

owned by Mr. Kraft, President of the Kraft Cheese Company, and that he understands that [REDACTED] will not return to Chicago until the latter part of September.

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Agent interviewed Mr. ERIC SCUDDER, the party referred to by Mr. Jones from the Oklahoma City office as being the inventory of Orange Crush. Mr. Scudder's office is located at 11 East Austin Avenue, Chicago, where he is President of the Citrus Products Company. As previously stated, Mr. Scudder admitted that he was formerly connected with the Orange Crush Company only in the capacity of advertising manager, and that he is not a chemist, and did not invent the drink Orange Crush, stating however, that possibly a great many people think that he invented this drink. Mr. Scudder was also of the opinion that Mr. NEAL S. WARD is the real inventor of this drink. He also stated that possibly [REDACTED] of the Orange Crush Company for a number of years, might be considered as its inventor. He called attention however, to the fact that the drink Orange Crush was copyrighted, and advertised for a number of years as "Ward's Orange Crush". Mr. Scudder outlined to agent the different places he has lived, being unable to recall any of the neighbors that lived next door to his residence at any of the places except those presently residing in the Lake Shore Drive Hotel where he has lived for the past several years. With reference to [REDACTED] he stated that he knew that [REDACTED] at one time lived in the Lake Shore Drive Hotel, but that he was never acquainted with [REDACTED] and he is sure that [REDACTED] was not acquainted with him, and could not have been the party who mentioned having lived next door to the inventor of Orange Crush.

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Since Mr. Neal S. Ward appeared to be the most logical man to be considered as the inventor of Orange Crush, Special Agent (A) [REDACTED] of this office was instructed to proceed to Sault Ste Marie, Canada, for the purpose of interviewing Mr. Ward with reference to this matter. The following is the result of Special Agent [REDACTED] interview with Mr. Ward at Sault Ste Marie: b7C

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Neal C. Ward was interviewed by Agent [REDACTED] at Goulais River, Ontario, Canada, his summer camp on Batchnawana Bay, thirty miles north of Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, on August 11, 1933, at 5 P.M. Mr. Ward is 50 years of age, a chemist, and the inventor of a popular beverage known as "Orange Crush". He perfected the formula in 1913 in Los Angeles, Cal. and started to manufacture the product in Chicago, Illinois in the same year. He employed one [REDACTED] several years later, who is now [REDACTED] of the company which manufactures the product. The Orange Crush Company has since permitted other companies to manufacture Orange Crush and distribute it within limited territories. Mr. Ward is no longer active in the affairs of the company.

Mr. Ward advised that he has lived at the following places:

157 W. Virgil Avenue, Los Angeles, California - from 1910-1918.

LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Ill. from Nov. 1918 until Aug. 1920.

In August, 1920, he married one Mary Cronin, of Janesville Wisconsin, after which they moved to the Somerset (now Copeland) Hotel, Sheridan Road at Argyle Street, Chicago, Illinois, where they lived about three years. In 1923, they moved to an apartment house at 219 Lake Shore Drive, Apt. 8-C, Chicago, Illinois. There was only one other apartment on this floor, using the same elevator. They lived there until June, 1932. In June, 1932, they went to the above described camp in Canada, where they resided until October 1, 1932.

On October 1, 1932, they went to live at 2714 Lombardy St. Memphis, Tennessee, where they lived until on or about June 25, 1933, when they returned to the Canadian Camp, where they have lived since. They will return to Memphis, Tennessee about October 1, 1933.

Mr. Ward advised that he has never lived in Janesville, Wis. at Lake Geneva, or Lake Delavan. He visited at Lake Delavan about one week in 1919.

b7C While in Los Angeles, the only people who lived close to were an Italian named [redacted] (Christian name not known,) and a producer of shows, whose name he does not remember. He considered both of these men very fine gentlemen. While living at the LaSalle and Somerset Hotels, he was there very little, traveling frequently, and was not assigned to the same room when he returned. While living at 219 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, the only people who lived "next door" were [redacted] Contractor, who built the apartment house at 219 Lake Shore Drive, [redacted] and a [redacted] a widow (Christian name unknown). He did not know the other tenant in the house.

While in Memphis, the only people who lived near his residence was a [redacted] a widow, and her two or three grown sons. Mr. Ward knew very little of her family, except that one of the sons worked in a Memphis bank. It was their intention to move in the near future, for the reason that they sold their property. Mr. Ward said he does not believe they knew him as the inventor of Orange Crush.

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Mrs. Ward advised that her brother, [REDACTED] lives next door to her family in Janesville, Wisconsin, and that she and her husband had never lived there, and that she had been there very little since 1920. She knows very little of Janesville.

Mr. Ward advised that he purchased liquor from a bootlegger at the Somerset Hotel. He believed the Mr. Scudder, who directed attention to him in this matter, introduced him to the bootlegger, who also made toys and peddled them as a side line. He gave one to Mr. Ward's daughter, but Mr. Ward cannot remember what it was.

Ward owns 2000 acres in Canada on which he has several cottages. There are no close neighbors. He further advised that it could not have been any of his guests, none of whom had been away from camp sufficient time since they arrived to have participated in the kidnaping of Mr. Urschel, and that most of them are women, who are highly recommended to him. If he can think of anyone whom he has omitted, or who might be the person sought, he will communicate with the Chicago Bureau office.

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On August 4, 1933, communication was received at the Chicago office from [REDACTED] of the Streator National Bank, Streator, Illinois, advising that after receipt of the circular letter with reference to possible exchange of large sums of currency in the denomination of twenty dollar Federal Reserve Bank notes, on July 21, 1933 during the time the Barnett Circus was showing in that town, a man came in and asked if he could exchange some old bills for newer and stiffer currency; that he was told that the bills which would be given him in exchange for those in his possession would not be different from the ones he had, and that consequently they did not handle the currency that he offered; that he seemed to have a large quantity of money in his hand, which if it consisted of bills of twenty dollar denominations, might have amounted to \$1500.00; that this was before the circular letter had been received, and that they had no occasion to pay particular attention to the request; that it was also believed that this man was connected with the Circus. The matter was assigned to Special Agent [REDACTED] who communicated by telephone with [REDACTED] of the above stated bank, who advised him that the unknown man referred to was a stranger to them, and further stated in substance and effect the contents of the letter received from [REDACTED] furnished the following incomplete description of the unknown party:

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Name:	Unknown
Age:	35 or 40 years.
Height:	6 feet
Build:	Good
Mustache or beard:	Thinks he was smooth shaven
Complexion:	Medium
Round full face; poorly dressed.	

This information was furnished by letter to the Oklahoma City office on August 8, 1933.

On August 6, 1933, Mr. Vincent Hughes of the Division telephoned the Chicago office, advising that the Division had received information that on July 5, 1933, an individual giving the name of S.H.PETERS purchased a Cashiers Check at the Hennepin State Bank, Minneapolis, Minn. in the amount of \$1000.00; that the check was made payable to S.H.Peters; that this amount was paid in twenty dollar bills, all of which had been positively identified, and compared with those bills listed as part of the ransom paid in connection with the Urschel kidnaping case at Oklahoma City. The Division requested that all Federal Reserve and member banks in the Chicago district be circularized, advising them of the above mentioned transaction, with the request that in the event this party attempted to cash the aforementioned check at any of their representative banks, they delay this individual and notify the local Police to hold the person, and immediately telephone this office. Accordingly, subsequent to the receipt of the above mentioned telephone call, a telegram was received from the St. Paul office on August 6, 1933, advising that the cashiers check had been issued for S. H. Peters in Minneapolis in the sum of \$1800.00, instead of \$1000.00. A circular letter was immediately drawn up and mimeographed, to be sent to all Federal Reserve Banks and members, in the Seventh Federal Reserve district. However, before these letters were sent out a telegram was received from the St. Paul office on August 7, 1933, advising that the above mentioned cashiers check had been cashed, and it was not necessary to send out the circular letters.

On August 9, 1933, telephonic information was received at this office from Special Agent in Charge Hanni of the St. Paul Division Office, advising that MOSE BARNETT had transported the ransom money paid in this case from Oklahoma City to St. Paul, and that Barnett is known to [REDACTED] in Chicago, and that [REDACTED]

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had previously made investigation for the purpose of apprehending Mose Barnett. The St. Paul office requested that all information possible be obtained from [redacted] regarding Barnett, with a view of causing the apprehension of Barnett as soon as possible. Special Agent [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted] located and interviewed [redacted]. [redacted] stated he has never personally seen Mose Barnett; however he has endeavored to cause his apprehension on several occasions. He advised Agents [redacted] and [redacted] that Barnett has a brother by the name of Louis Barnett, and furnished further information to the effect that he believed Barnett had swindled certain individuals out of a large sum of money at Reno, Nevada a few years ago. He further stated that the mother of Louis and Mose Barnett was at one time visiting with one [redacted] whom [redacted] believed to be the wife of the brother of [redacted] who was the pay-off man in the [redacted] kidnaping case. Agents [redacted] and [redacted] were also informed as to certain hotels in Chicago where Barnett is known to have resided. It will suffice to say that a complete check at these hotels was made by the writer and Special Agent [redacted] but no information of interest could be obtained as to Mose Barnett. During the course of this inquiry Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] also obtained photographs of Barnett from the Chicago Detective Bureau, and a large number of letters with reference to Barnett contained in the files there. Photostatic copies of these letters and the photograph of Barnett were made at this office, and will be retained in the Chicago file in the event same are needed at any time. By reason of the fact that subsequently this office was advised that it was not believed that Barnett was involved in this case, no further investigation was conducted, and it is not deemed necessary to dwell further on this matter.

Subsequent to the circularization of the banks in connection with the matter, information was received from the American National Bank of Chicago, that one [redacted] on August 1, 1933, had presented a number of Federal Reserve notes at that bank. Special Agent (A) [redacted] was assigned to make a comparison of the numbers of the \$20.00 Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank notes with those deposited by [redacted] in the above mentioned bank. Agent [redacted] advises that this comparison indicated that the Federal Reserve notes were not a part of the ransom money paid by Urschel.

On August 7, 1933, a communication was received from [redacted] of the Bankers Trust Company Bank, Des Moines, Iowa, in which he listed the numbers shown on certain twenty dollar Federal Reserve bank notes of the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank, received there from one [redacted]. These numbers furnished by [redacted] were

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checked with the list of currency used in the Urschel case and it was found that none of the numbers shown on the currency received at the above mentioned bank compared with the numbers on the currency in the Urschel case.

On August 10, 1933, a letter was received from the Oklahoma City office, advising that on July 19, 1933, a telegram had been sent from Chicago, Illinois to R. G. Shannon, Paradise, Texas, reading as follows:

"Waiting for call." - signed "Lang".

The letter further stated that apparently the Chicago office of the Western Union wired the operator at Paradise to have Shannon reply quickly, for the following was sent:

"Yours 19th date R.G.Shannon signed Lang called on Shannon for QA" (evidently meaning -quick answer) "promised answer as soon as he can get details Paradise Texas".

On July 19, 1933, another telegram signed Lang was addressed to R.G.Shannon at Paradise, Texas, containing the message:

"Details by airmail souvenirs by express at once".

On June 15, 1933, at Denver, Colorado, a telegram had been addressed to R. G. Shannon, R.F.D. Phone 1606F11, Paradise, Texas, the message being:

"Message just received delayed account address impossible for me to make trip at once anyway waiting word from Chicago regarding finances write me same address give full particulars if and when drilling is/start"- signed "George".

Another telegram dated May 15, 1933, from Paradise, Texas, addressed to L. E. Lang, State Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, read:

"Will call Tuesday night 8.30 after seeing Davis" - signed "Shannon".



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This office was requested to make efforts to identify Lang and secure as much information as possible concerning him. The writer interviewed [redacted] the Western Union office located at 427 South LaSalle St. He was requested to make a search of their records for the above mentioned telegram sent from Chicago to Shannon at Paradise, Texas, signed Lang. As a result of his search [redacted] advised that the only telegram they could locate in their files was the one sent to R. G. Shannon on July 19, 1933, the message being "Waiting for call". This message had been written on a blank sheet of white paper, and not the regular Western Union message blank. This piece of white paper was subsequently pasted to a regular message blank by the Western Union company. [redacted] furnished this message to the writer for the purpose of having same photostated. He further stated that he had ascertained that this message had been sent from the Western Union station at 818 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago. [redacted] stated that a check at that station had developed that a relief employee had handled this particular message, and that he had questioned this employee subsequently, who stated that he could not recall the transaction at all; that he is positive he would not be able to identify a photograph of the man who sent it, and that he did not remember anything at all about it. It was therefore deemed unnecessary to make further inquiry of this individual in connection with this matter. [redacted] also advised that they would not have a record of the service message that was sent from Chicago to the Western Union office in Paradise, Texas since no record is kept of such service messages. He further stated that a thorough search of their records failed to disclose the message sent on July 19, 1933, to Shannon at Paradise, Texas, reading "Details by airmail souvenirs by express", signed "Lang". As previously stated, photostatic copies of the message that was located were made, and copies are being forwarded with this report to the Oklahoma City office. By Referring to the Chicago City Directory it was learned that only one [redacted] resides in Chicago, this party being named [redacted] and is listed as residing at [redacted]. Further investigation of this person developed that [redacted] of the Guston Printing Company located at 552 West Adams Street, Chicago. Inquiry at the Guston Printing Company developed that [redacted] has not been employed there since about the first of this year, and that [redacted].

At that address agent interviewed [redacted] who stated that he has lived in Chicago practically all of his life and for a number of years was employed [redacted] of the Guston Printing Company, and that since the first of this year he has [redacted]. He was questioned as to any knowledge he might have of R. G. Shannon, George Kelly, Albe Bates, and others mentioned in connection with this case, but denied any knowledge of them at all. It was then explained to [redacted] that telegraph

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had been sent from Chicago to R. G. Shannon at Paradise, Texas, signed Lang and that since a telegram had been sent from Paradise, Texas, to an individual by the name of L. E. Lang at the State Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, it was naturally believed that since the initials of the party who sent the telegram were L. E. Lang, it appeared that he [redacted] was the only [redacted] in Chicago. As a result of this information [redacted] stated that while he was employed with the Guston Printing Company there was also employed there for a time an individual by the name of [redacted]; that after [redacted] was dismissed from the Guston Printing Company, he believes [redacted] on several occasions, used his [redacted] name for the purpose of forging checks etc. He stated that he knows of no other [redacted] and that he knows no one else who has ever used his name. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was not of the hardened criminal type at all, and that to his knowledge he was not the type of person who would be involved in criminal activities of great importance. He further stated that he knows that [redacted] is a printer by trade and that he also worked at other printing companies after the termination of his employment with the Guston Printing Company, stating that he worked for the Empire Poster Printing Company, and that he was also known to a [redacted] who is connected with the Daniel J. Ryan company, manufacturers of printing and lithographic inks.

At the Empire Printing Company agent interviewed [redacted] who stated that [redacted] had until about two or three years ago been employed by that company; that he has not seen him since that time and knows nothing about his present whereabouts. He stated that he was of the opinion that [redacted] was a member of the Franklin Printers Union, No. 4, 566 W. Washington St., Chicago, Illinois. He also stated that [redacted], was acquainted with [redacted]. [redacted] also stated that he knows that [redacted] frequently borrowed different sums of money from the employees of this company and refused to repay them on several occasions, but other than that he was not acquainted with any criminal activities of this person.

At [redacted] agent interviewed [redacted] who stated that about four months ago he saw [redacted] at the corner of State and Randolph St. in Chicago, at which time [redacted] was wearing a gray suit and a light Fedora hat; that [redacted] at that time owed him some money, and evidently did not desire to talk with him because after seeing him he soon walked away. He stated he has no idea where [redacted] can be located, and the only way he came in contact with [redacted] was that [redacted] while employed by the Empire Printing Company, frequently took meals at his restaurant.

