse.

Inquiry at the Bissell's Garage, Davis Garage, Warren Madison Garage, Montgomery Garage, Thorndike Garage, Schwanitz Garage, Matson & Schriber Garage by the writer disclosed that said garages had not in any way handled a car identical with the one which Kelly is believed to be driving at the present time. [REDACTED] stated that said garages were the most probable places that said car would be parked during their stay, as it would not attract attention, however, it is possible that said car if it was in Syracuse, might have been parked in a private garage.

The writer, believing that said car might have been registered in Syracuse, Onondaga County, checked every registration from June 1st to date, according to motor number, but failed to find that said Cadillac had been registered in any part of Onondaga County during said period. "

At the time of his interview with Agent [REDACTED] requested that additional Identification Orders #1203 be furnished him and accordingly an appropriate number of Identification Orders are being forwarded to him.

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As noted in the memorandum of Agent [REDACTED] dated August 17, 1933 quoted above, it is noted that the photographs of Kelly and Bates were displayed to [REDACTED] of the Cadillac agency at 717 West Genesee Street at Syracuse, N.Y. and they identified the pictures as those of parties driving a Cadillac Sedan bearing Rhode Island license plates 33864.

Agent [REDACTED] at Providence, R.I. ascertained that the party to whom license plates 33864 for 1933, namely, Edward D. Clements, has been a resident of Providence, R.I. for the past 15 years and is well known to [REDACTED] of the Providence, R.I. Police Department. [REDACTED] advised that Clements was connected with the American Historical Society, Inc., and is highly respected in Providence and bears an excellent reputation. Inspector Healy described Mr. Clements as:

Age	45
Height	6'
Weight	205
Complex.	Light
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Light brown.

[REDACTED] when shown the photograph of Bates and Kelly stated that there was no resemblance between either of these individuals and Mr. Clements. No inquiry was made of Mr. Clements to determine whether he had been in Syracuse during the latter part of July.

On August 21, 1933 a wire was received from the Dallas Office requesting that the disposition of a Thompson Sub-machine gun #4907 be traced from the Colts Firearms Company, Hartford, Conn. A wire was directed to the executive office of the Colt Firearms Co., Hartford, Conn. requesting that they advise the disposition of this gun including all information helpful in tracing it.

The Colt Patent Firearms Company at Hartford, Conn. referred the New York Office to the Auto Ordnance Corporation, 56 Pine Street, New York City, distributors of the Thompson Machine Guns, which company informed the New York Office that Thompson Machine Gun #4907 was sold to the Dixie Construction Company, c/o C. C. Davis, Witumpka, Ala.

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A wire was directed to the Birmingham Office to trace the guns in the Dixie Company at Witumpka and as a result the investigation conducted by the Birmingham Office indicates that the gun was shipped to [REDACTED] at New Orleans, La., care of Heiners Loan Office, 114 South Rampart Street, New Orleans, La. The New Orleans Office was requested to locate [REDACTED] Colt Revolver salesman at New Orleans.

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The New York City office on August 23rd was advised by wire from the Birmingham office that [REDACTED] was on vacation and could be located through the Colt Firearms Co., Hartford, Conn. Agent [REDACTED] located [REDACTED] at Hartford, Conn. and he relates the following story in explanation of his connection with the Thompson Sub-Machine Gun #4907. [REDACTED] advised that while at Wimberley-Thomas Hardware Co., Birmingham, Ala., about September 7th of this year, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated to him that a friend of his (name not mentioned) who was financially embarrassed was anxious to sell the Thompson Sub-Machine Gun and asked him, [REDACTED] if he could dispose of it. Thereafter [REDACTED] while at the store of [REDACTED] in New Orleans, La., inquired of [REDACTED] if he could sell the gun and [REDACTED] advised he could. [REDACTED] states he called [REDACTED] by telephone and requested him to ship the gun to [REDACTED] place of business in New Orleans. Upon receiving the gun by express [REDACTED] then advised that he could not sell the gun as a law had recently been passed prohibiting their sale in the state. [REDACTED] left New Orleans, La. going to Lake Charles, La. and took the gun with him. By telephone from Lake Charles, [REDACTED] called the firm of Wolf and Klar, arms and ammunition dealers at Fort Worth, Texas in an effort to sell the gun. [REDACTED] stated he could not recall with whom he talked nor did he recall the nature of the conversation, or the final agreement reached. However, on February 13, 1933 he forwarded the gun to Wolf and Klar by express from Lake Charles, La. and received shortly thereafter in return a check in the amount of \$130, payment for the gun. [REDACTED] while not absolutely sure is almost certain that payment for the gun was made by check of Wolf and Klar. [REDACTED] states he cashed the check; and after deducting express charges, telephone calls and a minimal commission fee sent the balance to [REDACTED] by money order. [REDACTED] approximated the dates related above by consulting his diary which he kept for expense account purposes. [REDACTED] stated that he did not remember examining the number of the gun and that if he did so it was only casual and he had no record thereof. [REDACTED] stated in conclusion that at no time did he actually purchase the machine gun although it was for a short time in his possession and that his only connection with the matter was as an intermediary, and that his only reason for acting as such was he wanted to perform a favor for [REDACTED]

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On August 21, a wire was received from the Kansas City Office advising that on August 11, a man believed to be George Kelly with two women registered at a hotel in Des Moines, Iowa as Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Coleman and [REDACTED] that they were driving a Chevrolet Sport Coupe, motor 3740186 with 1933 Iowa License 8P-1V210; that these license plates were issued at Davenport, Iowa August 11th. The car was purchased at the Michigan Avenue Chevrolet Co., Chicago, Ill. and requested that the police in this district be on the look-out for this car.

Special Agent [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] of the Correspondence Room of Police Headquarters who advised that he would immediately send out an alarm under code signal 3; alarm #15991 advising that the said alarm was changed to include the information concerning the parties possibly now driving a Chevrolet Coupe; its license and motor numbers.

Letters have been sent to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles in all states in the district of the New York City Office requesting that should above described car or the Cadillac Sedan heretofore mentioned in the report attempt to be registered that the New York City Office be immediately notified and the party desiring to register same be detained so that he might be questioned by an agent of this office.

With reference to the Machine Gun, telegram was directed to the Birmingham office on August 25th advising them of the results of the investigation in this district. The New York City office is in receipt of a copy of the telegram addressed to the Dallas office requesting appropriate investigation in tracing the gun from Wolf and Klar, gun dealers, at Fort Worth, Texas.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

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NEW YORK CITY OFFICE will report results of mail cover on the mail of [REDACTED] Grand View Heights, N.Y. and expedite any other leads which might suggest investigations in this district.

PENDING

J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 4, 1933.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

[REDACTED] of the
Star, called at 9:10 this morning and
said that he wished to inform the Division
that Harvey Bailey had escaped from the
Dallas county jail this morning. I thanked
him for his courtesy.

Respectfully,

C. E. Kleinkauf
C. E. Kleinkauf.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 31, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Blake called from Dallas at 9:05 this evening and requested that a wire be sent to him authorizing the tapping of certain wires at Fort Worth, and also authorizing any expense in connection thereto. He stated that if he were able to tap these wires immediately he might learn something of value. He did not state what wires he referred to. I transmitted the above to Mr. Nathan and he sent a wire to Mr. Blake, a copy of which is attached for your information.

Mr. Blake also stated that he had written the Division several days ago requesting one of the instruments which recorded telephone messages over a certain line, and that he would appreciate having the requisition for this instrument expedited.

Respectfully,

C. E. Kleinkauf

C. E. Kleinkauf.

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*Charles F. Venable
wire - tapping*

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

AUTHORIZATION GRANTED IN ACCORDANCE YOUR TELEPHONIC REQUEST OBSERVE
EVERY POSSIBLE PRECAUTION

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900 Ezra Thompson Bldg.
Salt Lake City, Utah.

August 24, 1933

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

Dear sir:

Re: George Kelly et al
Charles F. Urschel, Victim,
Kidnapping.

Answering yours of August 19, 1933 directed to
me at Denver, Colorado I have to advise that the straw
hat worn by Albert L. Bates at the time of his arrest
at Denver, Colorado, was apparently purchased at Denver,
Colorado from Cano Downs, a large mens furnishing store.
The hat bears a stamp reading - "Ecudorian Panama Hat
Co. of New York".

I am enclosing a small photograph of the woman
who posed as Mrs. George L. Davis and lived with him at
Denver, Colorado recently. Through sources available to
you at Fort Worth, Texas you might be able to have her
true identity established.

