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Charlotte, N. C.

September 11, 1933

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

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
SEP 13 1933	
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE	
Wm. C. [initials]	FILE

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE M. KELLY, with aliases,  
I. O. #1803 - FUGITIVE, et al.  
Charles F. Webber - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Replying to your letter of September 7, 1933, this will serve to advise that on the morning of September 10, 1933, Special Agent [redacted] of this office called at Federal Prison Camp #1, Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, North Carolina, and was advised that Mr. Charles F. Webber had been released on parole on the same date and left Fayetteville via the Atlantic Coast Line Railway at 4:10 A. M., September 10, 1933, for Biloxi, Mississippi, where he will probably arrive at 5:12 P. M. via the Louisville & Nashville Railway on September 11, 1933. Apparently his wife is still in New Orleans; however, Agent [redacted] was advised that under the terms of his parole this prisoner can not leave the State of Mississippi and the authorities state with certainty that his destination was Biloxi.

He can no doubt be located in Biloxi through his parole advisor, [redacted] Biloxi, Mississippi, or through a person who has promised to give him employment upon his arrival, [redacted] Biloxi, Mississippi. [redacted] while the wife, [redacted] is apparently residing at [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana. Prison records indicate that she at one time resided at [redacted] and/or [redacted] both in Biloxi, Mississippi.

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The prison records further indicate that Charles Paul Webber, alias Charles F. Webber, United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, #42316, Federal Prison Camp #1, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, #1783, was received at the United States Penitentiary on March 12, 1933, from the Southern District of Mississippi, having been sentenced on February 28, 1933, to serve one year and one day for violation of the National Prohibition Act. He was transferred to Fort Bragg on June 15, 1933. His complete description is as follows:

Name:	CHARLES PAUL WEBBER, alias Charles F. Webber.
Address:	Biloxi, Mississippi (at one time lived in Bogalusa, Alabama).
Age:	43 years (Born 9/13/85 in Mississippi).
Weight:	166 lbs.
Height:	5' 11".
Build:	Medium.
Hair:	Brown-gray.
Eyes:	Blue.
Complexion:	Dark.
Race:	White.
Sex:	Male.
Citizenship:	American.
Marital status:	Married twice; present wife: [REDACTED] New Orleans, La.; identity of first wife unknown. Apparently had one boy and one girl when received at U. S. Pen., Atlanta; however, when applying for parole apparently had only one child, [REDACTED] girl, six years of age; in applying for parole prisoner stated he had only two dependents, so apparently boy has died meanwhile.
Children:	
Occupation:	Lost: Auto salesman. Regular: Painter. Former: Fisherman.

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Classification: Third Grade.  
Dependent: Detained (detention) at Biloxi, Miss.; mother, native of Mississippi.  
Religion: Episcopalian.  
Fingerprints: Fingerprinted at USP, Atlanta, Ga., as #42316 on 3/12/33; prints also in file #1785, Federal Prison Camp #1, Fort Bragg, N. C.  
Classification: 37 M  
Photograph: 7 01 15  
USP, Atlanta, Ga., #42316 - photograph is being forwarded herewith to Birmingham Office.  
Scars: Pit scar on ridge of nose; tattoo on right forearm front "G. W."  
Biloxi, Mississippi.  
Relatives: Edward Webber (SS), brother (whereabouts unknown).  
(31), wife.  
(6), daughter - with mother.

Criminal Record

Admits being arrested at Biloxi, Miss., in 1926 for violation of NPA; fined \$100.00.

Admits being arrested at Biloxi, Miss., in 1919 for violation city liquor laws; fined \$50.00.

Admits being arrested at Biloxi, Miss., in 1919 for violation city liquor laws; case nolle prossed.

District Attorney's report bears notations: "7/3/32 fined \$100 in state court for vio. NPA" and "2/17/29 upon plea guilty to vio. NPA fined \$150.00."

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The correspondence record of this prisoner was examined. Only outgoing letters were listed; the authorities keep no record of incoming mail. This prisoner wrote a total of twenty-three letters which were divided among the following persons:

[REDACTED]  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Biloxi, Mississippi.

[REDACTED]  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

[REDACTED]  
Biloxi, Mississippi.

The correspondence record does not indicate any communications with Kathryn C. Kelly or George R. Kelly and upon the face of the records there is nothing to cause one to suspect that Charles Foull Webber is the Charles Weber to whom Kathryn C. Kelly mailed the letter in question on August 7, 1933, from Madison, Wisconsin. In fact, the tone of this letter would lead one to believe that she had been in Biloxi or elsewhere recently and due to her hurried departure had been unable to tell Charles Weber goodbye; that she was writing to express her regrets and to make arrangements for shipment of the diamond. It is pointed out that Charles Foull Webber was sent to prison on February 28, 1933, and that his wife apparently left Biloxi on May 9, 1933.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

b7C [REDACTED]  
7-13  
cc: Division  
Oklahoma City  
Dallas  
Cincinnati  
New Orleans

VIA AIR MAIL!!



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U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

411 U. S. Court House  
Portland, Oregon

September 9, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of the 2nd inst. referring to report of Special Agent [REDACTED] New York City, August 22, 1933, entitled "Unknown Subjects - Information concerning license DX 6582." b7C

For the information of the Division, the telegraphic inquiry made by me of the New York office pertains to the case of "George R. Kelly, with aliases, I.O. #1203 - Fugitive, et al, Kidnaping" and I am enclosing herewith copy of my telegram to the New York office sent by me from the Police Department at Seattle, Washington, August 15, 1933. Being absent from headquarters, I overlooked sending the Division a copy of this wire.

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While at Seattle, Washington, on the above date, [REDACTED] of the Seattle Police Department had some information secured by him through an informant indicating that there is an underworld character in Philadelphia, Pa., who is reported having some knowledge of Kelly and his associates. The information which came to [REDACTED] was vague and there was mention made of a car bearing the New York license number referred to. [REDACTED] promised to contact his informant in Seattle further in an effort to ascertain the identity of the third person in Philadelphia, Pa. However, [REDACTED] is on a trip outside of Seattle at the present time but he will be called upon for further information upon his return. If more definite information is secured as to the person alleged to have been the owner of the New York license in question, the New York office will be called upon to conduct further investigation at Buffalo, N.Y.

Very truly yours,

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CCS.  
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cc New York

C. C. Spears  
Special Agent in Charge

7-115-483

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
SEP 13 1933 P.M.	
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
Unit One	FILE

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

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

# WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

COPY

Seattle, Wash.  
Aug. 15, 1933

T. F. Cullen  
United States Bureau of Investigation  
370 Lexington Ave., Room 1403  
New York City, N.Y.

WIRE ME CARE CHIEF DETECTIVES SEATTLE MAKE CAR MOTOR NUMBER NAME ADDRESS PERSON

ISSUED NEWYORK NINETEEN THIRTY THREE LICENSE DX6582 RUSH

SPEARS

OFF BUS GOV R  
COLLECT

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

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASHN DC

RETEL STOP CAPOCASE IN ASSIGNMENT NEVADA OTHER CASES MENTIONED  
ASSIGNED AGENT [REDACTED] INSTRUCTED UNDERTAKE  
SURVEILLANCE IN CONNECTION URSCHER KIDNAPPING CASE AND TO CONTINUE  
IT INDEFINITELY WHICH PREVENTED CASES BEING HANDLED WILL  
ENDEAVOR TO COMPLETE THEM SOON POSSIBLE

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SPC: [REDACTED]

September 13, 1933

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

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September 12, 1933.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases,  
Fugitive, Identification Order  
No. 1203, et al, Charles F. Urschel,  
Victim, Kidnaping.

With reference to the above entitled case the following  
telegram was received in the Division from Special Agent in  
Charge Colvin of the Oklahoma City office, dated September 9,  
1933:

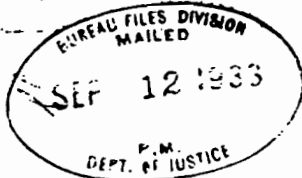
"GEORGE R KELLY ETAL KIDNAPING SUBJECT BATES  
CLAIMS WAS IN ARTILLERY ALONG MEXICAN BORDER  
SUGGEST TRACE HIS RECORD THROUGH WAR DEPARTMENT  
BY MEANS FINGERPRINTS EXPEDITE".

Apparently Mr. Colvin desires the military record of  
subject Albert L. Bates alias George L. Davis who claims that he  
was in the artillery along the Mexican border.

Special Agent [redacted] of the Division, by telephonic  
communication on September 11, 1933, advised you relative to the  
facts in this telegram.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]  
Director.



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STANDARD TIME  
INDICATED ON THIS MESSAGE

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Cables



Radio

DL	DAY LETTER
NL	NIGHT LETTER
NM	NIGHT MESSAGE
LC	DEFERRED CABLE
ML	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
WLT	WEEK END CABLE LETTER
	RADIOGRAM

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DIRECTOR:

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

GEORGE R KELLY ETAL KIDNAPING SUBJECT BATES CLAIMS WAS IN  
ARTILLERY ALONG MEXICAN BORDER SUGGEST TRACE HIS RECORD THROU  
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- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Edwards.....
- Mr. Egan.....
- Mr. Hughes.....
- Mr. Looke.....

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SEP 13 1933  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Unit One  
[Signature]  
[Redacted]

Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph

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September 12, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION UNIT, UNIT FIVE

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
Identification Order #1203;  
KATHRYN THORNE KELLY, with aliases,  
Identification Order #1207, et al.  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim. KIDNAPING.

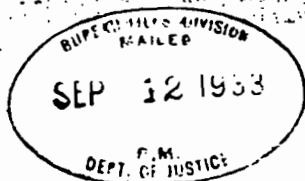
I am transmitting herewith six copies of a reproduction  
of a recent photograph of subject Kathryn Thorne Kelly, with aliases,  
who is the subject of Identification Order #1207 in the instant case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #677817.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

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

September 11, 1933.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

In conformity with instructions contained in Division letter of  
8/1/33, the following individuals rendered material assistance in the  
investigation of the kidnapping of Charles F. Urschel:

All with the Detective Bureau of the Fort Worth Police Dept.

All with the Detective Bureau of the Dallas Police Dept.

Identification Bureau, Ft. Worth Police Dept.

With the Identification Bureau, Dallas Police Dept.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., Ft. Worth, Tex.  
" " " " Bridgeport, "  
" " " " Ft. Worth, "

Paradise, Texas.

Paradise, Texas.

Fort Worth Municipal Airport.

U.S. Weather Bureau, Dallas Airport.

First Natl. Bank, Decatur, Texas

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Director.

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[redacted] and [redacted] and [redacted] of the Identification Bureau - Fort Worth Police Department, are the officers who first brought to the attention of the Dallas Office the activities of George R. Kelly and his wife Kathryn, and rendered material assistance to this office in the investigation, which lead to the arrest; and have materially assisted subsequent to the arrest.

Subsequent to the arrest at Paradise, Texas, I have received the utmost cooperation from [redacted] of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. at Dallas, Texas.

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Very truly yours,

*F. J. Blake*

F. J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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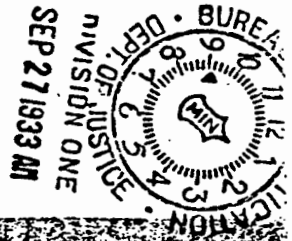
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Southwestern  
Bell Telephone Company,  
Dallas, Texas.

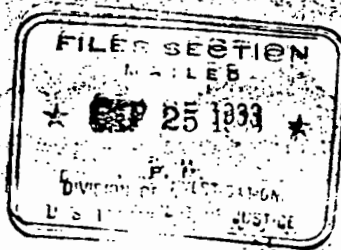
Dear [REDACTED]

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I have been advised by Special Agent in Charge F. J. Blake, of my Dallas office, of the excellent co-operation which you rendered to him and to this Division in the investigation of the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, and I wanted you to know of my sincere appreciation of your wholehearted cooperation with this Division, which contributed in no small manner to the success which has so far been achieved.

Sincerely yours,

Director.





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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
September 11, 1933.