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At the Franklin Printers Union No. 4, 565 West Washington Street, agent was informed by [REDACTED] of that Union, that their records reflect that one [REDACTED] applied for a membership in that Union on January 19, 1920, at which time he made a deposit of \$15.00 on the initial payment of \$20.00; that he was not at that time granted his membership, and that by reason of the fact that he did not pay the remaining \$5.00 due he was at no time granted a membership in that Union; that their records do not contain any address given by [REDACTED] because of the fact that he was never a member. By reason of the fact that no information could be obtained as to where [REDACTED] could be located, no further investigation with reference to this individual was conducted.

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On August 14, 1933, a telegram was received at this office from the Division, instructing this office to immediately release to all law enforcement officials, information contained in the Division's letter of August 13th, regarding Bates and Kelly, including description of cars and persons. In accordance therewith a telegram was immediately dispatched to [REDACTED] Acting Immigration Inspector in Charge, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, Canada, reading as follows:

"Watch for Sixteen cylinder blue black Cadillac Sedan Ohio license plates six nine one dash nine six five driven by George R. Kelly age thirty five Height five feet nine and one half inches hundred seventy seven pounds grey or blue eyes dark brown hair ruddy complexion muscular build probably accompanied by two men and one woman apprehend and notify Division of Investigation United States Department of Justice Nineteen hundred Bankers Building Chicago Illinois"

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A memorandum in the file dated August 14, 1933, by Special Agent [REDACTED] states that immediately upon receipt of the above mentioned Division telegram he called the supervisor of the radio broadcasting department, Chicago Detective Bureau, furnishing a description of both Kelly and Bates as well as a description of the Cadillac sedan with its license number, and requested that these descriptions be placed on the air over the Police radio immediately, which was done. This broadcast instructed that these individuals be arrested and held for the Chicago office.

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Agent [REDACTED] memorandum further states that mimeograph circular letters containing the same descriptive data were sent to all law enforcement officials in this territory on that date.

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On August 15, 1933, a telegram was received from Denver, Colorado, having been sent by Special Agent in Charge J. A. Dowd, advising of the arrest of ALBERT BATES in Denver, and that Bates was a friend of George Kelly, and was also a friend of one E. W. BENTZ, the latter being wanted at Fort Worth, Texas, for "jumping" bond; also that Kelly was last reported traveling in a Cadillac Sedan Motor 1400263, blue black in color, with a trunk on the rear, bearing Ohio license 619165, or Texas license F24752, and was accompanied by two women and an unknown man; that the latter party was possibly E. W. Bentz; that Bentz is reported to have a brother by the name of George Bentz, in Chicago, with a reported address of 7124 Belden Avenue, and 5519 Blackstone Avenue; also 4706 Winthrop Avenue had been given by Bentz as addresses in Chicago at one time. This telegram suggested that this office endeavor to locate the brother of Bentz and through him locate E. W. Bentz, and George Kelly, also suggesting that this information concerning Kelly and Bentz be furnished the City and State Police; also requesting that this officere lay this information to the St. Paul office. Accordingly the information contained in this telegram was relayed to the St. Paul office immediately. The data contained in this telegram was also immediately furnished to the City and State Police on August 15, 1933.

On August 15, 1933, Special Agent in Charge Keith of the Washington Field office called from the Salt Lake City office, advising that [redacted] an agent with the American Railway Express Company in Chicago, was at that time enroute to Denver, to interview Albert Bates; that George Kelly and Bates and E. W. Bentz had been inseparable in crime for the past two years, and that the American Railway Express Company at Chicago had a skeleton file on E. W. Bentz who might be the second unknown man wanted in the Urschel kidnaping case; further that E. W. Bentz has brother named George Bentz, who supposedly is all right, and resides at 7124 Belden Avenue, Chicago; that in 1931 Bentz was arrested at Chicago under the name J. W. Bentz at which time he gave his address as 6519 Blackstone Avenue; that in 1932 he was again arrested at which time he gave his address as 4706 Winthrop Ave. Mr. Keith suggested that this office communicate with the Chief Special Agent of the American Railway Express Company immediately with a view of obtaining the most recent address of Bates, Kelly and Bentz, inasmuch as they might be hideouts for the gang in the vicinity of Chicago.

Special Agent [redacted] b7C of this office was assigned to handle this particular matter, and the substance of his investigation will be set out subsequently in this report.

Also on August 15, 1933 communication was received from [redacted] of the Hudson State Bank, Hudson, Iowa, listing the numbers of certain Federal Reserve Notes in the denomination of \$20.00 which had been presented at that bank subsequent to the receipt of the circular letter from this office. These numbers were compared by Special Agent [redacted] of this office with the numbers of the currency used in this case, but were not identified as any of the numbers of the currency in question.

On the afternoon of August 12, 1933, Assistant Director Harold Nathan called this office from the St. Paul office advising that George R. Kelly on August 4, 1933, wrote a letter from St. Paul, Minnesota, and on August 7, wrote another letter from Madison, Wisconsin, at which time he was enroute to Indianapolis, Indiana, driving the same sixteen cylinder Cadillac Sedan previously mentioned, bearing Ohio license plates 691-965; that he might possibly stop at Chicago and was probably traveling with his wife; that he is a heavy drinker and spender, is a criminal, and positively dangerous. Mr. Nathan requested that this office make efforts to locate Kelly in the event he was in the vicinity of Chicago. Ten agents were immediately assigned to check various areas of the city, and the automobiles parked in the vicinity of the Worlds Fair, on the afternoon and night of August 12, 1933. However, no car bearing the above mentioned license numbers or answering the description of Kelly's car was located. On August 13, 1933, about 5 P.M. Assistant Director Nathan called again from the St. Paul office advising Special Agent in Charge Larson at Detroit had ascertained that a man and woman, later identified as George Kelly and his wife, had posed as Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Shannon at which time they purchased a blue black Cadillac Sedan through the Cleveland, Ohio agency, about two months previous, and that they owed \$1600.00 on the car; that on August 9, 1933, Kelly and this woman again appeared at Cleveland at which time they paid the indebtedness of \$1600.00, and that during the conversation with the Cadillac agent the woman intimated that she and her husband might return to Chicago, the following day, after which she would proceed to Paradise, Texas, by plane, to visit her mother who was very ill. Mr. Nathan suggested that this office check the airports records for departures, to ascertain if the woman had gone to Texas as indicated. From the location of Paradise, Texas it was assumed that she would purchase a ticket to Dallas or Fort Worth, Texas. The following is the substance of memorandum of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 15, 1933, which reports the result of surveillance at the airport during the period that it was expected that possibly Mrs. Kelly might depart enroute to Paradise, Texas:

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Agent [redacted] and Agent [redacted] proceeded to the Municipal Airport, Chicago. It had previously been ascertained that the Braniff, the United and the American Air Ways have regular plane routes to Dallas and Fort Worth. The schedules were obtained and it was ascertained that only one plane would leave later, being a Braniff plane, which departed at 9.15 P.M. standard time. Through [redacted] in charge of the records at the Municipal Airport, the records of all passengers for August were checked, which failed to disclose that Kelly and his wife, under names or aliases, had purchased passage to Dallas, Fort Worth or elsewhere. A surveillance of the airport on Sunday night disclosed that no woman rode the Braniff plane leaving at 9.15.

It was also learned, through Special Agent in Charge Purvis, that Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George Davis, alias George Harris, alias James C. King alias Roy Harris alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes, might accompany Kelly. Bates was described as being 39 years of age, weight 170 pounds, height five feet 11 inches, build slim, hair light, eyes blue, and probably had a silver plate in his shoulder. The name of Bates and his known aliases likewise was checked, without obtaining any information regarding him.

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Agent [redacted] and Agent [redacted] were joined by Special Agent in Charge Purvis, Agents [redacted] and [redacted] who assisted in keeping the surveillance. In view of the fact that Kelly and his wife proceeded to Cleveland, it was believed that they might have purchased air passage through this point and accordingly, on Monday, August 14th, 1933, Special Agent in Charge Larson of Detroit called, stating he had been unable to check the American Air Line records at Cleveland, in view of the fact that the records were mailed daily to Chicago. Special Agent in Charge Larson advised that Kelly was wearing octagon shaped rimless glasses, and he and his wife were also known as Ora L. Shannon, although they had registered as Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon in Cleveland, and requested that this office endeavor to obtain the American Air Line records here. Agents [redacted] and [redacted] were assigned to check American Air Line records at 310 South Michigan Boulevard, Chicago.

Agents [redacted] and [redacted] continued surveillance at the airport throughout the day until the plane departed at 4.45 P.M. at which time they made arrangements through the airport authorities for this office to be notified immediately in the event Kelly and Bates, with aliases, or Mrs. Kelly, should procure passage.

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On August 14, 1933, Mr. Nathan again called from St. Paul stating that Kelly alias Shannon is approximately 35 years old but looks some three or four years older, and the woman, although approximately 28 years old, looks as though she were 34 years of age. He also stated that Kelly was wearing octagon rimless glasses and his wife was wearing a large Martin diamond dinner ring.

Special Agent in Charge Larson of Detroit called again on August 14th stating that Mrs. George R. Kelly alias Mrs. R. G. Shannon also uses the name Ora L. Shannon, Dolores Whitney, Dolores Cannon, Catherine Thorne; that the Cadillac in question has a big black trunk on the rear. Kelly alias Shannon is described as being from 28 to 34 years of age, height five feet nine inches, weight 145 or more, dark hair. All of the above information was furnished to the agents at the airport as received, with instructions to maintain a close watch on any person suspected.

On August 15, 1933, Special Agent in Charge Larson in Detroit called stating that the Cadillac salesman at Cleveland recalled that Kelly mentioned being interested in gambling and made reference to Milwaukee and the Cadillac agent noted Kelly had a big roll of money, some of which was ten and twenty dollar bills. Available information was furnished Agent [redacted] at Milwaukee with instructions to check through the known gambling houses and also to broadcast regarding the description of the car and occupants in this case. Special Agent in Charge Larson advised that the Cadillac salesman also recalled that Kelly may have made the remark that he could probably be reached at the Stevens Hotel; that a telegram addressed to R. G. Shannon care of the Cadillac Motor Sales Co. Cleveland, Ohio on August 8th contained a message to communicate with him at Box 631. The telegram was sent from Minneapolis, Minnesota, but apparently the St. Paul office was unable to identify Box 631. In this connection Special Agent in Charge Larson suggested that it might refer to P.O. Box 631 at Chicago, or might refer to Room 631 at the Stevens Hotel.

Agent [redacted] immediately checked P.O. Box 631, ascertaining that it was empty and has been vacant for the past year, and also ascertained that there is no room 631 at the Stevens Hotel; that it would be practically impossible to obtain accommodations at the Stevens without first making reservations, due to the immense crowds that are registering there while visiting the World's Fair.

Agent [redacted] checked the larger loop hotels and other probable places where Kelly alias Shannon may have registered, without obtaining appreciable results.

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On August 15 the St. Paul office telephoned Special Agent in Charge Purvis, referring to the telegram from Minneapolis dated August 8, 1933, which is mentioned in a letter received from the Detroit office under date of August 14, 1933, and requested that a Minneapolis attorney, who is now in Chicago be located and interviewed. Agent [REDACTED] was assigned to handle this lead.

Special Agent in Charge Blake of the Dallas office, called on the afternoon of August 15, 1933, after reading press reports to the effect that Verne Miller and George R. Kelly were located in the northwest section of Chicago, and asking for verification of this report. Special Agent in Charge Blake also advised that one Catherine Moore, which is another alias of Mrs. Kelly, forwarded a telegram from Davenport, Iowa August 11th, 1933, to Louise Clark, Dallas, Texas, telling her to proceed to Des Moines Hotel at Des Moines, Iowa, by plane; that Louise Clark departed from Dallas by plane August 12th, 1933. Special Agent in Charge Blake was advised that the newspaper reports were erroneous, regarding Verne Miller and George R. Kelly, having arisen due to an exhaustive investigation being made in another case.

At the down-town offices of the American Air Lines, the writer ascertained from the manager of that office that Mrs. Kelly had not purchased, under that name or any of her known aliases, transportation over that line to Dallas or Fort Worth, Texas during the period from August 9, through August 13, 1933.

The following is the substance of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent [REDACTED] of this office, reporting the result of a surveillance maintained at the airport at a different time from that reported in the memorandum of Special Agent [REDACTED]. The substance of same is similar to that of the memorandum of Special Agent [REDACTED] although it covers a different period of time:

On Monday morning Agents [REDACTED] and Agent [REDACTED] went to the Municipal Airport and remained there all during the day until the departure of the 4.45 P.M. plane, on August 14th, and observed all persons departing on plans leaving for Dallas and Fort Worth, without noting any person answering the descriptions of R.G. Shannon or his wife.

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On August 15, 1933, a telegram was received from the Dallas office to the effect that the blue black sedan (Cadillac) previously bearing Ohio license plates, might be carrying Texas license F24-752, and that Kelly was probably accompanied by another man and two women. This information was immediately broadcast over the Chicago Police Radio. On August 16, 1933, a telegram was received from the Salt Lake City office, advising that the local papers carried a report of the apprehension of George Kelly at Chicago, and requesting to be telegraphically advised as to the authenticity of this report. It was ascertained by the writer at the Chicago Detective Bureau that Kelly was not in custody in Chicago and the Salt Lake City office was immediately notified by wire to this effect.

On August 15, 1933, a telephone call was received from the St. Paul office to the effect that a telegram was sent to Cleveland, Ohio, addressed to R. G. Shannon in care of the Cadillac Motor Sales Company on August 8, the telegram stating that "the deal has fallen through Jack and Tom have left town communicate with me Box 631", signed "George", and that the party sending this telegram might be George Bates or George Kelly; further that it was possible that one [redacted] at Minneapolis, might have sent the wire from that point, and that [redacted] was at that time in Chicago, Illinois and could be located at the Palmer House Hotel or the Central Supply Company. The writer made inquiry at the Palmer House Hotel, where it was learned that [redacted] was not registered, but through the Central Supply Company it was ascertained that [redacted] was registered at the Bismark Hotel, and he was interviewed at that point by the writer. He advised that he was in Chicago for the purpose of attending a convention of plumbing supply dealers, and that he was accompanied by his wife, his brother and his son. [redacted] stated that the nature of his business in Minneapolis is [redacted] and that he also engages occasionally in the practice of law, but to a very limited extent only. He was questioned relative to his knowledge of a telegram being sent to Cleveland, Ohio addressed to R. G. Shannon in care of the Cadillac Motor Sales Company, and stated that he could not recall having wired anyone in Cleveland, Ohio recently, and that he is not acquainted with anyone by the name of R. G. Shannon or George Kelly. Continuing [redacted] stated that the only telegrams he sends out are in connection with his business and that he had not sent any telegrams for a client of his with reference to legal matters for quite a while. [redacted] was of course quite curious to know why it was believed that he had sent above mentioned telegram to Cleveland and stated he could be relied upon to contact someone at the St. Paul Division office with reference to this matter when he returned to his home, which he expected to do on the afternoon August 16, 1933. A photograph of George Kelly was displayed to [redacted]

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but he was unable to identify same as being anyone known to him. [redacted] gave as his residence at Minneapolis [redacted] his office being located at [redacted] The St. Paul office was immediately advised of this, and it was suggested that if deemed necessary they re-interview [redacted] upon his return to his home.

As previously stated, the matter of interviewing the Chief Special Agent of the American Railway Express Company was assigned for investigation by Special Agent [redacted]. The following is the substance of memorandum submitted in this connection by Agent [redacted]

Agent Mullen contacted [redacted] Chief Special Agent of the Railway Express Agency, in connection with this matter, and he advised that his office had no file on Bentz, but that he was sure that [redacted] a Special Agent of the American Express Company located in the Garland Building, Room 1802, Chicago, would have a file on Bentz.

