

Western Union  
Night Letter  
September 9, 1933

J. H. GULLEY  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
224 FEDERAL BUILDING  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

DELLY ETAL KIDNAPING RETEL RATES UNKNOWN TO [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] STOP  
THEY WILL SEEK INFORMATION STOP [REDACTED] AND PARTNER RETIRED AND DECEASED  
SIX MONTHS AND YEAR RESPECTIVELY RATES ALSO UNKNOWN TO [REDACTED]  
ANOTHER FORMER PARTNER OF [REDACTED]

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420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

September 14, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Ave., Room 1403,  
New York, N.Y.

9-115  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
SEP 18 1933  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

Dear Sir:-

In papers found at Paradise, Texas at the time of the apprehension of Harvey Bailey and members of the Shannon family in connection with the Urschel kidnapping, was a certificate of entry made out on a blank of the American Kennel Club Stud-Book, American Kennel Club, 221 Fourth Ave., New York - being as follows:

Name of Dog	Ching A Wee
Breed	Pekingese
Sex	Female
Sire	Po-Chu (520533)
Dam	Chu Waa (488172)
Whelped	September 22, 1928
Color	Red black mask
Breeder	Mrs. F.M. Eder
Owner	F.V. Coffman
Registered	March 27, 1930
Assigned No.	633705
Volume	XLVII
	May Issue

Will you please check registrations in the American Kennel Club with a view to establishing, if possible, the ownership of the dog Ching A Wee mentioned therein.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

HN: [redacted] 67C  
cc Division  
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OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

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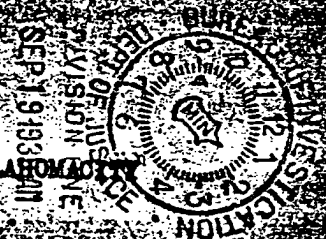
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CC: Division



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

Salt Lake City, Utah.  
September 13, 1933. 11:50 A.M.

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URSCHKE CASE REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAMS TWELFTH WITNESSES STOP USM DENVER HAS  
RECEIVED SUBPOENAS ONLY FOR [REDACTED] STOP

POSSIBLY SUBPOENA AD TESTIFICANDUM NECESSARY HIS APPEARANCE OKLAHOMACITY ET  
USA DENVER BELIEVES [REDACTED] WESTERN UNION DENVER NOT QUALIFIED INTRODUCE  
WESTERN UNION WIRES STOP IMMEDIATELY ADVISE IF BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]  
SHOULD BE SUBPOENAED IF SO HAVE USM OKLAHOMACITY INSTRUCT USM DENVER REFERRE  
SERVICE BOTH.

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cc - Division. ✓

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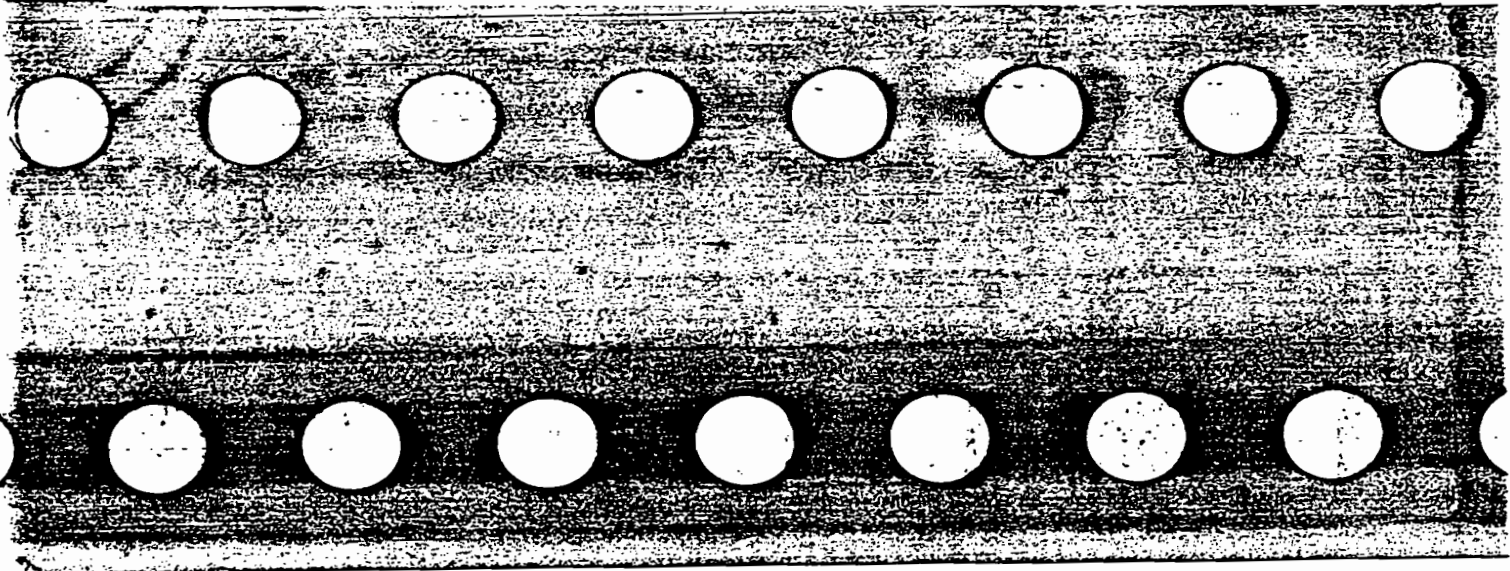
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Kansas City, Missouri September 15, 1933.

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

RETEL NO MISSOURI LICENSES WITH M PREFIX STOP ON SEPTEMBER EIGHTEEN  
THIRTY THREE MISSOURI LICENSE FIVE TWELVE SIX THIRTEEN ISSUED  
KANSASCITY MISSOURI FOR TWENTY  
NINE PACKARD SEDAN TWO TWO SEVEN SIX THREE SIX STOP CITY DIRECTORY  
REFLECTS SAME ADDRESS

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cc - Division

Re: *Uschel*



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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
September 15, 1933.

T. F. Cullen,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,  
New York City, New York.

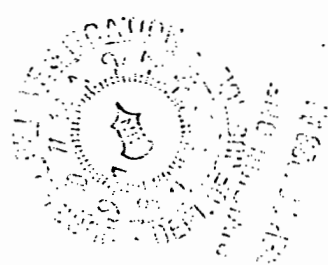
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Off. Bus. Govt. Rate  
Chg. Div. of Inv. U. S. Dept. of Justice,  
203 P. O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.  
CC Bureau

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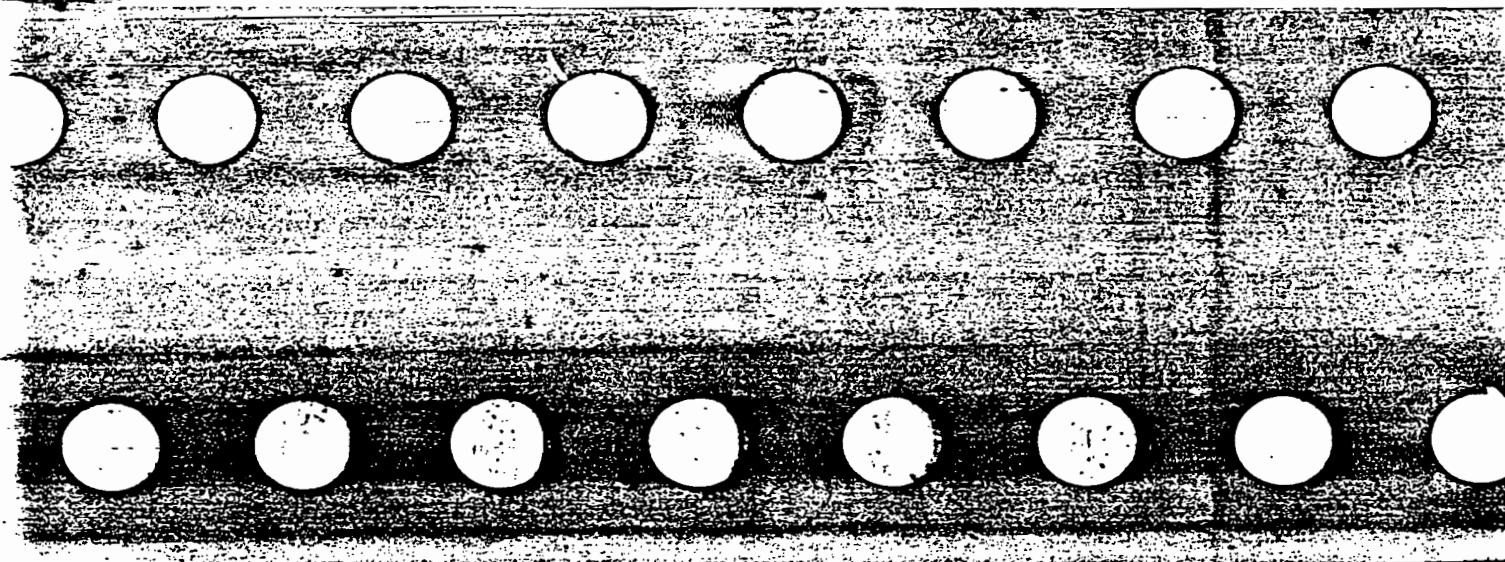
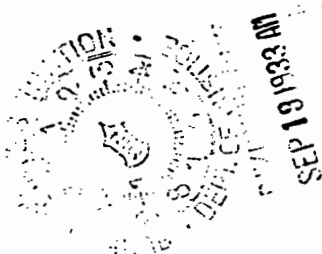
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
224 FEDERAL BUILDING,  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

URSCHEL CASE UNABLE LOCATE PERSON NAMED [REDACTED] A MECHANIC AT ANY BUICK  
AGENCY DENVER STOP NO BUICK AGENCY AT THIRTEENTH AVENUE STOP [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OF WALKER BUICK AGENCY BUT HE ADVISES BATES  
UNKNOWN TO HIM STOP TELEGRAPH MORE ACCURATE INFORMATION IF YOU BELIEVE  
FURTHER INQUIRY NECESSARY.

JAD: [REDACTED] b7c  
cc - Division.

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OKLA CITY OKLA SEPT 14 1933

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

DELETED BY THE RECEPTIONIST AT THE U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
LAST BY AIR MESSAGE TO THE U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

RE URSCHKE KIDNAPING ASCERTAIN IMMEDIATELY FROM COLTS FERRARIS COMPANY

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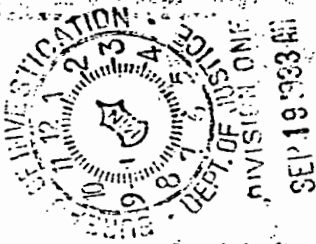
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STATION IN NEW ORLEANS EXPEDITE DESIRE SUBPOENA HIM BY TELEGRAPH

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# WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

S. D. WELLES, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
September 18, 1933

R E VETTERLI  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
905 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BLDG.  
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

Re Geo. R. Kelly, et al  
Kidnaping

ASCERTAIN AND WIRE IMMEDIATELY REGISTRATION MISSOURI TAG M FIVE TWELVE  
SIX THIRTEEN

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Official Business  
Government Rate Paid  
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U.S. Dept. of Justice

cc Division



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

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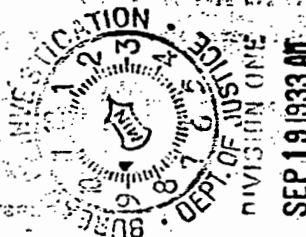
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OKLA CITY OKLA SEPT 14 1933

R WHITLEY  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
326 1/2 POST OFFICE BLDG  
NEW ORLEANS LA



RE URSCHER KIDNAPING ENDEAVOR IMMEDIATELY ASCERTAIN PRESENT WHEREABOUTS [redacted]

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[redacted] FOR COLTS FIREARMS COMPANY UNDERSTOOD TO MAKE HEADQUARTERS

NEW ORLEANS PROBABLY AROUND PAWN SHOP OF [redacted] EXPEDITE DESIRE

SUBPOENA HIM BY TELEGRAPH

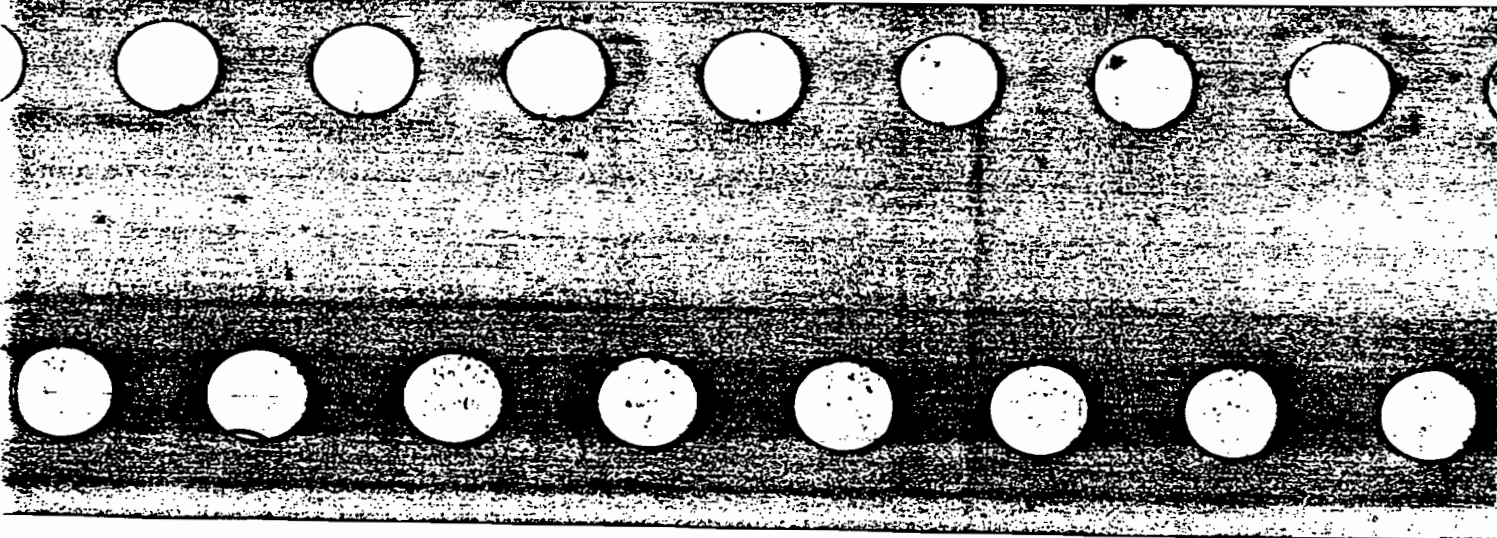
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420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

September 14, 1933.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith telephone statements for  
the Shannon telephone at Paradise, Texas for May and June,  
1933, together with a letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. R.G.  
Shannon postmarked Indianapolis, Indiana 6/6/33, and one  
postmarked Chicago, Illinois 7/6/31 addressed to [REDACTED]  
also copy of a telegram from Chicago signed [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB  
cc Division  
7-7.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
SEP 18 1933 A.M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

September 18, 1933.



Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Room 1403,  
370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York, New York.



Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases,  
F. V. 1203 - FUGITIVE, et al.  
CHARLES F. BRONKHORST - Victim.  
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file #7-3.

With reference to this case, it has been reported to the St. Paul office by the Dallas office that there is a woman in either Minneapolis or St. Paul, or vicinity, who is a fancier of Pekingese dogs. This woman, according to the information received, has sold thoroughbred Pekingese dogs to gangsters and their female companions. Police officers working with the Dallas office in this case reported that George R. Kelly and [redacted] both fugitives, are well known to this woman that resides in the Twin Cities or vicinity; that both had purchased dogs from her; and that Kelly and [redacted] if in the Twin Cities, would probably be contacting her or she might know their present whereabouts. The St. Paul office conducted an investigation in an effort to locate the woman above referred to, without success.