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

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - FUG. et al  
I.O. #1195 - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (ENDAVOR  
TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH)  
KANSAS CITY FILE No. 62-760

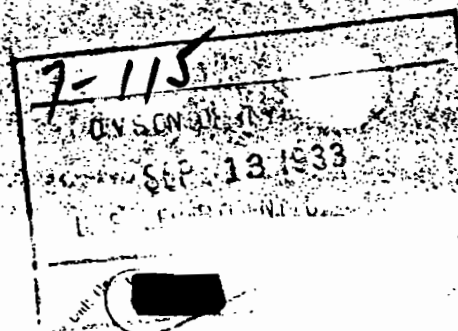
Please refer to I.O.'s numbers 1186 and 1189 issued  
by this Division for Frank Nash and Harvey J. Bailey, respectively.

It is requested that with the use of fingerprints of  
these individuals you ascertain whether or not they served in  
the Army, Navy or Marine Corps, and advise this office fully  
if such exist.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

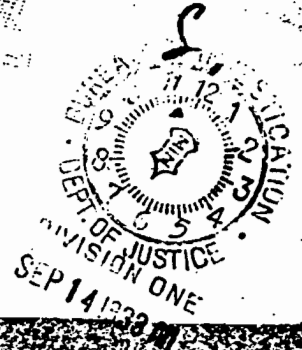
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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
September 11, 1933.



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

Dear Sir:

IN RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, FUG. et al  
CHARLES F. BURSCHEL - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING - K. O. File No. 7-8.

Please refer to my letter of September 10th in the above  
entitled case.

It has been ascertained through contacts with parties  
receiving local telephone calls from [redacted] while he was  
registered at the Mushlebach Hotel, at Kansas City, May 17 and 18,  
1933, that [redacted]

[redacted] Las Vegas, New Mexico.  
This was definitely ascertained through [redacted] of  
the Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland, 708 Fidelity National  
Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri. It has been established,  
therefore, that [redacted] is in no way connected with this case.

Apparently the telephone calls made by "L. E. Lang" from  
the Stats Hotel were made for the purpose of inquiring for someone  
whom he wished to locate, which matter would not at this time be  
possible to trace. However, it now appears that the best source of  
information concerning L. E. Lang would be [redacted] whose rela-  
tives reside presumably at Dubuque, Iowa, as mentioned in my letter  
of September 10th. Evidently when she is located she may be able  
to furnish information as to other contacts of "Lang", at Kansas City,  
since it appears she accompanied him on an escapade at Kansas City,  
was probably in his room considerably, and therefore might know of  
his friends here.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

cc - Division  
cc - St. Paul

W [REDACTED]  
318 Hewes Building  
San Francisco, California.

September 9, 1933.

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

SEP 13 1933  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases,  
I.O. #1203, et al.  
Kidnaping.

Confirming my telegram of this date, records of the California State Motor Vehicle Department reflect that California 1933 license #6V3586, covering Cadillac Sedan, motor #1300822, was issued to [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, who is the registered and legal owner.

It is not stated whether [REDACTED] is a street or an avenue.

The State Motor Vehicle Department has no report of the plates having been stolen, or of duplicate plates having been issued, nor is there any wanted notice for this car on file with the Motor Vehicle Department.

Very truly yours,

E. B. MONTGOMERY,  
Acting Special Agent  
in Charge.

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September 12, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

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Confirming the Division's wire of September 11, 1933,  
directed to Mr. H. Nathan, you are hereby authorized to employ  
[redacted] as a confidential informant in your office  
for a period of seventeen days at \$8.00 per day.

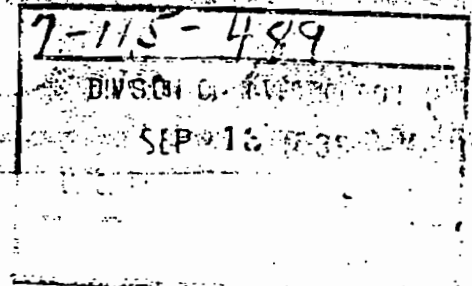
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Since sending the above mentioned telegram, the Division  
has given further consideration to the matter of payment of  
[redacted] and believes that he should be paid on a confidential  
blue slip, submitted at the expiration of the seventeen days,  
instead of the usual 5½ D.C. voucher form.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

DWM:  
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September 12, 1933

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1203; KATHRYN THORNE KELLY, with  
aliases, I. O. #1207, et al.  
CHARLES F. URSCHER - Victim - KIDNAPING.

I am transmitting herewith nine copies of a reproduction of a recent photograph of subject Kathryn Thorne Kelly, with aliases, who is the subject of Identification Order #1207 in the instant case, for retention in the Division file, where they may be available when needed. Three copies of this photograph have been forwarded to all field offices and six copies have been furnished the Identification Unit.

I am also placing in the Division file eight copies of a reproduction of a recent photograph of subject George R. Kelly, with aliases, who is the subject of Identification Order #1203.

Respectfully,

*D. W. Magee*  
D. W. Magee.

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NATHAN  
Unit One

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photos of George & Kathryn Kelly  
reminded by Mr. Conroy  
Sept 26, 1933

These photos were given  
to Miss Gandy  
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

From: UNIT #1 Room 420

8-1-1934.

To: ☐ Director  
☐ Mr. Nathan  
☐ Mr. Tolson  
☐ Mr. Edwards  
☐ Mr. Egan  
☐ Mr. Quinn  
☐ Mr. Tamm

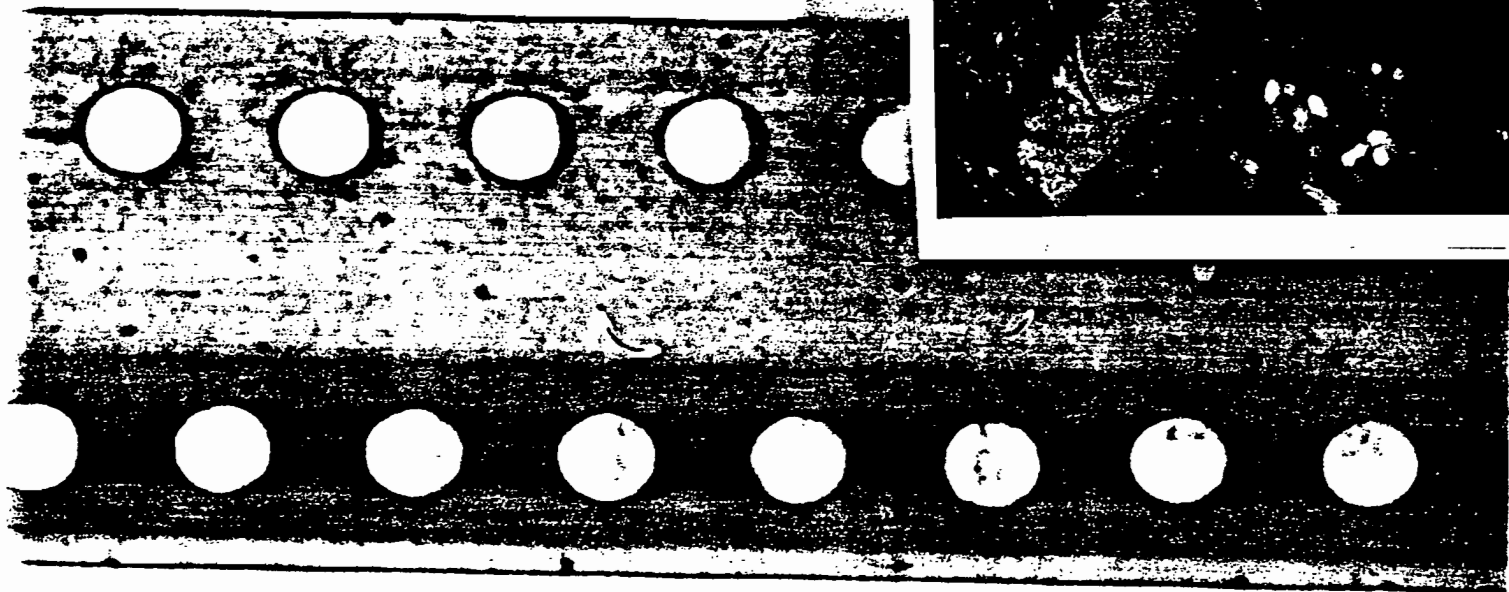
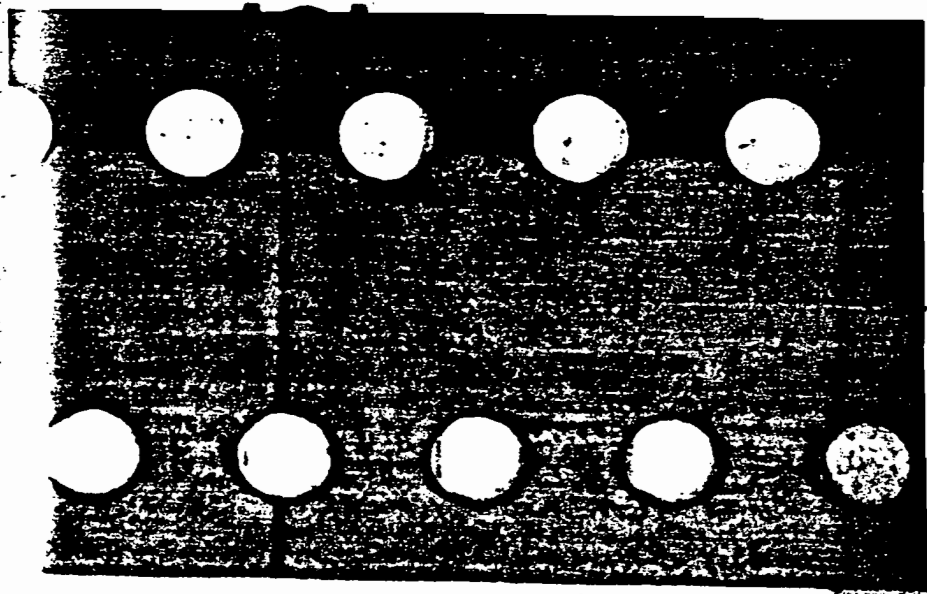
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☐ Mr. Listerman  
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☐ Mr. Newby  
☐ Mr. Schroeder  
☐ Mr. Smith  
☐ Miss Gandy  
☐ Mrs. Kelley  
☐ Washington Field Office  
☐ Stenographic Pool  
☐ Secretary  
☐ Re-date  
☐ See Me  
☐ Send file.

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H. H. CLEGG



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Picture - Harry B...



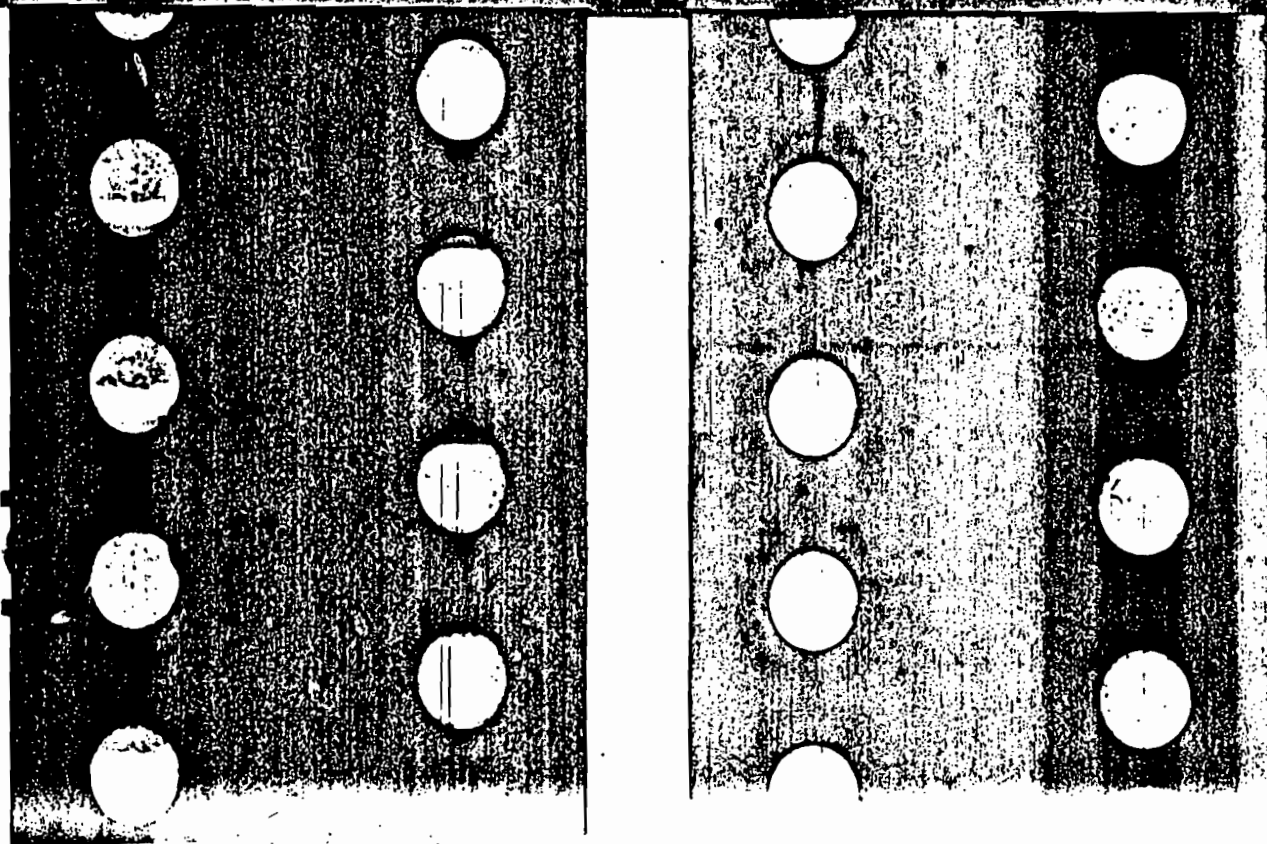
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Picture of -  
Harvey Bailey