Very truly yours,

cc Okla. City (with photo)


cc Bureau

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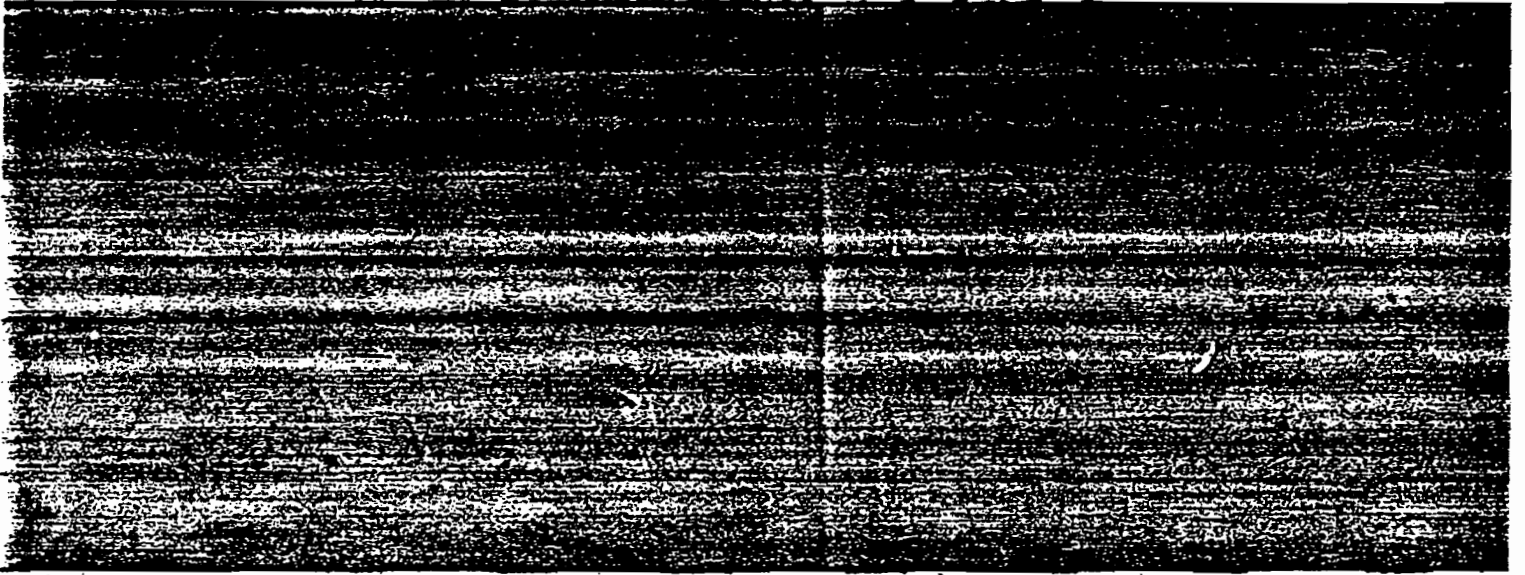
John A. Dowd,

Special Agent in Charge.

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S.C.C. file 7-10
Mrs. G. L. Davis alias Katie
short
6' 1" 120 lbs
born 1910
last contact with 1961

900 Ezra Thompson Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

August 29, 1935.

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

RE GEORGE R. KELLY with aliases, FUGITIVE et al.
CHARLES F. URECHED - Victim
KIDNAPING - S.I. File 7-12.

Dear Sir:

During the course of my investigation in the above
entitled matter in Denver, Colorado, recently, during which
time Albert L. Bates alias George L. Davis, one of the subjects
in this case was apprehended, I learned that Bates, as George
L. Davis, arrived at Denver, Colorado, with a Buick Victoria
Coupe Motor No. 2823917, Illinois License 787-918. The Illinois
license plates were subsequently removed and Colorado license
substituted.

Shortly after the arrest of Bates at Denver, one

[redacted] stated
that about two months ago Bates asked [redacted] to dispose of some
American Express Co., traveler checks (which it is alleged Bates
stole from the Citizens National Bank, Tupelo, Miss.) but that
[redacted] refused to, but did act as a go-between for Bates and
one [redacted] the latter attempted to dispose of the
stolen travelers checks but was apprehended in Chicago, and
was reported to have been sentenced to the State Prison at
Joliet, Illinois.

It is suggested that you determine in whose name
the Illinois license 787-918 is registered, and the address
of the person to whom issued, and make such inquiry at that
address as is possible in developing all information of value
concerning Bates, and any persons who visited him there, keeping
in mind the development of any leads helpful in effecting the
location of George Kelly.

It is also suggested that [redacted] be
interviewed at an early date for all information he has concerning
his relations with Bates, and the activities of Bates, and
information helpful in effecting the location of George Kelly.

I am attaching a photograph of a woman who lived with Bates at Denver, Colorado, from April to July 17th, 1933, and who is known as Mrs. E. J. Davis, George E. Davis being an alias used by Bates. You may find that this woman lived with Bates at the address of record in relation to the Illinois license plates. You might be able to establish the true identity of this woman, and information helpful in locating her, as it is probable that she, if located and interviewed, might furnish information of value in this case, and it is possible too, that she may have been entrusted by Bates with the major portion of his share of the ransom money, or she may know where it is.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWN,
Special Agent in Charge.

JAD: [redacted] b7C
cc - Division.
cc - Dallas.
cc - Oklahoma.

625 Lafayette Building

Detroit, Michigan

August 29, 1933

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



Re: GEORGE B. KELLY, with aliases, I. O. 1203, et al.
CHARLES Y. CURSOHEL - VICTIM
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram dated August 28, 1933, wherein you advise that suspect, Hattiesburg, purchased Express Money Orders payable to the Ray Motor Company, it being desired to locate the address of that motor company.

Please be advised that Special Agent [redacted] of this office ascertained from the Chrysler Corporation in this city that the Ray Motor Company is located at Elberton, Georgia. It seems that the Chrysler Corporation has investigated that motor car company and ascertained that it is controlled by one [redacted] Chevrolet dealer of Greenville, South Carolina [redacted]

In view of these facts Agent [redacted] was informed that the Chrysler Corporation is now considering the cancellation of the agency of the Ray Motor Company.

Agent [redacted] also ascertained through further inquiry that the Chrysler Corporation has a dealer by the name of [redacted] Incorporated, of Shreveport, Louisiana, and not Freeport as advised in my first wire, who is also a Plymouth dealer. Due to the similarity of the surnames this information was also included in my wire of this date relative to the matters herein referred to. The Ray Motor Company above referred to was the only motor company by that name handling Plymouth cars.

Very truly yours,

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MWM: [redacted]
cc Division
Oklahoma City
Birmingham
St. Paul

M. W. Heckins, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
August 29, 1933

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

Re: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, I.O. 1203, et al.
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VIOTIN
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 21, 1933, addressed to the Birmingham Office, with a copy to all Division offices, wherein you advise that George R. Kelly has been traveling in a sixteen cylinder blue black Cadillac sedan, and may have also been using a Chevrolet sport coupe; further requesting that all field offices place stop orders and make appropriate inquiries for information concerning these two cars from the State automobile registrations within each field office's territory.

Please be advised that an appropriate letter was addressed to the Director of the Motor Vehicle Division, Department of State, Lansing, Michigan, regarding the two cars in question, who replied by letter dated August 26, 1933, that a check of their files failed to disclose a registration on either of the cars in question, or a theft report. Stop cards were placed in their files on the cars and they will advise this office upon receipt of further information in the future.

Very truly yours,

M. W. Meekins, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

MWM:
cc Division

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

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

Postal Telegraph

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Commercial
Cables



All America
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RECEIVER'S NUMBER

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STANDARD TIME

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

(9:45 A.M.)

Office; Government
Tax Exempt Charge to United States
Bureau of Investigation, New York

AUGUST 30 1933

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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cc. Division
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SERVICE DESIRED	
TELEGRAM	CABLE
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NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

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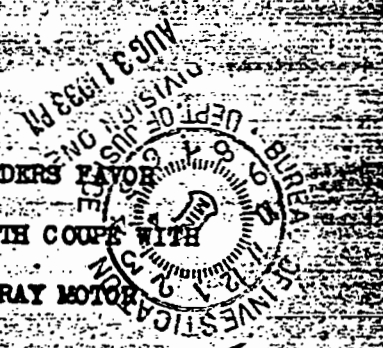
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
625 LAFAYETTE BLDG
DETROIT MICHIGAN

URSCHEL CASE SUSPECT HATTIESBURG PURCHASED EXPRESS MONEY ORDERS FAVOR
RAY MOTOR COMPANY LOCATION NOT GIVEN WAS DRIVING NEW PLYMOUTH COUPE WITH
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COMPANY

Official Bus.
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LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

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

Dallas, Texas, August 27th, 1933.

R. Whitley,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.

George Kelly et al Kidnapping Reference Cincinnati letter August twenty first suggest cover Biloxi for Kelly to contact [REDACTED]

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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

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

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Dallas, Texas, August 28, 1933.

GUS T JONES
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
SMITH YOUNG TOWER
SAN ANTONIO TEXAS

IDENTIFIED AS WOMAN AT KELLY'S

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Charge Division of Investigation.

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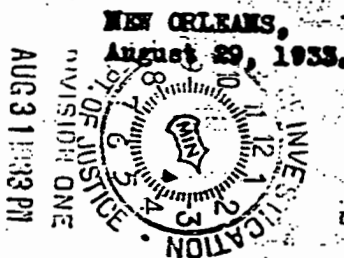
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T. F. CULLEN
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
370 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY.



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GEORGE R KELLY ETAL CHARLES ⁰URSCHEL VICTIM KIDNAPING AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY TRAVELERS CHECK 8 EIGHT NAUGHT NAUGHT FOUR SIX TWO ONE AMOUNT TEN DOLLARS ISSUED ⁰CASHED HERE YESTERDAY BY PARTY THOUGHT TO BE KELLY DISTRICT OFFICE EXPRESS COMPANY ATLANTA GEORGIA ADVISES CHECK NOT ISSUED THIS DISTRICT ASCERTAIN FROM ⁰TRAVELERS CHECK ACCOUNTANT AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY SIXTY FIVE BROADWAY WHERE CHECK WAS ISSUED AND ADVISE

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
224 FEDERAL BUILDING
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.



K.C.MO. 8-29-33

KELLY, with aliases, et al

SEE MY LETTER AUGUST ELEVENTH FOR GEORGE KELLY'S CORRESPONDENTS LEAVENWORTH

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Detroit, Michigan
August 29, 1933
12 noon

F. J. Blake
Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Building
Dallas, Texas

RE MY TELEGRAM URSCHEL CASE CORRECTED ADDRESS [REDACTED] INCORPORATED

SHREVEPORT LOUISIANA

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Business; Government
Tax Exempt; Charge to United
Bureau of Investigation, New York

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

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GEORGE R KELLY KIDNAPING NEW ORLEANS ADVISES ONE [REDACTED] THOUGHT TO BE KELLY CASHED
AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY TRAVELERS CHECK 8 EIGHT NAUGHT NAUGHT FOUR SIX TWO ONE AMOUNT
TEN DOLLARS MONDAY ATLANTA GEORGIA EXPRESS COMPANY HERE ADVISES THIS CHECK ISSUED AT
AURORA NATIONAL BANK AURORA ILLINOIS ASCERTAIN IF [REDACTED] IS KELLY OBTAIN ANY INFORMAT
VALUE THEIR RECORDS AND ADVISE NEW ORLEANS

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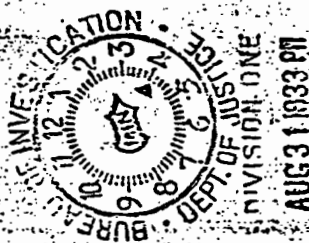
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11:05 A. M.