Accordingly, accompanied by [redacted] agent proceeded to the office of [redacted] and there met Special Agent [redacted] who stated that they had quite a file on not only E. W. Bentz, but also on various members of that gang of which A. L. Bates was a member. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was absent from the city and was due to return to Chicago on August 17th. [redacted] stated that the arrest of A. L. Bates occurred in the following manner: Several days previous, while he, [redacted] was enroute from Omaha, Nebraska to Denver, Colorado, he recognized A. L. Bates from a picture, Bates being a passenger in the same coach; that upon arriving in Denver he caused the apprehension of A. L. Bates to be made. [redacted] stated that the gang of which Bates and Bentz are members is composed of the following:

\*A. L. Bates alias J. F. Hughes alias Bernard McLaughlin  
alias Albert Harris alias James King  
Edward Bentz  
Theodore (Ted) Bentz  
Mrs. E. R. Ronaldson, wife of Ed Bentz  
\*Mrs. George Hurtienne alias Mrs. Clara Feldman,  
sweetheart of Bates.

[redacted] San Francisco, California  
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\* The asterik in front of the above mentioned names indicates those who received or had authority to receive mail through Post Office Box 2565, Denver, Colorado, which is said to be rented in the name of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

With respect to Bates, he gave the following addresses at various times:

1012 Linden Avenue, c/o D. L. Broadwell, Chicago  
c/o George Bentz, 7124 Belden Avenue Chicago.  
A Lansing, Michigan circular also gave his address as 5519 Blackstone Avenue, Chicago.

With respect to Edward Bentz, the following addresses were obtained from [REDACTED] b7C b7D

Edward Bentz lived at 820 Grant Avenue, Tacoma, Washington in December of 1931; Mrs. Frank Kellar, sister of Edward Bentz, lives at 816 Grant Avenue, Tacoma, Washington; George Bentz, a brother, lives at 7124 Belden Avenue, Chicago.

At that time Bentz' brothers, both Ed and Ted, and members of that gang stayed at or received calls through the Ambassador Hotel at San Francisco.

On December 23, 1931, the following were arrested at the St. Francis Hotel, 816 Union Street, Seattle, Washington: Ed Bentz, Mrs. E.R. Ronaldson, Ann Galloway ("Mrs. Ted Bentz"), Robert Edward Dunn, Thomas Spencer Flanders and Ernest Robert Johnstone, all of whom were released after questioning.

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The following information was also furnished by [REDACTED]

In January of 1932 Edward Bentz had two trunks shipped from the Kane Storage Warehouse, 2034 Linden Avenue, Chicago, to [REDACTED] General Delivery, Tacoma, Washington. On January 20, 1932, Edward Bentz hired [REDACTED] Maywood, Illinois to ship a package to [REDACTED], c/o American Express, Oakland, California, said to contain guns. Edward Bentz took delivery and the package was supposed to be in storage in some hotel in Sacramento.

[REDACTED] Bentz brothers is said to run a sporting house in San Francisco.

Edward Bentz is reported to have married [REDACTED] South Milwaukee, Wisconsin and at the present time according to [REDACTED] this house is being kept under surveillance by the South Milwaukee Police. Edward Bentz and Bates probably hang out at 1724 South Burlington Avenue, Los Angeles, California. [REDACTED] further advised that their files further showed that A. L. Bates as well as Edward Bentz stopped at 4706 Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, as well as at the University Hotel, located at 5519 Blackstone Avenue, Chicago.

With respect to Bates, he at one time corresponded with one [REDACTED] a waitress at a German-Swedish restaurant, 5500 Harper Avenue, and who lived at [REDACTED] Chicago. [REDACTED] now in the Joliet, Illinois Penitentiary on a charge of bank robbery, is a friend of Bates. [REDACTED] alias [REDACTED] is also a friend of Bates and Bates is said to have a sister living in Dequoin, Illinois and a brother Carl Bates living at Highland, Illinois.

[REDACTED] furnished agent with photographs of both Edward Bentz and his brother Ted Bentz, both of which are on file at this office, advising that Edward Bentz used the following aliases: E. R. Donaldson, Ned Dewey, Fred Williams, Miles Danaucher, Jack C. Kearns, J. F. Hughes, E. R. Richards, Francis A. Beckman; that he was 38 to 39 years of age, height 5 feet 10½ inches, eyes grayish blue, and hair brown; has a scar over his left eye.

Agent accompanied by Special Agent [REDACTED] proceeded to 7124 Belden Avenue, for the purpose of interviewing George Bentz, the brother of Eddie Bentz, and there was advised by [REDACTED] who

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is the [redacted] of Mrs. George Bentz, that both Mr. and Mrs. George Bentz were out of town and would be away for about a week or ten days; that she could not give their destination and that she was not sure whether or not her husband, Albert Hill, who is employed at the Humboldt Station of the Illinois Emergency Relief, knew exactly where they were.

Agent [redacted] then proceeded to 4706 Winthrop Avenue and there ascertained that that address is a rooming house known as the White Bear Lodge, and there interviewed [redacted]. She stated that she has been [redacted]

[redacted] nor could she identify subject's picture as being anyone who had resided there.

Agent [redacted] and Agent [redacted] then proceeded to the real estate office of [redacted] Chicago, who advised that the [redacted] until [redacted] White Bear Lodge was under the management of a [redacted] July of 1932, when it was necessary for [redacted]. He did not

recall subject under any of his names, but upon being shown the photograph of subject recognized it immediately as being that of an individual that he had seen pass his office on several occasions, but he stated that was over a year ago.

At the suggestion of Agents [redacted] and [redacted] called on [redacted] and [redacted] and all of these individuals identified the picture of Bentz as being that of a party whom they had all done work for or had seen in the neighborhood. They stated however, that they had not seen him for at least a year or a little longer. All of these individuals promised to notify [redacted] with whom the telephone number of the Chicago office was left. [redacted] promised to notify the Chicago office in the event subject is noticed at any time in that vicinity.

Agents [redacted] and [redacted] also stopped at [redacted] Chicago, for the purpose of interviewing one [redacted] who was thought to possibly be a relative of subject. Upon arriving at that address it was ascertained that the [redacted] family had moved at [redacted] telephone [redacted]

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Upon proceeding to that address it was ascertained that they are in no way related to subject and they were unable to offer any information concerning him or his whereabouts.

Agents then proceeded to 5519 Blackstone Avenue, Chicago, which is the address of the University Hotel and there interviewed [redacted]. [redacted] stated after an examination of [redacted] guest records, that no one by the name of subject or any of his aliases was stopping at the hotel and further [redacted] was unable to locate where subject Bentz under the name of Hughes or any of his aliases had ever stopped there, regardless of the fact that information contained in the memorandum referred to sets out that J. F. Hughes was arrested in 1932 by the Chicago Police Department, at which time he gave his address as 5519 Blackstone Avenue. [redacted] stated [redacted] did have a [redacted] who was stopping there, and while talking to Agents, this [redacted] appeared and it was discovered that he in no way answered the description of or looked like subject Bentz.

Agents [redacted] and [redacted] then called at the Humboldt Park Station of the Illinois Emergency Relief located at 2926 West North Avenue, and there interviewed [redacted] who stated that Mr. and Mrs. George Bentz left Chicago Monday of that week, their destination being unknown to him, claiming that he did not know their address or where they could be reached; that when he returned home from work he had received word that a friend of the Bentz' had died, and that they would be away for about a week or ten days. He claimed that neither Mr. Bentz nor his mother, Mrs. Bentz, gave their destination, and that they requested that he, [redacted] and his wife occupy the Bentz home for about a week until they return. [redacted] insisted that he could not give any information additional to that stated above concerning the whereabouts of George Bentz.

A search of the records of the Identification Division of the Chicago Police Department revealed that subject Bentz had been arrested on October 11, 1921 on general principles and released by officers [redacted] and [redacted] both of whom are now lieutenants attached to the Chicago Police Department, lieutenant [redacted] being attached to the first precinct and Lieutenant [redacted] being attached to the Austin district. It was also ascertained that subject Bentz has the following record:

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As Jack C. Kearns, St. Louis, 12/11/20, sus. Yeggman, 12/29/20 fined \$100.00 - Idling.

As Ned Newey, Detroit, Mich., 1/28/22, sentenced larceny charge 2/6/22 to Jackson, Mich. 1½ to 5 years, Penn. #1413; As Ed W. Bentz sentenced Monroe, Wash. 1 to 5 years, Refr. #6373, transferred 1/27/12 to Walla Walla, Wash., Penn. #614, con game and attempted escape. Paroled 7/10/13; discharged 1/1/14;

As Edw. Bentz sentenced 1/6/17 to 18 mo. to 20 yrs. Walla Walla, Wash. Penn. #8202 - forgery from Tacoma, Wash., paroled 7/24/18. Returned violation parole 12/2/18; -re-paroled 7/18/20;

As Arthur Desmond, arrested Kansas City, Mo. 2/12/21, impersonating Police Officer;

As Miles Dannecher arrested Vancouver, B.C. 8/18/20, larceny, burglary - escaped from city jail 8/20/20. Wanted.

As Fred R. Thompson arrested 1/22/22; bond forfeited;

As Ned R. Dewey arrested Aurora, Ill. 6/20/24, burglary and larceny;

As Francis Dewey, sentenced 9/2/25, Waupun, Wis.

As Edw. Bentz, #16712, burglary from Waukeshaw County

As Edw. Bentz, arrested on 12/18/31, Seattle, Wash.

As Edw. Bentz, arrested in Ft. Worth, Tex. 11/7/32, as fugitive bank robber for Colfax, Wash. and Blue Ridge, Texas.

Further notations on the record of Bentz show that he is at present wanted by Lieutenant [redacted] of the Chicago Police Department, who is on furlough; that in 1922 he was also wanted by Lieutenant [redacted] and [redacted]. Upon interviewing Lieutenant [redacted] he advised that he did not at that time recall in just what connection subject was wanted, but that it was possible it was in connection with a confidence game, as in 1922 both himself and [redacted] were working on such a matter, and that it was very possible that they had received a complaint from someone in connection therewith.

On August 18, 1933, information was received by this office to the effect that [redacted] of the Hotel Commodore, 5547 Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, had a party named [redacted] supposedly from Lima, Ohio registered at that hotel; that he was driving a 16 cylinder Cadillac car with an Indiana license plate and that he had remained at that hotel for nine days; that [redacted] always went in and out the back door, and that it was possible that [redacted] might be the party wanted in connection with the Urschel kidnaping.

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Special Agent [REDACTED] was instructed to investigate this matter, who obtained the following information:

[REDACTED] of the Commodore Hotel advised that his records disclosed that [REDACTED] and wife and son registered at that hotel at 11.55 P.M. on July 31, 1933. At the time of the registration [REDACTED] gave his address as Lima, Ohio, and intimated that he had just driven to Chicago in his Cadillac V sixteen cylinder sedan. [REDACTED] stated that on the afternoon of the following day [REDACTED] asked him for a \$5.00 loan, claiming at the time that he was short of money, and that he was expecting a large check from an out of town bank, which he had not as yet received. He stated that [REDACTED] on several occasions subsequent to this incident borrowed small sums of money from him, and that he later introduced him to an elderly gentleman whom he [REDACTED] stated was Mr. F. W. Maurer of Dallas, Maurer not being registered at that hotel. [REDACTED] further advised that Brent was out of the city a great portion of the time that he was registered at that hotel, and that during his absence Mr. Maurer would visit [REDACTED] almost daily, and according to [REDACTED] he had not seen [REDACTED] himself until August 9, at which time they asked him for his room rent, and [REDACTED] informed him he had just returned from an out of town trip and was low on funds, but advised that Maurer, previously mentioned, owed him a certain amount of money, and asked [REDACTED] if he would be willing to accept Maurer's check for fifty dollars as payment for the rent. [REDACTED] stated he communicated with the First National Bank of Dallas, Texas, that evening, inquiring as to the financial condition of Mr. Maurer at that bank, and was advised that his check was O.K.; that accordingly he accepted as payment of [REDACTED] rent, a check made payable to [REDACTED] by Maurer, and endorsed to the hotel for fifty dollars, this check being drawn on the First National Bank of Dallas and that after [REDACTED] had checked out of the hotel he was notified by the bank at Dallas that payment on the check had been stopped. [REDACTED] further advised Agent [REDACTED] that immediately after he accepted Maurer's check for \$50.00, [REDACTED] told him he was checking out of the hotel that morning, and that for that reason he became somewhat suspicious of both [REDACTED] and Maurer and instructed the bell boy to get the license number of [REDACTED] car; that the bell boy, who gave his name as Ralph Olson, reported that the Cadillac V 16 bore 1933 Indiana license plates 418-789. Agent [REDACTED] exhibited to the employees of the Commodore Hotel photograph of George Kelly, Theodore Bentz, Edward Bentz, Albert Bates, Mrs. George Kelly alias Katherine Thorne and Dick Galatas, whereupon employees of that hotel indicated that the photograph of subject Kelly closely resembled that of the man whom they had known as [REDACTED] and that the same employees positively identified the photograph of [REDACTED] as that of F. W. Maurer. Accordingly, the Dallas office

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was requested to immediately ascertain the activities of F. W. Maurer and a subsequent report from that office indicates that Maurer is not [REDACTED]

The Cincinnati office was on August 19, 1933, requested to ascertain to whom Indiana license 418-789 was issued, and this office was advised by the Cincinnati office on the same day that the above mentioned license plates had been issued to [REDACTED] Fort Wayne Indiana, for an Overland touring car model 1917, engine number A13711; that the license plates had been issued on June 8, 1933.

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Telephonic communications were then had with Officer [REDACTED] of the Fort Wayne Police Department, who was requested to ascertain all information possible as to [REDACTED] Fort Wayne, Indiana. Officer [REDACTED] later called this office on the same date advising that [REDACTED] had resided at the above address for only a short time, and had moved without leaving a forwarding address or any information as to her present whereabouts; that inquiry in the vicinity of that address disclosed that she was unknown to the neighbors. He also stated that reference to their records indicated that the above mentioned Indiana license plates had been issued to [REDACTED] for 1917 Overland touring car.

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On August 18, 1933, a telegram was received from the Oklahoma City office, advising that Bates, when arrested, had a Buick Victoria coupe motor number 2823917 bearing Colorado license 1-65483 in his possession, and that a wash ticket was found in the car dated July 25, 1933, from the 15th Street Auto Laundry, 15th and Davis Streets, telephone Broadway 2515; that the city was unknown; that the ticket number was 58215, and that it was indicated that this Buick with the above license was washed there on that date at a cost of \$1.25; that it was believed this auto laundry was possibly located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and this office was requested to check immediately. Agent [REDACTED] of this office was subsequently advised by the long distance telephone operator at Milwaukee, that there is no telephone number Broadway 2515 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Agent [REDACTED] who at that time was in Milwaukee was also contacted for the purpose of ascertaining if there was a 15th and Davis Street in Milwaukee, but later advised this office that there is no 15th and Davis Street in that city.

On August 18, 1933, a telegram was received from the Detroit office, advising that a tracing of the Buick Victoria coupe Motor 2823917 indicated that it was shipped from the factory at Flint, Michigan to the Buick-Olds, Pontiac Sales Company, Chicago, Illinois January 14 last, and requesting that this matter be checked to its conclusion, and the Oklahoma City office

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advised immediately. This is the Buick that was found in the possession of Bates at the time he was arrested in Denver, Colorado.

At the Buick-Olds-Pontiac Sales Company, 2031 Calumet Avenue, Chicago, Agent [redacted] of this office ascertained that instant Buick Victoria coupe had been sold by that company to the Heinz Motor Company, Niles Center, Illinois. Agent [redacted] contacted [redacted] of the Heinz Motor Company, Niles Center, Illinois, who advised that instant car had been sold to Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Davis, 5519 Blackstone Avenue, Chicago, Illinois on April 21, 1933; that the salesman handling this transaction was [redacted] who had worked for him only five weeks, and is now employed by the 55th and Lake Park Garage, telephone Dorchester 8600.

Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted] whose correct name is [redacted] [redacted] advised that he recalls selling instant Buick to Mrs. G. L. Davis on April 21, 1933; that Mrs. Davis talked only of the car, offering no further conversation; that he invited her to bring the car back after she had driven it 500 miles, but that she did not at any time return to that place of business. He described Mrs. Davis as being approximately thirty-five years of age, five feet six inches tall, possibly 135 or 145 pounds, medium build, light brown or blonde hair, fair complexion, no glasses. He stated he did not at any time meet Mrs. Davis's husband. It was later ascertained that [redacted] has on other occasions sold cars to known gangsters and hoodlums in the city of Chicago.