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AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300

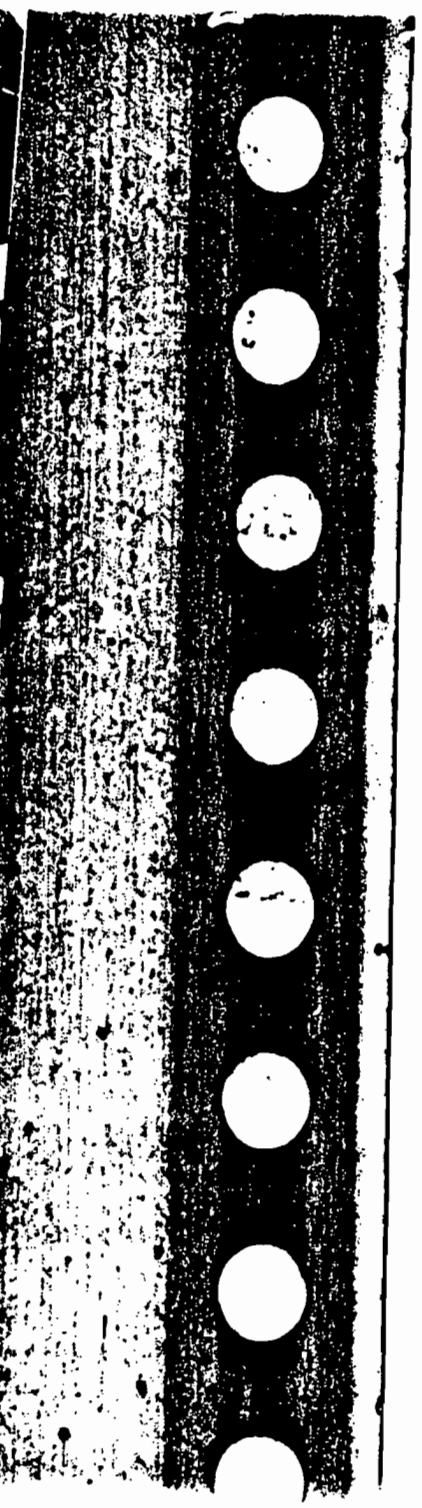
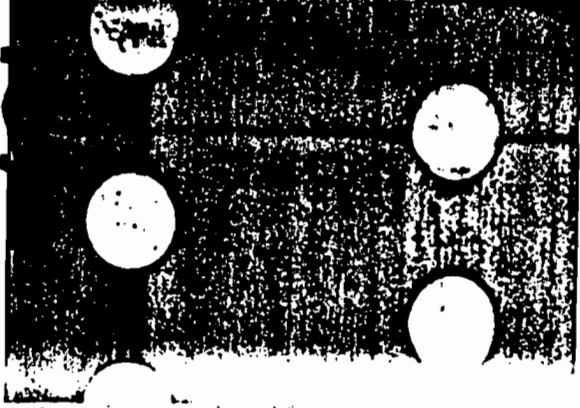
George R. Kelly



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420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

September 11, 1933.

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

RE: Unknown Subjects.

Kidnapping of Lindbergh Baby

Dear Sir:-

With reference to Division letter dated  
4/18/33 - first paragraph:

I suggest that the Division furnish me  
what information is available connecting [redacted]  
[redacted] with the Lindbergh case, as it is not improbable  
that [redacted] may have some connection with GEORGE R.  
KELLY, et al; and the information in possession of the  
Division at this time may be helpful.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
SEP 14 1933 A.M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
DIRECTOR

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Okla.

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT: Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-12-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8-21-33 9-6-33	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, I. O. #1203; KATHRYN THORNE KELLY, with aliases, I. O. #1207; CHARLES E. HERSHMAN, with aliases, I. O. #1208			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: The General Delivery, Post Office, Indianapolis, Ind., and the Antlers Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind., have been kept in contact and no information obtained on Subjects or associates.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 8-21-33 and report of Special Agent [REDACTED], St. Paul, Minn., dated 8-7-33.			
DETAILS: AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA This agent has maintained daily contact with the general delivery window of the Indianapolis Post Office, particularly with [REDACTED] of said window, but no word has been received for Subject Kelly or his associates. Contact also has been maintained with the day and night clerks of the Antlers Hotel, Indianapolis, with similar results. This contact at Indianapolis is being continued.			
PENDING			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [Signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 7-115-492 RECORDED AND INDEXED SEP 14 1933 CHECKED OFF: SEP 15 1933 JACKETED:	
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[REDACTED]  
September 12, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

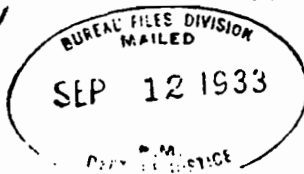
SN  
With reference to your telegram dated September 6,  
in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Obstruction of Justice  
in the Release of Harvey Bailey, you are advised that the  
State Department has had appropriate inquiry made in Mexico  
City in an effort to trace Smith & Wesson .44 calibre revolver  
#5728, which was in the possession of Bailey at the time of  
his escape from the Dallas County Jail. A telegram has been  
received by the State Department, communicated to the Division  
by telephone, in which it appears that Mexell and Degress in  
Mexico City did not maintain any record of the names and ad-  
dresses of purchasers of firearms. Accordingly, it is im-  
possible to trace the Smith & Wesson revolver referred to.

This is to confirm telegram sent you on September 9.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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SEP 15 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled GEORGE E. KELLY,  
with aliases, et al, Charles F. Urschel - Victim, Kidnaping.

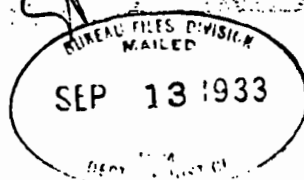
There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated  
September 5, 1933, from [redacted] Amarillo, Texas, in  
which she suggests that she may have some information concerning  
individuals involved in the Urschel kidnaping case. It will be  
noted she requests that the Division make no reply to this letter  
by correspondence in that she suspects her mail may be tampered  
with.

It is requested that an Agent of the Dallas office  
interview the writer of this letter for any information she may  
have in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #677733  
cc - Oklahoma City.



Amarillo Texas  
Sept. 5-33

J. E. Haver  
Washington, D. C.

for Dallas  
city  
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Sir. I remember 1929 I was working  
in your city and received word  
of my husband's death since I have  
lived as nurse over the place he  
was raised it surely is great pleasure  
for me to read of your work in  
this state especially the Shannons I  
know I have facts which would be  
of value to you but will give them  
to some one direct from your office  
I have planned to give Army my  
fact through court. Do not let it be  
known to any one in this state or  
Kansas but I have fact on the gang

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from 1920 when my husband's death  
was planned and he slipped away  
from them at that time. <sup>Dallas, Texas</sup>  
Is this Ora I know the wife  
of Eddie Adams Wichita, Kans. if  
so I last ~~was~~ knew of her in D.F.  
Louis. Mo. Also I am very much  
interested in her doings from that on.  
with the gang. She may be able to tell you all  
about Ed. Mint. nothing I have words of concret  
facts by living & being one of them  
these years but as I have a child to  
educate it has been very slow but  
real pleasure to know I was gathering  
these valuable facts & if I can help  
some other who might fall in their  
hands. I may not be able to use  
what I have as you would as I am  
ready to advise with you.  
Yours Truly  
[Redacted]

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Am able.

Texas.



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b7D

Please do not answer this  
by <sup>your</sup> mail as my mail has  
been opened these years by  
some who feared I may cause  
trouble and do not intend they  
shall find a [REDACTED] here  
shortly after I came here but I  
now know who was interested.  
after investigation.

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

AMARILLO, TEXAS



*(Personal only) J. E. Hoover*  
*Justice Dep. Washington D.C.*

420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

Sept. 11, 1933.

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

Re: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al,  
FUGITIVES; Kidnaping.  
Charles F. Urschel (Victim)

Dear Sir:

In connection with Special Agent [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] memorandum in which he asserts his opinion that  
the L. E. Lang, associated with George and Kathryn Kelly  
whose registration was found in Oklahoma City Hotels, in  
fact is Edward Bentz.

I am enclosing herewith an original fingerprint  
card bearing the signature of Edward Bentz, furnished to  
Agent [REDACTED] by the Dallas Police Department, together  
with his photograph, in order that comparison may be made  
with the signatures of L. E. Lang.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

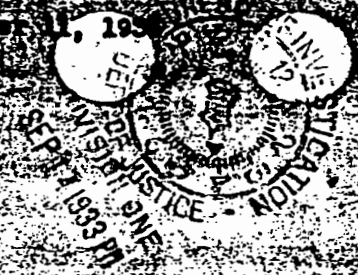
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326 1/2 Post Office Bldg.  
New Orleans, La.

September 11, 1933



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

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your telephonic request of even date there is enclosed herewith Civil Service Commission report relative to [redacted] Authorization to obtain possession of this report had to be obtained through Washington and it is being forwarded regular mail which is quicker under the circumstances than air mail would be.

[redacted] in charge of the Civil Service Office here has requested that the contents of the report be treated confidential and that it be returned to him when it has served its purpose.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley  
Special Agent in Charge

RS-  
Encl.

*cc Bureau*

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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which are hereby agreed to

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DAY LETTER	DEFER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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# WESTERN UNION

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



Salt Lake City, Utah,  
September 10, 1935.

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

Re: George Kelley &  
Kidnapping

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George Kelley woman with whom Bates lived Denver and associated prior to believed of [redacted] letters wife daughter east Denver whereabouts [redacted] unknown stop [redacted] can identify Bates living at Fensol apartments Denver fore part this year and as associatin with [redacted] stop [redacted] informs Bates and intended take cabin Monarch lake Colorado last part July this year but Be advised he could not go and [redacted] did not go stop [redacted] saw Bates w/ Buick and Bates told him he had a Chevrolet stop when Bates rented Post Office box Denver [redacted] told him he would have to have two references b [redacted] did not know Bates [redacted]

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

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# WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILKINSON, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

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stop will make such investigation Monarch lake possible to ref  
any possible alibi Bates that he was there subsequent July seventeen stop

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Done

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

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DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
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# WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT. J. C. WELLESLEY, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.

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

Kansas City, Missouri. September 12, 1933.