F. J. Blake
Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Building
Dallas, Texas

RE TELEGRAM URSCHEL CASE RAY MOTOR COMPANY LOCATED ELBERTON GEORGIA REPORTED
CONTROLLED BY [REDACTED] CHEVROLET DEALER GREENVILLE SOUTH CAROLINA REPORTED
BOOTLEGGER BAD REPUTATION STOP CHRYSLER CORPORATION CONSIDERING CANCELING
AGENCY RAY MOTOR COMPANY AS RESULT STOP [REDACTED] INCORPORATED FREEPORT
LOUISIANA ALSO PLYMOUTH DEALER



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

RECEIVED
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building.

St. Louis, Missouri

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

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter dated August 28, 1933, enclosing a voucher in the amount of \$11.65, payable to the Missouri Bankers Association covering the circularization of all banks in the State of Missouri, in connection with the Urschel Kidnaping Case, please be advised that the voucher, as corrected, is being retransmitted to the Division today.

In order that your copy of the voucher may be the same as the one returned to Washington, please be advised that the following has been added to the face of the voucher:

Itemized statement:

Postage 893 letters 2 1/2 each	\$8.93
Envelope, 893	2.72
Total	\$11.65

Note-See attached sheet for EXPLANATION.

EXPLANATION for attached item of mimeographing and mailing of 893 bulletins to all members of Missouri Bankers Association, etc.

These 893 letters were sent out from Sedalia, Missouri, by the Secretary of the Missouri Bankers Association, the information to be contained in the letter having been furnished from the St. Louis office of the Division of Investigation by telephone; franked envelopes were not available at Sedalia, Missouri, for transmittal of these letters, and due to the urgency of the case, there was not sufficient time to send franked envelopes to Sedalia, Mo., for transmittal.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI
Special Agent in Charge.

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SEP 1 1933
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
UNIT ONE

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 13, 1933

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

Subject as James E. King, #1869, received SP, Canon City, Kansas, March 28, 1918, from Kila Co., crime burglary 1st degree, sentence 1 to 15 years, paroled November 18, 1919.

As Albert L. Bates, #861, arrested PD, Salt Lake City, Utah, April 2, 1919, charge petty larceny, sentence 3 months in the County Jail.

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

As Geo. Harris, #3945, received SP, Salt Lake City, Utah, August 3, 1921, from Salt Lake County, crime burglary 2nd degree, sentence not given, wanted for escape - notified 10-27-24.

As Albert L. Bates, #—, inquiry made by SO, Grand Junction, Colorado, October 27, 1926.

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

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

The following notations appear on our records:

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

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

8-3-21, Utah State Prison, #3945, George Harris, burglary 2nd degree; from Salt Lake County, sentenced indeterminate term, 4-21-23, escaped from Cedar City, Utah Jail, while being returned from road camp. Wanted 10-15-24, returned from Kimball, Nebraska where he was arrested for robbery; 10-23-25, terminated.

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

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

5-10-27, Colorado SP, #14000, Albert Bates, burglary and larceny; sentence 5 years, transferred to Colorado St. Ref. to work 8-5-27. Escaped - apprehended - discharged 9-15-30.

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

Wanted, A. L. Bates, (#14000, SP, Canon City, Colo.); notify PD, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Wanted, Roy Harris, (possibly identical), for holdup. Notify PD, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

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

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

Wanted, Albert L. Bates, escaped from Paw Paw, Mich. Co. Jail,

12-25-31, while awaiting trial. Notify St. Department Public Safety, Lansing, Mich. (Also notify SO, Yorkville, Ill.).

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

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

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



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DALLAS TEXAS AUGUST 29 1933

CUS T JONES
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1216 SMITH YOUNG TOWER
SAN ANTONIO TEXAS

GEORGE R KELLY FUGITIVE ETAL KIDNAPPING FORWARD THIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY
SIX ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS [REDACTED] b7C

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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
201 LIBERTY NATL. LIFE BLDG
BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA

URSCHEL KIDNAPPING RAY MOTOR COMPANY LOCATED KILBERTON GEORGIA

THIS IN CONNECTION INFORMATION FURNISHED YOU BY NEW ORLEANS

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Division

201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama

August 28, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
333 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

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DIVISION ONE
SEP 2 1933 AM

RE: GEORGE B. KELLY, with aliases, I.O. #1203, et al
Charles F. Orndahl (Victim)
Kidnaping
Birmingham File: 7-10

Dear Sir:

With regard to your telephonic conversation with this office on August 27, 1933, relative to information that George B. Kelly was at Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on August 26 at which time he purchased from the American Express Company travellers checks in the sum of \$200, and also purchased an express money order in the name of [redacted] in the amount of seventy one dollars and some odd cents payable to the Ray Motor Company, address unknown, please be advised that immediately upon receipt of this information I telephonically communicated with [redacted] of the American Express Company, Atlanta, Georgia, advising him of the salient facts in this case and requesting him to hold all monies intact received from the Express Company at Hattiesburg, Mississippi, until an Agent of this office could secure therefrom the serial numbers on the new \$20 bills which were alleged to have been previously in the possession of Kelly.

Confirming our telephonic conversation of August 28, 1933, please be advised that Special Agent [redacted] of this office stationed at Atlanta, Georgia, communicated with [redacted] and inspected all bills received from the Hattiesburg Office of the Express Company and has submitted the following memorandum:

Atlanta, Georgia
August 28, 1933

Confirming our telephone conversation of this date

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please be advised the remittance to [redacted] Express Agent at Hattiesburg, Mississippi, to the Company at Atlanta, Georgia, covering August 26, 1931, was made by agent in the presence and with the consent of [redacted] of the American Express Company, 89 Luckie Street, Atlanta, Georgia, and this shipment contained the following twenty dollar bills all of which showed considerable use with the exception of the bills on the National Bank of Hattiesburg which were practically new. The list is as follows:

B000644A The National Bank of Hattiesburg
 B000648A " " " "
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 B000647A " " " "
 B000659A " " " "

F04792341A Federal Reserve Note

F02624140A " " "
 F02725980A " " "
 F01648222A " " "
 F01884210A " " "
 F03366514A " " "
 F00574869A " " "
 F02393404A " " "
 F02077454A " " "
 F02306031A " " "

D013903A Whitney National Bank of New Orleans, La.
 A014350A " " " "

A014671 The Hibernia National Bank in New Orleans, La.

E000983A The American National Bank and Trust Company of Mobile, Alabama.

C022210A The National City Bank of New York

D-001717A The Second National Bank of Houston, Texas.

D-030251A The First National Bank of Birmingham, Ala.

b7c b7D [redacted] of the American Express Company, 89 Luckie Street, Atlanta, Ga., advised me that he would be glad to send out any circulars required in this case but that he would rather prepare the circulars himself from information furnished by our Division. He said that this would of course entail a great deal of work and some

Express as there were approximately twenty-seven thousand offices in the United States. He said that these offices are divided into zones with a Vice-President in charge of each zone office. The zone offices are maintained at San Francisco, Chicago, St. Louis, New York, and Atlanta, Ga. He said that the Atlanta office covers about four thousand offices situated in the territory South of the Ohio river and East of the Mississippi River. He suggested that it would be much more satisfactory if this matter could be handled with [redacted] of the American Express Company, 65 Broadway, New York, N.Y. He said that the Accounting Department of the American Express Company was also located at 65 Broadway and it would only be necessary for [redacted] to arrange with the Accounting office to notify him in the event either the money order or travellers checks here involved are cashed in any part of the Country. He said that of course this would entail some delay as it would take a check or the money order a week or more to get to New York from some points in the United States. [redacted] felt certain that [redacted] would cooperate with our Division and said that [redacted] was the proper person to take the question of sending out circulars up with as this was in line with [redacted] work which had to do with circularizing for stolen money orders, checks, etc.

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[redacted] did not have the serial numbers of the checks issued so at my request wired his agent at Hattiesburg, Miss., and received the following telegram on August 26, 1933:

"Referring to your telegram August Twenty Eighth sold [redacted] Ten Twenty Dollar Travelers Checks Serial X 898209 and 1740450 to 59 inclusive stop Money Orders serial X 6993172 and 72."

Copy of the above telegram was furnished me by [redacted] and is being retained in the Birmingham Office file.

[redacted] will be out of the City for the next ten days but has instructed [redacted] in his office to hold the twenty dollar bills until noon tomorrow. If you wish these bills held for a longer period I believe I can make some arrangement as to this but you should advise me before noon."

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With regard to the information to the effect that Mrs. Kelly, wife of George Kelly, had relatives residing at Saltillo, Miss., and that possibly she was then residing in that vicinity, please be advised that Special Agent [redacted] of this office was instructed to immediately conduct the necessary inquiries at Saltillo and has submitted the following memorandum in connection with his investigation in that district:

Memphis, Tennessee

August 28, 1935

This investigation was conducted on telephone instructions from Special Agent in Charge E. H. Quinn requesting that Agent ascertain whether wife of Subject Kelly was staying with some of her relatives at Saltillo, Mississippi.