After this information had been obtained to the effect that Mrs. G. L. Davis gave as her address 5519 Blackstone Avenue, this agent ascertained that that address is the University Hotel, [redacted] [redacted] was requested to cause a check to be made of the hotel records with a view of obtaining registration of Mrs. G. L. Davis. This check was made for the month of April, 1933, but no registration could be located of this individual. At the same time a check was made for registrations of E. W. Bentz and Theodore Bentz, as well as George Kelly. However, this search failed to disclose the registration of any of these parties. A photograph of Mrs. G. L. Davis which was subsequently obtained by this office, was displayed to [redacted] employees of the University Hotel, but they were unable to identify same as being any guest known to them. The information with reference to this person, and the Buick automobile, was immediately transmitted to the Oklahoma City office by telegram.

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On August 19, 1933, [redacted] of Clarion Iowa, telephoned this office and talked to Special Agent [redacted]. He advised that a woman had appeared there and endeavored to convert numerous bills of ten and twenty dollar denominations into fifty dollar bills; that the woman apparently had from \$400 to \$500 worth of bills in her possession; that she had not been arrested; however, she was under surveillance by the local Sheriff and Police, and that it was ascertained that a \$20.00 bill bore the following serial number - J 0369577A, and a \$10.00 bill bore the serial number J-06036277A. Special Agents (A) [redacted] and [redacted] immediately checked both serial numbers, but ascertained that they did not appear on the list of ransom money in instant case, or in other kidnaping cases with which this office is concerned. [redacted] was apprised of the description of R. G. Shannon alias Kelly, and his alleged wife, and a description of the Cadillac car they were reported to be driving. [redacted] stated that the officers would make a careful check of anyone connected with the woman in question and cause their apprehension; that the money in possession of this woman would be checked, and that they would call this office regarding any information of value received. To date no further information has been received from [redacted].

On August 21, 1933, the writer interviewed [redacted] who is connected with the Burglary Department of the Hartford Insurance Company, Room A1329, Insurance Exchange Building, Chicago. The file in [redacted] office relative to Ed and Ted Bentz contained in many instances the same information that had been obtained by Special Agent [redacted] from the offices of the American Railway Express Company. However, in addition to that information, the following data was obtained:

On one occasion, according to [redacted] when Ed Bentz was arrested in Seattle, Wash. No. 6894, he had in his possession a notebook containing the name of [redacted] being a well known racketeer in St. Paul, who usually deals in hot bonds. He also had the telephone number Hyde Park 0073, and opposite the telephone number was the notation "After 7 P.M."; also telephone State 3180, with notation "11.30 to 1". Contained therein was also the name of [redacted] Miami Beach Kennels, Miami Beach Kennel Club, Miami Beach, Florida. The name [redacted] was also found in this notebook, with the address [redacted]. [redacted] there was also the telephone number High 4035 R, and the telephone number Midway 9418. [redacted] stated that Edward Bentz also gave as his address 7309 Luea St. Chicago, Illinois in November, 1931. He further stated that in 1931 Ted Bentz while being held in custody by the Chicago Police Department, talked to him about a man whom he assumed was a member of

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the gang, named [REDACTED], who was arrested in Seattle on January 29, 1931, No. 1366; that Wilson had in his possession at the time \$2000.00 in cash, and was driving a 1931 model Cadillac Twin 8. He gave his address in Chicago as 7150 Cyril Avenue. Girard further stated that he believed that information about Ed and Ted Bentz and other associates of these men might be obtained at telephone number Webster 7157, the address of which is a "flop" house located at 745 South State Street Chicago. This "Flop" house is owned and operated by one [REDACTED] stated that while Ed Bentz was on the west coast on one occasion he made several phone calls to the above telephone number, and expressed the opinion that [REDACTED] acts as a clearing point for information between members of the gang. With further reference to this particular telephone number and Hayes, [REDACTED] stated that on January 19, 1932, Ed Bentz called this number from Seattle, and had a very guarded conversation with someone at that address; that the party at the address, who was evidently [REDACTED] insisted that Ed come to Chicago immediately, but Ed stated that the other party, evidently meaning Ted Bentz, in Chicago, could move around better because they did not have a late photograph of him in Chicago, and that the party at the Webster number stated he would talk to the other party and would wire him later. The next day, January 20, 1932, Ed Bentz made a phone call to Main 1690, Sacramento, California, and talked to [REDACTED] and on the same night, Ed Bentz wired [REDACTED] 1931 South 10th Avenue, Maywood, Illinois, the message stating "please ship collect by American Express that package to [REDACTED] care of American Express Oakland California". "Tell Ted he will have to wait for me". [REDACTED] further stated that Ed Bentz is supposedly very friendly with [REDACTED], a notorious racketeer in Chicago. He also had in his files a photograph of Mrs. George Kelly alias Dolores Whitney alias Katherine Thorne, which is Fort Worth picture number 5225. He furnished this photograph to agent for the purpose of having same photostated. He further stated that Ted Bentz at one time gave an address of 432 W. 4th St. Reno, Nevada; further that Ed Bentz, Kelly and Albert Bates were wanted at Whitman County, Washington, Colfax being the county seat, for a bank job in that vicinity; that a Deputy by the name of [REDACTED] of Colfax County was interested in their apprehension. He further stated that in the latter part of 1932 (October or November), a Mrs. M. BENZ addressed a letter to Ed Bentz at Dallas, Texas care of General Delivery; that Mrs. Benz gave the return address of 226 Wisconsin St. Chicago, Illinois; that he later ascertained that this letter was signed "Girle"; He further expressed the opinion that the Bentz brothers and other members of that particular outfit purchased their cars at 5346 W. 22nd St. Cicero, Illinois, which is the Bergl Motor Sales Company. Incidentally, it is known to this office that the Bergl Motor Sales Company sells cars and sometimes bullet proof cars to numerous of the racketeers and gangsters in Chicago. He stated that

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VERNA FREEDMAN who is really Mrs. Edward Bentz, [REDACTED] He also stated that the numbers on the automatic shotgun sent by [REDACTED] to Ed Bentz in California was model 11, number 350681, and the number on the Remington Repeating Rifle 35 caliber, shipped in the same package to Bentz, was model 14, number 121206; that Ed Bentz as Ronaldson, in December, 1931, gave his address as 6832 West 16th Street, Berwyn, Illinois.

With reference to the above mentioned telephone numbers found in the possession of Ed Bentz, it was ascertained that Hyde Park 0073, was issued to [REDACTED] Chicago, Ill.; that phone number State 5180 was issued to [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois; that phone Midway 9418 has been changed to Saginaw 3827, and issued to [REDACTED] Chicago. Several efforts have been made by this agent to contact [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] but it has not been possible to make contact with them to date. However, these parties will be interviewed in the very near future.

This agent also called at [REDACTED] for the purpose of interviewing [REDACTED] but it was ascertained there that [REDACTED] moved several months ago, her address being unknown to the occupants of the apartment house. This matter will be further developed by this office.

[REDACTED] also informed this agent that Albert Bates at one time corresponded with a girl by the name of [REDACTED] that she lives at [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois.

[REDACTED] was located by this agent at [REDACTED]

She was questioned relative to Albert Bates at which time she admitted that about two years ago Bates was living at the University Hotel, 5519 Blackstone Avenue, at which time [REDACTED] and that she became acquainted with Bates [REDACTED]; that Bates told her he was employed by some railroad, and that she only saw him on about three occasions, at which times she went to a show with him; that she is not acquainted with anyone named George Kelly, Ed Bentz or Ted Bentz. She was shown photographs of these individuals, but was unable to identify same. She stated she knows nothing at all about Bates, and has not seen him for the past two years.

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At 226 Wisconsin Avenue, Chicago, that being the return address given by Mrs. M. Benz on a letter she addressed to Edward Bentz at Dallas, it was ascertained from [redacted] that Mrs. Benz registered at [redacted] rooming house on July 30, 1932, at which time she gave no address at all. She occupied Room 27. [redacted] stated that Mrs. Benz later registered again at that hotel, the date not appearing on the records, although she registered under the same name, and on that occasion she did not give an address. [redacted] stated that Mrs. Benz left [redacted] rooming house owing [redacted] several weeks rent; [redacted] knows nothing at all about the woman; that she was not visited by anyone except her mother while she was there, and [redacted] has no information as to where she could be located at present. [redacted] expressed the opinion that Mrs. Benz was a street walker.

As previously stated, Ed Bentz as Ronaldson, in December, 1931, gave as his address 6832 West 16th St. Berwyn, Illinois. This agent accompanied by Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] of the Chicago Detective Bureau, proceeded to that vicinity, where it was learned that there is no 6832 West 16th St. However, at 6834 West 16th St. a garage was located. Inquiry of [redacted] this garage developed that [redacted] and is not acquainted with anyone named Ronaldson, Bentz, Kelly or Bates. [redacted] was unable to identify the photographs of the above individuals as anyone known to him or seen in that vicinity. As previously stated in this report, Albert Bates at one time gave his address as 1012 Linden Avenue, Chicago, care of [redacted]. It was ascertained by the writer that there is no such address as 1012 Linden Avenue in Chicago. Further efforts will be made however, to locate [redacted] in this city.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] San Francisco, California, dated August 21, 1933. An undeveloped lead set out in this report for the Chicago office requests that effort be made at South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to locate parents of Verna Freimark who may be located through South Milwaukee 222-W, or through [redacted] the brother of Verna Freimark, whose last known address was 704 Monroe Ave. South Milwaukee, all for the purpose of establishing the whereabouts of the Bentz brothers. This particular investigation was handled by Special Agent [redacted] at South Milwaukee, and the following is the result of his investigation:

[redacted] Chief of Police, South Milwaukee, Wis. upon interview by Special Agent [redacted] advised that the Freimark family is well known to him; that Verna Freimark left home several years ago; that

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she married a Chicago gangster; that the South Milwaukee Police had been constantly on the lookout for the husband of Verna Freimark as well as other members of the gang; that quite some time ago he received information that the husband of Verna Freimark and gang intended to visit at the Freimark home; that several members of the South Milwaukee Police Department kept the place under surveillance for several nights but neither Verna Freimark nor her husband came to South Milwaukee on that occasion; that he also received information that Verna Freimark and her husband visited the Freimark home in October or November, 1932; that on the occasion referred to they first stopped at the home of [redacted] and after receiving assurance that it was safe to visit the Freimark home they proceeded to that place. [redacted] stated that Verna Freimark and her husband remained in South Milwaukee less than one day on the occasion referred to. He further stated that he heard that Verna Freimark was in South Milwaukee for a few hours about four months previous but that her husband was not with her at that time. He advised that members of the Freimark family have informed him that the headquarters of the gang of Edward Bentz is located just west of Evanston and that she met Bentz at this place. A more definite address could not be developed. He stated that he is confident that members of the Freimark family know the present address of Verna Freimark but that they will not provide any information relative thereto. He also stated that [redacted] brothers of Verna Freimark, were arrested in Chicago quite some time ago in connection with a bank robbery but the evidence against them was not sufficient to warrant holding them. This bank robbery was apparently committed by the Edward Bentz gang. [redacted] stated that [redacted] informed him that his sister Verna, and Edward Bentz, roomed for a short time in a rooming house located at 47th and Michigan Boulevard, Chicago about one year ago. Photographs of Edward Bentz, Theodore Bentz and George R. Kelly alias R. G. Shannon were exhibited to Chief of Police Briesmesiter but he was unable to remember having seen said individuals in South Milwaukee, Wis.

[redacted] Patrolman, South Milwaukee, Wis. Police Department was also interviewed. He was unable to provide any additional information of value to this investigation.

[redacted] South Milwaukee, Wis. upon interview admitted that [redacted] Verna Freimark, is married to Edward Bentz. A photograph of Edward Bentz, Seattle No. 6894, was exhibited to Mrs. Freimark, and she identified same as the husband of Verna Freimark. Photographs of George R. Kelly alias R. G. Shannon and Theodore Bentz, Tacoma #6605, were also shown to Mrs. Freimark, but she claimed that she had not seen these individuals. [redacted] stated that she does not communicate with [redacted] Verna and that Verna does not write to members of the family in South Milwaukee. After considerable questioning [redacted]

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admitted that Verna Freimark came to South Milwaukee on July 4, 1933. She stated that on the morning of July 4th, 1933, Verna drove a new car to the Freimark home in South Milwaukee; that Verna was alone when she arrived at the Freimark home about seven o'clock in the morning of July 4th; that the visit of Verna was entirely unexpected; that Verna persuaded her [redacted] to return to Chicago with her; that apparently Edward Bentz had accompanied Verna as far as Racine, Wisconsin; that on the return from South Milwaukee to Chicago, they stopped at Racine, Wisconsin, where they were joined by Edward Bentz; that he rode with them from Racine to Chicago; that she remained in Chicago with Verna and Edward Bentz for only one day; that on July 5, 1933, Edward Bentz and Verna returned her to South Milwaukee, Wisconsin in the new car of Edward Bentz; that she does not know the address of the place where Verna was residing in Chicago; that Verna has not written to her since the fifth of July, 1933, and that members of the Freimark family have not written to Verna. In answer to a specific question relative thereto, [redacted] admitted that [redacted] was living with Verna and Edward Bentz in Chicago when she visited them in July 1933. [redacted] steadfastly denied that she knows the address of Verna [redacted] Freimark in Chicago. She stated that she is positive that Edward Bentz and Verna are residing in Chicago at the present time, although she could provide no information which might be of assistance in determining their location. The make of the car which was driven by Verna Freimark was unknown to her.

[redacted] South Milwaukee [redacted] were also interrogated with reference to the present location of Verna but they disclaimed any knowledge concerning same.

[redacted] South Milwaukee, Wisconsin upon interview informed agent that Verna Freimark is married to Edward Bentz; that they are living in Chicago although he does not know their Chicago address; that [redacted] lives in Chicago with Verna and Edward Bentz; that he stayed with Verna and Edward Bentz in Chicago for about two weeks approximately one year ago; that they were then residing in the Luella Apartments located at either 71st or 73rd Street and Luella Avenue, Chicago, and that he would not know where to locate Edward Bentz or Verna in the event he went to Chicago at the present time although he is of the opinion that his [redacted] knows the Chicago address of Verna and Edward Bentz. Photographs of Edward Bentz, Seattle No. 6894, Theodore Bentz, Tacoma #6605, and George Kelly alias R. G. Shannon were exhibited to Orville Freimark. He readily admitted that the photograph of Edward Bentz was that of the husband of Verna Freimark, and further stated

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that he saw Theodore Bentz in Chicago when he visited Verna about one year ago. He claimed that he had never seen Shannon. [REDACTED] claims that he has not seen either Verna or Edward Bentz for over a year and that he has never heard from them. He described [REDACTED] as follows:

Name:	[REDACTED]
Age:	30 years.
Weight:	130 pounds
Height:	5 ft. 8 inches.
Build:	Tall
Complexion:	Light
Hair:	Blonde

It may be stated that [redacted] also informed agent that [redacted] of Verna, probably knows the present address of Verna and Edward Bentz in Chicago.

upon interview admitted that on one occasion in 1932 Edward Bentz and Verna called at her home at the above address in South Milwaukee, Wis. She claimed that she has not seen either Verna or Edward Bentz subsequent to that time and disclaimed any knowledge relative to their present address although she stated they are in Chicago. [redacted] further stated that Leona, another sister, lives with Verna and Edward Bentz in Chicago. Photographs of Edward Bentz, Theodore Bentz and R. G. Shannon were exhibited to [redacted]. She stated that Edward Bentz, the husband of Verna, is the only individual of the three men named above who is known to her. [redacted] was very evasive in her replies to all questions which agent asked her. It is doubtful if she would provide information even though she possessed same.