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



RETEL  
RE URSCHEL MATTER GEORGE L DAVIS RENTED BOX FOUR SEVEN EIGHT THREE HERE  
FEBRUARY FOURTEENTH LAST LEFT NO FORWARDING ADDRESS CLAIMED SELF THEATRICAL  
MAN, FRIEND OF G H SHANNON TWO SEVEN NOUGHT FOUR WALNUT TULSA OKLAHOMA  
DESCRIPTION NOT YET AVAILABLE HERE

VETTERLI

**[REDACTED]** b7C

cc - Division ✓

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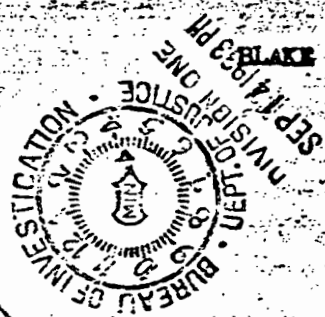
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DALLAS TEXAS SEPTEMBER 11 1933

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

URSACHEL MATTER SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM MANAGER WESTERN UNION TO BRING TELEGRAM  
JULY SIXTEENTH ETC AND [REDACTED] CARE WESTERN UNION

Official Bus.  
Gov. Rate  
CHG: Div. of Inv.  
FJB: [REDACTED] 1:50 PM  
cc Div. [REDACTED]  
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420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

September 11, 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:-

Pursuant to your telephonic request, I interviewed [redacted] of the Western Union at Dallas, Texas, who suggests that a subpoena be issued for [redacted] to identify the message sent from Dallas on 7/16/33 to George L. Davis, P.O. Box 631, Denver, Colorado - reading as follows:

"WIRE ME BRIDGEPORT WHEN AND WHERE MEET YOU  
IN OKLAHOMA CITY"

An additional subpoena duces tecum should be issued for the Superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Co. at Dallas, and upon receipt of it the Western Union will deliver the message to [redacted] who will bring it to Oklahoma City and testify that he received it at Dallas for transmission to Denver, Colorado.

The message appears to have been written in a feminine hand.

Very truly yours,

FJB: [redacted] b7c  
cc Division  
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F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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224 Federal Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
September 11, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Re: George R. Kelly with aliases,  
et al. - Kidnaping.

Referring to your letter of September 10, 1933,  
I am returning herewith the original Western Union telegram  
addressed to Mrs. G. L. Davis, Denver, Colorado, signed George,  
sent from Omaha, Nebraska, August 9, 1933, this original message  
having been obtained from [redacted]  
Western Union Telegraph Company, Omaha, by Special Agent [redacted] b7.

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Subpoena has this day been issued for the manager,  
or such person as designated by him, to produce this original  
telegram at the trial of this case on September 18, 1933.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.  
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AIR MAIL

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Atlantic National Bank Annex  
Jacksonville, Florida

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September 12, 1933

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Hurley-Wright Building  
Washington, D. C.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
SEP 16 1933

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY with aliases - FUGITIVE  
KATHERINE THORNE KELLY alias DELORES WHITE  
FUGITIVE  
CHARLES W. HERSCHEL - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

With reference to the investigation being conducted by Special Agent [redacted] assisted by police officers in Miami, Florida, the latter having been informed that a woman in Miami who resembled Katherine Thorne Kelly, Identification Order 1207, had been receiving and forwarding mail from the post office at that point, I am enclosing a copy of my memorandum of this date. In the latter paragraph of this paper you will note that photographs of Katherine Thorne Kelly were received from the Division by the police officers in Miami who have been interested in this investigation, and that these officers and Special Agent [redacted] are firmly of the opinion that the woman in Miami is not Katherine Thorne Kelly, and that mail and telegraphic communications received and forwarded by her have no connection whatsoever with this case.

Today, I received a long memorandum from Special Agent [redacted] covering his investigation at Miami in which he informs that post office employees in Miami had informed the police that a woman, [redacted] had been calling at general delivery at the Miami Post Office for mail and that the clerk on duty thought this party somewhat resembled the subject of Identification Order 1207; however, investigation disclosed that [redacted] and [redacted] had been in Miami for over a year. Photographs received by this office and police officers at Miami being a splendid likeness of Katherine Thorne Kelly were exhibited to the manager of the apartment house at which [redacted] resided and it was conclusively shown that there was no resemblance between [redacted] and Katherine Thorne Kelly.

All b7C



With reference to our long distance telephone conversation on September 11, 1933, in which you informed that [redacted] was detained by the police officials at Roanoke, Virginia, for questioning, having stated that she was from Miami, Florida, this is to advise that appropriate inquiry was made at Miami, Florida, among police officers, sheriff's officers, post office officials and others, resulting in information that this woman is unknown in Miami.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt

Acting Special Agent in Charge.

Enclosure

CC-Director  
Oklahoma City



Atlantic National Bank Annex  
Jacksonville, Florida

RAA:

September 12, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE:

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY with aliases - FUGITIVE  
ET AL; CHARLES E. SWEENEY - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to my memorandum of September 11, 1933, telegram from Special Agent [redacted] Miami, Florida, dated September 9, 1933, and synopsis of telephone conversation between Agent [redacted] of the Jacksonville office and the Washington Field office.

Yesterday morning, September 11th, SAG J. M. Keith, of the Washington Field office, by long distance telephone advised me that the letter referred to in Special Agent [redacted] wire of the 9th instant was read by Division Agents at Roanoke, Virginia; that it does not appear to have any connection with the matter under investigation.

Mr. Keith further informed that the day before a woman, giving her name as [redacted] complained to police officials in Roanoke, Virginia, that two men and two women in a Chrysler sedan refused to turn over to her her baggage; that when the police attempted to question these two men and two women they dropped the baggage and ran; that there is a possibility that [redacted] may be Harnie Miller's woman, and that a person qualified to identify the Miller woman was en route from New York to Roanoke to view [redacted] that the Roanoke police had the [redacted] woman in custody at this time and that she had stated she came from Miami but would furnish no additional information regarding herself.

By long distance telephone yesterday Agent [redacted] at Miami was instructed to make appropriate inquiry at the police station, endeavoring to learn whether the [redacted] woman is known in Miami.

Three pictures of Kathryn Thorne Kelly were received yesterday from the Division. Two of them were immediately, by air mail, forwarded to Agent [redacted] for his use.

During the conversation with Agent [redacted] over long distance he informed that the police in Miami had received photographs of Kathryn Thorne Kelly from the Division and that he, as well as Miami officers who were handling this investigation at that point, is of the opinion that the letter referred to in my memorandum of September 11th and in [redacted] telegram of the 9th has no connection whatsoever with this case.

R. A. Alt  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

All b7C

326½ Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.  
September 12, 1933.

HW

District Manager,  
United States Civil Service Commission,  
Customhouse, 423 Canal Street,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Re: Harvey Bailey;  
Jail Break, Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of a copy of the report of investigation, and copy of personal interview with [redacted] of Dallas, Texas, which were made by [redacted] and which were furnished by you to this Division for use in connection with an official investigation. The contents of these reports will be treated confidential and the reports will be returned to you at the earliest possible date.

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

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division ✓

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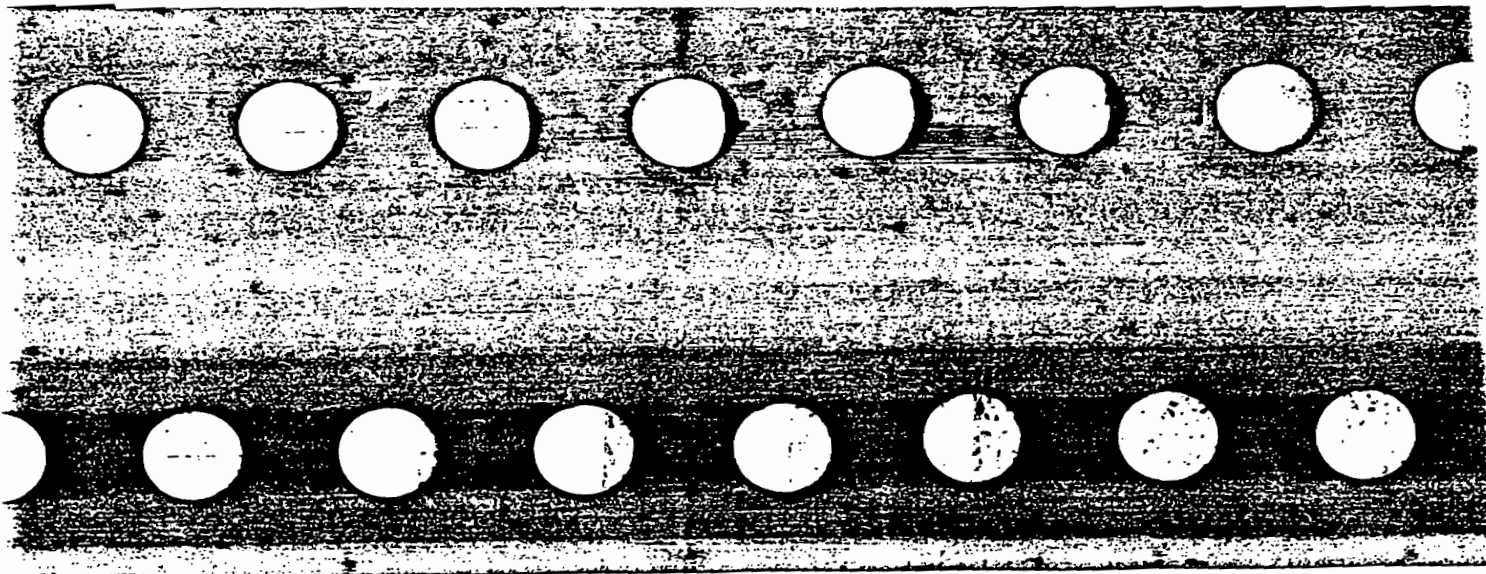
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WHITLEY

*Re: Harvey Bailey  
Jail Break  
Dallas*

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Mr. Clegg...  
Mr. Edwards...  
Mr. Egan...  
Mr. Hughes...  
Mr. Locke...

September 11, 1933.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL - MR. KEENAN

In telephone conversation with Mr. Keenan today I remarked that we were having some trouble with the money impounded by the Court at Denver; that the Judge at Denver will not let it leave that place and that the Judge at Oklahoma City has ordered it brought to Oklahoma City. Mr. Keenan stated that this was because it had been levied upon by the American Express Company. Mr. Keenan further stated he thought he would get in touch by telephone with the general counsel of the American Express Company in New York and explain the situation to him, as he feels certain that company would not want to be a party to such an arrangement if they understood the situation.

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1216 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Texas.  
September 15, 1933.

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

GEORGE R. KELLY, w.d.  
ET AL; FUGITIVE;  
CHAS. F. URSCHAL, Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith two copies of a  
letter which are self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,

C. R. Davis,  
Acting Agent in Charge.

2 encl.  
cc Division.

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It is impossible for us to return there so Jerry and I will meet you later.

I am enclosing 20.00 honey and do just what I tell you. Don't worry about Jerry for I will take care of her. I cannot explain here, dear, but guess you'll know-

We are going to Dallas now. So here is what you do. Take your time and pack your things and all of mine. Get my necklace lying in my room and the dresser and wear it until I see you. Bring all of our clothes with you.

Walk up. Call a cab and buy you a bus ticket to Okla.City. and I had rather you leave the house there at night. See. When you get to Okla. City, get a cab and go to 126½ West Reno The Ryan Rooms and register as Mrs. E. L. Moore from Tulsa and I will send a letter there later Also go to a pay station phone the Skirwin Hotel ask for Arnold and tell him nothing only to come to the place that his sister gave him the address where she told him to get that package and you find J. E. Brooks there at the Ryan Rooms and find out if Luther has been there and tell Mr. Brooks to tell you when he comes up there.

Tell Luther to leave you there. Register the same until I let you know where you and he can find us and for him not to return to San Antonio. Now do just as I say. Take your time get all of my clothes, etc., tell any one that ask you you will be back in a week. Put a card in the front door saying (Will return in a week.) Sign it Mrs. Arnold.

Bring the bags with you on the bus and don't worry. Show Luther this letter and do just what I said.

Love, Sister.  
Will communicate with you next week in Oklahoma City.

On another scrap of paper was the following:

126 $\frac{1}{2}$  W. Reno Okla. City

The Ryan Rooms

Mrs. E. L. Moore

If you can't get a room ask for J. E. Brooks he will get you one.  
and be careful show him this letter.

The above letter and scrap of paper were in an Air mail,  
special delivery envelope, postmarked Iowa Park, Texas,  
Sept. 14, 1933, 1 P.M. addressed to:

[REDACTED]  
From: [REDACTED] b7c

The \$20.00 bill carries No. K00230771A

**U. S. Bureau of Investigation**

**Department of Justice**

420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

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

September 12, 1933.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

I wired you yesterday requesting authority  
to employ one [REDACTED] as confidential informant  
for seventeen days at \$6.00 per day; and received last  
night your authorization.