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The St. Paul office is today in receipt of a letter from the Dallas office advising that at the Shannon farm at Paradise, Texas, at the time that HARVEY BAILEY and the SHANNONS were taken into custody, among other articles found was a certificate of entry in the American Kennel Club stud book, the American Kennel Club, 221 Fourth Avenue, New York, showing the following information:

Name of Dog	Ching A Wee	Color	Red, black mask
Breed	Pekingese	Breeder	Mrs. F. M. Elder
Sex	Female	Owner	F. V. Coffman
Sire	Po-Chu (520535)	Registered	March 27, 1930
Dam	Chu Wee (448172)	Assigned	No. 653708
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There was also found what appears to be a further detailed pedigree on the same dog, giving the following information:

Name of Sire	Lo Shi	Sire	Lo Shi #422939
A.K.C. Reg'd. No.	440133	Dam	Toi of Yorkdale #376347
Name of Dam	Chu Wan	Sire	Diamond Right Kind #22776
A.K.C. Reg'd. No.	448172	Dam	Betty Ree Wu #28108
Lo Shi	Sire	Int. Ch. Loi Hai Chi	
	Dam	Ashton More Hi Chi	
Toi of Yorkdale	Sire	Yorkdale Chin Cha Shi	
	Dam	Yorkdale Tao Ho	
Diamond Right Kind	Sire	Philip of Barton in Des	
	Dam	O. V. of Chinatown	
Betty Ree Wu	Sire	Ku Ang	
	Dam	Ree Wu	

It is requested that immediate investigation be conducted at the American Kennel Club, 221 Fourth Avenue, New York, ascertaining all information possible regarding the present address of the owner of the dogs listed above. The purpose of this inquiry is to determine the name and address of the breeder of Pekingese dogs in this section of Minnesota from whom the dog Ching A Wee may have been purchased. It is thought that the woman mentioned in earlier paragraphs of this letter might still be the owner of the sires or dams mentioned in the description above. It may be possible to trace the location of the dog Ching A Wee by ascertaining if any of her get have been registered.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1 - St. Paul File 62-388  
1 - Kansas City



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J EDGAR HOOVER=

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASHDC=

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REFER IDENTIFICATION ORDER TWELVE NAUGHT SEVEN AUGUST TWEN  
NINTH RE DOLORES<sup>0</sup> WHITNEY STOP ADVISE IF SUBJECT EVER  
APPREHENDED OR IF ANY MALE ASSOCIATE USED FIRST OR LAST  
NAME<sup>0</sup> STANLEY STOP WATCHING LOCAL PO ON FEMALE CALLING GENL  
DEL DOROTHY WHITNEY MAY BE SAME PARTY HOWEVER PHOTOS ON  
HAND INSUFFICIENT FOR PROPER IDENTIFICATION STOP SUSPECT  
HERE RECD MESSAGE QUOTE MUNCIE INDIANA WIRE RECEIVED  
CERTAINLY SORRY HEAR YOUR ILLNESS WRITING TONITE WITH  
ENCLOSURE AS REQUESTED WRITE ME PATRICK HENRY HOTEL ROANOK  
VA MARK HOLD UNTIL ARRIVAL SIGNED STANLEY UNQUOTE WILL  
CONTACT LOCAL DJ AGT COOPERATE AWAITING PHOTOS AND DATA  
OTHER PARTIES WANTED ADVISE=

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CHIEF DETECTIVES.

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

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Letter to 9-8-33  
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CHIEF OF DETECTIVES  
MIAMI FLORIDA

REGARDING YOUR TELEGRAM TO TWELVE NAUGHT SEVEN SUBJECT NOT  
APPREHENDED STOP STANLEY MAY BE SUBJECT TO TWELVE NAUGHT THREE STOP  
HAVE ADVISED JACKSONVILLE DIVISION OFFICE CONTACT YOU IMMEDIATELY STOP  
WASHINGTON DIVISION OFFICE HANDLING ROANOKE VIRGINIA INVESTIGATION  
STOP PHOTOGRAPHS BEING FORWARDED

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6:30 P  
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SEP 15 1933



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U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

224 Federal Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
September 9, 1933

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Hughes ✓ .....  
Mr. Locke .....  
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RHC:MMB  
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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to Division letter dated August 31, 1933, I submit herewith a list of the names and addresses of those to whom the Division is indebted for cooperation and assistance in the investigation which led to the capture of the kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel.

Phillips Petroleum Company, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, for the use of his plane and pilot. Note: [redacted] has advised me that the company desires to avoid any publicity whatever about their cooperation.

[redacted] United States Weather Bureau, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who worked long and diligently in furnishing this office with weather data in Arkansas, Oklahoma and other places and in preparing charts showing rainfall, etc. in the various areas.

Mr. John Watt, Chief of Police, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - to thank him for his splendid cooperation and particularly the assistance rendered by Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] also for his courtesy in installing in this office a short wave radio receiver and a direct telephone line to the Police Department.

[redacted] Sheriff, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, thanking him particularly not only for his general attitude of cooperation, but more specifically for the assistance rendered by Deputy Sheriffs [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] 1933 Postmaster, and his Assistant, [redacted] for general cooperation.

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Letter to Urschel, [redacted]  
Kirkpatrick 10/3/33 [redacted]

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DIRECTOR  
NATHAN  
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

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[redacted] Chief of Police at Ardmore, Oklahoma, commending him for his assistance in the recapture of Harvey Bailey after his escape from the Dallas County Jail.

Officers [redacted] and [redacted] of the Ardmore Police Department should likewise be commended.

We also had the full cooperation of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies and the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, but these latter three organizations do not, of course, desire any correspondence relating to their activities in the matter and, therefore, no letters from the Division should be directed to them, as they have expressed that they want nothing on record.

I think a personal letter from the Director to Mr. Charles F. Urschel, the victim in this case, commending him for his wholehearted and fearless cooperation would be in place. *Letter Urschel 11/15*

Also a similar letter to Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick, P.O. Box 1146, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, commending him for his splendid and fearless cooperation would be appreciated. *Letter Kirkpatrick 10/21*

Likewise a letter to [redacted] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, would be appreciated, although I understand that [redacted] has called on you personally, at which time you no doubt expressed your appreciation of the cooperation rendered by the members of the Urschel estate. *Letter 10/21*

Very truly yours,

*R. H. Colvin*  
R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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October 3, 1933

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Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick,  
Post Office Box 1146,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

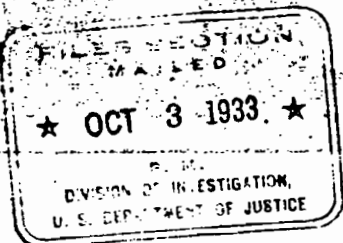
I want to take this occasion to thank you sincerely for the full measure of cooperation which you have rendered to the Division of Investigation in its inquiry covering the kidnaping of Mr. Charles F. Urschel. It has been the cordial, effective assistance rendered by Mr. Urschel, himself, his immediate family and friends, which has permitted a successful and prompt investigation.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director.

All b7C



Mr. Egan	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Keenan	
Mr. Tolson	

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALLS - Harvey Bailey Matter.

Mr. Keenan stated he has just received a call from United States Attorney Herbert K. Hyde at Oklahoma City, who advised that Kelly and the rest of that gang are afraid they will be prosecuted in Oklahoma City under the State authorities, and that if we do not take steps to have them indicted in the State Courts, Kelly and the money will be delivered. It was decided that we should wait forty-eight hours before taking any further action in this direction.

Mr. Keenan further stated he had received information that they needed four more men to guard the jail properly at Oklahoma City, and that the United States Marshal had so advised the United States Attorney. I stated that I thought the United States Marshal had reference to the need of four more Deputies Marshal, and suggested that he take the matter up with Mr. Stewart. He stated he had talked with Mr. Stanley who advised it was alright to take this action desired but that Mr. Hoover should be consulted. Mr. Keenan expressed the opinion that it should not be necessary to take some of our skilled investigators and use them as watchmen. I stated that I had no authority in the matter but would suggest that Mr. Keenan authorize the employment of these additional Marshals, and would further suggest that one of the Agents of the Division of Investigation work on each shift with the Marshals. He stated he would take the matter up with the Department (Mr. Stewart) immediately. I advised that I would immediately contact Mr. Colvin in this regard.

I contacted Mr. Colvin at Oklahoma City and gave him this information, and he advised that he is running three shifts at the jail of two Agents each, making a total of six agents so employed. He advised that the Agents are on the inside of the jail and that the prisoners are in separate cells and that Bailey is handcuffed. Mr. Colvin stated that he had not been to the jail today but that the jailer and the Marshal were looking after the matter there. I suggested that Mr. Colvin go to the jail and determine that Bailey is both manacled and handcuffed, and that if this has not been done, see that it is done immediately. He stated that the Marshal is looking after this matter, and that last night we had a man sitting right by the cells all night. I thought it advisable that Bates should also be handcuffed, and so informed Mr. Colvin. I instructed that no one be allowed to go in to see these prisoners, and Mr. Colvin stated that if this order is carried out the attorneys will plead reversal to any indictment on the grounds that they were not allowed to confer with their clients. I stated that if it becomes necessary to allow the lawyers to confer with the prisoners, these lawyers should be searched before being allowed to see the prisoners, and he stated this was

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being done. I inquired whether there was some one present during any such conversations, and Mr. Colvin stated that an Agent stands and watches the attorney and the prisoner during the conversation, but that it is necessary that they be allowed to confer in private so far as hearing the conversation is concerned. I suggested that there might be placed up a wire net so that it will be impossible for the attorney to pass anything to the prisoner, and he stated this was rather hard to do, but that the lawyers are searched as they enter the jail and that when they leave the prisoner and his cell are searched. Mr. Colvin stated that the ones going to see them are [redacted] and Bates' attorney from Denver. I advised Mr. Colvin I was of the impression [redacted] was to be taken into custody and he stated this had not been done as it appeared there were no grounds. I stated that we had definite information from Dallas that he is the only one who saw Bailey and he stated that they could think of no charge upon which he could be held in Oklahoma City. I stated that he could be charged with conspiracy to release a Federal prisoner, and Mr. Colvin insisted they had no charge on which to convict this man. I stated further that I did not think [redacted] should be allowed to continue to interview Bailey in the Oklahoma City jail, and that possibly the facts at Dallas could be presented to the Court at Oklahoma City and another lawyer appointed for Bailey rather than allow [redacted] to continue to enter the jail and talk with Bailey personally. Mr. Colvin stated he had discussed the matter with the United States Attorney, who was present at the time of this telephone conversation, and that the United States Attorney had stated they had to allow [redacted] to see Bailey as his attorney. I stated that I realized the fact that it was proper to allow the prisoner to have counsel but that it was not necessary, in view of the facts in the case, to have Bailey see [redacted], but that the Court could appoint another lawyer. Mr. Colvin stated he was of the opinion that no one should be allowed to interview these prisoners, but that the United States Attorney does not see things this way. I stated that in the event any further arms or implements are smuggled in to these prisoners, this Division is not going to take the blame.

Mr. Colvin stated they had no further information as to the possible presence of Kelly in Oklahoma City, and that they were checking the rumor that Mrs. Bates is in that vicinity. He stated they had received rather definite information from [redacted] office that he is in touch with Mrs. Bates, and that three Agents had just left the Oklahoma City office to shadow [redacted] in an attempt to locate Mrs. Bates.

Mr. Gus Jones, who was at the Oklahoma City office at the time of this telephone conversation, advised that they were not handling [redacted] because there was no evidence that he took the gun and saw to Bailey. I stated that

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we had the statements from the people at the Dallas jail, and Mr. Jones stated he did not know about that. Mr. Jones stated if he had his way they would let no one see these prisoners. I again suggested to Mr. Jones that there be put up a wire net to preclude the passing of anything into the cell from the outside, and he stated this had been done.

Mr. Jones stated with regard to Kelly, that yesterday they received valuable information with regard to his whereabouts from an informant in Ft. Worth, to the effect that George and Catherine Kelly were at Coleman, Texas on the 17th and were riding in an old car and dressing as tramps; that they separated at Coleman, Catherine Kelly going to Ft. Worth and employing the lawyers there; that they have certain telephones at Ft. Worth tapped, and also at Oklahoma City, and expect to have some information soon.

I advised Mr. Jones that Mr. Nathan would arrive at Oklahoma City tomorrow morning. Mr. Jones further advised that [REDACTED] I suggested that they could allow no one to see these prisoners; that then the attorney would in all probability go to the Court and request that he be given permission to interview his clients; that then the Court could be informed as to the evidence at Dallas; that the Court could then determine [REDACTED] see Harvey Bailey and Mrs. Shannon, or whether another lawyer should be appointed. This, however, was only a suggestion on my part as it was entirely up to the United States Attorney. He stated that [REDACTED] came to the jail today and was thoroughly searched and was advised that he could expect this same procedure each time he came to the jail. Mr. Jones stated that our men were just thirty minutes behind Bailey when he was caught at Ardmore yesterday.

I subsequently advised Mr. Keenan that I had talked with Oklahoma City and had found much to my surprise that they had not locked up [REDACTED], as the United States Attorney had thought they had no case against him and would not authorize that he be locked up. I further advised that [REDACTED] was being allowed to see Bailey at the Oklahoma County Jail. Mr. Keenan stated he could understand no such action upon the part of the United States Attorney, and that he would immediately dispatch a telegram to the United States Attorney advising that he believed this man should be immediately taken into custody. I stated that the sworn statements would be received in Washington tomorrow, and he stated he thought probably it would be better to delay sending this wire to the United States Attorney until after he had reviewed these sworn statements. Later, however, Mr. Keenan stated he would send a wire to Hyde tonight.

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Mr. Blake telephoned from Dallas stating that the Dallas County Grand Jury investigating the matter has sent him word that it is desired that he testify tomorrow; that he thinks it rather inadvisable to do so as everything that happens will be in the newspapers. I suggested that Mr. Blake tomorrow appear before the Grand Jury and advise that at the present time the Federal government is conducting an investigation of this matter which will not be concluded for several days and that he would not be at liberty to discuss the matter until after that investigation has been concluded. Mr. Blake states that it looks "shady" in Dallas about [REDACTED] visit to the jail. He stated that about ten minutes before this call he had procured the gun, and that it had been impossible to trace it with the numbers he had off of it, but that he was at the time endeavoring to get other numbers off of the gun.

Mr. Blake inquired whether we had an Agent [REDACTED] en route to Oklahoma City. I advised that we had. Mr. Blake stated he had heard there was such a man traveling by plane with a machine gun and desired to check the fact that he was one of our Agents. 11

*Letter to Dallas*  
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900 Ezra Thompson Building,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
August 28th, 1933.

S.L. File 7-10.

Gentlemen:

I will appreciate it if you will furnish me  
the name and address of all persons whose true identity  
is questionable, who rented a safety deposit box or boxes  
at your institution between July 22nd and August 14th, 1933.

Very truly yours,

*John A. Dowd?*

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Olathe, Colo.  
Aug. 31, 1933.

Gentlemen:  
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Have rented no boxes between dates mentioned above  
to any strangers, should anything turn up we will report.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 8, 1933.

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. Nathan at Oklahoma City and he stated that in view of the fact that four Deputy Marshals had been appointed that he would release Special Agent [redacted] and he would instruct [redacted] to proceed immediately to Dallas. He stated incidentally that Special Agent [redacted] was requested on subpoena at St. Louis in the [redacted] case on Monday and would have to leave Kansas City but that they could get along without [redacted]. He stated that arrangements had been perfected at Oklahoma City and he feels that all possible precautions have been taken and he does not look for any interference or difficulties. He stated he would remain at Oklahoma City, of course, until he heard from the Director.

Mr. Nathan stated that this morning Agent [redacted] advised Agent in Charge Colvin that Assistant Attorney General Pat Malloy who is at Tulsa requested Hollis to make some investigation concerning the use by an individual at Oklahoma City of stationery of the firm of Roosevelt and O'Connell, the former law firm of the President; that Colvin got in touch with United States Attorney Hyde and Hyde stated he would handle the matter through the Oklahoma City police. Mr. Nathan stated as long as Hyde had taken this matter up with the police it would be better to let him proceed with the police but of course if Hyde wanted them to make an investigation they would do so.

I advised Mr. Nathan of the communication from [redacted] of the New Jersey State Police. Mr. Nathan thought that it would be better to have Cullen go over and have a talk with [redacted] to ascertain what information [redacted] had concerning our alleged failure to submit reports; in other words, what reports he had reference to and also endeavor to ascertain the identity of his informant. Mr. Nathan thought that it would be better first to take this action and then predicate our reply to [redacted] on the facts as ascertained by Cullen. He thought it would be preferable to do this than to go on record at the present time without further information. He thought that Cullen could appropriately call on [redacted] in this connection and obtain that information. Mr. Nathan incidentally knew of no instances where we had withheld any reports from [redacted] except he recalled the report relative to one [redacted] in Texas being possibly implicated and in this case, of course, we are really awaiting developments and have no facts to submit at this time.