██████████ Postmaster, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin was interviewed. At the request of agent he promised to forward tracings on all first class mail received at the following addresses for a period of thirty days:

Postmaster [redacted] informed agent [redacted] that [redacted]  
[redacted], is well acquainted with members of the [redacted]

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[redacted] South Milwaukee, Wis. clerk in South Milwaukee Post Office upon interview advised that she was formerly well acquainted with [redacted]. She stated that [redacted] left South Milwaukee about ten years ago; that she was employed in Chicago as a telephone operator for quite some time; that one [redacted] who is now employed for the Bucyrus Erie Company, South Milwaukee, Wis. was formerly a good friend of [redacted] and that she visited her on a few occasions several years ago.

[redacted] Safety Supervisor, Bucyrus Erie Company, 11th and Milwaukee Ave. South Milwaukee, Wisconsin was interviewed. He stated that [redacted] is employed for the above company as a stenographer; that she left the city on a vacation on September 5, 1933, and that she will not return for two weeks.

With reference to South Milwaukee telephone number 222-W, which is mentioned in report of Agent [redacted] San Francisco, California, August 21, 1933, agent [redacted] called information, South Milwaukee Wisconsin Telephone Company, and was informed that number 222 W has been disconnected for a considerable length of time but that same was the number of [redacted] South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was out of the city when Agent [redacted] was there. [redacted] insisted that [redacted] does not possess any information relative to the present location of Verna and Edward Bentz.

Reference is also made to letter received from the Oklahoma City office dated August 21, 1933, requesting that stop orders be placed covering the cars believed to be driven by George Kelly, with the Motor Vehicle Bureaus within this territory. In this connection it is well to state that no motor vehicle bureaus are located within the Chicago territory same being covered by neighboring offices, and since this request was made of all offices in the Division, it is assumed that stop orders were placed in these motor vehicle bureaus by the proper offices covering same.

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On August 21, 1933, a telegram was received from the Kansas City office advising that on August 11, a man believed to be George Kelly with two women, registered at a hotel in Des Moines, Iowa, as Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Coleman, and Miss Louise Clark, driving a Chevrolet Sport coupe, Motor Number 3740186, with 1933 Iowa license number 82-17210, issued at Davenport, Iowa August 11th; that this car was purchased at the Michigan Avenue Chevrolet Company, Chicago, Illinois, and requesting that the Police in this district be notified to be on the lookout for this car. Accordingly, this information was broadcast over the Chicago Police radio, and [redacted] Chief of Police Grand Rapids, Michigan, was also wired to instruct his force to be on the lookout for this car. The same information was sent to the Chief of Police at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and to the Chiefs of Police at South Bend, Indiana, and Fort Wayne, Indiana.

This agent immediately made investigation at the Michigan Avenue Chevrolet Company, 2234 South Michigan Avenue, where [redacted] advised that on August 10, 1933, Chevrolet sport coupe bearing the above motor number was sold to Fred C. Coleman, who gave as his address 8000 St. Charles St. New Orleans; [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he was not present on the date of this sale and that he did not see the purchaser of this car. [redacted] was later contacted and advised that on the afternoon of August 10, 1933, a man and a woman appeared at that salesroom and stated that they desired to purchase a Chevrolet; that after looking over several cars for only a few minutes they immediately decided to purchase instant car; that this car was a black or very dark blue Chevrolet sport coupe generally called a three window coupe; that the price of this car was practically \$600.00 and that the man who gave his name as Coleman paid for the same with six \$100.00 bills and a few bills of smaller denominations. He stated that this transaction required only a few minutes and that he did not pay particular attention to this man and woman, but stated that they seemed to be very high class people. He further stated that they told him that they were in Chicago for the purpose of attending the World's Fair, and that they had decided to purchase a car to drive to their home in New Orleans, and gave as their address 8000 St. Charles St. New Orleans, La. He expressed the opinion that they did remark that they had a Cadillac automobile at home, but that Mr. Coleman needed another car for his business. He described the man as being possibly 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighing about 200 pounds, well built, wearing a brown suit and a felt hat. The woman he described as having black hair, being possibly 5 feet 8 inches tall, slender, intelligent looking. He could furnish no further description of these parties. He was shown photographs of

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George Kelly and Mrs. George Kelly and stated that the picture of Mrs. Kelly with aliases resembled in some respects the woman who was with Kelly alias Coleman, stating however, that she did not appear to have the hardened expression of the woman in the picture. He also expressed the opinion that the photograph of George Kelly resembled Fred Coleman, but could not make a positive identification of same. These photographs were shown to other employees of this company who had casually noticed the purchasers of the car but they were unable to definitely identify any of the pictures as being the parties they saw.

Tracings of the signature of Fred C. Coleman were made and forwarded to the Oklahoma City office for the purpose of comparing same with the signature of George Kelly. The New Orleans office was immediately requested by wire to make investigation at 8000 St. Charles St. and subsequent report from that office indicated that Kelly is unknown at that address. The Secretary of State at Springfield, Illinois was requested to advise this office if the above mentioned Chevrolet car had been registered in this State. Subsequent wire from the Secretary of State indicated that this car had not been registered in Illinois.

On August 19, 1933, a letter was received from the Dallas office requesting that a check be made of all safety deposit boxes rented in this district between July 22 and August 14, 1933, inclusive, by persons whose true identity was questionable, and stating that if such boxes were located the contents should be examined if possible. A circular letter was immediately prepared to be sent to every bank in this district, requesting the desired information. To date numerous replies have been received from these banks, and in many instances long lists of names of safety deposit box renters have been received from different banks, although it was not indicated that any of the boxes were rented under circumstances which would arouse suspicion. The process of checking this matter will require a considerable length of time, but will be completely checked as soon as possible.

Reference is made to letter from the Salt Lake City office dated August 26, 1933, calling attention to the fact that when Bates was arrested recently in Denver, another individual by the name of [REDACTED] was arrested shortly thereafter; that [REDACTED] had stated with reference to Bates that he had obtained from him certain stolen American Railway Express checks which he had turned over to one [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had only acted as a go-between for Bates and [REDACTED] further that [REDACTED] was arrested in Chicago some time ago in possession of these checks, and had been sentenced to the State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois. The letter from the Salt Lake City office requested that this office interview [REDACTED] for the purpose of obtaining all information possible as to the Bentz brothers and George Kelly.

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This agent accordingly interviewed [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He at first refused to furnish any information, stating that he might possibly implicate some of his friends, but after being assured that [REDACTED] had been arrested in Denver, and had mentioned his name in connection with this matter, he admitted he had obtained the American Railway Express checks from [REDACTED], who in turn had received them from a party by the name of Bates. He stated that he did not ever meet Bates, and was not acquainted with him at all. He did state however, that [REDACTED] told him the party he was to get the checks from did not have them at that time but had to wire someone in Texas who was to send the checks to him. [REDACTED] stated he did not know the name of the party in Texas or the place. He further stated that he has heard [REDACTED] mention the name Bentz, and believes that Bentz had previously served time in some penitentiary with this individual. He stated he does not know anyone named Ed or Ted Bentz, and neither does he know George Kelly under any of his aliases, and that in fact he has never been connected with any gang of criminals prior to this particular time. [REDACTED] is a well educated individual, and impressed agent as being sincere in all his statements.

This letter also requested that it be ascertained to whom Illinois license 787-918 was registered, and that inquiry be made at the addresses furnished concerning Bates, and the other parties who are known to be connected with Bates. It was ascertained at the Chicago Detective Bureau that Illinois license 787-918 was issued for a Buick Victoria coupe, to Mrs. G. L. Davis, 5518 Blackstone Avenue. As previously stated in this report inquiry had already been made by this agent at 5519 Blackstone Avenue, which is the University Hotel, relative to Mrs. G. L. Davis, but agent had been unable to obtain any information with reference to her at that place. It was therefore considered unnecessary to conduct further inquiry.

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On August 29, 1933, telegram was received from the Portland office advising that information had been received that [REDACTED] was receiving mail care of General Delivery, Chicago, Illinois under the name of [REDACTED] and that Theodore Bentz is believed to be with [REDACTED]. This wire furnished description of [REDACTED] and further advised that Ted Bentz is wanted by the State authorities at Seattle. It also stated that information had been received that Ed Bentz received communications through his brother George Bentz in Chicago.

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Special Agent [redacted] was assigned to check at the General Delivery Window where he was advised that mail had not been received there for [redacted]. A stop order was placed at the General Delivery window for any mail received there for [redacted] and this office will be immediately notified upon the receipt of such mail. With reference to George Bentz, the investigative activity regarding him will be set out subsequently in this report.

On August 30, 1933, a telegram was received from the New York office, advising that one [redacted] who was thought to be Kelly, had cashed an American Express Travelers check number S8004621 in the amount of ten dollars, advising that this check had been issued at the Aurora National Bank, Aurora, Illinois, and requesting to be advised as to whether [redacted] was identical with Kelly, and requesting that the New Orleans office be advised. The following is the result of investigation by this agent conducted at Aurora, Illinois in connection with this matter:

On August 30, the writer proceeded to Aurora, Illinois and interviewed [redacted] of the Aurora National Bank, who handles the sale of American Express Company travelers checks. [redacted] examined his records concerning the sale of such checks, and advised that [redacted] an employee at that bank handled the sale of these particular checks. This record reflects that one [redacted], on August 18, 1933, purchased six travelers checks, the denominations of same being ten dollars each, and paid therefor sixty dollars in cash. The duplicate sales slip for these checks bears the signature of [redacted] his address being listed thereon as [redacted] Aurora, Illinois. [redacted] was questioned relative to this sale but stated that even though it was quite recent she does not recall the description of the purchaser, stating that the man was unknown to her. [redacted] also stated that he is not acquainted with [redacted]. The city directory for Aurora, Illinois, reflects that [redacted] is listed therein as living at [redacted] and is employed by [redacted].

At the Police Department [redacted] examined his records and stated that [redacted] does not have a record in that department. He also stated that the man is unknown to him.

At the offices of [redacted] informed agent that [redacted] has been employed for that company [redacted] stated that he has known [redacted] for many years

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and that on August 15th last [redacted] was granted a leave of absence with no definite date on which to return, and that his records indicated that [redacted] had not at that time returned from this leave of absence. A tracing of the signature of [redacted] on the duplicate sales record for the travelers checks at the Aurora National Bank had been made and same was exhibited to [redacted] who stated that it was the signature of the party known to him as [redacted] who is employed with them. He was shown a photograph of George Kelly but stated that Kelly and [redacted] are not identical, although there does seem to be a similarity between the two parties. [redacted] further stated that it is not unusual for employees to request an indefinite furlough and that they are always glad to grant same, in order to give employment to many of their former employees who need work. He further stated that [redacted] by reason of his long employment with the company is in his opinion quite honest and trustworthy, and evidently has a good reputation. He stated that he does not personally know of any trouble that he has ever been involved in and further stated that [redacted] is employed [redacted] which is located three or four miles from Aurora, Illinois.

Agent called at the residence of [redacted] where it was found that the house is locked, both front and rear, and from all indications there has been no one there for the past ten days. Inquiry at a grocery store just across the street from [redacted] residence resulted in the information that [redacted] left possibly two weeks ago on a trip, [redacted] not knowing where they had gone, but stated he had not seen them about the premises recently. From the information obtained in this matter it was naturally believed that [redacted] is not identical with George Kelly. The New Orleans office was furnished with the information in connection with this angle of the case.

On September 6, 1933, the writer located and interviewed [redacted] who has been mentioned several times throughout this report as being a possible source of information relative to the whereabouts of Ed and Ted Bentz. It is well to state that [redacted] George Bentz being a brother of Ed and Ted Bentz. [redacted] is presently

He resides at [redacted] He stated he has known Ed and Ted Bentz [redacted] He admitted receiving a telegram from Ed Bentz on or about January 20, 1932, in which he was requested to send the package to [redacted] to the west coast. [redacted] denied knowing the contents of this package, stating that if he had known it contained guns he would never have sent it. For the purpose of obtaining all information possible from [redacted] Agent led him to believe that the interstate shipment of firearms was a violation of a Federal law, and that he

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would be subject to prosecution in the Federal Courts. He immediately wanted to know if it would be possible for him to arrange to make bond., and indicated that he was afraid that he would be prosecuted by the Federal government. As a result of this [redacted] agreed to cooperate with this office in efforts to locate Ed and Ted Bentz, and furnish all information that comes into his possession with reference to this matter. He stated that at the present time he did not know where Ted or Ed Bentz could be located; that he is not on speaking terms with his motherinlaw and fatherinlaw, and that neither he nor his wife visit that place at all. He stated that he met Ed Bentz at George Bentz' home several years ago, and that Ed Bentz for a time was employed by the American Can Company at Maywood as a machinist; that he only worked for a short length of time. He also stated that Ed Bentz is friendly with [redacted] that [redacted] lives at [redacted] which is located within the vicinity of George Bentz' home. He stated that at that time a woman by the name of [redacted] was either Ed's wife or his paramour, but that he is presently married to or going around with Verna Freimark; that he met Ted Bentz in the summer of 1931 at a cottage being rented by Ed on a Lake, the name of which he could not recall at the present time; that at that time Ed was using the name E. R. Richards. He further stated that Ed is friendly with a man named Nick the Greek, who lives in New York. According to [redacted] Ed and Ted when in Chicago invariably get in touch with George Bentz at 7124 Belden Avenue; that when the Bentz brothers are in Chicago they either make or receive telephone calls from the home of [redacted] who lives at [redacted] telephone [redacted]. He knows they have made calls to Canada over this phone. He further stated that Ted mentioned to [redacted] one day that he had some A.T. and T. stock that would mature in 1935, or 1936, but that he thought he would have to let it go because he was in immediate need of money. [redacted] stated that he is not acquainted with anyone by the name of R. G. Kelly, and that neither does he know this man, whose photograph was shown to him, under any of his known aliases. He immediately identified the pictures of Ed and Ted Bentz as being the Bentz brothers known to him. When photograph of Albert Bates was shown him, he stated he recalls having seen Bates in Chicago several years ago and knows that Bates frequently borrowed Ed Bentz' automobile. He stated he does not know any woman or women with whom Bates associates. He also stated that Ted and Ed Bentz, when they need a lawyer, employ [redacted] who is also known as [redacted]. He also stated that Ted and Ed were close friends of one [redacted] who operates a flop house on South State Street; that [redacted] was a fence for the Bentz brothers, and he is sure he has handled considerable "hot paper" for them. He also stated that a pawn shop keeper named [redacted] in Chicago, is a fence for the Bentz brothers, and that he knows Ed Bentz as Ned Dewey. [redacted] stated that George Bentz cannot be relied upon to furnish any information at all relative to Ed and Ted; that although Bentz does not

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go out on any of their jobs with them, he [redacted] strongly believes that he goes along with them in their efforts to dispose of "hot paper" and that Mrs. George Bentz would furnish no information at all. He stated he believes that if Ed and Ted were in Chicago at present they would contact George Bentz, and expressed the opinion that if a surveillance were maintained of George Bentz for a long enough period, he would eventually contact Ed and Ted Bentz. He further stated that in the basement of George Bentz' home, 7124 Belden Avenue, are several trunks, and that he has been told that one of these trunks belongs to Ed Bentz. He also stated that in the attic of this building are several trunks, which he believes probably belong to the Bentz brothers. He drew a complete diagram of George Bentz' home pointing out the location of these trunks in the basement and attic. [redacted] stated further that he is very hostile toward Ed and Ted Bentz at the present time because of the fact that they have caused him trouble in connection with his shipment of the guns to California, and that he will do anything within reason to cause their apprehension. It is well to state here that since this interview with [redacted] on September 6, 1933, [redacted] has called this agent on numerous occasions offering his services in any way possible, and furnishing any information that he had in connection with this investigation as it proceeds. With reference to [redacted] who has been previously mentioned in this report as furnishing information in connection with Ed and Ted Bentz, [redacted] stated that [redacted] knows Ed and Ted Bentz personally; that Ed has on several occasions obtained money from [redacted], leading him to believe that he was going to "put the finger" on the spot where "hot paper" is located which [redacted] desired to recover.