AT SALTILLO, MISSISSIPPI

[redacted] but on further thought he stated that he remembered that there had been an Ora Brooks at Saltillo who had moved to Texas several years ago, but that he did not know just what her family connections were. He suggested that he call in [redacted] He advised that [redacted] and that possibly she could furnish some information. He stated that [redacted] and that she would be entirely dependable.

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[redacted] she stated that there was formerly a family by the name of Coleman at Saltillo and that [redacted] J. E. Brooks married Ora Brooks; that they had one child, a daughter, named Cleo; that about fifteen years ago J. E. Brooks and his wife Ora, and daughter Cleo moved to Texas; that since that time she has not seen Ora Brooks or the daughter Cleo but has learned that Ora Brooks has divorced J. E. Brooks and is now married to a man by the name of Shannon; that Cleo has been married several times and is now supposed to be married to one George Kelly and has been living at Fort Worth, Texas; that several weeks ago [redacted] sent some newspaper clippings about the Orsonel kidnaping and advised that George Kelly, the husband of Cleo, is wanted in connection therewith and that J. E. Brooks had also been questioned. [redacted] advised that the Coleman family had also moved to Texas when J. E. Brooks did. [redacted]

[redacted] stated [redacted] have heard about the kidnaping and the connection that George Kelly has with it. She advised that none of them know Kelly and none of them have

seen Cleo since she was a little girl, but that they have heard that she has been living a high life in Texas and that none of them will have anything to do with her or her mother Mrs. Shannon, the former Ora Brooks. She stated that Mrs. Kelly has not been to Saltillo to her knowledge, and that she is sure that she has not been at the home of [redacted] at Saltillo as she would have heard of it had she been there. She stated that Cleo should be about twenty-nine or thirty years old now, that she understands that she has been married several times. She stated that she feels quite sure that Mrs. Kelly will not come to Saltillo.

[redacted] stated that she would like to see Subject Kelly apprehended and will furnish any information which she may obtain as to his whereabouts.

[redacted] was present during this interview, and he stated that he remembers who Ora Brooks is. He advised that all of the Brooks family are of the highest type and that he feels certain that should they have any information as to Kelly or his wife that they would furnish it.

[redacted] stated that Kelly or his wife mean nothing to him and that he will gladly cooperate in anyway possible.

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b7D [redacted] advised that Subject Kelly is unknown to him and that he has not seen a Black Plymouth Coupe with Texas license plates. He advised that he had heard that Kelly's wife is related to the Brooks and [redacted] families, but that he feels quite sure that she is not staying with any of them as most of them are his neighbors and he sees them every day. He advised that the Brooks and [redacted] families are some of the best people of Saltillo and entirely dependable, and that he feels sure that they would not be in sympathy with any law violators. [redacted] stated that he will be on the lookout for subject Kelly or his wife, and will notify the Birmingham office should he obtain any information as to their whereabouts.

[redacted] of the Saltillo branch of the People's Bank and Trust Company of Tupelo and assistant liquidating agent of the Bank of Saltillo advised that he knows all of the Brooks and [redacted] families; that they are of the highest type and entirely dependable. He stated that he does not know Subject Kelly's wife, but that he has not noticed any strange woman in Saltillo. He advised that if interviewed these people would not tell anything which was not the truth.

[redacted] advised that Cleo Brooks Kelly [redacted] he has not seen her since she was a little girl, but that he has heard through people in Texas that she has been married several times and has been leading a fast life; that she is now married to subject Kelly. He advised that he would like to see Subject Kelly apprehended and will furnish any information which might come to his attention. He stated that he is just

about sure that Mrs. Kelly has not been at Saltillo, and does not believe that she will come there as she has not seen any of her relatives at that place for so many years, and knows that they are not in sympathy with her.

[redacted] advised [redacted] that [redacted] married Ora Coleman at Saltillo; that about fifteen years ago they moved to Texas and have been living there since that time; that they had one daughter named Cleo; that J. E. Brooks and Ora Brooks have been divorced for several years and that Ora Brooks has remarried a Mr. Shannon and now lives at Paradise, Texas. She stated that the Colemans have all left the vicinity of Saltillo and are now in Texas or Oklahoma. She advised that J. E. Brooks now lives at 837 East Walkey Street, Fort Worth, Tex.

[redacted] J. E. Brooks who was in bad health. She stated that J. E. Brooks was living at the home of his daughter Cleo [redacted] that Cleo [redacted] was married to a Mr. Kelly, that Kelly was a travelling man [redacted] stated that she thought at the time that Kelly must not be making his money honestly.

She advised that Cleo Kelly is about thirty years old, has dark brown hair, and is medium size; that she has a daughter age fourteen. She stated that she was advised [redacted] that Kelly is wanted in connection with the Urschel kidnaping. She stated that she has no patience with such people and would like very much to see them apprehended; that she has no respect for Mrs. Kelly or her mother, the former Ora Brooks.

[redacted] stated that she is sure that Mrs. Kelly has not been at Saltillo and does not believe that she would come there.

[redacted] She stated that she knows of no relatives of Kelly and knows of no Colemans in Mississippi. She advised that she had heard that Kelly and Cleo visited in Jackson, Miss. in 1932, but has no idea who they visited there.

Agent interviewed [redacted] and he stated that he remembers Cleo Brooks as a small girl; that he has heard about her activities in Texas and the connection which her husband has with the kidnaping case; that he is sure that Cleo Kelly has not been at Saltillo and does not believe that she will come there. He stated that he will be very glad to offer any information which he might obtain as to the whereabouts of Kelly or his wife.

AT TUPLO, MISSISSIPPI:

Agent interviewed Chief of Police [redacted] and Police Officers [redacted] and [redacted] and they stated that they are

acquainted with all of the Brooks family, and the [redacted] family, that these people are some of the best people in that section of the country and that they are sure that they would furnish any information which they might have. They stated that they knew J. M. Brooks and Ora Brooks but do not know the daughter; that J. M. Brooks and Ora Brooks moved to Texas many years ago. The information as to the whereabouts of Subject Kelly on Saturday August 26th was furnished to these men with a description of the car driven by Subject Kelly, and they promised to be on the lookout for same.

[redacted] that she has heard that Cleo is married to George Kelly and has heard about the trouble that Kelly is in; that she is not in sympathy with these people and would gladly furnish any information she might have. She stated that she has not seen Cleo Brooks [redacted]

[redacted] that she has not seen Cleo [redacted]

During the interviews with [redacted]

It was noted by Agent that they appear to be substantial, sincere, and truthful people, and Agent is convinced that Mrs. Kelly has not been at Sault Ste. Marie, and it is doubtful whether she will put in her appearance there.

It should be noted that [redacted] stated that she understood that Subject Kelly and wife visited in Jackson, Mississippi, last year, and it seems very likely that if Subject has left his wife and daughter anywhere in Mississippi that Jackson is probably the place as Jackson is only about sixty miles above Hattiesburg and one of the main highways leads from Jackson to Hattiesburg.

The following investigation is predicated upon letter received from [redacted] at Obion, Tennessee.

Memphis, Tennessee
August 27, 1933

As instructed by you in our telephone conversation of yesterday I proceeded to Obion, Tennessee, where I contacted [redacted] and he stated that his information as to the man fitting the description of George Kelly first came from the Chief of Police who advised him that J. W. Pryor, who operates a news stand and lunch room, had identified the photograph of George Kelly as being that of the man who stopped at his lunch room on August 22, 1933, and asked for some sugar, and who was driving a Chevrolet sport coupe and was accompanied by two women. He stated that [redacted] had also seen the man and after looking at the I.O. card at the Post Office, had stated that the man who was at Obion looked very much like George Kelly. [redacted] stated that he or the Chief of Police did not see the man.

Mr. Pryor advised that at about 10:20 to 11:00 A.M. on August 22, 1935, a man drove up to his place of business which is located on highway 502, in a 1935 Chevrolet Sport Coupe and was accompanied by two women; that the man removed a thermos jug from the rear of the car and came in and asked for some sugar; that he told this man that he did not have any sugar but that he could get some over town; that the man then said that if he had to leave the highway he did not want any sugar. Mr. Pryor stated that as he remembers the car had a rumble seat; that he cannot remember the color of the car nor what kind of license plates it had on it; that as he remembers, the man wore a coat and a hat; that one woman was about 25 or 30, light complexion, heavy build; that the other woman was smaller. Mr. Pryor stated that two days later he was shown a photo of George Kelly by the Chief of Police and that he is quite sure that Kelly was the man mentioned above. He stated that this man headed south after stopping at his place.

Mr. Pryor is quite an old man and he was very vague in his descriptions of the car or people.

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b7D [redacted] stated that he remembers the above mentioned man because of the fact that Mr. Pryor got so mad at him that he and [redacted] were standing [redacted] and heard the remarks which passed between the man and Mr. Pryor and had a chance to see the car. He advised that this man was driving a Chevrolet Sport Roadster, about a 1931 model, blue body, color of wheels unknown, foreign license tag, state unknown, with a cream colored cloth top with the back curtain rolled up. He stated that the car did not have a rumble seat but a turtle back as he remembers seeing the man raise the back when he took out the water jug. He stated that the man was wearing a cap and was in his shirt sleeves; that he did not get a chance to see the women in the car. Photograph of George Kelly was exhibited to [redacted] and he stated that the man mentioned above looked very much like Kelly but that he is unable to state so for certain.

[redacted] stated that he was standing with [redacted] when this man drove up and he noticed that he removed a thermos jug from the rear and then started to go into Mr. Pryor's place of business; that he then heard some sharp remarks pass between them, especially by Mr. Pryor who took offense at the attitude which the man took. [redacted] stated that to the best of his recollection the man was driving a blue Chevrolet sport roadster which had a light colored cloth top; that he did not notice the license on the car and did not see the women. Photo of George Kelly was exhibited to [redacted] and he stated that Kelly resembles very much the man mentioned above.