I of course suggested he be investigated  
with a view to establishing the character of this informant,  
inasmuch as it was contemplated placing him on the stand  
in the event of prosecution; and at this writing, the  
result of the investigation is such that I deem it inadvisable  
to proceed with the employment.

Will you please, therefore, cancel the  
authorization in question?

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

HN:LMT  
cc 62-420-

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

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September 15, 1933.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called and stated that they had about decided to issue warrants for Tom Mannion and G. S. Bevill in connection with the escape of Bailey. He stated that they had reached this decision because they felt quite certain that the Sheriff either would obtain warrants in the State Courts or possibly present the facts which he had collected to the State Grand Jury, which is in session, and that unless they took action immediately the Sheriff would grab the show. Mr. Nathan and the Agents are in conference now with the United States Attorney. He stated he would call you again when the warrants were issued and I suggested that he have the basic facts available at this time so that you might advise the Department if you desire. He had endeavored to reach you before talking with me this morning.

Respectfully,

*V. W. Hughes*  
V. W. Hughes.

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1216 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Texas.  
September 15, 1933.

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

CHAS. E. KELLY, et al.  
FUGITIVE, Kidnaping.  
Chas. E. Guechel, Victim

Dear Sir:

Relative to our long distance conversation on September 9, 1933, requesting that this office ascertain from [redacted] at Brownsville, Texas, as to any murder case being set for trial at Brownsville, Texas, in the State Court on September 11, 1933.

On the night of September 9, 1933, [redacted] who has jurisdiction at Brownsville, Texas, was contacted by long distance telephone at Corpus Christi and advised that there was no murder case set for trial at Brownsville or any other place in his district for Sept. 11, 1933, and stated that [redacted] was unknown to him. Agent [redacted] being at Brownsville was informed that there was a murder case pending at Corpus Christi against one [redacted] but that no one knew who was to represent Davis.

[redacted] stated that regardless of the setting of any cases in his district that may in any way conflict with the trial of Bailey and others at Oklahoma City, that he, himself, and also answering for the Court, would state emphatically that same would be continued at any time to cooperate and assist the Government in the successful prosecution in the trial at Oklahoma City.

This information was immediately furnished to Special Agent [redacted] at your office, who was on duty on the night of September 9, 1933.

[redacted] has called this office by long distance telephone from Brownsville, Texas, today, and stated that he would appreciate it very much if this office would advise him just how the information was received that [redacted] was Attorney for any defendant at Brownsville, charged with murder, and more especially, the defendant [redacted]. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was charged with the murder of the proprietor of the Nueces Hotel at Corpus Christi, Texas, November last, and that all the evidence bore out the fact that it was one of the most cold-blooded murders ever committed in his district, and he is very anxious to be advised as to the biography of [redacted] and if possible, who employed

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Special Agent in Charge, #2

September 13, 1933.

[redacted] to represent [redacted] as his records do not show that [redacted] has an attorney. He states that [redacted] is penniless and friendless and he does not understand just who may have contacted [redacted] and employed him to represent [redacted] and that [redacted] himself, is an ex-convict having quite a criminal record at Denver, Kansas City, Chicago, and San Bernardino, Cal., and if [redacted] has been employed to represent [redacted] he, [redacted] is of the opinion that [redacted] is a member or connected with a [redacted] gang.

Will you kindly furnish this office all the information that you may obtain as to the reputation of [redacted] and if possible, who employed him to represent [redacted]

[redacted] further stated that if [redacted] under oath, made a motion before the Federal Court setting out the fact that he was representing [redacted] or any other client in the Brownsville District, that he would be glad to contradict this statement as so far there was nothing of record in the State Court showing that he was representing any client in that district.

As a matter of cooperation, if this information can be furnished to [redacted], I will appreciate that same be expedited, in order that I may submit the information desired to [redacted]

Very truly yours,

C. H. Davis,  
Acting Agent in Charge.

cc Division.

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900 Ezra Thompson Building,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
September 13, 1933.

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

RE: GEORGE KELLY with aliases et al.  
CHARLES F. UNSCHUL - Victim,  
KIDNAPING - S.L. file 7-10.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to my letter of September 12th, 1933, which was predicated upon your telegram dated September 9th, 1933, permit me to attach hereto for such value as they may have to the U.S. Attorney in the trial of this case, photograph, fingerprints, criminal record, names and addresses of correspondents of [REDACTED] while he was in the Colorado State Penitentiary, together with affidavit of Warden [REDACTED] of that institution, which relates to the commitment of [REDACTED] to that institution, the duration of his sentence, and the date of his release.

You will also find attached, similar information having to do with Albert L. Bates, and in this connection you will note that the following were listed as his correspondents while in that institution:-

[REDACTED]  
Malco Bond Co., 101 W 57th St., New York City.  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JAD:  
cc - Division.  
AIR MAIL.

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411 U. S. Court House  
Portland, Oregon

September 13, 1933

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SEP 13 1933 A.M.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE H. KELLY, with aliases,  
I. O. #1203 - FUGITIVE  
CHARLES F. UNSCHEL - Victim  
Kidnaping

As indicated by my telegraphic reply of September 9, 1933, to your wired request of the same date for a discreet interview with Officers [redacted] and [redacted] of the Portland Police Department for the purpose of obtaining all possible prior history of Albert L. Bates, with aliases, it was ascertained here that Bates is unknown to Officers [redacted] and [redacted] while the late Officer Coleman was retired approximately five years ago and died about six months ago.

Special Agent [redacted] conducted the interview with Officers [redacted] and [redacted] and ascertained from them that they have no recollection of Bates either under his true name or any of his known aliases, and that they were also unable to place him from his photograph. They suggested that possibly Tom Coleman had known this subject in view of the fact that he was formerly a member of the yegg detail while active in the Police Department here. His partner at that time was Officer Frank Snow, who might also have had some information of value. Both of these men, however, were retired from the force some time ago and, in addition to giving the information above set out as to Coleman, these officers said that Frank Snow died about one year ago.

While this conversation was going on, Officer [redacted] came in the office and was asked to identify Bates' picture. Officer [redacted] pointed out that [redacted] was at one time a partner of Coleman on the yegg detail and might have some recollection of any knowledge they had of Bates. [redacted] was unable to identify the photograph, however, and said he had no recollection of this subject under any of his names or aliases.

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Both [redacted] and [redacted] suggested that Bates might possibly have been connected with the "Smitty" whose complete name is unknown to them, but whom they knew to have been the leader of a Southern Pacific train robbery within the past few years. This "Smitty" was apprehended after the robbery and was taken to Oakland, California. As nearly as they could recall he was taken there for questioning by Post Office inspectors and was killed in an attempt to escape. They suggested that men of the type of Bates and the Bentz brothers and Kelly would fit in well with "Smitty's" operations because he was known as a deadly killer and utterly reckless. [redacted] said that information on "Smitty" and on this robbery might be gathered from Special Agents of the Southern Pacific Railroad or from Post Office inspectors at Oakland, California, and that if Bates had any connection with this gang they might be able to supply the information. Both [redacted] and [redacted] also volunteered to seek any information they might be able to gather from persons well informed about gang activities in this territory concerning subject Bates.

When subsequently interviewed by Agent [redacted] neither [redacted] nor [redacted] had gained any information of value. They said, however, that they would continue their efforts and should they obtain any details they would notify this office.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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411 U. S. Court House  
Portland, Oregon

September 13, 1933



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

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases,  
et al - FUGITIVE  
Charles F. Urschel - Victim  
Kidnaping

In compliance with your letter of September 11, 1933, there is enclosed herewith the only copy in possession of this office of the photograph of [redacted] referred to in the report of Special Agent [redacted] of this office dated 9-7-33. Although this photograph was described by the person supplying it as being an excellent likeness of [redacted] it should be kept in mind that the picture appears on its face to be in the neighborhood of ten years old.

For that reason, a more recent picture in the possession of this office, which appears to have been supplied by you and which is marked on its reverse side as "S L O File 7-10", probably more closely resembles [redacted] as she would now appear. In view of the fact that you undoubtedly have a copy of this latter photograph, however, the print thereof in the possession of this office is being retained here.

Very truly yours,

E. O. SPEARS  
Special Agent in Charge

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803 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

September 13, 1933.

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

7-115  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FILE

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE H. KELLY, with aliases, et al.  
CHARLES F. QUINCY, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-8.

With reference to your telephone call to Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni, it was impossible to locate [redacted] until the afternoon of September 12, 1933. At this time, Mr. Hanni had left town on other official business and Agent communicated with [redacted] at which time he was asked about the matter. He appeared to be very much agitated and stated that it appeared to him that if the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City, wanted to know anything about the matter, he should come up here; that he was prompted to communicate with the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City to assist him after having talked with one of the District Judges here.

[redacted] stated that he had known Kozberg [redacted] and [redacted] and, knowing him as he did, he knew KOZBERG had nothing to do with the actual kidnaping. He stated that he had intended to write the United States Attorney in order to explain the situation, that the matter might be of record, as he thought it might appear that any step he took would be misunderstood. He stated, "We started this matter up here for the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City and want to help him all we can. We asked that the warrants be sent up - the United States Attorney would not send them up first. I am not ashamed of my actions. I deal directly and he should extend to me the same courtesy. We have been kept in the dark as to what is going on in this case. I do not give a 'God darn' what is done about it now".

I courteously advised [redacted] that, as far as I knew, he had not been misunderstood and, as far as I knew, he knew as much about the case as I did and I was only attempting to carry out the request of our Oklahoma City Division Office and, in turn, it was acting for the United States Attorney there.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] as he understands, Subjects KOZBINSKY, KRAMNIK, #014, and possibly some others, made a trip to Oklahoma City on September 1, 1933, and before doing so consulted him and, at that time, he suggested to [redacted] that he confer with the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City, regarding the situation and to point out that [redacted]

[redacted] that, on [redacted] return, he seemed very much worried and advised him that he understood that most of the people down there belong to the Ku Klux Klan and are very much against Jews; that [redacted] came to his office on Saturday morning and, in an effort to dispose of the matter as quickly as possible, he called the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City and suggested that he come to St. Paul and talk to the Subjects in the case. He stated that Mr. Hyde would not give him a definite answer, however, their relations in the past had been very cordial and they had gone out of their way in this office to assist him.

[redacted] advised that he did not know which, or if any, of the men desired to make a statement but if the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City wanted to use the men as witnesses, now is the time and this is the place to secure their statements. In this connection, it should be noted that [redacted] SKELLY, BERMAN, or BLUMENFELD, and it is doubted that any of the other defendants have any information that would be of value to the Government in this case. [redacted] advised [redacted] that, as far as [redacted] knew, the defendants living in the Twin Cities had been indicted for the purpose of trial and, while [redacted] did not know if it was the desire of the Government to use them as witnesses, [redacted] would be glad to secure from them any additional statements they felt like making and that [redacted] would appreciate his so advising [redacted] with regard to the possible statements.

[redacted] further, advised that he had learned through the "Grape vine" that the men in the Twin Cities had knowingly identified the wrong man as the person from whom they received the ransom money and that they had not, in fact, received the money from the kidnapers but had received it from a local man, who had not been indicted, and whose name they would, or had not, disclosed. In this connection, [redacted] would not enlarge upon his statement and it would be useless to attempt to secure additional information from him. It appears, however, that he was referring to [redacted] and, or, [redacted] whose names have previously been mentioned in the reports from this office.