Respectfully,

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*Phoned 9-2. as instructed  
Mr. Cullen 9/9/33*

V. W. Hughes:EP 11 '33 P.M.

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CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

FILE NO. 7-7

REPORT MADE AT:

Portland, Oregon

DATE WHEN MADE:

9-7-33

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:

8-30, 31, 9-1, 2-33

REPORT MADE BY:

TITLE:

GEORGE A. KELLY, with aliases, I. O. #1805

FUGITIVE, et al

CHARLES J. PURCHER - Victim

CHARACTER OF CRIME

Kidnaping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Photograph Clara Feldman unrecognized 15th Street Auto Laundry. No further information on Buick Victoria Coupe. List of out of state Chevrolets serviced there 7-17-33 to 8-5-33 obtained. Investigation at Tacoma, Washington, shows George Bentz, Chicago, intermediary for communications Ed Bentz and Ted Bentz to Tacoma. George Bentz reported in constant contact with Ed Bentz and George Kelly, former of whom reported hiding in Chicago. [redacted] and [redacted] respectively, located Tacoma. Also [redacted] of Bentz boys, with whom their mother is residing, located Tacoma. Cover placed on their mail. No indication any of persons sought visited Tacoma recently except George Bentz. [redacted] stated Clara Feldman not seen for more than a year and whereabouts unknown. [redacted] made similar statement. Cover placed on their mail. Photograph Clara Feldman and specimen handwriting Ed Bentz secured. Informants at Tacoma continuing efforts to obtain information. Investigation at Portland showed Clara Feldman and [redacted] visited [redacted] and [redacted] this city about 7-20-33 to 8-5-33. [redacted] remained Portland. [redacted] when presented registered letter for Mrs. George L. Davis denied knowledge her present address. Cover placed on mail to [redacted] home. Informant attempting obtain information.

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SPECIAL AGENT  
IN CHARGE

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent John A. Dowd, Salt Lake City, 8-24-33 and report of Special Agent C. C. Spears, Portland, 8-30-33.

DETAILS: At Tacoma, Washington:

Special Agent [redacted] made the following investigation:

[redacted] criminal investigator of the Pierce County, Washington Sheriff's office, Tacoma, upon interview advised that he had been endeavoring to locate and apprehend Ed Bentz, Albert Bates and George Kelly since the robbery of the Colfax, Washington bank and the Bremerton, Washington bank during the fall of 1932; that one [redacted] who took part in the Bremerton, Washington bank robbery, was apprehended at Reno, Nevada, during the fall of 1932 and later made bond and had not been tried on this charge, pending the arrest of others that were implicated in this bank job. [redacted] further advised that he had covered the mail of [redacted] for months but had been unable to obtain any information as to the whereabouts of Ed Bentz, Albert Bates and others; that all communications to the Bentz family in Tacoma, by Ed Bentz, were made through his brother George Bentz, who resides at 7124 Beldon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. That Albert Bates had been associating with a Mrs. Clara Feldman for the past two or three years; that Mrs. Feldman formerly resided in Tacoma, Washington, with her [redacted] who still resides at [redacted] also that [redacted] had [redacted] residing at [redacted] Tacoma; that he had maintained a cover on the mail of above parties for months without obtaining any information; had also interviewed above parties who claimed they had not heard from [redacted] Mrs. Clara Feldman since the fall of 1932, at which time Mrs. Feldman sent a postcard from some point in California.

[redacted] furnished agent with a photograph of Mrs. Clara Feldman, who was with Albert Bates when he was arrested a few weeks ago at Denver, Colorado, further stating this photograph was a splendid likeness of Mrs. Clara Feldman; that he was positive Mrs. Feldman, Ed Bentz or George Kelly would never return to Tacoma, Washington, as they were all too well known in this vicinity; that it would be absolutely useless to interview any of the Bentz family in Tacoma as they would not give any information that would assist in the locating of Ed Bentz and George Kelly.

[redacted] made inquiry through numerous informants as to a party by the given name of [redacted] who is supposed to operate a filling station and garage in Tacoma and who is reported to be a close friend of Ed and Ted Bentz. [redacted] was unable to connect such a party with the Bentz brothers, but stated that he would make further inquiries.

[redacted] of the Tacoma Police Department advised agent that [redacted]

[redacted] was on unfriendly terms with Mrs. Bentz and would possibly furnish some information of value; that [redacted] was absolutely reliable and would treat any interview in strict confidence. [redacted] also advised against any interview with the Bentz family in Tacoma at the present time.

[redacted] Tacoma, upon interview advised that he [redacted]

[redacted] that all communications to Ed and Ted Bentz from their relatives in Tacoma were sent through George Bentz, who resides at 7124 Belden Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; that if George Bentz were shadowed for a few days he was positive that Ed Bentz and George Kelly could be located; that when Mrs. Hall, a sister of the Bentz boys, died in Tacoma during August of this year, George Bentz came from Chicago to attend the funeral, and [redacted]

[redacted] that George Bentz stated to him that Ed Bentz was in hiding in Chicago and that he saw him just before coming to Tacoma. [redacted] impressed agent as being absolutely sincere in his statements. [redacted] promised agent that he would make discreet inquiry in regard to Ed Bentz and advise agent when in Tacoma again any information he might obtain. [redacted] advised that he saw Albert Bates and George Kelly with Ed Bentz on two or three occasions but did not know them personally.

Discreet inquiry in the vicinity of [redacted] Tacoma, the home of [redacted] of the Bentz boys, disclosed that [redacted] was now residing at this address, but that no one had seen or heard of Ed or Ted Bentz visiting this address. Arrangements were made with [redacted] Tacoma, to furnish tracings of all mail addressed to [redacted] Tacoma, for a period of thirty days.

[redacted] of the Tacoma Police Department was again interviewed and stated that he was continuing all



efforts to obtain some information as to Ed Bentz and George Kelly, and should he at any time secure any information of value that he would immediately convey same to this agent. [redacted] furnished

agent with a sample of Ed Bentz' handwriting, which is being placed in the Portland files for future reference. [redacted]

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[redacted] resides at [redacted] Tacoma, Washington, was interviewed under pretext that agent was [redacted] representing Albert Bates. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had been associating with Albert Bates for two or three years; that she had not heard from [redacted] for more than a year and had no idea where she could be located; that [redacted] had three children,

[redacted] further advised that [redacted] deserted her some months ago and ran off with [redacted] and that they were now residing at [redacted] Portland, Oregon, and that [redacted] that it was possible [redacted] and [redacted] had heard from Clara Feldman.

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[redacted] accompanied agent to the home of [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Tacoma, who was interviewed under the same pretext and she stated she had not heard from [redacted] since the fall of 1932, at which time she received a postcard from some point in California; that at that time [redacted] was with [redacted] and Albert Bates; that she had no idea where they could be located; that [redacted]

A cover was placed on all mail addressed to [redacted] Tacoma, for a period of thirty days.

At Portland, Oregon.

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Pursuant to lead contained in the report of reference of Special Agent Dowd, the writer exhibited the photograph of Clara Feldman to employees of the 15th Street Auto Laundry, 15th and Davis Streets, this city. None of them was able to place the likeness with reference to any other person or event. [redacted] who, as set out in the report of reference of Special Agent Spears, wrote the wash ticket on the instant Buick Victoria Coupe, Motor #2823917, was given a description of that automobile and the young man in Clara Feldman's

company, as shown in the report of reference of Special Agent Dowd, at the same time that the Feldman woman's photograph was exhibited to him. Even with these combined facts he was unable to place her picture.

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b7D [redacted] of the Auto Laundry, searched his records and supplied the writer with a list of all Chevrolet's bearing out of state license plates which obtained service at his place of business from July 17, 1933 (the date of Clara Feldman's departure from Denver as shown in the report of reference of Special Agent Dowd) through August 5, 1933. He explained that the records from which this list was taken would include the identification of all cars passing through the Auto Laundry Station except such as purchased merely gasoline and oil. The list follows:

<u>Ticket Date.</u>	<u>Ticket Number.</u>	<u>Service.</u>	<u>License Plate.</u>
7-20-33 (This ticket filed with those for 7-25-33).	#37118	Storage	Idaho 5 B 5251
7-17-33	#36814	Wash	Arizona AT 72
7-18-33	#36728	Wash	Washington 321435
7-19-33	#37006	Wash and lubricate.	California 6 S 3256
7-22-33	#37326	Lubricate	Washington 153884
7-22-33	#38451	Wash	California 5 N 6243
7-26-33	#38106	Wash	California 7 5 N 8969
7-28-33	#37989	Wash	Ohio 335818

It was also ascertained during [redacted] search for this list that the record of the instant Buick Victoria Coupe does not recur in his files.

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b7D On August 31, 1933, Special Agent [redacted] notified this office by telephone of the information set out hereinabove with respect to the residence of [redacted] Scott in this city. He gave Scott's address as [redacted] and added that Scott had been married to [redacted], but was separated from his

wife at the present time. He suggested that [redacted] and her son might have visited at the Scott home recently. On the basis of this information, the writer first called at the office of the [redacted] and there ascertained through [redacted] that there was no record of mail being received at the general delivery window and no personal recollection among the general delivery clerks as to [redacted] Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. G. L. Davis, Mrs. George Bates, Ted Bentz, Ed Bentz or Alvin Scott. [redacted] was furnished photographs of Ed and Ted Bentz and of Clara Feldman for use in making this inquiry.

At the Woodstock Postal Station, 4425 Woodstock Boulevard, agent talked with [redacted] who delivers mail to [redacted]. [redacted] stated that the residence at that address is occupied by Mr. Alvin H. Scott, four or five children and Scott's wife's sister. He described this woman as being about 5 feet 5 to 6 inches in height, of medium build, weighing about 135 to 140 lbs., having very blond hair, light complexion, and being about 35 to 40 years old. He said that there was no sign of nervousness about her manner. He described Scott as about 40, about 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighing about 160 lbs., of slim build, redheaded, and probably freckled. The children, he said, are one girl about 19 to 20 years old, named [redacted] one boy about 15 to 16 years old, who has an impediment in his speech and moves and walks as if he had once had a light stroke of paralysis; one boy 11 to 12 years old, and two girls about 8 years old, one of whom is redheaded and the other towheaded. According to [redacted] this whole group of people has resided at that address since early last spring or late last winter. The sister, who does the housekeeping, has been with Scott all the time since his arrival here. They are said to come from Tacoma, Washington and, according to information which [redacted] has gathered from time to time, Scott formerly operated a cleaning and pressing business there. Upon his arrival here he attempted the operation of a delicatessen store somewhere on 5th Street in the down town section. After about a month, however, this enterprise collapsed and since that time Scott has been, apparently, unemployed and is so at the present time. [redacted] said that the sister-in-law is addressed as [redacted] according to the face of one or two letters which he has delivered to that house. He was uncertain as to her having any gold teeth. He further said that he did not know whether this woman was married or where her home was.

When questioned as to possible visitors to the Scott home during the past month, [redacted] stated that he noticed a large Packard automobile at the house about one month ago. He described it as not a new car and probably about two years old, painted black and having a trunk on the rear. Beyond this he was unable to describe it for, as he said, he never saw it except from the street while it was parked in

the rear yard of the Scott home. He was unable to recall the details about the license on this car. [redacted] could not state definitely how many people visited in this automobile, but said that he had seen two strangers at the house while the car was there. They were a rather young couple, appearing to be about thirty years of age. The man was tall and dark and the woman was slim and above average height and dark. He stated that there was no resemblance between her appearance and that of the photograph of [redacted]. It should also be noted that [redacted] made a similar statement as to the [redacted] woman. During the time that these people were staying with the Scotts he delivered two air mail letters to the house which bore a strange name. He is unable to recall what this name was but said he thought the letters came from Spokane, Washington. This Packard automobile was at the house in all about two days.

The photographs, in addition to that of [redacted] were shown to [redacted] depicting George Bates, George Kelly, Ed Bentz, Ted Bentz, Robert Edward Dunn, Ernest R. Johnston and Thomas S. Flanders, but he was unable to connect any of these photographs with any persons seen about the Scott home.

Concerning the persons living in the houses adjoining that of Scott, [redacted] explained that Scott's house is the last on the north side of the street and that directly across from it at number [redacted] reside a [redacted] and his son [redacted]. He described [redacted] as a rather old man who is a junk dealer, and who is assisted by his son. They have lived at that address for about 25 years. Next door to the Scott home at 3653 resides Mr. L. Camplan, who has occupied that house for about 20 years. [redacted] stated that Camplan is a man of about 75 years, who was formerly a railroad locomotive engineer and who has now been retired for some time. Camplan apparently thinks very well of Scott and frequently spends a good deal of time talking with him in neighborly fashion.

Agent requested [redacted] to observe mail addressed to 3633 Tenino Street S.E., in the event a cover on it should prove desirable. He agreed to do this and also to notify this office in the event he should see any of the persons connected with this case about the Scott home.

The writer next called at the [redacted] home. [redacted] and talked with the [redacted]. He had little information. He knew that the name of the people across the street was Scott and he thought that the man and the oldest woman were married.



He knew there were several children residing there. He did not, however, know anything about Scott's business and very little about his visitors. He said that about a month ago there were some visitors at the Scott home but he was unable to state how many. He did remember that there was one woman and that she had light hair. Their automobile had a Colorado license on it, but he was unfamiliar with the make of the car. He was unable to identify any of the photographs of [redacted] or the men which had previously been shown to [redacted].

Agent interviewed [redacted] at his home, [redacted] outlined members of the Scott household as follows: Alvin H. Scott; [redacted]

[redacted] expressed his high regard for all members of the family and said he felt positive that they were a fine group of people. He gave information agreeing with that of [redacted] as to Scott's having run a cleaning and pressing establishment in Tacoma before coming here and as to his having operated a delicatessen here which he said was at 5th and Taylor Streets.

When questioned about the visitors who might have called on the Scott family during the past month or so, [redacted] mentioned three groups. The first of these was a [redacted] a little over a month ago and spent approximately a week with the Scotts. He was unable to recall this couple's name but said he was sure that it was German and that it ended in "yig" or "zig". Their home was in some little town very close to Los Angeles, practically being a suburb. He described the woman as being past 45 years old and the man as nearly 50. They drove a small sedan which he was positive was not a Chevrolet, but it might have been a Ford or Durant. While they were here he gathered the information that the man used to reside in Portland and at the present time owns property in the Tualatin Valley. These people spent the first one or two days with the Scotts and then made a brief trip away for a day or two, after which they returned for another one or two days before finally departing.

The second group of visitors arrived shortly after the above couple and came to Portland just about a month ago, he said. They spent approximately two weeks with the Scotts. Later questioning disclosed that as nearly as [redacted] could recall they arrived about one week before July 25, 1933, and departed about one week thereafter. This group consisted of a woman whose name he did not know, but whom he described as being between 40 and 50 years old, a son about 20 years old, and one about 16 years old, both of whom he described as about

agent's size and not quite so dark. This would make them about 5 feet 10 inches in height, weighing about 150 lbs., slim build, with light brown hair and light complexion. He also had a vague impression that there was also a boy about 14 years old with them, but of this he was uncertain. They also had what he described as "one of those funny little Chinese dogs". When the Great Pekinese was suggested, [redacted] agreed immediately. This woman was [redacted] of Scott and [redacted]. She was using a new Buick eight cylinder sedan, which had traveled about 8,000 miles. She remarked that this car was a wedding present. (From this suggestion, it would appear that Clara Feldman was connecting her possession of a new automobile with the fact that she was going by a different name from that of Feldman which she had formerly used). The writer asked [redacted] as to various details about this car without giving him a description of the automobile as set out in the report of reference of Special Agent Dowd. In response [redacted] stated that the car carried Colorado license plates; that it was all black without any stripe around the body; that it had a large trunk on the rear which appeared to be built on as a part of the car; that it carried a radio, had two rear view mirrors, wire wheels and possibly seat covers and a clock. He was unsure about the last two details. The woman's husband was not accompanying her, he said. During their visit these people made several little side trips, on one of which they went to Tacoma and Seattle, Washington for a day or two and on one or two other of which they went to beach resorts. When they finally departed one of the sons remained in Portland, and is at present residing with the Scott family. He has obtained employment as an instructor at a golf driving course located across the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks from the East Moreland Golf Course on Bybee Avenue. [redacted] said he did not see the party when they left and, therefore, could not state definitely exactly who went in the automobile.

The third visitor to the Scott home was a young woman of about 19 years, whom [redacted] described as tall and slender, a niece of some member of the Scott household who came there for two or three days while the [redacted] was visiting there. This young woman had a baby with her. He was unable to give any other information concerning her identity or residence.