I am going to furnish the description of the above car

to [redacted] of the Auto Theft Bureau and thought it would also be a good idea to make some investigation at the hotels here in Memphis. If [redacted] obtains any further information I will advise.

On even date telephone was received from Special Agent in Charge Adams of the Dallas Office advising that the Ray Motor Company mentioned above was located at Kiberton, Georgia, whereupon the writer telephonically communicated with [redacted] who stated that, after an examination of his records, no information was obtained concerning [redacted] that the Ray Motor Company is the distributor for the Plymouth cars in that vicinity. He further made a search of his records in order to ascertain if that company had received an express money order for seventy one dollars and some odd cents alleged to have been obtained by Subject Kelly at Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on August 28. He stated that, after checking the cash book, no such money order has been received from either Kelly or [redacted], or in fact any money order made out at Hattiesburg, Mississippi. I expect to have an Agent in the vicinity of Kiberton in the very near future, at which time he will be instructed to interview [redacted] in person.

On even date you telephonically advised that you are now in possession of information to the effect that Subject Kelly and his wife were in New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 28, 1933, at which time they made a purchase of groceries at an A & P Store; that [redacted] of the store and also [redacted] positively identified the photograph of Kelly as the individual making the purchases; that he presented an American Express Company check in the sum of \$10 signed by [redacted], the number of this express order being S-8004621, and, according to [redacted] this individual had a book full of these money orders; that no information was available relative to the make of car Kelly was alleged to have been driving. You further advised that the handwriting appearing on the money order is somewhat similar to the handwriting of Kelly and requested that, if possible, an effort be made to ascertain through the American Express Company, Atlanta, Georgia, the name of the city where this money order was issued. In this connection, please be advised that Agent [redacted] was instructed to immediately confer with the Officials of the American Express Company and has reported that the express check was not issued in this district, and that in order to ascertain the district where this check was issued it will be necessary to submit the matter to [redacted] 65 Broadway, New York City [redacted] for the express company [redacted]

With regard to this same case, under date of August 28, 1933, a letter was received from the Detroit Office of the Division stating in substance that [redacted] at North Canton, Ohio, reported seeing George Kelly with an unknown woman and man passing through that city on Thursday morning, August 24, driving a 1933 Ford V-8 coupe bearing 1933 Ga. license 891. Agent [redacted] ascertained from the Automobile Division of the Department of Finance at Atlanta, Georgia, that this license plate (#391 Georgia) was issued on March 21, 1933, to [redacted] Marietta, Georgia, for,

A white one ton truck 1930 model, motor #10000. Efforts are now being made to ascertain whether this license plate is now in possession of [redacted]. Subsequent developments in connection with this matter will be reported immediately.

No request is being made of the New York Office, in compliance with your request, relative to circulating the various Express Companies located throughout the United States concerning the express money orders alleged to have been purchased by Kelly at Jettiesburg, Mississippi.

Very truly yours,

TDS

T. D. QUINN
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Division
Dallas
Detroit
Okla. City (2)

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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

Dear Sir:

In re: GEORGE R. KELLY with aliases, et al
CHARLES F. DRSCHKE - Victim
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-23

With reference to my telegram of August 18, 1933, in connection with the above entitled case, please be advised that information was received at this office to the effect that one [redacted] who was registered at the Commodore Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, from July 31 to August 10, 1933, may be identical with George R. Kelly, subject in this case.

In this connection Special Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted] of the Commodore Hotel, Chicago, and he advised that his records disclosed that [redacted] and wife and son registered at the hotel at 11:35 P.M. on July 31, 1933; that at the time of his registration he gave his address as Lima, Ohio, and intimated to the clerks at the hotel that he had just driven to Chicago from that point in his Cadillac V-16 sedan.

[redacted] stated that on the following day [redacted] asked him for a \$5.00 loan, claiming at the time that he was short of money and that he was expecting a large check from an out of town bank, which he had not as yet received. At this stage, [redacted] stated, he immediately became suspicious of [redacted] inasmuch as he thought it peculiar that a man and his family should be traveling in a big Cadillac car without any funds. However, [redacted] advanced him the \$5.00 and on the same evening he again met [redacted] in the lobby. This time [redacted] was accompanied by an elderly gentleman whom he, [redacted] introduced as [redacted] of Dallas, Texas. [redacted] according to [redacted] was not registered at the hotel at any time.

Continuing, [redacted] advised that during the time [redacted] was registered at the hotel, he, [redacted] was out of the city the greater part of the time, and that during [redacted] absence Mr. Maurel should visit [redacted] at the hotel almost daily. [redacted] stated that he had not seen [redacted] again until August 9th, at which time he asked him for his room rent; that [redacted] informed him he had just returned from

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an out of town trip and was low on funds, but advised that Maurer had
a certain amount of money and in this connection asked [redacted] if he
would be willing to accept Maurer's check for \$50.00 as payment of the
rent. [redacted] stated that he communicated with the First National Bank
of Dallas that evening, making inquiry as to whether F. W. Maurer was
known at that bank and whether he had sufficient funds on deposit to
cover the check in question; that the following day he received a wire
from the bank stating that Maurer had an account and that the check
would be good. Accordingly, Mr. Maurer issued a check on the First
National Bank of Dallas, payable to [redacted] for \$50.00, and
endorsed this check. [redacted] stated, and turned it over to him as
payment for the rent due. Two photostatic copies of the check in ques-
tion are being enclosed herewith. [redacted] added that on August 14,
1933, he received a notice from the First National Bank of Dallas,
notifying him that payment on the check had been stopped and conse-
quently same was not cleared.

Continuing, [redacted] advised that immediately after he accepted
Maurer's check for \$50.00, [redacted] told him that he was checking out of
the hotel that morning; that he, [redacted], again became suspicious of both
[redacted] and Maurer and, accordingly, instructed the bellboy to get the
license number of [redacted] car as it was leaving the hotel. The bellboy,
who furnished his name as [redacted] reported that the Cadillac V-16
bore 1933 Indiana license plates No. 418-789. It was subsequently learned
through the Cincinnati office that 1933 Indiana license plates No. 418-789
were issued to [redacted] Fort Wayne, Indiana, on
a 1917 Overland touring car, on June 8th of this year. Inquiry by offi-
cer [redacted] of the Fort Wayne Police Department disclosed that [redacted]
[redacted] had lived at the above address for only a short time and had
moved without leaving a forwarding address or any information as to her
present whereabouts. Inquiry in the vicinity of that address disclosed
that [redacted] was unknown to any of the neighbors.

Agent [redacted] exhibited to the employees of the Commodore
Hotel photographs of George Kelly, Theodore Bents, Edwin Bents, Albert
Bates, Mrs. Kelly and Dick Galatas, persons involved in the instant
matter, and all employees indicated that the photograph of subject Kelly
closely resembled that of the man whom they knew as [redacted]. These
same employees positively identified the photograph of Dick Galatas as
that of F. W. Maurer.

In the light of the foregoing information, it is respectfully
requested that your office discreetly interview [redacted]

Texas, in an effort to ascertain whether he had visited at Chicago during the early part of August, 1935, and whether he is acquainted with [REDACTED] whom it is alleged he is closely associated with.

Very truly yours,

M. E. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

[REDACTED]
cc-Division ☒
Oklahoma City ☒

Encl.

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420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas

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

RE: George B. Kelly,
with aliases - FUGITIVE
et al.
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a tracing on mail from the
R.C. Shannon box at Paradise, Texas addressed to
[redacted] Waureka, Oklahoma - c/o [redacted]

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:
cc Division

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1816 Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas.

August 23, 1933.

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

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GEO. R. KELLY w. a. et al.
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Referring to your telephone conversation on August 23, 1933, relative to a suspect being seen in Hattiesburg, Miss., thought to be the fugitive George R. Kelly and suggesting that I obtain the registration record of Texas license #57-124.

You are advised that this license was issued in 1933 to [redacted] Wetmore, Texas, for Dodge sedan 1929 model motor No. M1C2-372. This car had also been registered by this same man for the year 1933. This car and license plates are still in possession of [redacted] Wetmore, Texas, located about 18 miles from San Antonio. It is thought from this that there is no possibility of this being the license number thought to be on the car driven by the suspect in Mississippi.

I wrote you yesterday concerning [redacted] and I am obtaining some additional information today that will be transmitted to you shortly.

I expect to be in Dallas in the next day or so.

Very truly yours,

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cc Division-
cc Oklahoma City
cc Kansas City

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge

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900 Ezra Thompson Bldg.,

Salt Lake City, Utah,

August 29, 1933

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Re: George R. Kelly, with aliases,
I.O. 1203, et al
Charles F. Ourschel, victim
Kidnaping
S.I. File 7-10

Dear Sir:

It has been determined that a woman believed to be the woman who recently lived with Albert L. Bates at Denver, Colo., as his wife, under the name of Mrs. George L. Davis, with a young man, represented as her son, rented a room at 916 Warren Street, Cheyenne, Wyo., on August 17, 1933, between 11:00 and 12:00 AM.

This woman drove up to the rooming house in a new 1933 model Chevrolet sedan with a Colorado license, number unknown. The car was black in color. This woman stated she would like to obtain a room for herself and brother and she looked at several rooms and decided to take room No. 3 at that address. She paid \$14.00 for two weeks rent, which included rental of a garage. This woman gave her name as Mrs. R. Johnson and did not sign the register. She and her brother brought in 11 new expensive traveling bags and placed them in their room. They stayed in their room and kept the door locked.

Johnson had a small pakeinese dog and was wearing a smart orange colored suit and a tan straw hat.

At 9:30 PM on August 18, 1933, she hurriedly left her room, saying she had a telegram calling her to Idaho. Her brother stayed until the following morning and left about 8:30 AM in an automobile telling [redacted] that he was going to leave on the stage.

The Sheriff at Cheyenne, Wyoming, received the "tip" and immediately checked the stages and found none left on the morning of August 19, 1933. He also checked the telegraph companies

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but there was no record of a telegram having been delivered to anyone in Cheyenne from Idaho.