Very truly yours,

HC: [redacted] ✓  
CC Division  
AIR MAIL

R.C. COULTER, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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J A DOWD DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION DEPT JUSTICE  
900 EXRA THOMPSON BLDG SALT LAKE CITY UTAH

NATHAN DIRECTS SURVEILLANCE LASKA UNTIL HIS DEPARTURE FOR OKLAHOMA CITY

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Dept Justice Okla City

(RE: Geo. H. Kelly, et al SEP 16 1933 A-M  
Chas. F. Urschel, Victim  
Kidnaping)

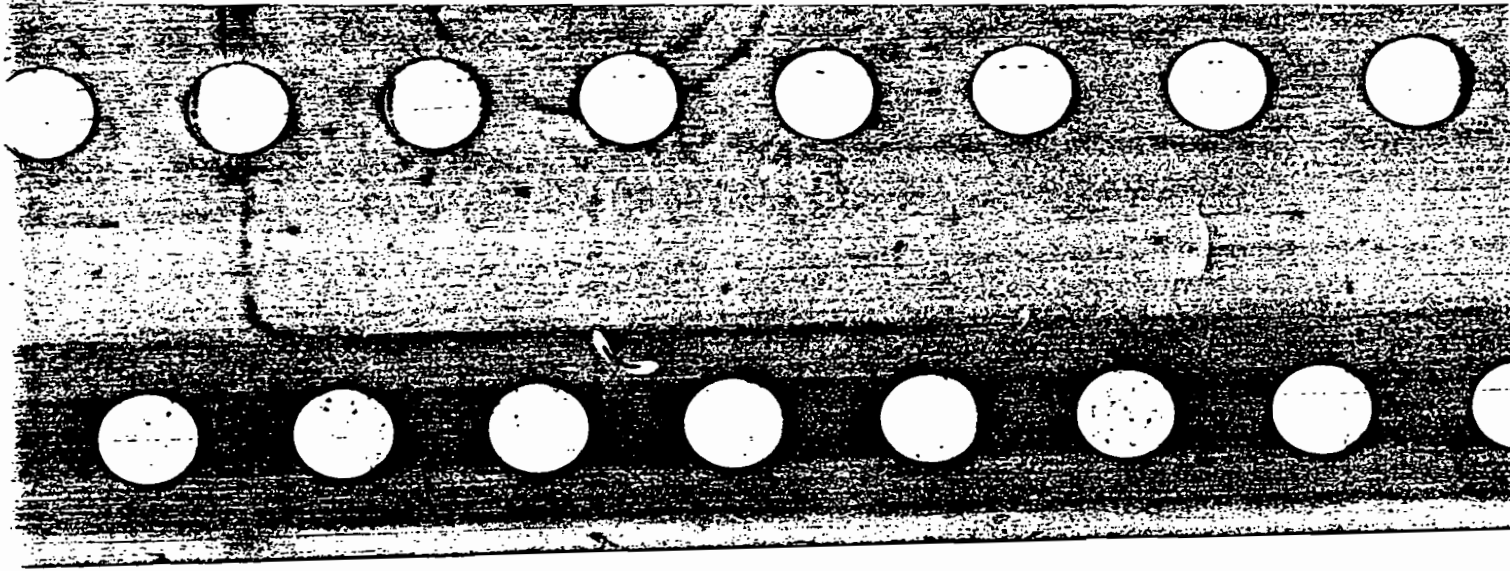
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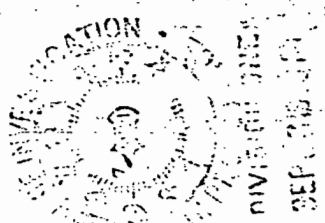
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New Orleans, La., September 14, 1933.  
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R. H. COLVIN  
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 224 Federal Building  
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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J A DOWD DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION DEPT OF JUSTICE  
900 KZRA THOMPSON BLD SALT LAKE CITY UTAH  
OKKLY CASE RETEL SENEKOKX SUPPOKHA HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR [REDACTED] WESTERN

UNION DENVER OR [REDACTED] TO BRING NECESSARY TELEGRAMS

STOP BELIEVE MORE ADVISABLE HAVE [REDACTED] RESPOND ACCOUNT HER ABILITY IDENTIFY

RATES AS SENDER

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Salt Lake City, Utah.  
September 12, 1933, 4:00 P.M.

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

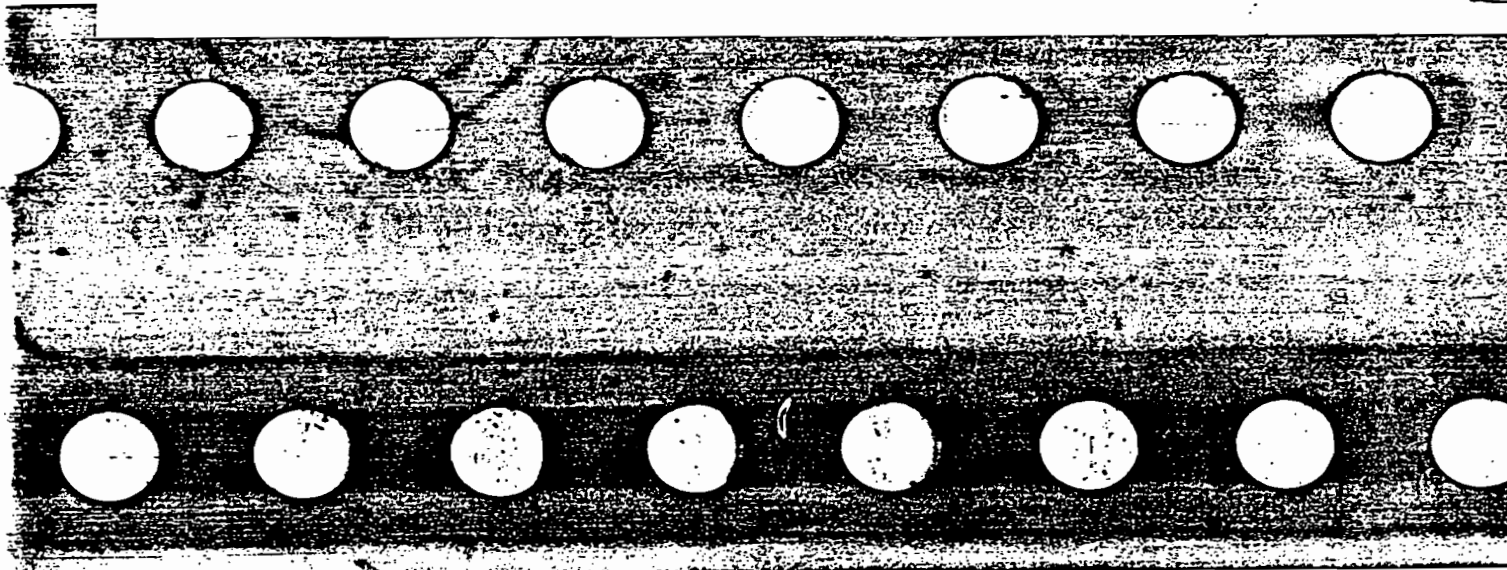
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TELEGRAM WITH NAMES WITNESSES RECEIVED STOP ARE YOU NOT GOING TO SUBPOENA  
[REDACTED] WESTERN UNION DENVER AND NECESSARY TELEGRAMS.

DOWD.

JAD [REDACTED] b7c  
cc - Division.

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# International Telegrams

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

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RETEL IF **[REDACTED]** CAN TESTIFY TO ADMISSIONS BY BATES THAT HE AS GEORGE L DAVIS  
RENTED POST OFFICE BOX IT WILL BE UNNECESSARY FOR YOU TO APPEAR

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

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Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

September 15, 1933.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
625 Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Mich.

Re: GEORGE R. KELLY with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1203. ET AL.  
CHARLES F. DURSCHEL -- VICTIM.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

As indicated in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated September 2, 1933, a cover was placed on the matter. b7C

It was believed, as a result of the inquiry made by Agent [redacted] at Rochester, that possibly [redacted] had criminal b7C connections in the west.

To date, two tracings have been received of letters addressed to the [redacted]. Both of these letters bear return addresses at Cleveland, Ohio. The first one bears the postmark August 16 and the return address of [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio. The second bears the postmark September 3, and the return address [redacted]. b7C

It is suggested that appropriate inquiry be made at both of these addresses in an effort to determine whether Kelly resides there or if the parties responsible for these letters have any knowledge concerning his present whereabouts. The handwriting does not bear any resemblance to either Kelly's or his wife's.

Very truly yours,

T. F. CULLEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

September 13, 1933.

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

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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FILE

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, ET AL  
CHARLES F. DURSCHEL - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
K.C. File #7-3

Reference is made to your telegram of  
September 12th regarding the rental of Post Office Box 4783 at Station E,  
Kansas City, Missouri, by one George L. Davis.

Please be advised that at the office of  
the Superintendent of Mails in Kansas City, [redacted] made a check  
of the records by contacting [redacted] of Station E, and  
learned that Box 4783 was not rented from January 1, 1933 to February 14,  
1933, but that on the latter date, it was rented to one George L. Davis,  
who gave the address of 2732 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri. A  
tracing of the application of this individual for the post office box has  
been made and is forwarded with this letter to your office. b7C

[redacted] of the branch  
post office station, was contacted, at which time, he advised that the man  
gave two references in renting the box, these being G. H. Shannon, 2704  
Walnut Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the Heart of America Showmen's Club,  
Coates House, Kansas City, Missouri. b7C

[redacted] of the  
Heart of America Showmen's Club, stated that George L. Davis is known as  
a "front" man for theaters, but that he does not know his address. A de-  
scription of this George L. Davis, as secured from [redacted]  
for this club, was to the effect that he was about 45 years of age; six  
feet tall; weighed about 160 pounds, is of medium slender build, fair com-  
plexion and was bald on the top of his head. b7C b7D



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Inquiry was made of [redacted] of an apartment house at 2730-2732 Truxtun Avenue, but these people claimed that no George L. Davis had rented an apartment there: [redacted]

This neighborhood is considered a reputable one, and [redacted] appeared to be of good character.

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Further check was made with the postal authorities, and it was learned that Box 4793 was last rented on May 22, 1933, to [redacted] whose address was given as that of the La Salle Hotel. Investigation disclosed that this lady is the [redacted]

The gist of this information was furnished you by telegraph on September 12, 1933.

Very truly yours,

*Mos.*

E. E. CONROY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Room 1403,  
370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

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September 15, 1935

AIR MAIL

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

Re: GEORGE E. KELLY with aliases  
I.O. 1203 - FUGITIVE; et al  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 9, 1935 requesting the disposition of Colts .45 automatic, serial 165649, found in possession of Harvey J. Bailey at the time of his arrest.

The Colts Arms Manufacturing Company advised there are two types of numbers for guns sold by the Colts Company; in one type the number is preceded by a "C" which indicates the gun was disposed of by a commercial sale, and the second type where the number is not preceded by a letter and in such cases the gun is sold to the Government. Colts .45 automatic No. 165649, according to the records of the Colts Arms Co., was sold to Commanding Officer at Springfield Armory, Springfield, Mass.; the same number preceded by a "C" was sold to Wolf & Klar, gun dealers, Fort Worth, Texas, March 8, 1933. There is no other record of these numbers at the Colts factory than indicated above.

In view of the fact that other guns in this case, namely the machine guns, were sold by Wolf & Klar, it is very possible that the number in this case should have been preceded by a "C", and no investigation will be conducted at Springfield, Mass. unless specifically requested to do so.

Very truly yours,

T.F. CULLEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division

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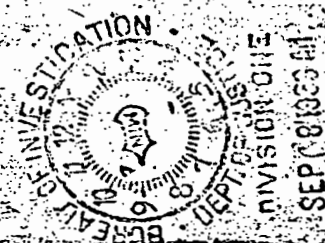
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Mr. Bus T. Jones,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1216 Smith-Yount Tower Building,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Mr. Jones:

I received your confidential letter of August 28, 1933, and want you to know that I sincerely appreciate the kindly sentiments that you expressed concerning my reappointment as Director.

With reference to the letter which the Division wrote Mr. Blake concerning movements of Agents working on the Urschel case, let me assure you that the letter was not written with any desire to insure technical adherence to the rules and regulations. During the past few weeks it has been very necessary to get in touch with either you, Blake or Colvin, and our records here had indicated that one of you would be at one particular place, whereas from personal knowledge of some of the officials here, we knew that you were at a different place. This, of course, caused confusion and sometimes delay in placing telephone calls or sending telegrams. It was in order to avoid this that the Division asks to be kept more promptly advised of the movements of Agents, particularly the Agents in Charge. I can well appreciate how fast you all had been moving, and my only desire was to be able to get in touch with you in an emergency without having to waste time in ascertaining exactly where you were.

I have been watching with particular interest the efforts to locate Kelly. I feel that there are four individuals whose apprehension we should bring about at the earliest possible moment, namely, Kelly, Verne Miller, Galatas, and Underhill. I want to exert every resource of this Division in effecting the apprehension of these persons. Consequently, any ideas or plans which you can devise for bringing this about will be welcome one hundred per cent.

I want to congratulate you for the manner in which the Shannons were removed from Fort Worth to Oklahoma City. Probably if there had been a few moments delay we would have been tied up with various legal technicalities which would have delayed this for months in actually getting to trial in the Urschel case, but in this instance you certainly outwitted the lawyers and acted in a thoroughly proper and vigorous manner.