Some time after the departure of the group from Denver [redacted] learned through a casual acquaintance of his that this man had ridden with the party from Portland on the return trip to Denver. He stated that he was going there himself and had obtained a free ride with the Scott's visitors. He described the trip as a fast one and said that they drove nearly as fast as the automobile would take them all the way through from Portland to Denver, Colorado. On the first

day they drove about eighteen or nineteen hours and stopped that night at Boise, Idaho. This man gave no indication, however, as to the exact destination to which these people went in Denver. He merely told

that after arriving at Denver he contacted some business, which was his purpose in going there, and then returned to Portland by bus through California. [redacted] said he did not know this man's name or address and knew very little about him; that he was merely a casual acquaintance whom he had met without any introduction.

Upon examining the photograph of Clara Friedman [redacted] gave it as his opinion that it showed no resemblance whatsoever to [redacted]. He said that in addition to the [redacted] woman being very blond, there was not even a family resemblance. Upon examining the photograph of George Bates, he said he could detect no resemblance between it and any of the men whom he had seen visiting the Scott home. He also failed to identify any of the other pictures shown to him which had also been shown to [redacted].

Agent asked [redacted] if he had seen any Packard automobile visiting at the Scott home. He said that the only one he could recall was a large car which might have been a Packard and which drove up to the Scott home only a few days before, rather late at night. This car came up fast and made a quick stop; one or two of the Scott children got out of it and then the car went on. He said he did not know of any such car having stayed about the house for a period of two or three days.

[redacted] offered his utmost cooperation with this Division and stated emphatically that he wished his name kept confidential. He pointed out that being a member of the Masons he, himself, would keep any information given him in the strictest confidence and he desired that the Division reciprocate. He was given the address and telephone number of the Portland Division office and stated that if he gets any information either on the sister-in-law from Denver or on the man who returned to Denver with her, he will notify this office at once. He said that since this matter concerns reputed gangsters, he is more than ready to do anything in his power to assist in the investigation. At the same time, however, he expressed the opinion that agent was mistaken as to there being any connection between the principals in this case and the members of the Scott family.

The writer talked with [redacted] once more immediately after leaving [redacted] home; and asked him if he was positive that the automobile he had seen at the Scott home was a

Packard. He said he could not be absolutely certain, but that it was his impression that the car was a Packard, and further conversation with him served only to indicate that he did not like to change his statement. It seems possible, therefore, that [redacted] may have seen a different car visiting at the Scott home and it is possible that [redacted] did not see this car because he may have been away on one of his frequent fishing trips. b7D

On September 1, 1933, at the suggestion of Special Agent in Charge G. C. Spears, the writer arranged with Postal Inspector [redacted] for the preparation of a bogus registered letter addressed to Mrs. George L. Davis, 3633 S.E. Tenino, Portland, Oregon, to be delivered to addressee only, postmarked at Tacoma, Washington, August 30, 1933, and bearing the return address [redacted] General Delivery, Tacoma, Washington.

Agent took this letter to [redacted] and arranged with him that in attempting to deliver it he should try to get an address for Mrs. Davis. After [redacted] had passed the Scott home on his delivery route, the writer again talked with him and learned that the [redacted], had come to the door in response to his ring. She said at once that she knew who the addressee was, but that she was not there then. She then ran out in the yard toward [redacted] who was talking over the fence with the next door neighbor, [redacted] calling to her "The postman is here with a letter for Aunt [redacted]". [redacted] said he could not catch this name, but that he was positive it was a very short first name.

(This apparently was the name [redacted]). [redacted] then came to the door and wanted to take the letter. [redacted] explained to her that he could not deliver the letter to anyone except Mrs. Davis, but that if she had an address for Mrs. Davis he would gladly forward it for her. She replied that she had no address for her at present, but she still wanted to take the letter. [redacted] refused to deliver it to her. She then started to copy the return address on a magazine. She copied the name [redacted] directly from the letter, then started to write the address, but finding it to be General Delivery, Tacoma, merely said "Tacoma" and tossed the magazine aside. She told [redacted] that she would write at once to that person and tell her that Mrs. Davis was no longer at the Scott home. (Agent took back from [redacted] the registered letter, and it is being placed in the Portland field office file). [redacted] said that he concluded from [redacted] attitude that she did not know who the [redacted] woman was, and that although she might not know where Mrs. George Davis could be located at that time, she probably felt that she could find out Mrs. Davis' address and get the letter to her. [redacted] also remarked that he had observed the [redacted] woman's teeth to see if she had any gold ones



and discovered that there was a great deal of gold in them on each side from the point which he could see when she smiled, back toward the rear jaw.

b7D

The writer made more interviews to see if it were possible to obtain any information which would lead to the identification of the individual who rode to Denver with the party in the Buick automobile. In response to the suggestion of agent, [redacted] b7D said that it was possible he had heard that the unknown stranger had gone to Denver between the time of his departure and the time when he returned, but he was unable to be certain as to this. Furthermore, he said that if he did receive any information in the interim, he does not now know who it was who gave it to him. By way of explaining his inability to give any lead as to the identity of this stranger [redacted] b7D said that he goes fishing frequently at Milwaukie, Oregon, on the Willamette River, and there he meets a good many other men who fish at the same general location from time to time. This unknown stranger was one of those men. He merely came to greet him and talk with him when they happened to be there at the same time, but he never inquired as to this man's business or address. He does remember that this individual had some literature on mining machinery and he gathered the impression from conversations with him that he must have gone to Denver for the purpose of looking into the purchase of some such machinery. As to the manner of his conversation with this man when next he saw him after his return, [redacted] was unable to say

b7D whether someone else had told him about this stranger's trip to Denver and he corroborated it afterwards by talking with the stranger upon his return or whether upon the stranger's return he commented on his extended absence from the fishing grounds and in that way drew from him the account of his trip to Denver. He was also unable to tell agent whether he gathered from something which this man told him that he had traveled with visitors of [redacted] b7C or whether the stranger in some way had learned that the people with whom he was traveling [redacted]

b7D [redacted] assured the writer, however, that if he sees this stranger again he will either obtain from him information such that an agent of this Division may interview him, or will get from him further information as to the trip to Denver. Upon getting any such information, he will immediately notify this office, he said.

b7D [redacted] also informed the writer that since being interviewed on the previous day he had talked with [redacted] b7C [redacted] casually, and asked them about [redacted] who had been visiting them. All of them told him that she was blond and they

b7D all agreed that her first name was [REDACTED]. They were unable to give him her last name, however. (At this point in the conversation, [REDACTED] once more brought up his conviction that there could be no connection between this Aunt Clara and any gangsters. He felt certain that if there were such a connection, the [REDACTED] would have nothing to do with her. Any agent reinterviewing [REDACTED] should keep in mind his attitude toward his neighbors.) [REDACTED] terminated the interview by saying that if he obtains any information at all, either on the unknown stranger or on the other persons who are subjects of this investigation, he will notify this office.

As agent was returning to the office from this interview, he passed [REDACTED]

b7C [REDACTED] and noted a new sign on a building there showing [REDACTED]

b7C A cover has been placed on all first class mail to [REDACTED], Portland, Oregon, as of September 8, 1933. [REDACTED] noted that the benefit of this cover will be received as of August 1, 1933, because of agent's verbal request directed to Postal Carrier [REDACTED]. A letter was also sent to the Postmaster at Tacoma, Washington, requesting information by return mail as to whether a letter is waiting at General Delivery there, addressed to [REDACTED] b7C

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

b7C PORTLAND OFFICE: Will recontact [REDACTED] Tacoma, Washington, after a suitable period to obtain the benefit of any information which he may have been able to gather concerning the whereabouts of George Kelly and the Bentz brothers.

At Seattle and Tacoma, Washington, will carry out the remainder of the undeveloped lead contained in the reference report of Special Agent John A. Dowd.

b7C At Portland, Oregon, after the cover on mail [REDACTED] home [REDACTED] for about one week, will interview [REDACTED] for all information he may be able to give concerning [REDACTED] whereabouts. He should also be questioned as to the identity of the unidentified man who accompanied [REDACTED] on the return trip from Portland to Denver, Colorado.

CHICAGO OFFICE: Will make appropriate investigation with respect to George Bentz, who is said to reside at 7124 Beldon Avenue,

looking to the gathering of information as to the whereabouts of Ted  
Bentz, Ed Bentz, George Kelly, ~~W. J. Feldman~~ and others.

905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,

Kansas City, Missouri.

August 28, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

When HARVEY BAILEY was apprehended at Fort Scott, Kansas, on State charges, in spite of the fact that all precautions were used on the day he was to be removed to Lansing, a confidential tip was received, and I understand Bailey's cell was searched, and he was found to be in possession of a .45 automatic, which apparently had been slipped in to him by an attorney. This is simply for your information; while, of course, every precaution is no doubt being taken, I do not believe that even an attorney should be permitted to see Bailey without being carefully searched.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI  
Special Agent in Charge.

REV-  
cc-Oklahoma City  
cc-Division  
K.C. File #62-780



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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
AUG 30 1933 A.M.

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This is a full-rate telegram or cable message. The character is indicated by a suitable symbol above or preceding the address.

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A. C. WILKINSON, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Received at 708 14th St., N. W. Washington, D. C.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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LEAVING THREE PM TODAY FOR LOCKHART. AND AUSTIN URSCHEL

MATTER RETURNING SANANTONIO TOMORROW AFTERNOON LACKEY

ACTING MY ABSENCE=

DAVIS ACTING.  
DIVISION ONE  
SEP 13 1933 AM  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
DEPT. OF JUSTICE

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

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
SEP 12 1933  
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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES.



September 11, 1933.

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

RE GEORGE B. KELLY with aliases,  
I. O. 1203, et al;  
Charles F. Urschel, Victim;  
Kidnaping.

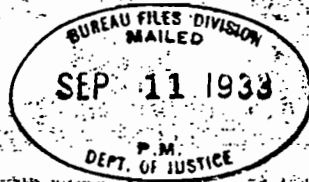
Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith three copies of a recent photograph of Kathryn Thorne Kelly, with aliases, who is subject of Identification Order No. 1207 in the instant case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. #676746.



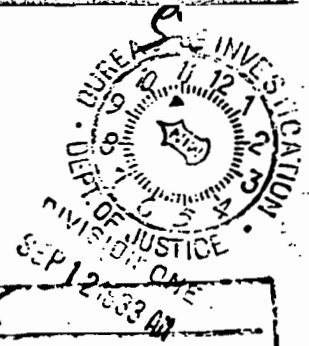
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224 Federal Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
September 7, 1933



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

Dear Sir:

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

In regard to George Bates and George Kelly, principals in the Urschel kidnaping case, we are very anxious to show any and all connection between Bates, Kelly and the Shannon family. I am attaching hereto copy of a memorandum from Agent [redacted] which is self-explanatory and which contains certain telegrams, each of which is numbered for reference.

We are confident that the messages #2 to 6, inclusive were sent by George Bates and you are requested to do everything possible to verify this. It may be that the sender left some address and, if so, Bates' photo should be exhibited to all persons who had an opportunity to observe him.

The Coleman farm was another hideout and message relay station used by Bates and Kelly in the same manner as was used the Shannon farm in Texas.

There is also quoted herewith the following Western Union message:

Paradise, Texas - 5/15/33 - 3 P.M.  
L. E. Lang - State Hotel  
Kansas City Mo.

Will call Tuesday Night at Eight Thirty after seeing Davis.

Sgt - Shannon

All b7C

Lang is thought to be an alias of George Kelly, although it may have been George Bates who sent the above message. It is desired that a thorough check be made at the State Hotel in an effort to identify the sender of this message, keeping in mind all telephone calls made or received by this individual. The name Bates mentioned in the above message is a known alias of Bates.

Please give this immediate attention and advise this office of results either by telephone or telegraph in order that such subpoenas as may be desirable may be issued for the trial of this case on September 18th, 1935.

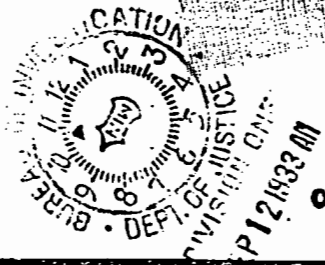
Also please advise this office by telephone or wire concerning the exhibiting of photos of Bates, Bailey and Kelly to the employees of Newman Bros., Joplin, Mo., where the hat was purchased for Mr. Urschel.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Incl.  
cc-Division  
Chicago

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY



224 Federal Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
September 7, 1933

7-115

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

Dear Sir:

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

We are very anxious to show any and all connection between George Bates, George Kelly and the Shannon family in connection with this case.

Please refer to report of [redacted] Dallas, Texas, Page #6, and note Western Union telegram sent from Chicago, see 6/19/33 to R. G. Shannon, Paradise, Texas, signed Lang. You will note on Page #5 of this report where a service was requested on this message; therefore the sender may have left an address whereby identity may be established. Also on Page #5 will be noted another telegram from Chicago, see on 7/19/33 to R. G. Shannon, Paradise, Texas, signed Lang. This latter message is very important to the instant case. It is thought that the sender of these messages was George Kelly and every effort should be made to verify that fact.

I am inclosing herewith copy of report of SAC Dowd, Salt Lake City, for 8/24/33. On Page #4 of this report you will note that a Special Agent of the American Express Co., Chicago, Ill., learned that George Bates was stopping at a hotel in Chicago - see on or about August 10th, 1933. We are anxious to establish the whereabouts of George Bates immediately prior to and after the Uruchel kidnaping. It may be that you can ascertain from the office of the Special Service of the Express Company what information they have along that line and follow it out. It is to be recalled that the ransom money began showing up in St. Paul on August 4th, 1933, and also a Western Union message was sent from one "George", thought to be Bates, from Minneapolis on 8/8/33 to R. G. Shannon, c/o Cadillac Motor Co., Cleveland, Ohio, advising that "The deal was off, Etc." This is thought to refer to the publicity concerning the changing of the ransom money in St. Paul.

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Every effort should be immediately made to establish the identity of Long and fix the whereabouts of Bates in Chicago on the date mentioned and this office advised by wire or phone all facts developed in order that subpoenas may be issued for the trial, which is set for the 18th instant.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division ✓  
Kansas City

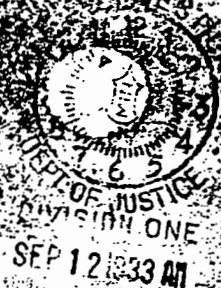
AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY



420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

September 9, 1933.

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



RE: Unknown Subjects.  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
(Escape of Fedl. Prisoner  
Harvey J. Bailey.)

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith a newspaper article commenting upon Special Agent J.H. Hanson of the Birmingham office; and suggest that a statement be secured from Agent Hanson concerning this matter, and copy forwarded this office as well as appropriate copies to the Division.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB  
cc Division  
62-420

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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420 Post Office Bldg.  
Dallas, Texas.

September 9, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Ave., Room 1403,  
New York, N.Y.

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

Dear Sir:-

Will you please check with the Golt's Arms  
Mfg. Co. and trace disposition of Colt's .45 auto-  
matic, serial #165649.

This is the automatic pistol taken from  
Harvey J. Bailey at the time of his arrest near  
Paradise, Texas; and the number has just been obtained.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB  
cc Division  
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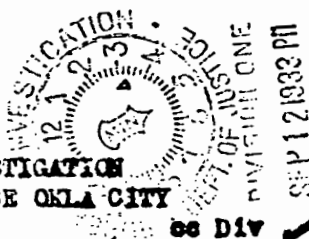
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLA SEP 9 1933

J A DOWD DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION DEPT JUSTICE  
900 EZRA THOMPSON BLD SALT LAKE CITY UTAH

KELLY ET AL KIDNAPPING OBTAIN FROM POLICE CIRCLES AND OTHER SOURCES ALL KNOWN  
HISTORY AND ANTECEDENTS ALBERT L BATES STOP OBTAIN FROM CARSON CITY AND CANON  
CITY FULL PRISON RECORD INCLUDING NAMES RELATIVES FRIENDS AND CORRESPONDENTS  
EXPEDITE REPORT

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DEPT JUSTICE OKLA CITY



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Salt Lake City, Utah.  
September 8, 1933.  
8:50 P.M.

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DIVISION ONE  
121933 P.M.

R E Vetterli  
Division of Investigation  
U S Department of Justice  
905 Federal Reserve  
Kansas City, Mo.