██████████ stated that the automobile which this woman had was not put in the garage in the rear of the rooming house but had been kept the one night she was at the house at some unknown place. ██████████ said she overheard a conversation between the brother and this woman at the time this woman was loading the car and that the woman said to her brother "I'll see you on September 1st". The place of the meeting was not learned.

This woman was described by ██████████ as follows:

Age	35 or 40
Height	5'4"
Weight	120 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Features	Oval
Teeth	Contained considerable gold.

The brother was described as follows:

Age	20
Height	6'
Weight	170 lbs.
Hair	Light blonde
	Wore a gray suit, did not wear a hat.

██████████ further informed that a strange man visited this couple and that the woman referred to him as her brother. This man was of medium size, chunky build, and weighed about 150 lbs.

It has been learned that Albert L. Bates has a friend in Cheyenne who is an ex-convict. The home in which this person lives is now under cover by the Sheriff's office. It is the belief of the Sheriff at Cheyenne, Wyo. that ██████████ a brother of Mrs. Albert L. Bates is the man who visited the couple on the occasion above referred to.

The room occupied by the woman and the young man has been

searched but nothing of any importance was found. A number of
bottles of lotion were found and taken by the Sheriff for the
purpose of developing any latent fingerprints appearing on them.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Division
Dallas

1216 Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas
August 20, 1933

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

GEORGE B. KELLY, et al.
et al.; Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In response to your request, I am enclosing herewith
six copies of the photograph of [redacted] alias [redacted]
[redacted] and other aliases.

Attached to copy of this letter for the Oklahoma City
office I am sending three additional photographs.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division
cc Oklahoma City

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J A DOWD
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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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GEORGE R KELLY ETAL ADVISE WHEN RATES WILL MOVE

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U.S. Dept. of Justice

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M H Purvis
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois

GEORGE KELLY ETAL KIDNAPING REFERENCE REPORT AGENT [REDACTED] SAN FRANCISCO AUGUST
TWENTY FIRST STOP INFORMATION [REDACTED] RECEIVING MAIL GENERAL DELIVERY
CHICAGO UNDER NAME [REDACTED] AND THEODORE BENTZ BELIEVED WITH HER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED AGE TWENTY EIGHT HEIGHT FIVE SIX HUNDRED TWENTY POUNDS
CHESTNUT HAIR BOBBED NEAT DRESSER ATTRACTIVE STOP TED BENTZ WANTED STATE
AUTHORITIES SEATTLE WARRANT OUTSTANDING STOP ALSO INFORMATION ED BENTZ
RECEIVES COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH BROTHER GEORGE BENTZ CHICAGO

SPEARS

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1214 South Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas.

August 21, 1933

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

GEORGE E. KELLY et al.
Kidnaping - (Chas. Y. Drachel,
victim).
VERNON C. MILLER et al.
Obstruction of Justice.

Dear Sir:

Referring to report of Special Agent [redacted]
Kansas City, Mo. for July 25, 1933, entitled [redacted]
et al, on page 7, it is noted that the telephone located at the
furnished house rented and occupied by Dick Dalata at Hot
Springs, Ark., had been installed in the name of Mrs. Chas. W.
Bates.

In view of the fact that this is one of the aliases used
by Albert L. Bates and he is commonly known as George Bates, I be-
lieve it advisable to obtain all of the records from the Telephone
Company concerning the installation of this telephone, who had it
done, obtain the original signature to the contract and any refer-
ences given. It is quite possible that George Kelly and George
Bates were implicated in the Kansas City shooting.

Due to the great physical likeness between George E. Kelly
and Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, it is quite possible that [redacted]
at the Union Station, in identifying the picture of Floyd, actually
saw George Kelly participating in the shooting.

It is believed advisable to ascertain positively whether or
not the telephone installed at Hot Springs, Ark., has anything to do
with George Bates implicated in the Drachel case.

Very truly yours, 7-115

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cc Division ✓
cc Dallas
cc Oklahoma City

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

September 4, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr Colvin called about 4:08 PM and stated that they were leaving with Harvey Bailey for Oklahoma City by auto in a few minutes. At 7:57 PM Agent Colvin called and stated that Harvey Bailey was safe in the Oklahoma County Jail.

Respectfully,

Leo M. Murphy
Leo M. Murphy.

*Delivered to C/24/39.
Ponder H.C.*

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J. EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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

September 4, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

[REDACTED] of The Evening Star called at 12:45 this afternoon to report the recapture of Harvey Bailey. I again thanked him for his kindness in giving us first hand information. Several minutes later we received a telephone call from Mr. Colvin reporting the above.

Respectfully,

C. E. Kleinkauf
C. E. Kleinkauf.

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

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,
AUGUST 30, 1933

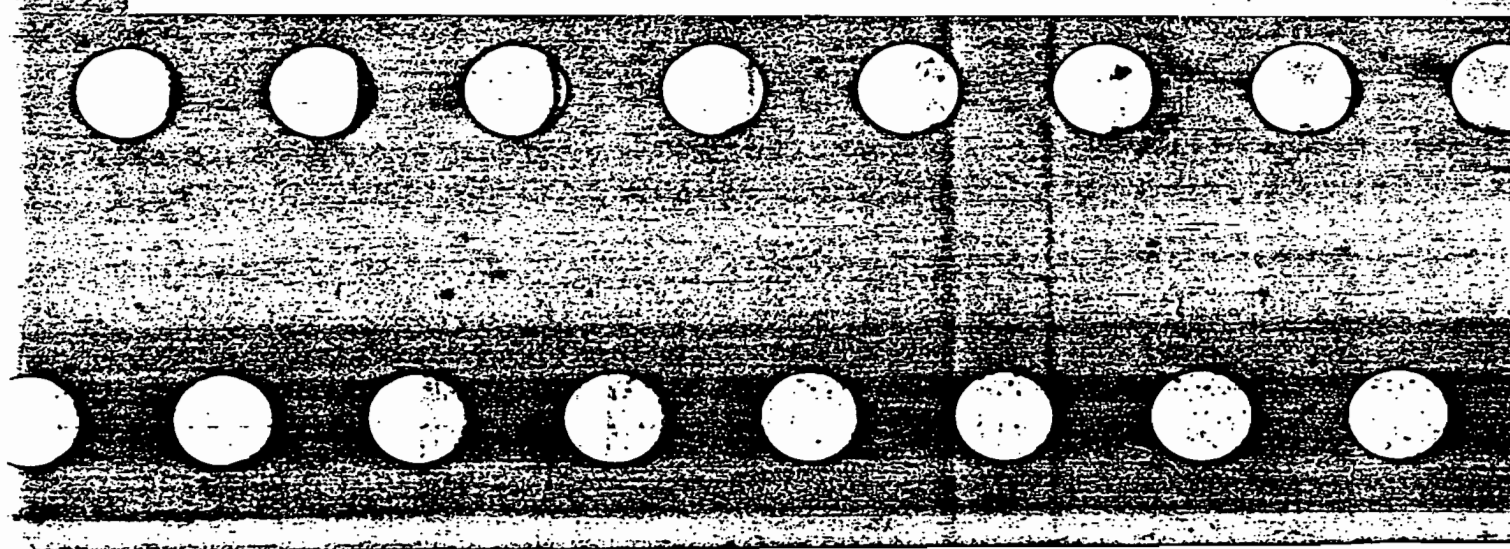


CONFIDENTIAL LATTER BATES ARRIVES OKLAHOMA CITY TOMORROW.

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

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

DENVER, COLO
8-30-33
9PM

URGENT KIDNAPING USM HERE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO DEPUTIES AGENTS [REDACTED] MYSELF WITH BATES
LEAVING DENVER AUGUST THIRTYFIRST FIVE AM OCLOCK IN SIX PASSENGER PRIVATE MONOPLANE
THREE MOTORS COLOR BROWN LICENSE NC THREE ONE SEVEN V stop FLYING DIRECT TO
OKLAHOMA CITY NO STOPS CALCULATE ARRIVE MUNICIPAL FIELD THERE IN FOUR HOURS SUGGEST
APPROPRIATE ACTION BE TAKEN BY YOU QUIETLY TO PROTECT AND PREVENT DELIVERY BATES
AND PROVIDE FOR TRANSPORTATION FROM FIELD.

CC BUREAU

DECODED WIRE.



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

420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

August 31, 1933.

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

RE: George R. Kelly,
with aliases-FUGITIVE; et al.
KIDNAPPING.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a letter addressed to [REDACTED] alias [REDACTED] written at San Antonio, Texas, apparently by [REDACTED]

For your information: [REDACTED] is now located at [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:
cc Division
O.C.
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With C.C. <i>SPC</i> FILE

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900 Ezra Thompson Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah,
August 31, 1933

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

Re: George H. Kelly with aliases
I.O. 1203, et al
Charles F. Urschel, victim
Kidnaping
S.L. File 7-10

Dear Sir:

[redacted] advised
the writer that he had learned that Albert L. Bates is said to be
a close friend of [redacted]
resides at [redacted] and
[redacted]

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[redacted] relates that he has kept [redacted] house
under surveillance for some time and has received a report from the
Denver Police Department that Bates visited [redacted] immediately prior to
the latter's apprehension in Denver several weeks ago.

[redacted] also related that he would continue to
keep the residence of [redacted] under observation as he is confident Bates
was in touch with [redacted] and that the woman who represented herself
to be Mrs. George L. Davis, who is said to have been in [redacted]
recently under the name of [redacted] and who is believed to be
none other than the woman whom Bates had been residing with prior to
his arrest, was in touch with [redacted] while in [redacted]

Very truly yours,

LOUIS D. WINE, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Division

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
August 31, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE H. KELLY, et al
Charles [redacted] Victim
KIDNAPING
K.C. File 7-8

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U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

In connection with the above captioned matter, several wires were received at Paradise, Texas, from Chicago, signed [redacted] I believe there was a [redacted] indicted with [redacted] and several others for violation of the National Prohibition Act at Peoria, Illinois, about April 27, 1929. I understand that Harvey Bailey, a man by the name of [redacted] and [redacted] were probably quite closely associated.