On September 7, 1933, a letter was received from the Oklahoma City office, wherein reference was made to the report of Special Agent in Charge Dowd, Salt Lake City, August 24, 1933, with particular reference to page 4, wherein it was stated that a Special Agent of the American Express Company in Chicago, Illinois, had learned that George Bates was stopping at hotel in Chicago on or about August 10, 1933. This letter also called attention to the fact that they were anxious to establish the whereabouts of George Bates immediately prior to and after the Urschel kidnaping, and that it might be possible to ascertain from the express company what information they had relative to Bates being in Chicago on or about August 10, 1933, and requesting that this matter be thoroughly checked. Accordingly Special Agent [redacted] of this office telephonically communicated with [redacted] Special Agent in Charge of the American Express Company in Chicago, advising him of the information set out in the letter from the Oklahoma City office with reference to Bates being in Chicago about August 10, 1933. [redacted] advised agent [redacted] that neither he nor any of his agents here in Chicago had direct information that Bates had stopped at any hotel in Chicago, especially during August or July of 1933; that he had never called at a hotel

b7C with regard to Bates, or been advised that Bates had left two days previously for Denver, and that he had never instructed any of his agents to make such an inquiry. [redacted] said he had not the slightest idea as to where this information might have originated. He advised however, that when he interviewed Bates at Denver, Bates stated to him "You were close to me in the Morrison Hotel about six or eight months ago, but I was tipped off that you were looking for me and I left". He stated that he has no information that Bates was in Chicago at any time during July or August of this year.

The above mentioned letter from the Oklahoma office also requested a report on the investigation conducted with reference to the telegrams sent from Chicago to R. G. Shannon at Paradise, Texas, these telegrams being signed Lang. The information with reference to this matter has been previously set out in this report. b7C

b7C b7D With reference to the report of Special Agent [redacted] San Francisco, August 21, 1933, setting out a lead for George Bentz, the brother of Ed Bentz, to be interviewed as to the whereabouts of Ed and Ted, it is well to state that at the present time it is deemed inadvisable to interview George Bentz in connection with this matter. A cover has been placed on all mail delivered to his address and arrangements have been made with the telephone company to furnish this office with information as to any telephone calls that are made from the residence of [redacted] that being the address from which all telephone calls are made by members of the George Bentz family, and with further reference to the lead set out in this report to ascertain to whom telephone number [redacted] is listed in Chicago, it was learned that this number is listed to [redacted] previously referred to in this report as being connected with the Burglary Department of the Hartford Insurance Company. [redacted] has furnished information in his files with reference to Ted and Ed Bentz. The report of reference states that a telegram was addressed to this number in Chicago from [redacted] advising the party to "disregard the letter; OK to come south; perhaps best to wait for Ed". After this information was received agent telephonically communicated with [redacted] inquiring whether he was acquainted with anyone named [redacted] and he stated that he knows that [redacted] is connected with the Jean Compton restaurants in San Francisco, but knows nothing else about him. At that time [redacted] was <sup>not</sup> questioned relative to this telegram, but when he is again interviewed he will be questioned with regard to this matter. It is known that [redacted] tries to work with the gang as much as possible for the purpose of obtaining information as to the location of money and other things which are insured by the Hartford Insurance Company, and this telegram may have been in connection with such a matter.

It is planned in the very near future to maintain a surveillance of George Bentz' home, and to also maintain a personal surveillance of George Bentz for a period of time, with the expectation that he will contact Ted and Ed. If the result of this surveillance is not beneficial, George Bentz will be brought to the Chicago office where he will be thoroughly questioned in connection with this matter.

With reference to the above mentioned report of Agent [redacted] and with particular reference to the lead set out for this office to interview [redacted] of Verna Freimark (Mrs. Edward Bentz), this agent accompanied by Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] of the Chicago Police Department proceeded to [redacted] on September 8, 1935, at which time inquiry was made at the Post Office relative to the [redacted] family. [redacted] stated he was not personally acquainted with this family, but does know they live in [redacted] who delivers mail to this address stated he has known the [redacted] for a number of years; that [redacted] was formerly employed by a railroad company but has been unemployed for some time, and has recently been on the relief rolls. He stated he [redacted] to Verna Freimark, also to [redacted]. When shown the photographs of Ed and Ted Bentz he stated he believed he had seen these parties at the [redacted] home. He could not however, identify the photograph of George Kelly as being anyone known to him. A decoy registered letter addressed to Mrs. Edward Bentz care of [redacted] was prepared, and [redacted] attempted to deliver this letter to [redacted] home. At that place he advises [redacted] was told that he had a registered letter addressed to Mrs. Edward Bentz, and inquired if she was there. He stated that [redacted] told him that Mrs. Bentz was not there at that time; that she could get in touch with her and have her call for the letter at the post office within five days. [redacted] further stated that while he was talking to [redacted] another woman came up and [redacted] said "This is Mrs. Bentz' sister, could she take the letter?"; that he advised them that it was for personal delivery only. (From the description furnished by [redacted] it is believed that the woman referred to as being [redacted] is the mother. This is further substantiated by the fact that [redacted] is the mother of a boy about three years old, and [redacted] states that at the time a small boy of approximately that age was in the [redacted] residence".) After the information was received this agent and the above mentioned detectives maintained a surveillance of the Post Office at [redacted] from 8 through September 12, 1935, but no one called there for the letter

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On the afternoon of September 13, [redacted] informed the writer that while he was [redacted] in the immediate vicinity of the [redacted] home, a large maroon colored sedan automobile drove up to the [redacted] residence, being driven by a woman whose description he could not very well obtain, stating however, that she appeared to be rather slender and tall. He stated that the man in the car was a large well built man of possibly middle age; that he jumped out of the car, hurriedly walked to the rear entrance of the [redacted] home, where he went into the house; that he remained there for just about two minutes and immediately came out to the car, which had been turned around by the woman, and they immediately left at a very high rate of speed. [redacted] failed to obtain the license of this car, neither did he know the make of the car. [redacted] expressed the opinion that the photograph of George Kelly resembled the man who got out of the car. However, the writer does not place much credence in this statement of [redacted]

From the records of [redacted] Post Office it was ascertained that on August 25, 1933, a registered letter was received there for [redacted]. This letter was mailed from Houston, Texas, and bore registry number 7655. A wire was immediately dispatched to the San Antonio office requesting that the name and address of the sender of this registered letter be ascertained, and to trace the matter to its conclusion. It was further ascertained at the Post Office that on Jan. 5, 1933, a registered letter had been received at the [redacted] residence for [redacted]. This letter was mailed from Tacoma, Washington, and bore registry number 47374. A wire was immediately dispatched to the Portland office requesting that the name and address of the sender of this letter be ascertained and that the party sending same be interviewed in connection with this matter. To date no reply has been received from these two telegrams. A cover has been placed on all mail addressed to the [redacted] family and is to be maintained for a period of thirty days. It is also planned to maintain a surveillance of the Caperton home.

b7C With reference to the lead set out in the report of Special Agent [redacted] September 7, 1933, Portland, Oregon, for investigation at 7141 Belden Avenue, the residence of George Bentz, it is well to state that as previously indicated in this report, this matter will be handled in the near future.

With reference to the letter from the Portland office, dated September 7, 1933, wherein it is stated that Theodore Bentz on July 2nd, received a registered special delivery package from Vancouver, B.C. which had been sent from Michigan City, Indiana, under registry number 7020, and requesting that inquiry be made at the Post office in Michigan City, with a view of obtaining the name and address of the sender, and suggesting that that party be interviewed, this agent, accompanied by

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Detective [redacted] of the Chicago Police Department proceeded to Michigan City, Indiana, where through the Postmaster it was learned that this package was sent to Ted Bentz at Vancouver on June 30, 1933 by a party who gave his name as [redacted] no address being given on their records. The name [redacted] is not contained in the official Post Office Directory of the City Directory of Michigan City, neither is he known to any of the employees of the Post office. Inquiry was made at the Spaulding and Warren Hotels in Michigan City for possible registration of [redacted] on that date but none was found. In connection with this matter it is of interest to note, however, that during an interview in connection with this matter at the office of Lieutenant [redacted] of the Chicago Detective Bureau on September 14, 1933, Lieutenant [redacted] stated that Ed Bentz is acquainted with one [redacted] phone number [redacted] Michigan City, Indiana; that [redacted] lives on [redacted] Michigan City. It is thought possible that since the above mentioned package was sent from Michigan City [redacted] may be connected with [redacted] and this matter will be checked in the very near future.

All leads suggested in this report for the Chicago office will be covered as soon as possible, and therefore no definite leads are being set out.

Undeveloped leads for other offices are as follows:

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, At San Francisco, California, is requested to ascertain to whom telephone number 1690 is listed, and interview this party with reference to his knowledge of and association with Ed and Ted Bentz. This office should also try to locate if possible the party referred to in this report as [redacted] who is supposedly acquainted with the Bentz brothers, and question him in connection with this matter.

ST. PAUL OFFICE: Is requested to locate and interview if possible [redacted] who is stated to be friendly with the Bentz brothers. All information possible relative to their activities and possible whereabouts should be obtained.

SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE: At Reno, Nevada, is requested to make investigation 432 West 4th St. for any information that can be obtained as to Ed and Bentz.

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**R H COLVIN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Mr. Locke.....

September 26, 1933.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan called and stated that while the United States Attorney this morning was ready to issue warrants for Tichenor and Travers for harboring a fugitive, in other words Kelly, he has since looked the matter over and now felt that he had no jurisdiction. Mr. Nathan suggested the advisability of having the United States Attorney at Memphis consider the facts there. I believe that this is the thing to do. In fact, I am trying to get Memphis on the telephone now to get a full length photograph of Kelly, Tichenor and Travers as Agent in Charge Hanni called from St. Paul and requested that he be furnished with full length photographs immediately as he felt that with said photographs he might be able to make some further progress in the Hann case, at least to eliminate these people from further consideration in that case. I will suggest to Agent [redacted] or whoever I contact in Memphis, that they immediately take up with the United States Attorney for that district the advisability of issuing warrants for Tichenor and Travers charging them with harboring a fugitive. Undoubtedly Tennessee is the proper jurisdiction for this charge.

Respectfully,

*V. W. Hughes*

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905 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
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September 22, 1932.

7-115  
Unit One

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

Dear Sir:



IN RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, FUG. et al  
CHARLES URSCHEL - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to the letter received from the Dallas Office of the 14th instant, in the above matter, particularly paragraphs three and four. Agent [redacted] contacted [redacted] b7C b7D  
[redacted] United Benefit Life Insurance Company, Faldley Building, 115 South 16th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, who permitted him to examine Insurance File #1836, of Mrs. Kathryn C. Thorne, where all records and correspondence pertaining thereto are kept. The file was carefully examined and all information of value which might be useful in locating Mrs. Thorne was noted.

Mrs. Thorne obtained her Life Insurance Policy #1836, in the United Benefit Life Insurance Company, in the amount of \$2000.00 on 8-15-1927, from Hawkins and Hawkins Insurance Brokers, at Coleman, Texas. The beneficiary of the Insurance Policy is Pauline Elizabeth Brooks, who is the daughter of Mrs. Thorne.

The certificate of the medical examination, dated 7-23-1927, at Coleman, and signed by Dr. F. C. Anders, shows that Mrs. Thorne was born on March 18, 1904, at Saltillo, Mississippi. She gave her present occupation as manager of a lunch room, operated in connection with an oil filling station at Coleman. Mrs. Thorne stated that she was formerly a student. The certificate also shows that Mrs. Thorne, before coming to Coleman, resided at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for 17 years. She gave her husband's name as Charles Thorne, and his occupation, a "reputable bootlegger". The Certificate recites that Mrs. Thorne took out an Endowment Policy in the amount of \$1500.00 in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in 1925, and pays a quarterly premium of \$13.06. The town where the Policy was issued is not given. Under the classification of family record Mrs. Thorne furnished the information that her father, age 52, and mother, age 41, are living, but their names and place of residence were not given. The certificate shows that Mr. Thorne was insured in the Brady Mutual. This was re-

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ferred to [REDACTED] who as well as Agent [REDACTED] had difficulty making out the word, which seemed to be "Brady". [REDACTED] examined Bests Life Insurance Book, for 1932, and the Casualty Book, put out by the same Company, which contains all other kinds of insurance, except life, but the Brady Mutual Company was not listed. [REDACTED] was of the opinion that the Brady Mutual was possibly a Texas Company, and the State Insurance Commissioner could most likely furnish some information relative to this concern.

The correspondence in the file revealed that Mrs. Thorne, on 8-15-1928, requested that all premium notices be sent to her at 857 East Mulkey, Fort Worth, Texas. She gave notice on 2-19-1929, to change her address to 207 West Allen Street, Fort Worth. On 11-3-1929, Mrs. Thorne gave notice of her change of address to 1213 Main Street, Fort Worth. Mrs. Thorne was delinquent in paying a premium and under date of 7-29-1932, paid same, advising she had been in Cuba for three months enjoying herself, and had delayed sending in the premium money. A letter dated 8-15-1931, instructed the United Benefit Life Insurance Company to send all future notices to her in care of Mrs. R. G. Shannon, Paradise, Texas. The next letter, dated 12-5-1932, from Mrs. Thorne, with which was enclosed a premium due, she had no change of address. The last letter Mrs. Thorne wrote to the Insurance Company was dated 2-24-1933, at Oklahoma City, (no street address). At the bottom of this letter she gave her address in care of R. G. Shannon, Paradise.

[REDACTED] stated that Mrs. Thorne pays quarterly payments in the amount of \$21.80, due the 15th of February, May, August and November. The last premium, due on 8-15-1933, has not been paid. No loan has ever been made on the Policy, and at the present time there is a loan value of approximately \$250.00. [REDACTED] advised that in view of the status of Mrs. Thorne's policy, it would ordinarily be put on the inactive Policy list and no further notices be sent out, the loan value taking care of future premiums. However, in view of his desire to assist the Government Mrs. Thorne's policy will be kept on the active list, and premium notices will be sent to her in care of R. G. Shannon. [REDACTED] was furnished the address of this Division office, and if any person either sends insurance premium money, or makes an inquiry, concerning Mrs. Thorne's policy of insurance, this office will be promptly notified.

Very truly yours,

cc - Division  
Oklahoma City

E. L. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

224 Federal Bldg.  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

September 22, 1933

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

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

There are transmitted herewith papers which  
were found among the effects known to have belonged to  
Kathryn Kelly. These are being transmitted to your office  
for such actions as you may deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

Incls.  
cc: Division

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

September 23, 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:-

In checking the long distance telephone calls from the former home of Kathryn Kelly on East Mulkey St. in Fort Worth, Texas - at which time she had telephone 4-2150, we find the following long distance calls:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Person Called</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Number</u>
11-19-31	[REDACTED]	Gainesville, Texas	838
11-30-31	[REDACTED]	Southern Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.	
12-2-31	"	"	
1-6-32	[REDACTED]	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	9122
1-8-32	[REDACTED]	Chicago, Ill.	Dorchester 0245
1-10-32	Miami Beach Kennel Club	Miami Beach, Fla.	
1-10-32	[REDACTED]	Dallas, Texas Room 1204, Hilton Hotel	
1-11-32	[REDACTED]	Miami Beach Kennel Club, Miami Beach, Fla.	5-3757
1-13-32	[REDACTED]	Puente, California	5-5540
1-13-32	[REDACTED]	c/o Joe Burgle Used Cars, Cicero, Illinois	Crawford 2702
12-16-31	[REDACTED]	Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas	
10-10-31	[REDACTED]	Dallas, Texas	7-1949
10-11-31	[REDACTED]	Chicago, Illinois	Whitelow 4970
2-14-32	[REDACTED]	Room 1124, Hilton Hotel, Dallas, Texas	7-115
2-16-32	Beauty Parlor	Glen Rose, Texas	120
3-28-32	[REDACTED]	Amarillo, Texas	2-1930
3-29-32	[REDACTED]	Oklahoma City, Okla.	3-1931
3-31-32	(Also tried at [REDACTED]) [REDACTED]	Glen Rose, Texas	120

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Oklahoma City.