George Kelley kidnapping Oklahoma City office desires secure specimens  
Albert L Bates handwriting stop about August ninth this year he telegraphed  
Mrs G. L. Davis twelve seventy five Pearl street Denver from Omaha informing  
he would arrive Denver following morning via CB&Q and signed it George stop  
through telegraph services Omaha endeavor locate message securing original  
or photostatic copy airmail Oklahoma City with explanation probably Bates  
handwriting expedite

Dowd.

Cc Bureau ✓

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RECEIVED DIVISION ONE

SEP 12 1933

Unit One

*[Signature]*



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DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
September 9, 1933

W A RORER  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
518 Hewes Bldg.  
San Francisco, California

GEORGE R KELLY ETAL KIDNAPING WIRE IMMEDIATELY ALL DATA CALIFORNIA NINETEEN  
THIRTY THREE LICENSE SIX DASH V DASH THREE FIVE SIX SIX EXPEDITE

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Official Business  
Government Rate Paid  
Chg. Div. of Inves., U.S. Dept. of Justice

cc: Division



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SEP 12 1933 A.M.	
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE	
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OKLA CITY OKLA SEPT 9 1933

J A DOWD  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
900 EZRA THOMPSON BLDG  
SALT LAKE CITY UTAH

KELLY ETAL KIDNAPING USE EVERY EFFORT OBTAIN SPECIMEN BATES HANDWRITING SUGGEST  
PROCURE FROM APPLICATION FOR RENTAL POST OFFICE BOX THREE SIX ONE ALSO HAVE  
POLICE OFFICERS DENVER WHO ARE SUBPOENAED BRING WITH THEM ORIGINAL FINGERPRINT  
CARD SIGNED BY BATES AT TIME OF HIS ARREST ON AUGUST TWELFTH

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

Loc-Division



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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

SEP 12 1933

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BY LETTER	FULL RATE CABLE
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OKLAHOMA CITY OKLA SEP 9 1933  
CC SPEARS DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION DEPT OF JUSTICE  
411 UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE PORTLAND OREGON

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KELLY ET AL KIDNAPPING DISCREETLY CONTACT

AND

PORTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT OBTAIN ALL POSSIBLE PRIOR HISTORY ALBERT

1 RATES WITH ALIASES STOP UNDERSTAND SUBJECT WAS VERY CLOSE TO THESE MEN SOME

YEARS AGO EXPEDITE REPORT

COLVIN

OB GOVT PAID  
CHARGE DIV INVESTIGATION  
DEPT JUSTICE O. KLA CITY



cc BUREAU DIV ✓

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

SEP 12 1933 A.M.

U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

FILE

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411 U. S. Court House  
Portland, Oregon

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
900 Kara Thompson Building  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Re: George Kelley - Fugitive, et al  
Charles F. Orndahl (Victim)  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of September 6, 1933,  
in the above entitled case, there is enclosed herewith  
photograph of [redacted] Seattle Police  
[redacted] Description of [redacted] and fingerprint classi-  
fication is contained on the reverse side of the photo-  
graph.

Very truly yours,

H. A. King, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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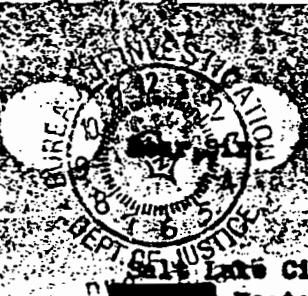
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DIVISION  
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905 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.  
Kansas City, Mo.  
Sept. 10, 1933

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Re: George E. Kelly, with aliases, et al.  
Charles F. Urschel, victim.  
KIDNAPPING

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Pursuant to request telegraphically received from the  
██████████ Kansas City Office there was secured from  
██████████ Western Union Telegraph Co., Omaha, Nebraska, by Special Agent  
██████████ of this Office, the original of a telegram quoted as follows:  
"August 9, 1933. 3:35 P.M., Omaha, Neb.  
"To Mrs. G. L. Davis, 11-Sterling Apts., 1275 Pearl St.,  
Denver, Colorado.  
"Will arrive 7. A.M. tomorrow at Burlington. Love  
Signed "George"

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This telegram was written by the sender in pencil. Same is  
to be returned to this office when it has served its purpose, for the purpose  
of being personally returned to ██████████ who reluctantly gave it to Agent  
██████████ with the understanding that same be treated as confidential until a  
subpoena is issued for that officer of the Western Union.

Reference is also made to your letter of August 7, 1933 in this  
case, wherein you request this office to locate if possible a party known in  
Kansas City as "Fimmie the Jinx", engaged in the operation of a pool hall and  
barber shop. Diligent inquiry of every known source of information failed to  
show the presence of such a party here and no one knows of such an individual.

Referring to your letter of Sept. 7th. in this matter, relative to  
the tracing of certain telegrams sent from Kansas City to T. M. Coleman,  
Stratford, Okla., and to the identification of a party receiving a telegram  
at the Stats (not State) Hotel here under the name L. E. Lang, the following  
investigation has been made:

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Originals of the four telegrams sent from Kansas City to T. M.  
Coleman as mentioned in the memorandum by Special Agent ██████████ Oklahoma  
City, Okla., August 22, were reviewed at the Western Union Telegraph Co.  
through the courtesy of ██████████. It is found that each  
of the telegrams were telephoned in and no address of the sender given, except  
in the case of the wire sent on March 26. The latter was sent from the desk  
of the Western Union at the Muehlbach Hotel and the sender gave his name as  
George L. Harris, Phillips Hotel, Kansas City, Mo. Investigation at the  
Phillips Hotel failed to show such a party registered on that date.



Photographs of Subjects Kelly, Bates and others were displayed at the Phillips, Muehlbach and State Hotels with the result that no one could identify them as likenesses of parties registering there. However these hotel employees were not positive in stating that the parties had not been there, but merely failed to identify the photographs as being familiar to them.

At the State Hotel an investigation of the records disclosed that on May 15, 1933 "L. E. Lang" registered alone in room 908 and occupied that room until May 17, at 12:50 PM. when he checked out without leaving a forwarding address. During his stay the auditor's records show that he made no long distance telephone calls from the hotel, nor are there any telegrams charged to his account. The records show a charge for laundry and several local telephone calls.

The Laundry records of the State Hotel show that the laundry mark of that guest was "C.E. F", or "S.E. F." (Note in this connection the telegram signed "C.E. F." mentioned in Agent [redacted] memorandum.)

The local telephone numbers called by "L.E. Lang" from the State Hotel, according to the auditor's records were:

Victor 9861--The Holland House (hotel) (called once on May 15)  
 Grand 2060--The Kelley-Williams Motor Co. (Ford auto dealers) (once May 15)  
 Victor 0022--Robert E. Lee Hotel. (called three times on May 16)  
 Victor 9731--The Dixon Hotel (called once on May 15)  
 [redacted]--Residence [redacted] third floor apartment.  
 [redacted] number called on May 15 and 16)  
 Grand 1400--The Muehlbach Hotel (called once May 16)  
 Harrison 9783--The Loraine Apts. 1014 Broadway (called twice--dates not shown)

Investigation was made at the Dixon Hotel, the Robert E. Lee Hotel, the Holland House and at the Kelley-Williams Motor Co. and the Loraine Apartments with the result that parties at these places could furnish no information in regard to the party who made or received the calls. Photographs were displayed without result. Records of the guests at the hotels as of the dates of the calls were reviewed without resulting in any information of value. Records of repairs and automobile sales were reviewed at the Ford dealers' with negative results. Where possible, local telephone toll slips were searched at the hotels which were called, to determine what guests called the State Hotel, phone number Grand 5310 as of the dates when "Lang" was at the State, but these records had been discarded at those hotels mentioned in this paragraph.

Telephone toll slips for local calls at the Muehlbach hotel as of May 15 to 17 inclusive were searched and out of the few calls to the State Hotel all parties were eliminated from possible connection with "L.E. Lang" due to their known identities, except two parties who were registered as [redacted] room 1107, who arrived at 8:30 AM. May 16 and departed at 5:28 AM. May 18. Investigation as to them has not as yet been completed. The following information was secured as to [redacted]



[redacted] registered from "Santa Fe, N.Mex." and while at the hotel made two long distance telephone calls to Leavenworth, Ks. and also made numerous local calls which will be investigated to determine the identities of [redacted]. These parties left no forwarding address when they departed from the Kuehlbach hotel on May 18. A tracing of the registration at the Kuehlbach hotel was made and is herewith forwarded to the Oklahoma City Office. To date there has been found no one at the Kuehlbach hotel who can recall [redacted].

The telephone of [redacted] is a non-polish number. [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] on August 15 and was requested to advise as to particulars of the local calls to her number by "L.E. Lang" from the Stats Hotel. [redacted] it is readily noted, operates a house of prostitution. She claimed to have no recollection of the calls when first approached. Her manner seemed sincere and after considerable deliberation she stated that the call might have been received by one [redacted] a prostitute who left her house around the middle of July, 1933. She stated [redacted] had gone to Chicago, Ill. and she would endeavor to secure her address. Another interview was had with [redacted] on Sept. 8, at which time she informed Agent [redacted] that she has recalled definitely the incident when [redacted] received the calls. That [redacted] first met the man "Lang" at the Kuehlbach Hotel about April 15, 1933 and spent one night with him there. That she again met him during the middle of May, 1933 when he was at the Stats Hotel and spent a night with him on that occasion. That upon her [redacted] first meeting the man he was using a name other than Lang, but [redacted] cannot recall it. On the occasion at the Stats Hotel [redacted] told [redacted] that the man refused to pay her after the night's escapade and therefore [redacted] feels very bitter toward him and when located will probably furnish all information possible. [redacted] claims never to have seen this man, known as "Lang".

It was stated by [redacted] that [redacted] is the correct name of [redacted]. That she is about forty years old and has been a prostitute for about twenty years. That her father and mother reside in Dubuque, Iowa and she believes they are people of good character and reputations. She knows nothing further regarding this woman's relatives. She stated [redacted] proceeded to Chicago, Ill. and resided for a short time with [redacted] after she left Kansas City during July 1933. She has now learned through letter from [redacted] that the woman has left for parts unknown. [redacted] is described as being age 40; height 5 ft. 3 in. weight 150 lbs.; hair brown; occupation prostitute. [redacted] referred to [redacted] Baby Grand Hotel, Kansas City, Mo. as a friend of [redacted] but inquiry of [redacted] who operates a house of prostitution failed to elicit information of further value.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to the St. Paul Office in order that effort be made at Dubuque, Iowa to locate [redacted]. Her parents are said to correspond with her frequently.

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For possible future reference it may be stated that the telephone records show long distance calls from the telephone of [REDACTED] during the past few months as follows:

June 15, 1933--to Hutchinson, Kans. phone number 1776

June 5, 1933--to Chicago, Ill., phone number Oakland 1813

June 16, 1933--to New York City, N.Y. phone number Riverside 4094

June 28, 1933--to [REDACTED]

June 22, 1933--to Chicago, Ill. phone number [REDACTED]

July 11, 1933--to Joplin, Mo. to phone of [REDACTED]

Investigation will be made to determine the identity of [REDACTED] and wife, who called local telephone numbers at Kansas City and long distance to Leavenworth, Ks. while at the Huehlbach hotel, as mentioned herein and an early report of that investigation will be given to your office.

A tracing of the registration of "L.E. Lang" at the State Hotel is herewith enclosed.

Very truly yours,

R.E. Vetterli,  
Special Agent in Charge.



411 U. S. Court House  
Portland, Oregon

September 7, 1933

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

Re: George R. Kelly, with aliases - Fugitive,  
I.O. #1203, et al  
Charles F. Guisache (Victim)  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

This will further refer to the above entitled matter and to advise that information has been received through [redacted] Vancouver, B. C., that Theodore Bantz on July 2, 1933, received a registered special delivery package which had been sent from Michigan City, Indiana, under registry #7020, this package being mailed from Michigan City to Vancouver, B.C. Nothing is known as to the contents of the package, but it is thought that inquiry at Michigan City by reference to the number of the registered package might divulge the sender of the package, and the possibility of securing information which may assist in ascertaining the whereabouts of Ed Bantz or subject George Kelly. It is therefore suggested that appropriate inquiry be made at Michigan City at the earliest opportunity in connection with the above.

Very truly yours,

U. C. Spears  
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Bldg,  
Chicago, Illinois  
September 8, 1933



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Postmaster,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, will you kindly cause a mail cover to be placed on all first-class mail delivered to the residence of George Bentz, 7124 Belden Avenue? It will be appreciated if you will maintain this cover for a period of [REDACTED] and as soon as possible, forward [REDACTED] to this office.

It will be appreciated if you will refer to our file 7-26 in forwarding tracings.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,  
I am,

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

[REDACTED] b7C  
CC Division  
GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, et al,  
CHARLES URSCHEL, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

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SEP 11 1933 P.M.
[Signature]



905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,

Kansas City, Missouri.

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

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Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE R. KELLEY, with aliases,  
I. O. #1203, JOHN BROWN, I. O. #1189,  
ET AL  
KIDNAPING  
K.C. File #7-8-

In connection with inquiries which were to be made at Joplin, Missouri, on the purchase of clothing for Urschel, please be advised that the following memorandum has been submitted by Special Agent [REDACTED]; I telephoned you this information this morning:

"Today I interviewed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of Newman's Department Store in Joplin, Missouri, and learned that [REDACTED] who waited on the man who on July 28th purchased the two hats and the shirt mentioned in the report of SAC R. H. Colvin, Oklahoma City, 8-26-33.

[REDACTED] was furnished the three photos sent to me, viz., those of Kelley, Pates and Harvey Bailey, as well as those of Bob Brady, Wilbur Underhill, Jim Clark, Ed Davis and Bernard Phillips, which I had with me, those of Brady and Underhill being added because of their size being similar to that of the man described as the purchaser of the goods. Other photos were added in order that a variety might be had. [REDACTED] was unable to identify any photo as that of the man who made the purchases, but he stated that that of Harvey Bailey appeared to be nearest the type. He stated, however, that the purchaser of the two hats was bareheaded, and that he had straight hair, not curly, as is Bailey's. He advised further that the man he saw was not of dark complexion but medium.

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stated that [redacted] had a wonderful memory of facts, and that he is entirely trustworthy. [redacted] stated that he would readily identify the man if he could do so.

Very truly yours,

R. E. WETTERLI  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
311 Hurley-Wright Building  
Washington, D. C.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY  
NIGHT LETTER

SEPTEMBER 11 1933

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
224 FEDERAL BUILDING  
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

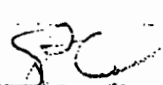
RETEL ALBERT L<sup>O</sup> BATES RECORDS WAR DEPARTMENT SHOW THIS PARTY AS ALBERT L. BATES  
ENLISTED US ARMY JUNE TWELFTH NINETEEN ELEVEN AT JEFFERSON BARRACKS MISSOURI  
DESERTED APRIL FIFTEENTH NINETEEN THIRTEEN AT TEXASCITY TEXAS stop REENLISTED  
AS GEORGE J. ELB JULY SECOND NINETEEN FOURTEEN AT FORT MCDOWELL CALIFORNIA  
DISHONORABLY DISCHARGED OCTOBER FOURTEENTH NINETEEN FOURTEEN AND ONE YEAR AT  
stop  
HARD LABOR ORDERED/RELATIVES LISTED MRS ELIZABETH BATES DUQUOIN ILLINOIS MOTHER  
MRS FANNIE L ELB FOUR TWENTYSEVEN EAST NINTH STREET HOPKINSVILLE KENTUCKY AUNT

O'ROURKE ACTING

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SEPTEMBER 11, 1933

R WHITLEY  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
326 1/2 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TODAY AUTHORIZING [REDACTED] PERMISSION  
EXAMINATION [REDACTED] RECORDS

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

Re: GEORGE R. KELLY with alias,  
Fugitive, I.O. 1203, et al,  
Charles F. Urschel, Victim.

Dear Sir:

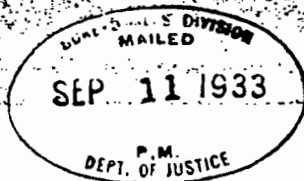
In response to your telegram of even date  
there are transmitted herewith eight additional copies  
of reproduction of recent photograph of Kathryn Thorne  
Kelly, with aliases, Fugitive, who is subject of  
Identification Order No. 1207 in the instant case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. #214762

AIR MAIL



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Standard Time  
Indicated on this message

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All America  
Cables

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Radiogram unless otherwise indicated by  
signal in the check or in the address.