It is possible that [redacted] might know George Kelly and I believe it worth while, at any rate, to ascertain what happened to [redacted] on the indictment at Peoria.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

REV [redacted]
cc - Division
Dallas

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Atlantic National Bank Annex
Jacksonville, Florida

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September 1, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

With reference to the investigation being made in this case, I desire to advise of the following activities on the part of the Jacksonville Office:

On August first, circulars were forwarded to all banks in this district requesting advice as to any deposit of large sums of used Twenty-Dollar Kansas City Federal Reserve notes since July 31, 1933.

On August seventh, circulars were sent to all banks in connection with the cashier's check in favor of E. H. Peters issued by the Hennepin State Bank of Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the amount of \$1200.

On August ninth, list of bank notes paid as ransom in kidnaping cases furnished by the Division was forwarded to all banks in this district.

On August fourteenth, circular was forwarded to all law enforcement officials in this district furnishing them with the descriptions of George R. Kelly and George Bates, and the sixteen cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan, motor number 1400263, which may bear 1935 Ohio license plates number 691-965.

On August eighteenth, a letter was addressed to postmaster in the more important cities in this district requesting information with reference to the identity of person or persons receiving mail through post office box 631. This inquiry was made in connection

with letter dated August 15, 1933, forwarded by the Saint Paul Office to eighteen Division Offices having reference to telegram sent from Minneapolis on August eighth to the Cadillac Motor Sales Company, Cleveland, Ohio, which was signed George and requesting the assistant, R. C. Shannon, to communicate with him at box 532.

On August nineteenth, a circular was forwarded to all law enforcement officers setting out descriptions of George R. Kelly, Mrs. George R. Kelly and Edward V. Banta and the sixteen-cylinder blue-black Cadillac sedan previously referred to.

On August twenty-third, a circular letter was forwarded to all banks in this district requesting to be advised whether any safety deposit box or boxes had been rented to any persons whose identities were questionable between July 22nd and August fourteenth, inclusive.

On August 26, 27 and 28, 1933, after information was received from the New Orleans Office that the [redacted] Police at Hattisburg, Mississippi, had informed that office that one [redacted] who gave his address as [redacted], New Orleans, registered at the Hattisburg Hotel on August 26, 1933, at noon and later he called at the Express office and requested \$1400 in traveler's checks, which were not issued to him, but that later on the same day, at six P.M., he purchased \$200 in traveler's checks in Twenty-Dollar denominations, using the name of [redacted] and that from Identification Order 1203, this person was positively identified as being George R. Kelly by employees of the Express Company and that this individual accompanied by a male companion departed from Hattisburg on August 26, 1933 in a new Plymouth coupe, bearing Texas license; that they took the road to Gulfport, Mississippi, but might have gone to Mobile and might have been headed for Miami via Pensacola, Florida, this information was immediately dispatched to the Police Departments at Pensacola, Jacksonville and Miami, Florida. In this connection at Pensacola, Florida, an Agent from the Jacksonville office made inquiry at all the hotels, which was unproductive of results.

On August twenty-fourth, the State Motor Vehicle Commissioner at Tallahassee, Florida, was requested to place a stop order in his files in connection with the Cadillac sedan previously mentioned and against Chevrolet sport coupe, motor number 3740186, and requesting advice in the event application is made to title or register either of the above cars. On August thirtieth, the Motor Vehicle Commissioner replied stating that stop order had been placed against these cars and that he would advise immediately if application to title or register is submitted.

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This is to advise that law enforcement officers in the district of the Jacksonville Office are manifesting a splendid spirit of cooperation in connection with this case. The Police Departments at Miami and Jacksonville are bulletining daily to all officers the names and descriptions of persons whose apprehensions are being sought and the automobiles mentioned herein, and these bulletins are being turned to police departments over the state.

Considerable inquiry with reference to this case has been made by Agents of this office; however, no information of value has been obtained. The Oklahoma City Office will be immediately advised of any developments in this district.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

CHARGE

CHICAGO ILLINOIS SEPTEMBER 1, 1933

R. WHITLEY
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
225 1/2 POST OFFICE BLDG.
NEW ORLEANS LA.

GEORGE R KELLY KIDNAPING [REDACTED] PURCHASED AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY
TRAVELERS CHECK \$ EIGHT NAUGHT NAUGHT FOUR SIX TWO ONE AT AURORA ILLINOIS
AUGUST FIFTEENTH LAST [REDACTED] HAS RESIDED IN AURORA FOR PAST THIRTEEN YEARS
BEING CONTINUOUSLY EMPLOYED BY C B & Q RAILROAD PRESENTLY ON VACATION
REPUTATION GOOD

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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W. C. C. SPC

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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
September 1, 1933



Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1408
New York, N. Y.

Re: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases - FUGITIVE, et al.
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above entitled matter please be advised that a long distance telephone call, was received from [redacted] Commerce Guardian Bank, Toledo, Ohio, advising that on August 2, 1933, one Theodore Steinberg, who is described as 45 to 50 years of age, 170 pounds, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches, tall, Jewish, made application for rental of a safety deposit box in that institution, and when requested for an address gave 551 Monroe Street, New York City, New York.

Mr. Steinberg explained that he was traveling from New York City to the Pacific coast with a volume of papers in his possession and decided to stop off at Toledo to deposit them for safe-keeping.

Inasmuch as Mr. Steinberg is a resident of New York City, it is possible that he may be the Subject of a bankruptcy case pending in that office.

This information is being forwarded to you for whatever disposition you deem advisable.

Very truly yours,

E. B. Donaldson, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

cc Division

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Federal Building

Butte, Montana,
September 1, 1933.

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

Re: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, I.O. 1203, FUGITIVE, et al.
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.
Kidnapping.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Butte, Montana, on August 28, 1933, on the above entitled case, wherein an interview had with one R. L. Hunt, Twin Falls, Idaho, is related. For possible future interest, the photograph of this individual is being transmitted to your office herewith. Following is the criminal record of R. L. Hunt, received from the Idaho State Penitentiary:

As Lee Hunt, March 14, 1913, Portland, Oregon, embezzlement and Forgery; June 20, 1913; 1 year in County Jail.

As Robert L. Hunt, #11026, arrested Kansas City, Missouri, 24, 1921; obtaining money under false pretense; taken to St. Missouri.

Robert Lee Hunt, #24600, received at Missouri State Penitentiary 24, 1922; crime, Grand Larceny; sentence, 2 years.

Robert Lee Hunt, #38776, P. D. San Francisco, California, 21, 1926; Charge, Forgery; no disposition.

Robert Lee Hunt, #420, P. D. Twin Falls, Idaho, October 19, 1929; Charge, disturbing peace; no disposition.

As R. L. Hunt, #4157, arrested P. D. Salt Lake City, Utah; Charge, Bad Check; no disposition.

R. L. Hunt, arrested S. O. Boise, Idaho, #5848, November 29, 1929; obtaining money under false pretense; sentence, 90 days County Jail.

As R. L. Hunt, #4751, Idaho State Penitentiary, received September 1, 1932; forgery; sentence, 1 to 14 years; released by pardon July 24, 1933.

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: Director ✓
Salt Lake City Office
[redacted]

Very truly yours,

D. H. Dickason
Special Agent in Charge

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420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Tex.

September 2, 1933.

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

RE: George E. Kelly,
with aliases - FUGITIVE; et al.
KIDNAPPING.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to memorandum of Special Agent [redacted]
dated at Oklahoma City 8/30/33, outlining investigation
conducted at Milburn, Oklahoma:

This memorandum indicates that Louise Magness is very anxious
to obtain the newspapers from the Post Office. It is just possible
that George and Kathryn Kelly might use the newspapers as a means of
communication.

If I am not mistaken the Daily Oklahoman and the Tulsa World
are the two newspapers mailed to subscribers. In searching the Tulsa
World it will be observed that in the edition of 8/25/33 and 8/26/33
an advertisement appears therein under "Lost and Found" column as
follows:

"LOST suitcase with name of O.P.
Shannon, August 17, 5-2411."

Inasmuch as Kathryn and George Kelly have been known to
follow such methods in establishing communication, it might be well
to check the advertisement, bearing in mind that Kelly has been using
names of relatives.

Armon Shannon has [redacted], and Kelly might
be using this name and a "blind" ad possibly inserted to mean that he
arrived August 17th and can be found at telephone No. 5-2411, Tulsa,
Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Special Agent in Charge
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

September 4, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Blake called from Dallas at 9:05 AM and reported that Harvey^o Bailey had escaped from the Dallas County jail early this morning. He knew none of the details but he was on his way down to find them out, also that he had called all the boys in. Mr. Nathan was immediately advised of the above call.

Respectfully,

C. E. Kleinkauf
C. E. Kleinkauf

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DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION US DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHN DC

INVESTIGATION DEVELOPS BAILEY SAWED THREE BARS OF DEATH CELL AND AT SEVEN TEN AM WHEN JAILER AND TRUSTY WENT TO FEED HIM OVERPOWERED JAILER ON TENTH FLOOR LOCKING HIM AND TRUSTY IN CELL THEN PROCEEDING TO SIXTH FLOOR TOOK CHARGE OF ONLY GUARD ON DUTY AT THAT TIME AND AWAITED RETURN OF ANOTHER GUARD LOCKING BOTH IN CELL AND DESCENDED TO MAIN FLOOR WHERE ONLY ONE GUARD WAS ON DUTY HE FORCED THIS GUARD TO OPEN REAR DOOR AND ESCAPED WITH JAILER AS HOSTAGE CROSSING STREET TO GARAGE WHERE JAILERS CAR KEPT

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Radio

STANDARD TIME
INDICATED ON THIS MESSAGE

This is a full rate Telegram, Cablegram or Radiogram unless otherwise indicated by signal in the check or in the address.