Mr. Jones.

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Please keep me fully informed of the situation as it develops in the Southwest, for we are all here vitally interested in trying to clean up this chole nasty mess, and the sooner we can do it the better it will be for law enforcement as a whole.

With best regards, I am.

Sincerley yours,

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
1216 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Texas.  
August 28, 1933.

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CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been intending to write you and congratulate you upon your appointment as Director of the new Division of Investigation, however, I have been moving so fast in the past month I have not had any time to even write an official letter, much less a personal one.

There is nothing that has happened during my life time that has given me greater pleasure than the announcement of your appointment as Director. This will enable us to carry on with renewed vigor as the matter that was uppermost in the minds of those of us who are your friends, was your re-appointment as Director, and with this out of the way, we have nothing to worry about.

I have been going so fast and using every ounce of energy and ingenuity at my command to solve the Union Station and the Urschel cases that I have left the matter of formal reports to the Division and even advice as to my movements up to Special Agents in Charge Vetterli, Colvin and Blake.

I had occasion to see a letter from the Division the other day to SAC Blake at Dallas wherein the Division expressed the opinion that proper advices had not been received concerning the movements of Agents working on the Urschel case. If the Division has not been properly and promptly advised I regret it very much. As before stated, I was not only assisting in the supervision of the Urschel case, however, I was actually in the field working night and day running down every class of clue available and consequently I left the matter of reporting movements to the Agents in Charge of the respective districts in which I was working.

We have identified the woman [redacted] who left Fort Worth on August 12, 1933, and joined George Kelly and wife and a

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, #2

August 28, 1933.

man thought to be Bernard Philips at Des Moines, as [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] a very shrewd woman, who has for years been an associate  
of high-powered criminals. I know her personally as she has lived  
in San Antonio for many years and still has important connections  
here, consequently, I thought it advisable to come here, and through  
certain confidential sources that I have here, attempt to get some  
line on her present whereabouts, as I believe that she will be with  
Kathryn Kelly, the paramour of the fugitive George Kelly.

We had to act very quickly at Fort Worth, Texas,  
the other day when Judge Wilson granted the order of removal for  
the Shannons to be taken to Oklahoma City. The defense attorneys  
had a writ of habeas corpus prepared and immediately filed same  
after Judge Wilson's decision had been rendered. However, in the  
interim, the Marshal with my assistance executed Judge Wilson's  
order of removal by taking the Shannons in my car from the Federal  
Building to the Municipal Airport and we were in the air with them  
within 15 minutes after Judge Wilson's order of removal was issued.

The attorneys for the defense requested Judge Wilson  
to hold the Shannons in Fort Worth as they intended to file a writ of  
habeas corpus, however, Judge Wilson refused to do so, whereupon the  
attorneys for the defense stated: "The officers are now spiriting the  
Shannons out of town." The Judge replied that if so the officers  
were only executing his order of removal and as the matter that had  
been before the Court had been disposed of there was nothing at that  
time before the Court. The habeas corpus writ was then filed, how-  
ever, we were out of town with the Shannons before it reached Judge  
Wilson's hands. We left the Federal Building at Fort Worth, Texas,  
at 12.20 P.M., and at 1:50 P.M., the Shannons were safely lodged in  
the Oklahoma County Jail 200 miles away. The move of the attorneys  
for the defense was simply one in which they hoped to get the removal  
wase before the Appellate Court and thereby cause a two or three months  
delay in removing them to the jurisdiction of the Federal Court in  
Oklahoma.

As soon as I have completed here I will return to  
Dallas, Texas, and probably from there to Oklahoma City, however, I  
will wire you later concerning that.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.



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September 21, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

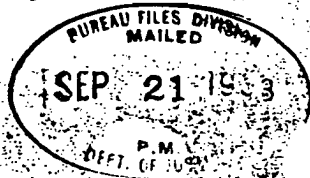
I am transmitting herewith copies of a letter received by the Division from [redacted] written at Fort Worth, Texas, September 12, 1933, wherein a request is made for full description of subjects George R. Kelly, Kathryn Thorne Kelly and Charles Floyd, alias "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

[redacted] gives as his address, "General Delivery, Fort Worth, Texas". His enclosure, a personal calling card, indicates that he is a private detective, address - [redacted] Ponca City, Oklahoma.

You are instructed to contact [redacted] at General Delivery, Fort Worth, Texas, and ascertain his interest concerning investigation of the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping case, and if you deem it advisable, furnish him with copies of identification orders on the subjects enumerated by him in his letter of September 12, 1933 to the Division.

There is transmitted herewith a copy of the Division's letter to [redacted]

Very truly yours,



Director.

Encl. #678727

c.c. Oklahoma City

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SEP 22 1933

September 21, 1933

General Delivery,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 12, 1933, wherein you request a description of George E. Kelly, Kathryn Thorne Kelly and Charles Floyd, alias "Pretty Boy" Floyd, concerning whom you request advice pertaining to rewards for their apprehension.

Please be advised that this Division has not authorized any rewards for the apprehension of the subjects enumerated by you.

I suggest that you confer with Mr. F. J. Blake, Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas, Texas Office of this Division, address - Post Office Building, or Mr. R. H. Colvin, Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Office of this Division, address - 224 Federal Building, in the event that you have information which would assist this Division in the location of any individuals named by you and you will be furnished descriptions of these individuals at that time.

Very truly yours,

Director.



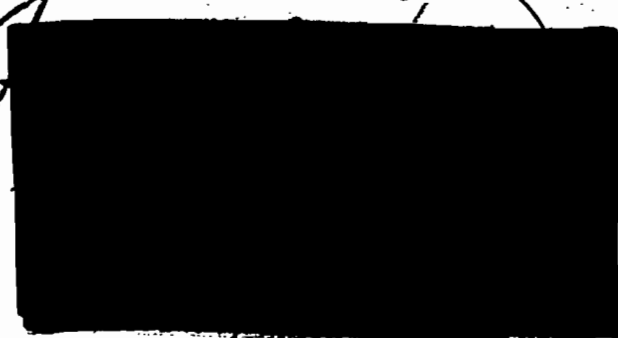
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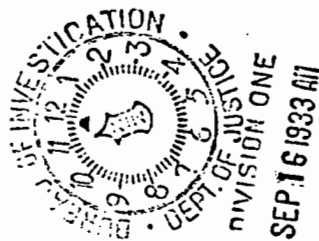
Fort Worth Texas Tex

Sept 12-33.

The Department of Justice  
Washington D.C.  
Gentlemen!

Please forward me a full diary  
of Betty Bue Lloyd & her Kelley & Krueger.  
And any other you may have  
that you would like to furnish  
me. Also each remainder.

Yours truly,  




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PLEASE FIVE DAYS RETURN TO  
[REDACTED]  
H.D. Fairworth Tex  
DUEBLO, COLORADO



The Department of Justice  
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S.A. FILE NO. 7-11

REPORT MADE AT: <b>San Antonio, Tex.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>Sept. 13, 1935</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>Sept. 12, 1935</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE: <b>GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, FUGITIVE</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Telegram from Chicago office requests ascertain address and identity of person mailing registered letter No. 7655 mailed Aug. 22, 1933, by [REDACTED] Houston, employed by Clark Optical Company as bookkeeper. The states [REDACTED]</p> <p>Reference: Telegram of Chicago office dated Sept. 12, 1935.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>Telegram was received by the San Antonio Office from the Chicago Office, requesting the San Antonio Office to ascertain the name, address and identity of person mailing from Houston, Texas, registered letter No. 7655 about August 23, 1933, to [REDACTED] that it is believed letter was sent by Edward Bentz or wife, who are friends of George R. Kelly; that Edward Bentz is reported wanted by Texas State authorities for bond forfeiture. This information was relayed to the Resident Agent at Houston, Texas.</p> <p>Through the assistance of Supt. of Mails [REDACTED] Houston Post Office, it was ascertained the records of the Houston Postoffice reflect that on August 22, 1933, an air mail registered letter No. 7655 was mailed by [REDACTED] Houston, Texas, to [REDACTED]</p> <p>Check of Street and Avenue section of City Directory discloses that [REDACTED] listed in name of [REDACTED] and City Directory shows listing of [REDACTED] employed [REDACTED] Clark Optical Company, 1023 Texas Street. The City Directory further discloses listing of [REDACTED] and residing at [REDACTED] Telephone Directory of Houston lists [REDACTED]</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <b>C. R. Davia</b>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>SEP 16 1935</b>	
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b7C [redacted], Telephone [redacted] and [redacted], Telephone number [redacted]

Check of Identification records of the Houston Police Department disclosed criminal record of Edward Bentz, with fingerprints and photograph. This photograph was borrowed, with view of ascertaining if there was any one residing at [redacted] who resembled same.

Agent again conferred with Supt. of Mails [redacted] and check was again made of Registry records of Houston Post Office, and those records disclose name of sender of registered letter 7655 on August 22nd, entered as [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed at office of Clark Optical Company, 1022 Texas Street. She stated she resided at [redacted], and [redacted]

She stated she does not know any one by the name of Edward Bentz or George R. Kelly; that [redacted]

Agent visited the vicinity of [redacted] but there was no one at home. Inquiry at [redacted] developed that only [redacted] resided at [redacted] that [redacted] was employed by Clark Optical Company and [redacted]

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September 13, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your request that  
an effort be made to trace Smith and Wesson revolver No.  
5728, sold by the manufacturers to Wexell and Degress in  
Mexico City in 1932, this being the revolver which was  
in the possession of Harvey Bailey at the time of his  
escape from the Dallas County Jail, you are advised that  
copy of a telegram addressed to the Secretary of State  
by the State Department representative in Mexico City,  
has been received here and reads in part as follows:

"ARMERIA AMERICANA HAS RECORDS OF THE BUSINESS  
SINCE ESTABLISHMENT BY WEXELL AND DEGRESS.  
HOWEVER, NAMES OF PURCHASERS NEVER WERE  
RECORDED. THIS APPEARS TO BE IMPOSSIBLE TO  
ASCERTAIN OWNERS SMITH AND WESSON REVOLVER  
5728."

Very truly yours,

Director.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

September 14, 1933.

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called to ascertain from what source the description appearing on the Identification Order of George Kelly had been obtained. He was advised that most of the description was obtained from the Leavenworth Penitentiary record; that, however, some additions to the description were made because of information received from Detroit and Dallas. Mr. Nathan stated that he understood that Kelly had several distinctive marks of identification which he believed would justify a supplemental order as these identification marks would be very apt to identify him. He referred particularly to the peculiar close set ears of Kelly and his unusually thick neck, and further his very dark complexion. The Identification Order reads that his complexion is medium ruddy. Mr. Nathan states that Mr. Urschel and all of those who saw Kelly at the time of the kidnaping claim that he was so dark they thought that he was a foreigner. Mr. Nathan will submit suggestions for a supplemental Identification Order.

Respectfully,

*V. W. Hughes*

V. W. Hughes.

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September 12, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called Mr. Nathan on the telephone to inquire about the necessity for having Special Agent [redacted] return to Oklahoma City upon his release from the [redacted] trial at St. Louis.

Mr. Nathan said that [redacted] was not engaged in any special work and that there appeared to be no reason for his return to Oklahoma City. In view of this information no answer has been prepared to Colvin's telegraphic request of September 10th.