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NL	NIGHT LETTER
MM	NIGHT MESSAGE
LD	DEFERRED CABLE
ML	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
WLT	WEEK END CABLE LETTER
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION U S DEPARTMENT OF

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Egan.....  
Mr. Hughes.....  
Mr. Looke.....

JUSTICE

=PLEASE FORWARD IMMEDIATELY AIR MAIL SEVERAL COPIES LATEST  
PICTURES KATHRYN KELLY FORWARDED YOU BY DALLAS OFFICE:

=COLVIN..

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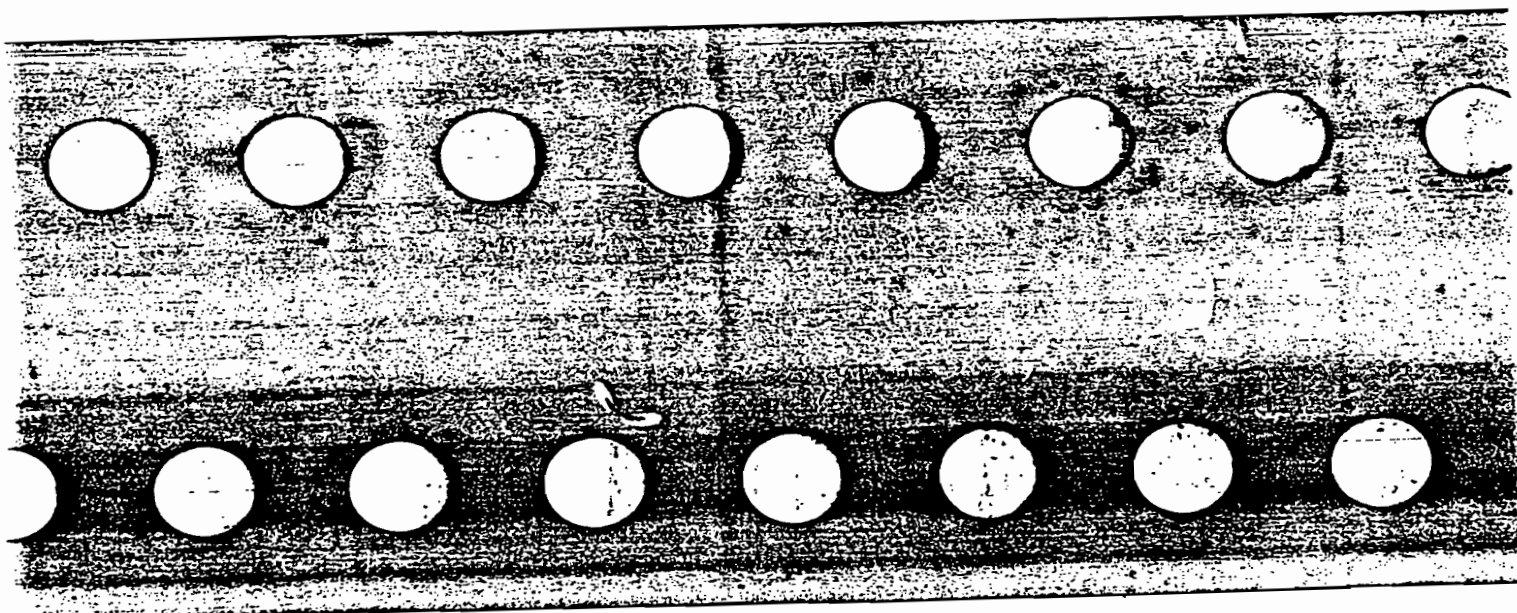
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Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph



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

September 4, 1933.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. BLAKE AT DALLAS:

Mr. Blake advised that Bailey was confined on the seventh floor in the death cell and that as the guards came up to give him his breakfast at about 7:15 this morning, Bailey stuck them up with a forty-five pistol and forced his way out of the cell threatening to shoot anyone who tried to stop him. He worked his way down to the sixth floor, stuck up the jailer there and made him take him down to the main floor, upon reaching this he forced the jailer through the back door and across the street to a garage where the jailer's car was kept. He made the jailer get into the car, a Ford Sedan or Coach, and drove away. Mr. Hoover inquired if it was known how Bailey obtained possession of the gun and Mr. Blake replied that the only clue they were working on was that a lawyer named [redacted] from Oklahoma City had been permitted to see Bailey on Friday, that Blake had warned the chief deputy sheriff that the lawyer might try to slip Bailey something but that the deputy had replied that they were searching Bailey's cell every morning and that they had searched the cell. The deputy also reported to Mr. Blake that no one other than [redacted] had seen Bailey but that Blake did not believe this. Mr. Blake stated that two of the agents were down at the jail then making an investigation and the rest were out on the road, a rumor having come that Bailey was on the road to Rome, Tex., that the Army planes were out searching also and were lending every assistance, that the Fort Worth police were also lending their aid together with the Dallas police. Blake stated that Bailey was believed to be heading for the woods, and Mr. Hoover gave orders to him that he wanted Bailey to be brought in dead and not to take any more chances with him. Mr. Blake stated that the Texas highway police were all out. Mr. Hoover instructed Mr. Blake to keep the office at Dallas open twenty-four hours, and advised him that he was sending four more agents down there. He also told him that he wanted to find out who was responsible for bringing the saw and gun into the jail, Mr. Blake replied that Agts. Dowd and [redacted] were working on that now. Mr. Hoover stated that he was going to get in touch with Mr. Colvin and instruct him to take every precaution against any attempt to release the Shannons, and also to have him take the lawyer of Bailey, [redacted] into custody. Mr. Hoover also instructed Mr. Blake to keep in close touch with him.

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*This should be checked up as the statements in the affidavits do not mention any such search.*

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*J. E. H.*

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H. NATHAN  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
POST OFFICE BUILDING  
DALLAS TEXAS

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AUTHORIZED EMPLOY [REDACTED] AS \*CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT SEVENTEEN DAYS AT SIX  
DOLLARS DAY FISCAL CONTROL NUMBER WILL BE FURNISHED IN LETTER

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INVESTMENT BLDG.  
15th & K STS., N.W.  
Phone Nations 6820 RR.7  
STANDARD TIME  
INDICATED ON THIS MESSAGE

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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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Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Hughes	.....
Mr. Locke	.....
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DIRECTOR=DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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RECOMMEND EMPLOYMENT [REDACTED] SEVENTEEN DAYS AT SIX  
DOLLARS PER DAY AS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [REDACTED] WAS IDENTIFIED  
WRENCH USED ON BAILEY CELL AND MAY BE IN POSITION SECURE  
FURTHER INFORMATION ADVISE=

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Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Hughes .....  
Mr. Locke .....  
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September 9, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In the attempt to trace the Smith & Wesson revolver in the possession of Harvey Bailey at the time of his escape from the Dallas County Jail, the State Department has advised by telephone today that inquiry at Mexico City elicited information that no record was maintained in Mexico City by the firm which purchased this gun from the manufacturers of the names and addresses of purchasers of firearms. A telegram has gone forward to Dallas transmitting this information.

Respectfully,

*T. F. Baughman*

T. F. Baughman.

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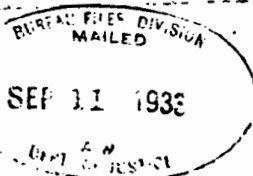
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

Mr. Sanford Bates, Director of the Bureau of Prisons, telephoned to advise that someone had stated to him a day or so ago that they did not understand about Bailey's getting out of the Dallas Jail. Mr. Bates stated if his Bureau had any responsibility in the matter he would like to know about it. He stated that they send out inspectors to the county jails and black-list such jails as do not live up to specifications, and would like to know whether any condition existed in the Dallas Jail for which the authorities should be taken to task. He further stated that he had not been considering doing anything as he felt the whole thing was in the hands of the Division of Investigation. Mr. Bates stated he had on the black-list the Dallas Jail, as well as the one at Fort Worth, for some time. I inquired of Mr. Bates how we could determine just which jails the Bureau of Prisons has on its black-list, as it does not appear that we should have Federal prisoners incarcerated in such jails. Mr. Bates stated that of course when a Federal prisoner is put in a county jail he is subject to the rules and regulations which apply to county prisoners, but that the Bureau considers that jail on its black-list if its rules and regulations do not come up to the standard set forth by the Bureau of Prisons. Mr. Bates advised that they have ratings on about 3,000 jails in the country. He also stated that while they will not set forth rules and regulations to be followed by county jails, upon request they do send out a skeleton form one of the provisions in which is as follows: "Sufficient supervision should be maintained over visitors to prevent contraband being brought into the jail or liberties being taken with prisoners while visiting them at the jail". While the Bureau of Prisons has no right to impose this rule, according to Mr. Bates they do suggest it to the jails. I inquired specifically as to the rating given to the Oklahoma County Jail, and Mr. Bates advised that it is given a rating of 6%, which is a "pretty fair rating", as they try not to use any jail with less than a 50% rating, although the Dallas Jail rates at 52%, with a notation that the jail is recommended for women but not for men unless objectionable features are corrected. I advised Mr. Bates that I would supply him with a copy of the Division's report when the investigation at the Dallas Jail has been completed. Mr. Bates requested that I advise him any time the Agents find that a jail is being operated under unsatisfactory or inadequate rules and regulations or improper conditions, and that he will send the Division of Investigation a copy of a list of the jails condemned by the Bureau of Prisons, together with the rating on each.

Very truly yours,

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September 11, 1933.

Chief of Police,  
Armore, Oklahoma.

My dear Chief:

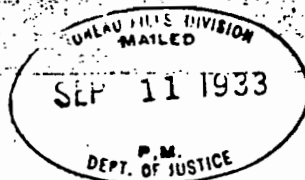
I desire to express my keen appreciation and commendation to you and the officers who accompanied you upon the occasion of the arrest of Harvey J. Bailey on the morning of September 4, 1933, after Bailey had escaped from the Dallas County Jail.

The news that was flashed to me at the time that you fearlessly gave chase to and arrested Harvey J. Bailey was indeed gratifying and I cannot let the matter pass without thanking you and the officers who assisted you for this excellent cooperation and to advise you of my admiration of the efficient and courageous action which resulted in the re-apprehension of this dangerous criminal.

With expressions of my kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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N.Y. FILE NO. 7-19

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REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE: 9/12/33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9/7/33	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] b7C
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GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, I.O. #1207 -  
FUGITIVE, et al;  
CHARLES W. URSCHER - VICTIM

CHARGES

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Kathryn Thorne Kelly said to have been identified by Identification Order #1207 as a girl hitch hiker using the name [REDACTED] who stopped at the Womens Community House, Ithaca, N.Y., with another woman who gave her name as [REDACTED], on 9/1/33. They left the next morning giving as their destination New York City, and were given a ride for two miles by [REDACTED] who is positive of the identification. Handwriting does not compare favorably with that of the fugitive.



## DETAILS:

### AT ITHACA, N.Y.

Telephonic instructions were received from Assistant Special Agent in Charge F. X. Ray to the effect that an Associated Press Dispatch from Ithaca, N.Y. advised that [REDACTED] had positively identified the Identification Order #1207 of Kathryn Thorne Kelly, with aliases, as a girl he had given a ride as a hitch hiker, and that appropriate investigation should be made of this report.

[REDACTED] Thompkins Co., advised that on the morning of Saturday, September 2, 1933, while on his way to the country to serve a warrant, he had picked up two women hitch-hikers just outside of Ithaca and given them a ride for about two miles on the Danby Road. He had not opened his mail that morning and did not get to it until the following morning when he found among its contents I. O. #1207 and immediately identified it as the picture of one of the

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hitch-hikers. [redacted] was positive of this identification and immediately contacted the woman in charge of the Women's Community House who also identified same as the picture of one of the hitch-hikers. [redacted] then informed the Binghamton Police and the State Police at Sidney by telephone but assumed that by that time the women had reached New York City.

[redacted] stated that the woman who had registered at the Community House as [redacted] answered the description given on the identification order in detail except that she had no jewelry. He stated that the profile particularly made him positive of the identification. He could not describe her clothes except that they were dark and he believed she wore no hat.

The other woman, who, he later ascertained, gave her name as [redacted] at the Community House, he described as being from 24 to 28 years of age, about five feet tall, very fat and weighing about 170 lbs., having very thick ankles, having dark brown hair, worn in a short bob and with bangs in front, and with dark complexion.

The women had a very large suitcase, black in color, rather old and scuffed at the corners. He could not remember if it had straps around it but recalled that it was exceptionally heavy as he had lifted it out of the car for them. He asked them how they carried it and they explained that they waited for rides and did not carry it. They had told him that they were on their way to New York City and had stayed in Ithaca at the Women's Community House overnight. He noted no accent in their speech and believed that they talked quite ordinarily.

[redacted] of the Women's Community House, Ithaca, N.Y., upon interview advised that she believed I. O. #1207 to be the picture of the girl who gave her name as [redacted]. The other girl gave her name as [redacted]. They came to the Community House at about 9:30 in the evening of September 1st and requested lodging for the night, said they were without funds; that they were on their way from Chicago to New York City, which is their home; that they got a ride from Chicago with a man and wife who were friends of a friend of theirs; that these people were staying with friends in Ithaca for the night and that they would go on with them in the morning. They further said that they had nothing to eat that evening but they were given nothing. They were given a room and the next morning they left early.

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They registered as follows:

[redacted] New York, and [redacted]

[redacted] Bronx, tracings

were taken of these signatures and addresses and are for the time being being used by the New York Office. It is to be noted that neither of them resembled the signature on I. O. 1201.

[redacted] described the girls as [redacted] had done except that she stated that [redacted] weighed less than 141 lbs. and that she was thin. Both, she said, were poorly dressed and as she recalled, neither had hats. Rita had a faded dress of light color and some sort of a little jacket while [redacted] had a dark dress. She further stated that [redacted] hair did not look to be so long as that in the picture; that it was bobbed at medium length and parted in the middle. She said that [redacted] was very noticeable for her bangs and the fact that she was so short and fat.

She further stated that they had had no large suitcase with them at the House; that instead they had a small black bag of the satchel type about 18 inches long and very narrow; that in fact she had been surprised that they had no more baggage. She believed that this bag could have been put inside the large bag described by [redacted] but was positive that they had not had the large bag with them at the time.

[redacted] she said, had done practically all of the talking and the other girl was very quiet. [redacted] had said that she had been in Mrs. Roosevelt's camp for unemployed women for two months prior to going to Chicago. [redacted] had said she was of French nationality but [redacted] was positive that she was Irish and had teased her about giving such a name as [redacted] [redacted] had been slightly distrustful of them for which reason she gave them no money to get something to eat and required them to give their street addresses. They had displayed no hesitation in giving these addresses.

In view of the fact that their large bag had not appeared at the Community house and because it was not known at that time how they came into town, investigation was made at the Greyhound Bus Station where none of the officials could recall having seen the two women or having checked a bag for them. Identical information was received at the depots of the Lackawanna and Lehigh Valley railroads.

Chief of Police [redacted] of Ithaca advised that Patrolman [redacted] had seen the girls come into town and had directed them to the Community House.

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Patrolman [redacted] upon interview, advised that he was on duty on State Street, the main street of the town, and saw two women of this description on September 1, 1935, alight from an automobile driven by a man he did not know, who then drove away. The women asked him if there was a Y. W. O. A. in the city and he told them of the Women's Community House upon which they walked in that direction. He stated that the tall one resembled the picture on I.O. 1207 so that he is fairly positive of the identification. The descriptions he gave tallied with those of [redacted] and [redacted] except that he said that they wore hats of some kind, he thought they were tight fitting hats. He also noted the exceptionally large suitcase and said that the short one carried it, it being apparently so heavy that she was bent far to one side to balance herself. He also stated that the short one's hair was not dark but was fairly light brown. It was apparent that they had hitch-hiked in, he said, and they were very dirty at the time. He judged they came in about 8 or 9 o'clock in the evening.

None of the above informants could name anyone else who had seen the girls but everyone agent talked to was aware of the facts of the case as they had been reported in a local paper.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE: - Will consider the above information in the light of previous information concerning this fugitive to determine if the identification may be correct.

NEW YORK OFFICE: - Will make appropriate investigation at New York City at the addresses given to determine if they are fictitious and such other as appears advisable.