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1933 SEP 7 PM 11:58
BMA101/2/70 DALLAS DIRECTOR DIVN OF INHN US DEPT OF JUSTICE WDC
USING IT TO GET AWAY BAILEY DRIVING STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM
ALL WITNESSES EXCEPT THE KIDNAPPED JAILER BUT RESPONSIBILITY NOT YET
FIXED COPIES OF STATEMENTS FURNISHED DIVISION AIR MAIL TONIGHT NUMBER
OF GUN USED IN ESCAPE OBTAINED AND AM TRASING IN EXPECTATION OF
ASCERTAINING WHO FURNISHED IT TO BAILEY STOP WHEN MATHERS ATTORNEY
OKLA. CITY VISITED BAILEY WHO HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] OF FORT WORTH WHO HOWEVER DID NOT TALK TO BAILEY
INVESTIGATION BEING CONTINUED

BLAKE.

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This is a full-rate telegram for Cablegram unless its character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

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J EDGAR HOOVER, PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL=

☆☆ BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASHDC

IN THE INTEREST OF HONEST INTELLIGENT PROFESSIONAL POLICE ADMINISTRATION WE URGE YOU CONDUCT IMMEDIATE AND COMPLETE INVESTIGATION OF KIDNAPER BAILEYS ESCAPE FROM COUNTY JAIL THIS MORNING STOP THIS DEPLORABLE INCIDENT WILL BE VIEWED BY ENTIRE NATION AS REFLECTION UPON ABILITY IF NOT UPON INTEGRITY OF ALL POLICE AGENTS THIS VICINITY AND RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD BE FIXED PROMPTLY STOP DALLAS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTING THROUGH CHIEF WILL CONTINUE COOPERATE WITH YOUR MEN=

CLAUD W TRAMMEL CHIEF OF POLICE JOHN N EDY CITY
MANAGER CITY OF DALLAS..

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MR. CLAUD W. TRAMMEL
CHIEF OF POLICE
DALLAS, TEXAS

IN REPLY TO YOUR TELEGRAM I DESIRE TO ADVISE YOU THAT I HAD ALREADY
BEEN IN TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION WITH SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE BLAKE OF MY
OFFICE AT DALLAS AND HAVE DIRECTED A VIGOROUS AND SEARCHING INVESTIGATION
TO BE MADE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE ESCAPE OF HARVEY BAILEY
FROM THE DALLAS COUNTY JAIL I APPRECIATE THE OFFER OF YOUR COOPERATION IN
THIS MATTER AND SHALL CERTAINLY AVAIL MYSELF OF IT

J. Edgar HOOVER

Director

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J.S.P.

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MR. JOHN H. EBY
CITY MANAGER
DALLAS TEXAS

SEP 6 - 1933

IN REPLY TO YOUR TELEGRAM I DESIRE TO ADVISE YOU THAT I HAD ALREADY BEEN IN TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION WITH SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE BLAKE OF MY OFFICE AT DALLAS AND HAVE DIRECTED A VIGOROUS AND SEARCHING INVESTIGATION TO BE MADE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE ESCAPE OF HARVEY BAILEY FROM THE DALLAS COUNTY JAIL. I APPRECIATE THE OFFER OF YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER AND SHALL CERTAINLY AVAIL MYSELF OF IT.

J. EDGAR HOOVER

DIRECTOR

All b7C

J. K. S. P.

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WELLS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

DALLAS TEXAS SEPTEMBER 4 1933

T F CULLEN
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
370 LEXINGTON AVENUE ROOM 1403
NEW YORK NEW YORK



CONTACT SMITH AND WESSON ARMS COMPANY SPRINGFIELD MASSACHUSETTS AND TRAC

FORTY FOUR CALIBRE REVOLVER NUMBER FIVE SEVEN TWO EIGHT EXPEDITE

BLAKE

Official Bus
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CHG: Div. of Inv.
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cc Div. (Re: Geo. Kelly; etal Kidnapping.
Escape of Harvey Bailey.

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September 2, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Yesterday morning I received a telephonic call from the Agent in Charge of this Division at Dallas, Texas, advising me that Harvey Bailey, who had been arrested by Agents of this Division in connection with the Bremer kidnapping case and the Kansas City massacre, had escaped from the Dallas County Jail, in which he had been placed at the time of his arrest several weeks ago. I immediately directed the Agent in Charge at Dallas, Texas to at once communicate with all law enforcement agencies in Dallas, Arkansas and Oklahoma advising them of this escape and to have an announcement made over the radio and to all radio cars of the police departments. The Agent in Charge at Dallas, Texas also procured the services of six Army planes. These planes proceeded in a survey of all adjacent territory for the purpose of locating the car which Bailey stole at the time of his escape from the Dallas County Jail.

It appears that the escape from the Dallas County Jail occurred at 7:15 a.m. Bailey had sawed through three bars of the death cell in which he had been placed, and when a jailer and trusty went to feed him Bailey over-powered the jailer on the tenth floor, locked the jailer and trusty in a cell, and then proceeded to the sixth floor of the jail where he took charge of an only guard on duty at that time and awaiting the return of another guard locked both in a cell and descended to the main floor where only one guard was on duty. He forced this guard to open the rear door. He escaped with the jailer as hostage, crossing the street to a garage where the jailer's car was kept and used this car to get away.

As a result of the broadcast of the escape of Bailey, he was apprehended at Ardmore, Oklahoma by the Police Department of Ardmore. Bailey had been driving the entire time since he left Dallas and there was with him at the time of his re-capture at Ardmore the jailer who he had kidnapped.

Immediately upon receiving advice from Ardmore that Bailey was in custody, I directed the Agent in Charge of this Division at Oklahoma City to proceed at once to Ardmore with sufficient Agents to insure Bailey's safe removal to Oklahoma City. This was accomplished late yesterday evening, and Bailey is now incarcerated in the Oklahoma County Jail.

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The Attorney General - 2,

9-5-33.

For your information, there are also being held in this jail as Federal prisoners Robert G. Shannon, Irvin Crawford Shannon, Mrs. Ora L. Shannon and Albert L. Bates, in connection with the Brechel kidnapping case. While this is a County jail, and not under Federal control, I have nevertheless directed that Agents of this Division be detailed to guard the cells in which each of these prisoners is now held and also have had Agents of this Division assigned to the outside of the jail to guard the same in order to insure against any escapes or jail delivery.

I also at once directed a vigorous and searching investigation to be made of the circumstances surrounding Bailey's escape from the Dallas County Jail. This jail is not, as you of course understand, under Federal control, but is a County jail and Bailey was being held there as a Federal prisoner. Sworn statements have been taken from all witnesses available at the County jail, with the exception of the kidnaped jailer from whom a statement will be procured this morning. We have also procured the number of the gun which was found in Bailey's possession and with which he effected his escape from the jail, and are tracing this gun in expectation of establishing the identity of the person or persons who furnished it to Bailey. According to the best information we have been able to procure, Bailey's attorney, a man by the name of [redacted] who is an attorney in Oklahoma City, visited Bailey last Friday and in so far as we have been able to ascertain no other person has been in contact with Bailey.

[redacted] and the fact that he is reported to be the only person who contacted Bailey, other than the jail employees and trustees, I instructed the Oklahoma City office to arrest [redacted] yesterday and to thoroughly interrogate him. I have also instructed the Oklahoma City office of this Division to see that no one interviews any of the Shannons, Bates or Bailey. This may bring some protest from the attorneys for these persons and I informed the Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City office that he should disregard any of these protests until directed to give cognizance to the same by the Court. Should the Federal Court issue instructions that these attorneys may interview these prisoners, I instructed that the Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City office should see that these attorneys are searched before being allowed to interview these prisoners, and that there should be a representative of this Division present at all times during the course of such interviews. I further ordered the Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City office to see that the cells and the persons of these prisoners are searched daily in order to make sure that no arms or other implements

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The Attorney General - 2.

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are supplied in to them.

These instructions may seem somewhat drastic, but I am determined to prevent if possible a repetition of what has occurred at Dallas.

I instructed Assistant Director Nathan of this Division to leave Washington yesterday to proceed at once to Oklahoma City, and he will arrive there Wednesday morning of this week and will take personal charge of the situation there.

This indicates that the conditions existing in the County and local jails are most unsatisfactory. Many of these jails have Federal prisoners incarcerated in them and many times the jailers and trustees are thoroughly unreliable. Therefore, in this particular case, where so much is at stake, I deemed it imperative to assume what might be considered a rather arbitrary control in connection with the Oklahoma County Jail at Oklahoma City in order that there will be no further escapes upon the part of these desperate criminals who are being held for the Federal government.

We have good reason to believe that a number of Kelley's cohorts are in Oklahoma City. On last Saturday the Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City received a telephonic call from a person claiming to be George Kelly, the fugitive whom we are seeking in connection with the Urechel case. Kelly made inquiry as to what arrangements might be made for him should he decide to surrender, and whether he could select the officers to whom he would surrender. While the Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City feels sure that it was actually Kelly, from the conversation had with him, and from certain statements made, it is impossible to trace the call as it came over one of the dial telephones. We also have information that Mrs. Bates, the wife of Albert L. Bates, is in Oklahoma City and that other members of this gang are in that vicinity. It would, therefore, seem that they may have contemplated efforts to effect the escape of Bates and the Shannons from the Oklahoma County Jail. However, steps have now been taken which I believe will sufficiently insure the safe-keeping of these individuals, and every effort is being made by the Agents of this Division to bring about the apprehension of the other members of this gang.

Respectfully,

Director.