The following incoming calls to telephone 4-2150, Ft.  
Worth were listed:

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From Chicago, Illinois - Sunset 4332, Fern calling collect, on 11/21/31  
" Asher, Oklahoma; from Richardson 1700, on 12/20/31  
" Chicago, Illinois - Randolph 9761, Fern calling collect, 12/29/31  
" Gary, Indiana - 7522, room 844; Mrs. Kelly calling collect; talked  
to maid. Date presumed to be 10/11/31  
" Gainesville, Texas - 401; Kelly calling collect. Date presumed to  
be 3/21/32.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB: [redacted] b7C  
cc Division  
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420 Post Office Bldg.,  
Dallas, Texas.

September 23, 1933.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

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In connection with 1933 Louisiana license plates  
#206-634, seized at the R.G. Shannon farm on 8/12/33;  
please be informed that Superintendent of State Highway  
Patrol [REDACTED] has advised the Dallas office by letter  
dated 9/13/33 that the above license plates were issued  
12/2/32 in the name of R.G. Shannon, 3514 St. Charles  
Ave., New Orleans, La. for Ford sedan, motor #18-153889.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

[REDACTED] b7C  
cc Division  
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1216 Smith Young Tower,  
San Antonio, Texas,  
September 21, 1933.

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

Re: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE - et al  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter of September 19, 1933,  
requesting that check be made on long distance telephone call placed  
by [redacted] Brownwood, Texas, to [redacted] San Antonio,  
Texas.

I wish to advise that [redacted] is [redacted]

[redacted] San Antonio, telephone [redacted]

[redacted] is not subject Catherine Kelly and the  
long distance call is in no way connected with this case.

Very truly yours,

C. R. Davis,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

cc-Division  
cc-Okla. City

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224 Federal Bldg.  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

September 20, 1933

MAILED 932

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

Dear Sir:

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

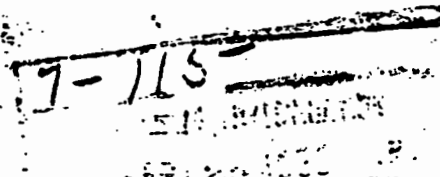
*Air Mail Special*

With reference to Mr. Nathan's telephone conversation with you yesterday, I am inclosing herewith photostatic copies of letters and envelopes received yesterday by the Daily Oklahoman and by Mr. Charles F. Urschel, which were mailed in Chicago at noon on September 18, 1933 by air mail and purportedly signed by George Kelly.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

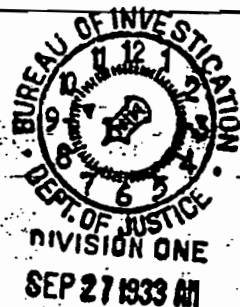
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Kansas City, Missouri,  
Sept. 23, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim  
KIDNAPPING - K.C. File 7-8.

b7C  
This will confirm telephone conversation of September 20, 1933 between Special Agent [redacted] of this office and Special Agent [redacted] of your office at which time you were advised that a telephone call had been received at this office from [redacted] County Attorney at Burlington, Kan., to the effect that about 9 P.M. September 19, 1933 some stranger stopped at the filling station of [redacted], Burlington, and inquired the way to some questionable places in the southern part of the county. As this filling station is located on No. 75 Highway leading to Tulsa, Okla., [redacted] thought this individual might be enroute to Oklahoma City in connection with the Urschel kidnapping trial due to the fact that [redacted] while talking to this man noticed a machine gun in the car.

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As [redacted] was in possession of some wanted circulars, he exhibited these to [redacted] who expressed the opinion that the party in question is identical with Bernard Phillips, I.O. 1196. Williams described the man as being about 40 years of age, weight over 200 pounds, heavy build, blue eyes. He was driving a black Model A Ford Roadster with yellow wheels bearing 1933 Illinois license 24 [redacted] being unable to get more than the first two digits of the number.

As available information indicates that this party has left the vicinity of Burlington, Kan., the matter is being reported for your information, especially in connection with the above mentioned trial in your district.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy, 7-115  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Division  
KC File 62-76C.

224 Federal Bldg.  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

September 22, 1933

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



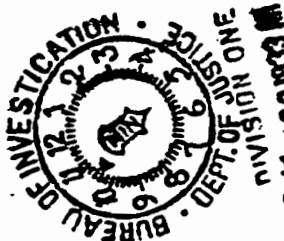
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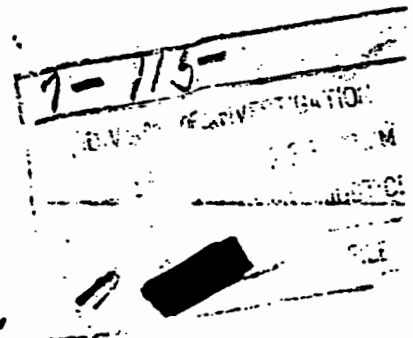
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Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 26, 1933.

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Hanni called and requested that full length photographs be obtained by Agent in Charge Rorer at Memphis of Kelly, Travels and Tichenor; that he had some witnesses in the case who stated that with full length photographs they would be able to identify certain unknown members of the kidnaping gang. I am endeavoring to get Rorer on the telephone at Memphis now to pass this word along.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes.

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September 27, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

In connection with the development in the apprehension of George Kelly and his wife and Tichenor and Travis at Memphis, Tennessee, I desire to advise you that last evening Langford (Jenssey), a Memphis attorney who has been acting as a go-between for Kelly, was taken into custody at Memphis, Tennessee. George and Kathryn Kelly were arraigned before the United States Commissioner yesterday upon a fugitive warrant. At my direction they were removed from the police jail in Memphis and transferred to the county jail. They are being held in default of \$100,000 bail bond fixed by the United States Commissioner. Tichenor and Travis are held for further hearing and are in custody, also in default of \$100,000 bail bond. The charge against the latter two is that of conspiracy to harbor fugitives in violation of Section 141 of the Penal Code.

The members of this group are now in separate cells in the county jail and under guard twenty-four hours by Agents of this Division, who are covering them with machine guns. In view of the boasts which Kelly made yesterday that he would be able to get out of jail within a very short time, I issued orders this morning that handcuffs be placed upon him and that manacles be placed upon his feet - the same procedure which we have followed in Oklahoma City in connection with Harvey Bailey.

Respectfully,

Director.

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MONEY FOUND LAST NIGHT ON FARM CASS COLEMAN BROTHER MRS R G  
SHANNON BURIED IN COTTON PATCH UNDER MESQUITE TREE IN TWO  
CONTAINERS ONE A GALLON THERMOS JUG LOCATED ABOUT THREE FEET  
FROM TREE OTHER IN GALLON CAN ABOUT THREE FEET FROM TREE AT  
RIGHT ANGLE TO LINE OF FIRST CONTAINER AGENT [REDACTED] HAD BEEN  
THAT VICINITY SOME TIME AWAITING RETURN KELLY AND WIFE AND WAS  
CONFIDENT FROM INFORMATION HE OBTAINED THAT MONEY WAS ON THAT  
FARM EARLY YESTERDAY AFTER NOTIFICATION KELLYS ARREST [REDACTED]  
QUESTIONED COLEMAN CONTINUING UNTIL OUR ARRIVAL ABOUT ELEVEN  
PM DURING WHICH COLEMAN ADMITTED TO [REDACTED] THE MONEY WAS THERE  
AND EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO DELIVER IT UPON OUR ARRIVAL WE  
TALKED TO COLEMAN ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES AND HE SAID HE WOULD  
TAKE US TO THE PLACE AND DID SO STOP COLEMAN WAS TAKEN TO CITY  
COLEMAN AND UNITED STATES ATTORNEY HAS AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT  
CHARGING HARBORING FUGITIVE WHICH WILL BE FILED TODAY COLEMAN  
SAYS GEORGE AND KATHRYN BROUGHT THE MONEY THERE THE MIDDLE 1933

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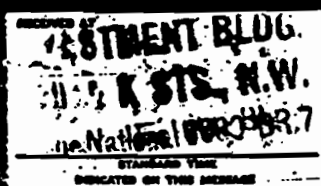
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AUGUST AND GEORGE AND COLEMAN BURIED IT AT LOCATION WHERE  
FOUND SAYS GEORGE AND KATHRYN RETURNED TO COLEMAN FARM AFTE  
BURIAL STOP REFERENCE LANGFORD RAMSEY COLEMAN SAYS SHORTLY  
BEFORE DAYLIGHT SEPTEMBER TWENTY FIFTH YOUNG DARK HAIRE  
WELL DRESSED MAN IN BLACK SEDAN ACCOMPANIED BY GIRL NOT  
RECOGNIZED DROVE INTO HIS PLACE MAN DIDNT GET OUT OF CAF BUT  
SAID I AM GO BETWEEN FOR KATHRYN AND GEORGE KELLY WANT TO  
ARRANGE SAFE MEETING PLACE COLEMAN DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF  
WHEREABOUTS AND ORDERED MAN TO LEAVE AS COUNTRY FULL OF  
OFFICERS AND INSTRUCTED HIM TO TAKE NOTHING AWAY OR LEAVE  
NOTHING AT PLACE STOP MAN WANTED FURS KATHRYN LEFT THERE  
ASKED IF IT WAS SAFE TO TAKE ANYTHING AWAY WITH HIM  
STOP COLEMAN DECLINED TO GIVE UP FUR THOUGHT MAN WAS DETECTIVE  
NO MENTION MADE OF MONEY=

BLAKE.

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GEORGE AND CATHERINE KELLY ARRAIGNED U S COMMISSIONER

FUGITIVE COMPLAINT TONIGHT HELD COUNTY JAIL REMOVAL

OKLAHOMACITY DEFAULT ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR BAIL STOP

J R TICHENOR AND S EXTRAVIS HELD FURTHER HEARING DEFAULT

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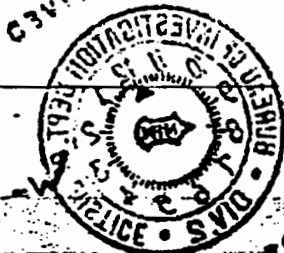
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Mr. Quinn.....  
Mr. F. Locke.....

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

September 22, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge  
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1900 Bankers' Building  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

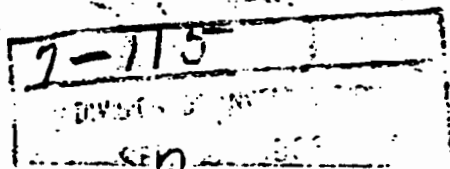
Re: George R. Kelly -FUGITIVE, et al  
Kidnaping

There is transmitted herewith paper which was  
found among the effects known to have belonged to Kathryn  
Kelly. This is being transmitted to your office for such  
action as you may deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

Incl.  
cc-Division ✓

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.



All b7C

1900 Bankers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois

September 25, 1933

[REDACTED] b7C  
Postmaster,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:-

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, will you kindly cause a cover to be placed on all first class mail received for -- [REDACTED] b7C  
Chicago, Illinois

It will be appreciated if this cover will be maintained for a period of thirty days.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this and other matters, I am

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED] b7C  
CC: Division ✓  
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M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, I.O. 1203, FUGITIVE;  
KATHRYN CLEO KELLY, with alias, I.O. 1207, FUGITIVE.  
et al - CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM --- KIDNAPING.



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September 26, 1933.

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

There is enclosed herewith, for your information, a  
copy of a memorandum transmitted to the Attorney General  
relative to the capture of George R. Kelly, wanted in  
connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel.

Very truly yours,

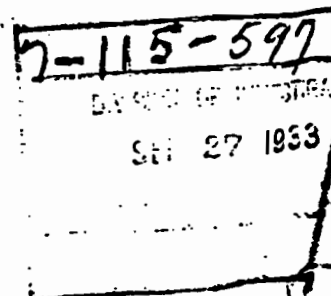
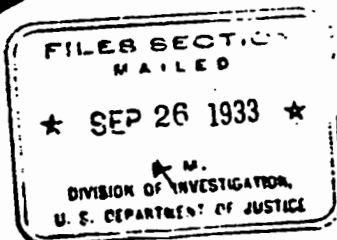
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>DALLAS, TEXAS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>9-25-33</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9/14-24/33</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>D. L. McCORMACK.</b>
TITLE: <b>GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1203, KATHRYN CLECKELLY, alias MRS. GEORGE KELLY - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1207; et al. CHARLES F. URSCHEL (Victim).</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Reporting investigative activity by Dallas Office toward apprehension of George and Kathryn Kelly, fugitives, since last report.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p>SEP 28 1933 PM DIVISION ONE U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p> </div> </div>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] Dallas, Texas, dated 9-14-33.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p>This report incorporates the numerous memoranda contained in the file covering the investigative activity by Agents in the Dallas District looking toward the apprehension of fugitives George and Kathryn Kelly, since the last investigative report from this office.</p> <p>Reference report, page 5, last paragraph, reports the finding of 1933 Louisiana License Plates 206634 at the Shamon Farm near Paradise, Texas. The same plates were on a Cadillac Coupe found to have been stored in the Motor Hotel, March 4 and 5. The Louisiana Highway Department has advised by letter that this number was issued December 2, 1932 to R. G. Shamon, 3514 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, La., for a 1932 model Ford Sedan.</p> <p>Special Agent [redacted] at Coleman, Texas, learned from [redacted] that Kathryn and George Kelly stopped over night at the Coleman Farm August 16. They were driving a black Chevrolet Coupe; that about a week or ten days prior to September 12, Kathryn Kelly stopped at the Coleman Farm for a few hours, at which time she was driving a Ford with pick-up body, and had a woman and small girl with her. This coincides with the information obtained by the San Antonio Office from [redacted]. Doubtless the woman and child with Kathryn at that time were [redacted].</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>7-115-5494</b>	
<p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:</p> <p>Division.....3 Kansas City...1 Okla. City....3 (1 U.S.A.) Dallas.....2</p> <p>San Antonio...1 Chicago.....1 New Orleans..1</p> <p>COPIES DESTROYED <b>IM.</b> <b>135 MAR 17 1955</b></p>		<p>UNITED STATES</p> <p>BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p> <p>ROUTED TO: <b>7-115-5494</b> <b>SEP 28 1933</b> <b>FILE</b></p>	

On 9-15-33 the Dallas Office was advised by Acting SAC Davis of the San Antonio Office that an air mail letter mailed at Iowa Park, Texas, 9-14-33 postmarked 1: PM, had been received at San Antonio addressed to [redacted] and giving return address - [redacted] General Delivery, Seymour, Texas. The letter said, among other things, that the writer was going to Dallas. Arrangements were made with the Dallas Police Department to furnish this information to all its officers without publicity. A description of Kelly, Kathryn Kelly and [redacted] was furnished all members of the department, who were instructed to detain these parties if they were seen.

[redacted] Texas Highway Patrol, Austin, Texas, was furnished the information available as to Kelly and companions, with request that he notify all his patrolmen south of Dallas.

The Dallas Office by telephone notified [redacted] Abilene; [redacted] Wichita Falls; [redacted] Dallas, Texas, (all of Texas Highway Patrol), and suggested that the patrolmen under their respective commands be concentrated, insofar as possible, in the area from San Angelo and Coleman to Wichita Falls, Texas; and this was done, two men from the Dallas Patrol Office being sent to Wichita Falls. All river crossing points into Oklahoma were covered by the Highway Patrol from Friday until Monday 9-18-33.

Agent [redacted] at Coleman, Texas, was advised of the above information and he notified the Sheriffs and other law enforcing officers in that vicinity in whom dependence could be placed.

The Dallas Office phoned Chief of Police [redacted] at Stamford, Texas; Chief of Police [redacted] at Abilene; Sheriff [redacted] at Seymour, Texas, and Sheriff [redacted] at Anson, Texas; all of the above places being on the highway from Coleman and Abilene to Wichita Falls, Texas.

Sheriff [redacted] said that he saw a woman on the street at Seymour at 10 AM 9-15-33 answering the description of Kathryn, at which time she was wearing smoked glasses. He said he had found where a man and woman, both having red hair had stayed at a tourist camp the night of 9-14-33 and that they had a little girl with them and were riding in a Ford Coupe - model A, with Tennessee Plates. He said he was unable to ascertain which way they went from Seymour, but they left there about daylight 9-15-33.