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September 11, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: HARVEY J. BAILEY

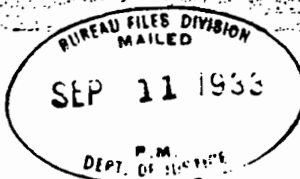
I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter addressed to the Dallas office of the Division with reference to the letter sent by Agent in Charge Vetterli at Kansas City to the Dallas office, under date of August 28, it being noted that a copy of that letter was sent to you simultaneously with its being mailed to Dallas, and I would like to have advice from you as to whether any action was taken by you in this connection upon receipt of the letter from Kansas City.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Washington, D. C.

September 11, 1933.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Upon receipt of the attached telegram from the New Orleans office requesting that Mr. Harry T. Kranz, Chief of the Investigation Division of the Civil Service Commission be requested to authorize [REDACTED] of the Civil Service Commission at New Orleans to permit Agents of the New Orleans Division office to examine the Civil Service records of [REDACTED] I contacted [REDACTED] Mr. Kranz, who advised that Mr. Kranz is out of the city but that instructions would be issued to [REDACTED] at New Orleans this afternoon to permit an Agent of the New Orleans office of this Division to examine the reports submitted by the Civil Service Commission representative on [REDACTED]

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.



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T KRANZ CHIEF INVESTIGATION DIVISION CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION  
TO AUTHORIZE [REDACTED] CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION HERE TO TURN  
OVER REPORT FORWARDED MAY THIRTEENTH NINETEEN THIRTY ONE BY  
[REDACTED] ON INVESTIGATION OF [REDACTED] APPLICANT  
FOR [REDACTED] DALLAS TEXAS.

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WHITLEY, Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph

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

Dear Sir:

Re: George R. Kelly with aliases,  
Identification Order #1203,  
Fugitive, et al. Kidnaping.

In connection with the above entitled case, there  
is transmitted herewith a copy of the criminal record of  
Albert L. Bates alias George Davis.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

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

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

Notation: "4-22-20, Salt Lake City, Utah, #993, as Geo. Davis, burg. (for PD, Ogden, Utah); 4-22-20, rel. to Ogden Auth."; notation: "4-22-20, Ogden, Utah, #28, as George Davis, burglary (ret. from Salt Lake City); trans. to Co. Jail."; as George Davis, #--, SO, Ogden, Utah, arrested Salt Lake City, Utah, April 22, 1920, charge burglary; notation: "4-22-20, Weber County, Utah, as Geo. Davis, charge burglary; 5-8-20, sent. Utah St. Pr."; notation: "5-8-20, Utah St. Pr., #3792, as Geo. Davis, charge burg. 2nd, from Weber County; sent. indet. - 1-15-21, terminated."

As C. E. White, #--, SO, Brighton, Colo., arrested Denver, Colo., May 13, 1921, charge stealing auto tires.

Notation: "7-20-21, Salt Lake County, Utah, as George Harris, charge, burg. 2nd; sent. Utah St. Pr."; as Geo. Harris, #3945, received St. Pr., Salt Lake City, Utah, August 3, 1921, from Salt Lake County, crime burglary 2nd degree; notation: "Utah St. Pr., #3945, as George Harris, sent. indet., 4-21-23, escaped from Cedar City, Utah Jail while being returned from road camp - wanted; notation: "8-12-24, as George Harris, PD, Kimball, Nebr., susp. - bank robbery; returned to Utah St. Pr., Salt Lake City, Utah."

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

As A. L. Bates, #14000, received SP, Canon City, Colo., May 10, 1927, from Mesa County, crime burglary and larceny; sentence 3-5 years; notation: "Colo. St. Pr., #14000, as Elbert Bates, transferred to Colo. St. Ref., 6-5-27-escaped - apprehended - 9-15-30, discharged, term ended."

As Albert L. Bates, #--, arrested by St. Pol., Paw Paw, Mich., December 1, 1931, charge C.C.W.; notation: "12-1-31, as Albert L. Bates, #152, St. Pol., Paw Paw, Mich., C.C.W. and driving while intoxicated; 12-8-31, sent. 35 days jail and fine and costs of \$74.80 on 2nd charge - 1st charge pending."

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As Albert Lawrence Bates, #15732, arrested PD, Denver, Colo., August 12, 1933, charge fugitive.

As Albert Lawrence<sup>6</sup> Bates, #2161, arrested by United States Marshal, Denver, Colo., August 19, 1933, charge kidnapping.

Additional notations:

\*10-9-26, Leadville, Colo., safe burglary.

WANTED: as George Harris; robbery; notify SO, Lincoln, Nebr., (per inf. rec. 10-12-31) - notified 12-14-31.

WANTED: as A. L. Bates; notify PD, Lincoln, Nebr., (per inf. rec. 10-31-31) - notified 12-14-31.

WANTED: as Roy Harris, hold-up; notify PD, Idaho Falls, Idaho, (per inf. rec. 11-6-31) - notified 12-14-31.

WANTED: as Albert L. Bates; notify PD, Salt Lake City, Utah, (per inf. rec. 11-10-31) - notified 12-14-31.

WANTED: as Albert L. Bates, who escaped from Paw Paw, Mich. Co. Jail, 12-25-31, while awaiting trial; notify St. Pu., East Lansing, Mich. and SO, Yorkville, Ill. - notified 8-17-33.

WANTED: for burg. of money orders; notify Spec. Agt., American Express Co., Chicago, Ill. (per inf. rec. 3-21-32) - notified 8-17-33. Arrested in Chicago, about 3 years ago, as drunk, (per inf. rec. 12-21-31, from St. Pu., East Lansing, Mich.

WANTED: for bank robbery, by SO, Colfax, Wash. and SO, Tacoma, Wash. - notified 8-17-33."

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Mr. Gus T. Jones,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your communication of August 31,  
you have, no doubt, received my letter to you of recent date  
advising of the reason for the request that you advise promptly  
of your arrival and departures. However, I believe it would  
be well for you to personally advise by wire rather than depend  
upon the offices visited to send in that information.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
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1216 Smith Young Tower  
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August 31, 1933.

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

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

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Ch. C. [redacted]  
Unit [redacted]  
TOLSON

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 22, 1933, advising that the Division had not been advised of the arrivals and departures in travel performed by me and Agents attached to my office in connection with the recent assignments of the Union Station shooting and the Chas. F. Urschel kidnaping case.

I was the only Agent from this office assigned to the Kansas City shooting case and myself and Special Agent [redacted] were the only Agents assigned from the San Antonio office to the Urschel kidnaping case. While I rendered all aid possible assisting in the supervision of the Kansas City shooting case and the Urschel kidnaping case, I was not advised by the Division that I had complete supervision of either of these two cases.

At the time I received telephonic instructions in Kansas City, Mo., to proceed immediately to Oklahoma City on the Urschel case, I advised the Division by telephone that I was leaving that day by airplane. It was my understanding that SAC Colvin reported my arrival in Oklahoma City by wire. The only time I left the jurisdiction of the Oklahoma City office was at noon on Aug. 11th, after telephonic report had been received from the Dallas office relative to a check that had been requested of that office to compare the map I had prepared with the suspected place of Urschel confined near Paradise, Texas. This report convinced me that our suspicions of this place were correct and I left Oklahoma City hurriedly by automobile with Mr. Urschel. SAC Colvin was fully aware of my destination and I presumed that he would comply with Division regulations and advise you of my departure and my destination.

Immediately after the successful occurrence at the Shannon ranch, I advised SAC Blake, Dallas, Texas, telephonically, that I was enroute to Dallas with certain prisoners and conclusive information as to the point where Urschel had been held. I presumed that SAC Blake would inform you by telephone of this.

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Director, #2

August 31, 1933.

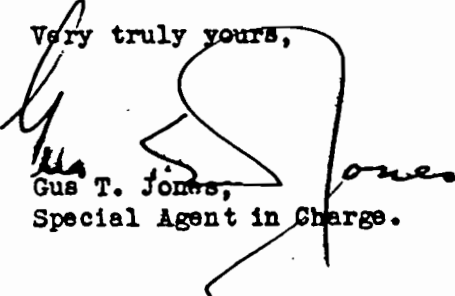
My departure from Dallas for Houston and San Antonio was upon telephonic instructions from the Division and in this conversation I advised at that time that I was leaving by plane. On my last departure from Dallas to San Antonio to follow out leads in the Urschel case, I specifically requested SAC Blake to wire you concerning my departure.

b7C As to the movements of other Agents attached to my office in connection with the recent assignments, the only other Agent was Agent [redacted] who was temporarily assigned to the Oklahoma City and Dallas offices in connection with this work and it was up to the Agents in Charge of those offices to comply with Division regulations and advise the Division concerning his movements, as I personally was not always aware of the movements and whereabouts of this Agent.

While I rendered all aid possible in assisting in the supervision of both of these investigations, it was my understanding that both cases were being handled by the Kansas City and Oklahoma City offices, respectively, and, in my opinion, it was up to those two offices to comply with Division regulations and keep the Division advised as to the movements of Agents assigned to these cases.

I am leaving this evening for Dallas and Oklahoma City and I will appreciate it very much if you would advise me, in care of the Oklahoma City office, whether or not I should personally wire you concerning my movements while in those districts or should that be done by the Agent in Charge in whose district I may be operating.

Very truly yours,

  
Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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

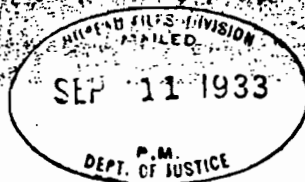
Dear Sir:

My attention has been invited to the fact that under date of August 28, Agent in Charge Vetterli, at Kansas City, wrote to you advising that when Harvey Bailey was apprehended at Fort Scott, Kansas, on state charges, in spite of all precautions to prevent Bailey escaping a search of his cell, on a confidential tip, resulted in the finding of a .45 automatic in his possession, apparently smuggled in to him by his attorney.

You must have received this letter from the Kansas City office not later than August 30, and the escape of Bailey occurred on the morning of September 4. I am interested to learn what, if any, steps were taken by you upon receipt of this letter from the Kansas City office. It is unfortunate, indeed, that the very action we had been warned against was permitted to take place later and I am interested to ascertain whether any action whatever was taken upon receipt of the Kansas City letter. I recall that in our telephonic conversation of September 4, you stated that you had warned the Chief Deputy Sheriff that the lawyer "might try to slip Bailey something" and that the Deputy had replied that they were searching Bailey's cell every morning. I find no reference to any such search in the statements taken from the several employees of the jail which you previously forwarded to the Division and I desire that you check this matter very carefully to determine whether it is a fact that Bailey's cell was searched each day.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Mr. Edwards \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hughes \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

*Personal*

Sept. 4th, 1933,  
905 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg  
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference is made to your telephone call to Mr. Keith this morning in which difficulty was had in locating Mr. Keith. The latter informed me you desired me to secure information from the hotel and office as to why Mr. Keith was not shown on the records of the Pickwick Hotel as registered and why the office did not know. At the Pickwick Hotel, they had Mr. Keith registered under the name of J.W. Keith instead of J.M. The clerk apparently made an error. However as soon as Mr. Keith returned to the hotel there was a message in his box to call Washington so apparently they deducted he was the Mr. Keith wanted. Mr. Keith worked here all day yesterday and his plane left for Dallas today at 3:15 P.M. and accordingly we decided to play 18 holes of golf early this morning. Such being the case I called the man on night duty last night, Agent [redacted] and told him that if any calls came in the morning, Mr. Keith and I would be at the Milburn Golf Course. I told him to leave a memo on the desk for the man coming on duty this morning which was done. Then I met Mr. Keith at 7 this morning and we went to the golf course but I called [redacted] at the office and told him specifically that Mr. Keith and I could both be located there and he knew where to reach us. When your call came in from Washington Agent [redacted] told the operator where Mr. Keith could be reached and also told the operator he could have Mr. Keith at the office in fifteen minutes and she said she would try the golf club. A few minutes later Agent [redacted] tried the golf club and they told him the line was busy holding it open on a long distance call and he of course presumed we had been reached. Incidentally [redacted] had reached me there on two occasions prior to your call. However to make certain, when we arrived at the club, rather shortly thereafter we told them that Mr. Keith was with me and that if anyone called for either of us to be sure and reach us, which they did on calls for me, shortly thereafter. Apparently the long distance operator misunderstood for the Pickwick Hotel knew Keith was there although they had the middle initial wrong and left a message in his box. The office here positively knew exactly where we were and where we could be reached. Mr. Keith did everything that one could have done under the circumstances. He left his specific address at the office, by memo and orally. I know this to be a fact for I personally did the talking.

*All of this maybe true but it was 3 hours before I finally reached Keith & it is not the first time I have had this same difficulty with him*

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Now with respect to Bailey's escape and subsequent apprehension. If you have time please refer to my letter of August 28th to the Dallas Office a copy of which was forwarded the Division and Oklahoma City. I rather anticipated just what happened and wrote the letter referred to so that the most extraordinary precautions would be taken. I assumed that every precaution was being taken but wanted to urge on everyone, the necessity of extraordinary precautions. I presume that Oklahoma City will take all the precautions necessary, but no one should be allowed to see Bailey at all, I don't give a damn who he is or what his reputation might be. It might be wisdom for you personally to so instruct them. To also instruct them to have thorough searches made daily, at least in the morning and again at night of his cell. This is the second time such a thing has ~~happened~~ happened, that is, that Bailey has been smuggled in a gun. We really ought to be able to learn a lesson from these past incidents.

With best wishes, I am Sir,

Respectfully,

*Reed E. Vetterli*  
Reed E. Vetterli.

Check this up. Find out what Dallas did & also the identity of the party who gave Bailey the gun on the first occasion.

J. C. A.

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

September 9, 1933.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL  
MR. NATHAN

Mr. Nathan advised that Kelly is still at large, and upon my inquiry regarding the allegation set forth by Colvin several days ago that Mrs. Bates was in Oklahoma City, Mr. Nathan advised that in so far as they know Bates is not married and Colvin evidently meant Mrs. Kelly who it is believed was in Oklahoma City.

I advised Mr. Nathan I believed it would be well for him to go to Dallas if he thought it was not necessary that he stay in Oklahoma City. He stated he did not believe his presence was necessary in Oklahoma City and would leave for Dallas tonight. I stated that I was of the opinion he could assist Mr. Blake in the investigation at the Dallas Jail. I further advised that yesterday a lead was received that Kelly and his wife are at Waco, Texas, and Mr. Nathan stated they receive a number of such leads each day.

Mr. Nathan advised that with regard to the desire of Mr. Malloy that certain persons be picked up (using the Roosevelt and O'Connell stationary), he is having these persons brought in sometime between two and four this afternoon, after which time he, Mr. Nathan, will be free to leave for Texas.

Mr. Nathan stated he is today sending in to the Division at Washington a copy of the writ and the answer.

Mr. Nathan stated he will be staying at the Baker Hotel in Dallas, but will wire immediately upon his arrival to confirm this fact.

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Mr. Tolson

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

FILE NO. 7-10

REPORT MADE AT: Salt Lake City, Utah	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-9-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9-8-33	REPORT MADE BY: JOHN A. DOWD
<p>CHARLES F. URSCHER - VICTIM</p>			
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>_____ Denver, Colo., can testify that C.O. Feldmann lived at that apartment in January and February 1933; _____ identified photograph of Albert L. Bates as being C.O. Feldmann.</p> <p>_____ can testify that Mr. and Mrs. George L. Davis resided in apartment that address from April 1933 to July 17, 1933, surrendering apartment on latter date; they have identified photograph of subject Albert L. Bates as being George L. Davis. Albert L. Bates admitted to agent John A. Dowd and _____, Salt Lake City Division Office that he, as George L. Davis, lived at _____ Denver, Colo., from April 1933 to July 17, 1933, and admitted renting post office box 631, Denver, Colo., as George L. Davis in spring or early summer 1933; _____ Pomerine Oil Station, 18th and Sherman Street, Denver, and _____ Temple Garage, Denver, Colo., can identify Bates as being G.L. Davis and can testify that he had Buick Victoria Coupe with Illinois license and Chevrolet Coach with Indiana license. _____ Western Union Telegraph Company, Denver, can identify Bates as being the C.O. Feldmann who telegraphed T.M. Coleman, Stratford, Okla., from Denver on January 24, 1933. Telegram transmitted by C.O. Feldmann from Denver, Colo., to T.M. Coleman, Stratford, Okla. on January 24, 1933 and telegram sent by George to R.G. Shannon, Bridgeport, Texas from Denver, Colo., on July 17, 1933, located at Western Union Telegraph Co., Denver, Colo.; also located telegram received at Denver for George L. Davis via Western Union Telegraph Co. from Dallas, Texas, on June _____</p>			
<p><b>DETAILS:</b></p>			
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>John A. Dowd</i></p>		<p>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p>	
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16, 1933, signed "George". [REDACTED] b7C  
Western Union Telegraph Co., Denver, Colo., has custody b7D  
of these telegrams. [REDACTED] Weicker Transfer  
and Storage Co., Denver, Colo., received storage order  
and agreement for the storage of [REDACTED] Davis on  
July 15, 1933, and can testify order and agreement signed  
in her presence, and it is believed she can identify Bates  
as being G.L. Davis. Specimens of handwriting of George L.  
Davis attached to Oklahoma City Office copies of report.