Mr. Nathan stated he had just returned from Fort Worth and that they were progressing slowly but favorably in the investigation there and that they had sufficient evidence to convict one man in connection with the escape of Bailey. They hope to obtain evidence implicating others.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

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YOUR TELEGRAM TENTH IMPRACTICABLE FOR AGENT [REDACTED] RETURN OKLAHOMA CITY

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DIRECTOR DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION DEPT JUSTICE

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AGENT [REDACTED] LEAVING BY PLANE THIS MORNING FOR TRIAL [REDACTED]  
KIDNAPPING CASE ST LOUIS STOP I URGENTLY REQUEST HIS  
RETURN HERE AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE

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- Mr. Tolson.....
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REPORT MADE AT: <b>Birmingham, Ala.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>9-15-33</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9-14-33</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> <b>b7c</b>
TITLE: <b>GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, I.O. #1203- FUGITIVE, et al; CHARLES F. DRSCHER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE:  <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">Complete chain of ownership of Thompson sub-machine gun #4907, from time it was bought by Dixie Construction Company, Birmingham, Ala., and subsequently sold to <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> Birmingham, who in turn, through <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> sold the gun to Wolf and Klar, gun dealers, Fort Worth, Texas, ascertained. <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> located at Birmingham and telegraphically served with subpoena for appearance Oklahoma City September 18, 1933. <span style="float: right;"><b>b7c</b></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <u>AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA.</u></p> <p>On September 14, 1933, this office was telephonically requested by Special Agent in Charge Colvin of the Oklahoma City office, to complete a chain of evidence covering the sale of Thompson sub-machine gun #4907, which had been shipped to the Dixie Construction Company, Birmingham; later sold to <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> Birmingham, Ala., who in turn, through <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> sold it to Wolf and Klar, Fort Worth, Texas. It was further requested that the whereabouts of <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> be ascertained, in order that he could be served with a subpoena. It also was requested that the Oklahoma City office be advised telegraphically as to the result of this inquiry, in order that proper subpoena could be issued immediately, which was done on September 14, 1933. Accordingly the following investigation was conducted:</p> <p><div style="background-color: black; width: 200px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> Alabama Power Company, Birmingham, Ala., was interviewed by agent, at which time he advised that on or about April 15, 1927, he was <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> of the Dixie Construction Company located in Birmingham, Ala., and in that capacity he issued a voucher in payment for a machine gun</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div style="text-align: center;"> J. J. Harrison SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</div>		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>7-115-506</b> <b>SEP 18 1933</b>	
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purchased by that company on April 15, 1927. [redacted] had in his possession at the time of this interview voucher No. 1412, April, 1927, signed by himself, made in favor of Automatic Ordnance Company New York City, for the purchase of one Thompson submachine gun. [redacted] also had in his possession a receipt showing that the instant gun had been received by that company. He stated that he could testify as to what the number of this machine gun was, but he does recall that only one machine gun was ever purchased by that company. He also had in his possession a copy of an invoice covering the shipment of this gun, which refers to the shipping order of the Automatic Ordnance Company No. 3475, and the Dixie Construction Company order No. DL-2518. [redacted] states that he is the proper person to be subpoenaed to produce the above mentioned records.

[redacted] advised that the Dixie Construction Company was dissolved on May 1, 1930, and that this company was taken over by the Allied Engineers, Inc. The records of this transaction, he stated, can be found at the Commonwealth Southern Corporation, No. 20 Pine Street, New York City, and that [redacted] of that corporation, would possibly be the best person to interview concerning the records. From his recollection, [redacted] stated that by this transfer the Allied Engineers took over all of the assets of the Dixie Construction Company, in which assets the instant machine gun was included. Efforts were made to ascertain if any records of this transfer, or any inventory was made which would show definitely that the instant machine gun was included in this transaction, but without success. [redacted] stated that he fully believes that this office (the Birmingham office) has no record of such transaction.

[redacted] At the Alabama Power Company, [redacted] advised that some time during the month of December, 1931, the assets of the Allied Engineers located in Alabama were purchased by the Alabama Power Company; that at the time of this purchase an inventory was made of those assets, and a voucher in payment therefor was made in favor of the Allied Engineers by the Alabama Power Company. [redacted] advised that he had in his possession an inventory dated October 1, 1931, covering this transfer. This document was examined by agent, and it was noted that Thompson machine gun No. 4907 was included, and at the end of this inventory appeared a certificate signed by [redacted] stating that he had personally examined the assets listed in this inventory. [redacted] advised that he would be the proper person to produce this instrument in court.

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It was further noted that attached to the above mentioned inventory was Alabama Power Company voucher No. D-96, year 1931, which was made in payment for this purchase of assets. This voucher was made out by [redacted] Alabama Power Company. [redacted] was present at the time these documents were inspected by agent. He advised that he did make this document out and would be the proper person to present it in court.

[redacted] Alabama Power Company, was interviewed by agent and advised that this Thompson submachine gun #4907 was sold by the Alabama Power Company to [redacted] Wimberly and Thomas



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Hardware Company; that he himself personally negotiated this sale and also that he personally delivered this gun to [REDACTED]. As evidence of this transaction [REDACTED] had in his possession a copy of a bill of sale issued by the Georgia-Alabama Power Company to [REDACTED] Wimberly and Thomas Hardware Company, dated February 10, 1933, to cover Thompson machine gun No. 4907. The signature appearing at the end of this document was that of [REDACTED] but appearing by that signature were the initials [REDACTED]. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised agent that this bill of sale was actually made out by [REDACTED] and the signatures appearing thereon were made by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised agent that he would preserve this record and could produce same in court.

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[REDACTED], Wimberly & Thomas Hardware Company, advised agent that he bought the Thompson sub-machine gun #4907 from the Alabama Power Company on February 10, 1933; that this transaction was actually made through the Alabama Power Company's agent, [REDACTED] who personally delivered this gun to him. As evidence of this purchase [REDACTED] had in his possession original bill of sale covering this machine gun, stating the number of same, made to him by the Alabama Power Company, dated February 10, 1933, signed by [REDACTED] (A copy of the bill of sale mentioned in connection with [REDACTED] testimony was made from this original bill of sale). [REDACTED] stated that upon receipt of this bill of sale and the machine gun, he checked the numbers appearing thereon and found them to be the same. [REDACTED] promised to preserve this document in order that it may be presented in court if necessary.

[REDACTED] states that on February 10, 1933, he personally wrapped this gun for shipment and shipped same to [REDACTED] o/o Reiners Loan Office, 114 South Rampart, New Orleans. He states that upon wrapping this package, he wrote on the outside of the package that it contained one Thompson sub-machine gun No. 4907. The reason for this shipment, [REDACTED] stated, was that he had sold this gun to [REDACTED] and was making this shipment in compliance therewith. As evidence of this shipment, [REDACTED] had in his possession a memorandum stating that the instant gun was being shipped to [REDACTED] at the above stated address. This instrument was signed by [REDACTED] for the Southeastern Express Company, showing his receipt of same for shipment.

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[REDACTED] Southeastern Express Company, advised agent that he distinctly remembers that on or about February 10, 1933, he received for shipment from [REDACTED] at Wimberly & Thomas Hardware Company, a package containing a Thompson sub-machine gun. He also remembers signing the receipt in the possession of [REDACTED]. He states that the reason that he remembers this incident so clearly is because at the time he appeared to receive this package, he hesitated to accept same, believing that there was some law against their shipping such an article. As a result of this hesitancy [REDACTED] in his presence, called the Postoffice at Birmingham and ascertained

that there was no regulation against the shipment of this firearm.

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[redacted] Southeastern Express Company, Birmingham, Ala., examined his records in the presence of agent and at that time it was ascertained that Southeastern Express Company waybill No. 512495, dated February 10, 1933, was issued to cover this shipment. This waybill was made out by [redacted] waybill clerk, Southeastern Express Company, Birmingham, Ala. At the time of this investigation, [redacted] was not available for interview. [redacted] further advised agent that the original of this waybill is now in possession of the Auditing Department, Southeastern Express Company, Atlanta, Ga., and that he had no knowledge as to who would be the proper person there to present this original waybill. It might be stated that this waybill does not list the number of the machine gun.

Special Agent [redacted] at Atlanta, Ga. ascertained that [redacted] of the Colt Fire Arms Company, on September 13, 1933, had left Atlanta, Ga. for Birmingham, Ala., from which place he was supposed to have departed on the afternoon of the 14th for Tuscaloosa, Ala.; further that in Birmingham he was supposed to stop at the Redmont Hotel. Telephonic inquiry at the Redmont Hotel resulted in learning that [redacted] was registered at that place. This information was conveyed telephonically to the Oklahoma City Office, and on the evening of September 14, 1933, the Birmingham Office received a telegram from the Oklahoma City office, advising that a subpoena had been telegraphed direct to [redacted] at the Redmont Hotel, Birmingham, Ala.; further requesting that [redacted] be contacted to insure that arrangements were made for [redacted] obedience of this subpoena, which called for his presence in Oklahoma City on September 18, 1933.

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[redacted] Colt Firearms Company, Redmont Hotel, Birmingham, stated that his first name is not [redacted] and that he is generally known as [redacted]. He advised that he had just received a telegraphic subpoena calling for his appearance in Oklahoma City on September 18, 1933, and that he was arranging his itinerary so that he would be in Oklahoma City as requested. [redacted] at this time, stated that he had no definite recollection of the serial number on the Thompson sub-machine gun that had been shipped to him by [redacted] c/o Wimberly & Thomas Hardware Company, in February of this year, other than that he believes he examined the serial number on this gun, inasmuch as in his position as a gun salesman, he is always interested in serial numbers, because they denote the age of the gun. He said that as he recalls the number of this gun ranged between four and five thousand. He further stated that when he received the package containing the gun at the Rainer Loan Office in New Orleans, La., he noted that [redacted] had written on the outside of the package "One Thompson sub-machine gun"; further that the serial number of the gun was written on the outside of the package. [redacted] also mentioned that he believed that one of the digits in the serial number of the gun was a 4 and another a 7, but that he does not remember the serial number. He further mentioned that

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he has in his possession a memorandum book indicating the date that he was in New Orleans when he received the instant gun, and further the date that he was in Lake Charles, La. when he shipped it to Wolf & Star at Fort Worth, Texas. [REDACTED] stated that he was leaving Birmingham at 10:50 P.M. on the night of September 14, 1933; further that he was to spend a part of September 15, in Memphis, Tenn. where he would contact the York Arms Company, and that on Saturday, September 16th, he would be in Little Rock, Ark., where he could be reached in care of the Bush-Caldwell Company, and he expected to arrive in Oklahoma City on September 17, 1933, where he would stop at the Wells-Roberts Hotel.

[REDACTED] stated that it would be a personal favor to him if when he was used on the witness stand in connection with this case, that his official connection with the Colt Firearms Company not be brought up. He said that he was particularly anxious not to have the name of his company mentioned in this case. and would appreciate any consideration that could be given to him by the U. S. Attorney in this district.

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Dallas, Texas.

September 14, 1933.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

In reply to Division letter of 9/11/33 relative to a letter from the Kansas City office advising the Dallas office that after Marvey Bailey was apprehended a .45 automatic pistol was found in his possession at Ft. Scott, Kansas - apparently smuggled in to him by his attorney.

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This information was received in the Dallas office on 8/30/33 and a copy of said letter given to Special Agent [REDACTED] with instructions to convey the information therein contained to the Sheriff's office, which was done.

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Again, on 9/2/33 when I talked to [REDACTED] in the absence of [REDACTED], this information was repeated to him and suggestion made that Bailey's cell be searched daily.

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With reference to whether Bailey's cell was searched every morning; statements are conflicting - some claim that the cell was searched, but this evidence is not convincing. [REDACTED] states unequivocally that his orders were that such be done. From our investigation it apparently was not done.

Very truly yours,

*F. J. Blake*  
F. J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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GEORGE E. KELLY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1208, KIDNAPING;  
KATHRYN CLEO KELLY, alias MRS. GEORGE KELLY,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1209; et al;  
Charles J. Urschel (Victim).

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Harvey Bailey stayed in Paris, Texas with Bob Brady and others. [redacted] Denton, Texas, gave information regarding [redacted] George Kelly and one Hendricks hung out at Gainesville, Texas several days last winter. George and Kathryn Kelly tried to buy machine guns and clips at Gainesville, Texas. .45 automatic pistol seized from Bailey being traced. [redacted] picked up at Shannon Farm and interviewed. T. W. Maurer reported to be in Chicago. Telephone number Ft. Worth 4-2150, formerly in name of George Kelly. Harvey Bailey escaped from Dallas County Jail September 4, recaptured Ardmore, Oklahoma same day and removed Oklahoma City County Jail. Gay Coleman stated George Kelly and George Bates and Kathryn Kelly came to home of T. M. Coleman at Stratford, Oklahoma, latter part of July, 1933.

REFERENCE:

DETAILS:

Report Special Agent [redacted] Dallas, Texas, dated 9-1-33; telegram from Salt Lake City Division Office to Dallas Division Office, dated Sept. 11, 1933; letter to New York Division Office, dated Dallas, 9-9-33; letter from Chicago Division Office, dated 8-30-33.

DETAILS:

Among the effects of Harvey J. Bailey at the Shannon Farm, there

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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