REFERENCE: Reports of Agent John A. Dowd, Salt Lake City Division  
Office, dated 8-28-33 and 8-29-33, and letter from Oklahoma  
City Office dated September 6, 1933.

DETAILS: AT DENVER, COLORADO, b7C

Agent [REDACTED] made the following investigation with the  
following results: b7C

At the Pencol Apartments 1476 Pennsylvania Street, Denver,  
Colo., Agent [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] however, in checking  
records [REDACTED] advised that during the regime of the other manager a  
tenant named C.O. Feldmann occupied apartment 104 and that he paid his  
rent for same on February 1, 1933 to February 20, 1933; that [REDACTED] never  
seen Feldmann and, therefore, could not say whether he and Albert L. Bates  
are one and the same. b7C

Thru [REDACTED] Pencol Apartments, Agent [REDACTED] b7C  
b7D

[REDACTED] during the period that C.O. Feldmann lived there  
and at the time C.O. Feldmann moved into the apartments. He remembers that  
C.O. Feldmann left the apartments on February 18, 1933, and while at the  
apartments lived with a woman only, no other person living with them; that  
the Feldmanns had a Pekinese dog and they drove a medium size car, make  
unknown; that they had considerable baggage, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] informed Agent [REDACTED] that he saw Feldmann many  
times and could identify him and upon being shown a photograph of Albert  
L. Bates he, [REDACTED] immediately identified it as a likeness of the man  
whom he knew as C.O. Feldmann and who resided at apartment 104 at the Pencol  
Apartments. [REDACTED] was less positive about the picture of the woman  
found in the apartment at 1275 Pearl Street, Denver, Colo., as being a  
likeness of the woman who lived with Bates at the Pencol Apartments.

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[redacted] was interviewed and stated that she did not see enough of the occupants of apartment 104 to be able to identify them.

At the Western Union Telegraph Company, Denver, Colo., Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted] and [redacted] caused his records to be searched and found the telegram sent by C.O. Feldmann from Denver, Colo., to T.M. Coleman, Stratford, Okla., mentioned on page one of letter of reference, dated January 24, 1933, and reading as follows:

"T.M. Coleman, R No. 1, Stratford, Oklahoma

"CLARA STILL SICK BUT WE ARE LOCATED AND I CAN COME IF NECESSARY NOTIFY GEORGE OR KATHRYN TO WIRE ME WESTERN UNION ADDRESS BELOW

(SIGNED) C.O. Feldmann  
104 Penola Apartments  
8:16 A.M."

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[redacted] informed Agent [redacted] that this particular telegram was sent from the branch office of the company at 1304 Broadway Street, at 3:55 PM and was taken by [redacted]

[redacted] sent the original message to [redacted] for the purpose of having her refresh her recollection and she was then interviewed by Agent [redacted] without knowing the identity of Agent [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that she recalled the senders of this particular telegram because when she read the first words of the telegram "Clara still sick" she thought that the woman who was with the sender must be the woman referred to in the wire as Clara and that woman did not look ill to her; that she recalls that the man and woman who sent the telegram came into the office and sat at a table for about ten minutes whispering, after which the woman started to write a wire and the man tore it up and then proceeded to write the wire himself; that this man appeared to be 40 or 45 years of age, about 5' 10" or 11"; that he weighed about 150 lbs and was of medium build and was not a smooth dresser, that is his clothes could have fit him better (in this respect it is to be recalled that Bates stated to this agent and Agent [redacted] that he put on about thirty pounds in weight since July 1933); that the woman with this man was of medium complexion, age about 35, short and medium heavy, with medium dark hair.

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[redacted] informed Agent [redacted] that this man asked her just before he left the office whether anyone could get a copy of his message and she said that she told him it would take a court order to get such a copy. This man did not wear glasses and the woman



had been smoking.

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Agent [redacted] exhibited to [redacted] a photograph of a woman found in an apartment at 1275 Pearl Street, Denver, Colo., subsequent to the arrest of Bates at Denver, Colo., and presumed to be the woman who lives with at 1801 Grant Street, Denver, Colo. [redacted] was not positive that the photograph was that of the woman who was with the man referred to who sent the telegram now being discussed. However, when [redacted] was shown a photograph of Bates, she identified it as being that of the man whom she recalls as having sent this particular telegram.

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Agent did not disclose his identity to [redacted] until after he had concluded his conversation with her and [redacted] was under the impression that Agent [redacted] was a company checker and consequently had no hesitation in furnishing the information.

The telegram sent by "George" from Denver, Colo., to R.C. Shannon, Bridgeport, Texas, on July 17, 1933, reading "Will arrive Biltmore Hotel Tuesday" was also located and [redacted] stated that this telegram was received by [redacted] at the main office of the company located at 17th Street, Denver, Colo., at 10:28 PM on July 16, 1933.

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Agent [redacted] talked with [redacted] and he stated that due to the lapse of time and the great number of telegrams sent thru his office he is unable to recall whether a man or woman sent this particular telegram and could not recall what the sender looked like.

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[redacted] of the Western Union Telegram Company, because of company rules, would not allow Agent [redacted] to see the handwriting on the two telegrams referred to but advised that the writing was unquestionably by the same hand. [redacted] compared the handwriting on the two wires with the handwriting of George L. Davis on the Weicker Transfer and Storage Co. "Storage Order and Agreement" and the handwriting of George L. Davis on application for post office box, and informed Agent [redacted] that it was undoubtedly the same handwriting.

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Believing that Albert L. Bates sent the telegram signed "George" to R.C. Shannon at Bridgeport, Texas, on July 17, 1933, reading "Will arrive Biltmore Hotel Tuesday" and believing it must have been predicated on some telegram he had received at Denver shortly prior thereto, Agent [redacted] had [redacted] make an examination of his records and it was found that George L. Davis of [redacted] Denver, Colo., received a telegram on July 16, 1933, which was sent to him from Dallas, Texas, and signed "George" and while [redacted] stated that the rules of his company would not permit him to let Agent [redacted] view the contents of this wire, he advised

that he was the proper person to subpoena to produce these telegrams.  
b7c b7D However, [REDACTED] was careless in laying down the telegram and Agent [REDACTED] was able to see that the telegram read as follows:

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"Mrs. [REDACTED] Bridgeport when where meet you in  
Oklahoma City"

b7c b7D [REDACTED] stated that such a message would not have been signed for and it would be impossible to determine which of the boys of his company delivered the message.

b7c b7D [REDACTED] Denver, Colo., identified the photograph of Albert L. Bates as being that of a man who resided in an apartment at that address under the name of George L. Davis with a woman and a young man, from approximately April 1933 to July 17, 1933. [REDACTED] would make the best witness of the two but it is suggested that both be subpoenaed since [REDACTED] can testify that Bates, as Davis, while at the apartment had a Buick Coupe with an Illinois license and a Chevrolet Coach with an Indiana license while [REDACTED] can testify that Davis had a Buick Coupe only.

(These witnesses should be subpoenaed to [REDACTED])

b7c b7D [REDACTED] when shown the photograph of the woman which was found in the apartment at 1275 Pearl Street, Denver, and which was rented by Mrs. George L. Davis, on August 2, 1933, and occupied by herself and her alleged son and subject Albert L. Bates, as Davis, positively identified the photograph of the woman as being the photograph of the woman who lived with Bates as Mrs. George L. Davis. b7D

b7c b7D [REDACTED] Weicker Transfer and Storage Co., Denver, produced her records, from which was taken a "Storage Order and Agreement" signed by George L. Davis on 7-15-33 and she advised Agent [REDACTED] that the person who signed the order was G.L. Davis and that he came to the company office and signed the order in her presence and left instructions where the goods he wanted stored could be obtained, namely, at apartment 202, No. 1801 Grant Street, Denver, Colo.

b7c b7D Agent [REDACTED] showed [REDACTED] a photograph of Albert L. Bates and she stated that she believed that it was the photograph of the man who signed the agreement.



At the United States Post Office, Denver, Colo., Agent [redacted] b7C conferred with [redacted] of general delivery and post office boxes, and [redacted] produced his records from which was taken original application for post office box 431 filed out by George L. Bates, stating his business to be the show business, his address the Showmen's League of Chicago, his home address 1478 Pennsylvania Street, and his references [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] b7C b7D Denver, Colo. This application was taken by [redacted] who advised Agent [redacted] that he could not recall the man who rented box 431 and he could not identify the photograph of Bates as being the man who rented the box.

The signature George L. Davis and the specimen of his handwriting appearing on application for post office box is identical with the signature G.L. Davis which is signed to the storage order and agreement above referred to.

With reference to report of Agent John A. Dowd, Salt Lake City Division Office, dated B-25-33, page 18, Agent wishes to state that the letter mentioned therein and referred to in the third paragraph, page 2, of letter of reference was erroneously referred to in that report as having been addressed to George L. Bates. The letter was in reality addressed to George L. Davis, 3950 West 38th Ave., Denver, Colo., and since there was no such address, a check was made by the post office employee of the post office directory which includes the names of renters of post office boxes and from that directory the name of subject [redacted] alias - George L. Davis - was noted and the letter placed in his box to see if he was the addressee. However, it has now been learned that there is a George L. Davis Company at 5950 West 38th Ave., Denver, and that the letter was evidently intended for that concern since several other letters have been received and have been so routed.

For the benefit of the Oklahoma City Division Office it is stated that Agent John A. Dowd interviewed Albert L. Bates in the presence of Agent [redacted] b7C b7D in the post office building, Denver, Colo., on August 19, 1933, and among other things Bates stated that he lives in an apartment at [redacted] with a woman under the name of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Davis during the period April 1933 to July 17, 1933, and that they checked out of that apartment on July 17, 1933.

Bates also admitted to agent John A. Dowd in the presence of Agent [redacted] b7C on that occasion that in the spring or summer of 1933 he rented post office box 431 under the name of George L. Davis and while he knew an [redacted], whom he met when in the Colorado State Penitentiary, and he knew a [redacted] he did not give these persons as references when he applied for the post office box but gave the name of a preacher or clergyman.



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Chicago, Illinois  
September 11, 1933

C. D. SPEARS  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
411 UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE  
PORTLAND OREGON

GEORGE H KELLY TO TWELVE NAUGHT THREE ASCERTAIN NAME ADDRESS IDENTITY  
PERSON MAILING TACOMA WASHINGTON PO REGISTERED LETTER FOUR SEVEN THREE SEVEN  
JANUARY FIFTH LAST TO [REDACTED]

STOP [REDACTED] OF EDWARD  
BENTZ POSSIBLY BENTZ OR KELLY CAN BE LOCATED THROUGH TACOMA ADDRESS

SMITH Acting.

DOS  
CC Division

Oklahoma City.

GEORGE R. KELLY with aliases, et al,

CHARLES F. PURSCHEL, Victim,

Kidnaping 7-26

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Salt Lake City, Utah.  
September 9, 1933.

R H Colvin  
Division of Investigation  
U S Department of Justice  
224 Federal Bldg.,  
Oklahoma City Oklahoma

George<sup>2</sup> Kelley Kidnapping ~~Leake~~ still at Denver no indication he plans to depart as you thought likely and have so advised Division stop Division advises I should inquire from you if surveillance ~~Leake~~ should be continued longer advise stop should and when ~~Leake~~ departs Denver for Oklahoma City should surveillance be maintained advise

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

GEORGE KELLY KIDNAPING REFERENCE YOUR LETTER SEPTEMBER SIXTH STOP [REDACTED] PENCIL APARTMENTS FOURTEEN SEVEN SIX PENNSYLVANIA STREET DENVER CAN TESTIFY THAT C.O. FELDMANN RESIDED PENCIL IN JANUARY FEBRUARY THIS YEAR [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF BATES AS BEING FELDMANN STOP [REDACTED] WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY THIRTEEN NAUGHT FOUR BROADWAY DENVER IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH BATES AS THAT OF C.O. FELDMANN WHO TELEGRAPHED T.M. COLEMAN STRATFORD OKLAHOMA JANUARY TWENTY FOURTH THIS YEAR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DENVER HAVE IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF BATES AS BEING G.L. DAVIS WHO LIVED IN APARTMENT THAT ADDRESS FROM APRIL TO JULY SEVENTEEN THIS YEAR STOP [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SAW BATES WITH BUICK COUPE ILLINOIS LICENSE AND CHEVROLET COACH INDIANA LICENSE WHILE [REDACTED] ONLY SAW BUICK COUPE STOP BATES ADMITTED TO ME IN PRESENCE AGENT [REDACTED] THAT HE LIVED THIS ADDRESS SURRENDERING HIS APARTMENT JULY SEVENTEEN THIS YEAR AND BATES ADMITTED TO ME IN PRESENCE AGENT [REDACTED] HE RENTED POSTOFFICE BOX SIX THREE ONE DENVER SPRING OR SUMMER THIS YEAR STOP [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] POSTOFFICE DENVER RECEIVED APPLICATION FOR THIS BOX FROM DAVIS BUT CANNOT RECALL PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION DAVIS SUFFICIENTLY TO IDENTIFY STOP APPLICATION FOR POSTOFFICE BOX IS IN SAME HANDWRITING AS NAME G.L. DAVIS ON STORAGE AGREEMENT WITH WEICKER TRANSFER AND STORAGE COMPANY DENVER [REDACTED] WEICKER TRANSFER AND STORAGE COMPANY DENVER CAN TESTIFY G.L. DAVIS ON JULY FIFTEEN THIS YEAR SIGNED THIS STORAGE ORDER IN HER PRESENCE LEAVING INSTRUCTIONS THAT THE GOODS BE STORED COULD BE FOUND AT APARTMENT TWO NAUGHT TWO NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DENVER STOP [REDACTED] SHOWN BATES PHOTOGRAPH EXPRESSED BELIEF IT WAS PHOTOGRAPH OF MAN WHO SIGNED ORDER STOP SIGNATURE ON STORAGE ORDER IDENTICAL WITH SIGNATURE ON APPLICATION FOR POSTOFFICE BOX INDICATING SAME MAN SIGNED BOTH PAPERS STOP TELEGRAMS SIGNED C.O. FELDMANN AND GEORGE MENTIONED YOUR LETTER SEPTEMBER SIXTH LOCATED WESTERN UNION DENVER TELEGRAM SIGNED GEORGE RECEIVED BY [REDACTED] MAIN OFFICE WESTERN UNION DENVER BUT [REDACTED] CANNOT RECALL SENDER SUFFICIENTLY TO IDENTIFY STOP [REDACTED] WESTERN UNION COMPANY DENVER HAS CUSTODY OF TELEGRAMS BUT PRESUME [REDACTED] COULD BE SUBPOENAED TO PRODUCE THEM ALSO LOCATED TELEGRAM WESTERN UNION DENVER RECEIVED BY GEORGE L. DAVIS [REDACTED] JULY SIXTEENTH NINETEEN THIRTY THREE WHICH READS QUOTE WIRE ME BRIDGEPORT WHEN WHERE MEET YOU OKLAHOMA CITY SIGNED GEORGE UNQUOTE TELEGRAM SIGNED GEORGE SENT FROM DENVER JULY SEVENTEEN TO R.G. SHANNON BRIDGEPORT TEXAS MENTIONED YOUR LETTER SEPTEMBER SIXTH APPARENTLY ANSWER TO TELEGRAM HEREIN QUOTED STOP REPORT FOLLOWS AIR MAIL WITH DAVIS' HANDWRITING PRESUMABLY THAT OF BATES

DOWD

cc: Division



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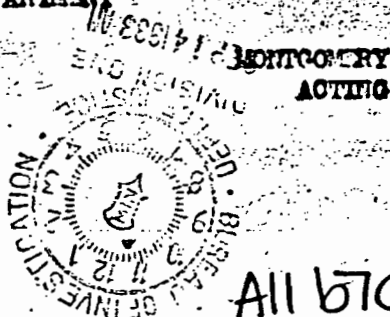
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ISSUED TO [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES REGISTERED AND LEGAL  
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