Chief of Police [redacted] of Stamford phoned that he had learned that at Anson, Texas about 4 PM 9-15-33 a couple, having a little girl, tried to trade Ford Coupe for a Chevrolet. This coupe answered the description of George and Kathryn Kelly.

Chief of Police [redacted] of Abilene phoned on 9-15-33 that on that about 4:40 PM a Ford Coupe, model A, had been serviced for gas at a filling station in Abilene at 7th & Pine Streets. He said he, in conjunction with Captain [redacted] of the Highway Patrol, had made every effort to get additional information without success.

The different phases of the above were communicated to the offices

cooperating, as fast as received.

b7c The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7c  
Upon arrival at Brownwood, Texas, September 14, 1933, Agent [REDACTED] b7c  
ascertained that Texas License No. 130511 were issued to [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] to cover a Chevrolet 1928 model sedan.

Upon arrival at Coleman, Texas, September 14, 1933, Sheriff [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] stated that he had just the night before learned that George and Kathryn Kelly  
had left a Ford Car in the vicinity of Buffalo School House at a farm house. The  
Sheriff's confidential informant was interviewed and stated that on September 11,  
1933, George Kelly came [REDACTED] he was go  
to leave a car in the garage; that Kelly left a black Ford Model A 1931 or 1932  
series, bearing a foreign license plate, brown in color, in the garage; that some  
one awaited Kelly down in the lane at the informant's pasture gate, about  
150 yards from the house in a black sedan of some kind; that George Kelly said at  
that time "keep your mouths shut about this car being here"; that Kelly mentioned [REDACTED]  
had been to Memphis, Tenn. on a visit to his father; that he had a relative, possibl  
a brother, working in a garage from whom he got different cars; that no one was  
with Kelly at the informant's house on September 11; that on September 13, about 5:  
o'clock PM, George Kelly, Kathryn Kelly and a little girl 12 or 13 years of age,  
appeared at his house and took the battery out of a Ford Model A pick-up Truck,  
green-blue in color; Texas Commercial License 28730, motor A-4025011, placed the  
truck in his garage, placed the battery from the truck in the Ford Coupe, and the  
trio left his house in the Ford Coupe; that this coupe bore at least four brand new  
Goodyear Tires; that they turned east upon leaving his house which would lead them  
out toward the Rising Star Road; that the last time he had seen George Kelly he had  
dark hair, and the last time he had seen Kathryn she had had dark hair, but on  
September 13, Kathryn had red hair, and Kelly's hair was a yellowish red; that Kel  
stated this place is getting too hot for us and we are leaving for El Paso.  
Thereupon all filling stations between Santa Anna, Texas and San Angelo, Texas, we  
checked by making inquiries as to whether or not a car with three persons of the  
above descriptions, had been serviced on the evening of September 13. At San Ange  
with the assistance of the Police Department, questionable places, tourist camps,  
and filling stations were checked, without getting any information which would ind  
cate the Kellys had passed through San Angelo. The Sheriff at Ballinger and the  
Chief of Police there were notified to be on the lookout for the outfit.

On the evening of September 14, 1933, a check was made at Santa  
Anna, where Kathryn Kelly has relatives, without any results. [REDACTED] rural  
mail carrier, Santa Anna, is her uncle. The night watchman at Santa Anna, is a go  
officer and has been informed to watch for subjects to appear there, and he is co-  
operating to the fullest extent. The manager of the telephone office is cooperat

b7c b7D [REDACTED] stated that he traded his old  
Chevrolet to a [REDACTED] at Brownwood, and [REDACTED] recently informed him  
he had sold the car to a woman at Brady, Texas.

Chief of Police [redacted] at Brownwood was informed regarding the descriptions of the Kellys and their car, as also was the sheriff at Brownwood.

Commercial License 28-730 was issued to cover the above described Ford Pick-up in the name of [redacted], Brownwood. He is unknown to the owner of that property, and his name is not listed in either the City or Telephone Directory. In 1932 this truck bore Commercial License 50-089 (Brown County). In 1931 it bore Commercial License 40-992 (Coleman County).

[redacted] used car dealer, Brownwood, stated that on August 17, he sold 1928 Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 4424281, Texas License 130-511, to a woman whom he identified as Kathryn Kelly from her photograph; that she purchased the car under the name of Mrs. H. E. Campbell, Brady, Texas, for \$140.00 cash, with one \$100.00 bill and 4 \$10.00 bills; that she was brought to the [redacted] Place of business by another used car dealer [redacted]; that the car is equipped with 4 new Riverside Tires, and it is a regular old Chevrolet Green in color with green upholstery. Chief of Police [redacted] recommended against interviewing [redacted].

[redacted] stated that he thought the woman Mrs. Campbell was a country school teacher from her looks when she bought the car.

At the Brownwood Hotel Agent found the registration on August 24, 1933 of Katherine C. Ball, Dallas, in what is believed to be the handwriting of Kathryn Kelly. From the room occupied by her that night there was placed a long distance call to San Antonio Phone No. Fannin 6674. None of the employees could identify her photograph.

On September 15, C. E. Coleman, [redacted] called on Sheriff [redacted] and apologized for having lied when he recently informed [redacted] that neither George nor Kathryn Kelly had been to his farm, as they had been there just like [redacted] had informed [redacted] and other officers; that he had made up his mind now to keep [redacted] informed of any information concerning the Kellys which he might discover.

C. E. Coleman, brother of Mrs. Ora Shannon, was interviewed by Agent and Sheriff [redacted] and stated that several days after the Shannons were arrested (Aug. 12) at Paradise, Texas, George and Kathryn Kelly came to his house about 10: PM, one night; that he believes this was 4 or 5 days after the arrests at Paradise, and Kelly drove his new 1932 Chevrolet Coupe with Indiana License Plates, numbers unknown, behind his (Coleman's) house and said "We want to rest a while"; that they brought in the house a rather large Gladstone Bag, and a black leather brief case; that Kelly said don't any of you leave the house while we are here; that about sunrise next morning the Kellys drove away; that they never said where they were going or when they would return; that the only mention of the kidnaping was made by Kathryn, who said they have got those innocent people arrested and we have got to try and help them if we can, for that reason he believes she is hanging around some lawyer either in Ft. Worth or Dallas; that she also said she certainly felt sorry for her daughter (Pauline) and was going to try and have her cared for; that he has never seen Kelly since, but about 2 days later Kathryn, accompanied by another woman and a young girl 10 or 13 years of age, names unknown to him, came to his house in a Model A Ford Pick-up

Truck; that they only stayed about 15 minutes, as Kathryn said she had made a long drive and still had a long way to go, and that is the last time he has ever heard from or seen any of them; that he had determined that if they came to his place again or he learns of their whereabouts he will immediately notify Sheriff [redacted] by telephone from [redacted] about a mile from his home.

Arrangements were made with [redacted] to assist.

[redacted] is watching the [redacted] Place, another brother of Mrs. Ora Shannon.

[redacted] on whose farm C. E. Coleman, lives, is a rather wealthy and influential Coleman citizen. He has informed C. E. Coleman that if he ever learns that he has cared for the Kellys, he will move him off of that farm. One [redacted] who lives also in the same neighborhood as C. E. and [redacted] Coleman married [redacted] of C. E. and [redacted] Coleman, and of Mrs. Ora Shannon; [redacted] has married [redacted] sister, and those two families live in the same house. [redacted] has arranged with his son to make the rounds of the Coleman Farms daily and if he sees any strange people or cars to immediately notify Sheriff [redacted]

Upon being informed by SAC Blake on the night of September 15, that the Kellys were seen at Abilene about 5: o'clock PM headed toward Coleman, the following persons were notified:

Sheriff [redacted], Ballinger  
Police Dept., San Angelo  
Police Dept., Brownwood  
Sheriff's Dept, Brownwood  
Sheriff, Brady, Texas.

The highways around Coleman were checked until after midnight. A road guard about 15 miles out of Coleman on the Abilene-Coleman Road, at a detour was interviewed and stated that a car with a red-haired woman and a young girl and man, passed that way about sun down, and asked permission to use the newly constructed road; upon being asked if he was a laborer the man replied that he was. The woman was dressed in a black or blue polka-dot dress and had red hair, and they were in a black coupe of some kind, but he did not notice what license plates the car bore.

The highway under construction leads to a lane which runs by the home of [redacted] father of [redacted] [redacted] is an ex-convict, and [redacted] was convicted in Federal Court, as a co-defendant of F. E. Coleman, brother of Mrs. Ora Shannon, for violation of the Dyer Act.

It is believed that every known contact for the Kellys in the vicinity of Coleman, Texas, is covered as well as it is possible so to do, and that if they show up here again and stop with any of their known contacts Sheriff [redacted] will be notified and he will be apprehended.



C. E. Coleman stated "Kelly is desperate - I am afraid of him, I believe he would kill my whole family - I hope he and Kathryn are caught - I never want to see either of them, unless they are in custody - I will notify you that they are at my house if they again come here to prevent you folks finding it out from some other source and coming out here and killing my family in getting Kelly out of my house."

The informant where the Ford-Pick-Up is stored, is [REDACTED]. He drove to Coleman during a hard storm on the evening of September 14 to inform Sheriff [REDACTED] of the Kellys' visit to his home. Agent does not know this informant's name and has been requested by [REDACTED] not to ask his name as he promised the boy he would never tell anyone his name.

[REDACTED] informed [REDACTED] on September 15 that George Kelly and Kathryn Kelly had been to the C. E. Coleman Farm the preceding Friday evening. C. E. Coleman denied that.

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b7D  
Information was received by the Dallas Office that the Kellys had stayed at 207 E. First Street, Burkburnett, Texas. Inspector [REDACTED] of the State Highway Patrol, Wichita Falls, Texas, made an investigation and found a [REDACTED] formerly resided there, the place now being vacant. [REDACTED] located on Third Street, stated [REDACTED] with her parents [REDACTED] stayed at this place at least three times in the last four years, and were there a month early this last Spring. The City Marshal, [REDACTED], advised [REDACTED] a girl answering [REDACTED] description, inquired of him the location of [REDACTED] about four or five weeks prior to September 16. She was given the information but never went there. Information concerning the [REDACTED] has previously been reported. [REDACTED] is known to be with the Kellys at the present time. [REDACTED] have been located and statements secured from them relative to their association with the Kellys, as the file in this matter reveals.

On August 24, 1933, a long distance telephone call was placed by [REDACTED] at Brownwood, Texas, to Fannin 6674, San Antonio, Texas. It is not known that [REDACTED] is identical with Kathryn Kelly, but the San Antonio Office was requested by letter to check the number and secure any information available. It developed there was no connection.

Assistant Director Nathan, on September 20, requested by telephone from Oklahoma City that it be ascertained whether any newspapers were taken by Mrs. Ora L. Shannon at Paradise, Texas. [REDACTED] at Paradise, Texas, telephonically advised Mrs. Shannon took the "Ft. Worth Press" and "Wise County Messenger" the latter a Decatur, Texas, Paper. No paper is published at Paradise. This information was furnished telephonically to SAC Colvin at Oklahoma City.

Investigation at Coleman, Texas, by Special Agent [REDACTED] developed the following:



At Coleman, Agent on Sunday, September 16, inspected the Ford Pick-up Delivery Truck left at the farm of confidential informant by George and Kathryn Kelly, and found therein a part of a lunch, - a package of potato chips prepared by the "Brady, Texas Potato Chip Factory."

Inquiry disclosed that Kathryn Kelly, as Katherine Thorn, on August 28, 1933, purchased used Ford Pick-up Truck (model A) Motor 4025011, 1933 Texas Commercial (white numerals on red background) license Nos. 28-730, from the Abilene Motors Company (Chevrolet Dealers) Abilene, Texas, paid cash with (2) \$100.00 bills.

A [redacted], vegetable peddler at Coleman, Texas, is Fred E. Coleman's father-in-law. He stated his daughter has written him from Stratford, Oklahoma, lately, but only mention of Urschel kidnaping case made by her is "We are so sorry they got the Coleman family mixed up in it." That he knows C. E. and [redacted] Coleman and [redacted] (nee [redacted]) brothers and sisters of Mrs. Ora Shannon, who live on the [redacted] farm south of Coleman. That other relatives of Kathryn Kelly, are the two [redacted] and [redacted] uncles and aunt, who live at Brownwood.

For reasons well known to the Division, no contact with [redacted] was attempted. [redacted] reputation at Brownwood is that of a car thief, and on Saturday night, September 15, Chief of Police [redacted] Brownwood, called Agent at Coleman, advising that he had just learned [redacted] was going to leave Brownwood for Kansas with the constable for Kansas; that he knows [redacted] would protect Kelly, and to meet him [redacted] at the County line where [redacted] would pass and take him into custody. This was avoided.

[redacted], Brownwood, was questioned and denied she had seen or heard of the Kelly's at Brownwood, and would notify [redacted] if they come to her place.

It was also learned from [redacted] that [redacted] is a cousin of Kathryn's.

Sheriff [redacted] at Brady, was contacted by Long distance telephone. He stated he knows [redacted] and would cover that angle closely.

The telephone and telegraph offices at Santa Anna, as well as the Post Office, were checked. Agent found a long hand telegram (Western Union) which reads as follows:

"Santa Anna, Texas, Sept. 9, 1933.

L. W. Arnold, General Delivery, San Antonio, Texas.

MOTHER BETTER, signed R. Baker."

On September 20, Agent received a telephone call from [redacted] Sheriff at Coleman, Texas, advising that [redacted] received a letter at Brady, Texas, September 19, and fainted in the Post Office and that he ascertained what was in the letter.

[redacted] Stratford, Oklahoma, was interviewed by Agent at Oklahoma City, September 19. He wanted to know how much the reward would be if some \$75000.00 of the ransom money was recovered, and also stated he would try to learn the name of a go-between, and the name and address of a woman friend of Harvey Bailey's about 16 miles from Ardmore, Okla.

On Sept. 20th [redacted] stated that he had tried to find out about the matters from C. E. Coleman, but had not been able to learn anything.

[redacted] at Coleman, Texas, stated that on Friday evening, September 15, a phone call came from Stratford, Oklahoma, to [redacted] (nee [redacted]) to come to Stratford with C. E. and [redacted], as his mother, [redacted] was ill, and that C. E. [redacted] and [redacted] left Saturday (September 16) for Stratford by car.2

Kathryn Kelly is well known to many persons at Coleman, Texas. Her aunt [redacted] and Kathryn practiced prostitution together, and left Ft. Worth together, with a man one night four or five years ago, stopped enroute to Coleman, and in a conversation with a certain party Kathryn stated "We are on our way to Coleman to kill Charlie Thorn". Charlie Thorn was then Kathryn's husband. The next morning Thorn was found dead, and a suicide note was found by his body. It is reported that Kathryn could forge Thorn's signature so perfectly that neither Thorn nor the Coleman Bank officials could distinguish one from the other.

Sheriff [redacted] is interested in developing sufficient evidence to obtain a murder indictment against Kathryn Kelly, [redacted] and their man companion for the murder of Thorn in Coleman County, Texas.

A list of all long distance calls from the former home of Kathryn Kelly on East Mulkey Street in Ft. Worth - telephone No. 4-2150, from 11-19-31 to 3-31-32, was secured and forwarded to the office of origin by letter.

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#### MINUTES IN TRANSIT

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DEFENSE TESTIMONY ALL IN SUMMING UP COMMENCES NINE THIRTY  
TOMORROW MORNING SHANNONS ALLOWED TWO HOURS SAINTPAUL  
DEFENDANTS TWO HOURS BAILEY COUNSEL THIRTY MINUTES BATES  
THIRTY MINUTES KEENAN HOUR AND A HALF HYDE UNLIMITED=

NATHAN..

Mr. Nathan.  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GATES

I am attaching hereto, as of possible interest to you, a copy of a memorandum which I have today directed to the Attorney General, concerning the location of ransom money in connection with the Urschel Kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,

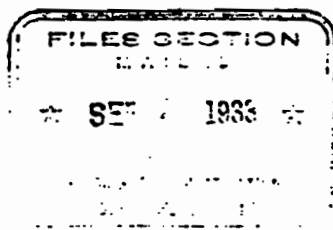
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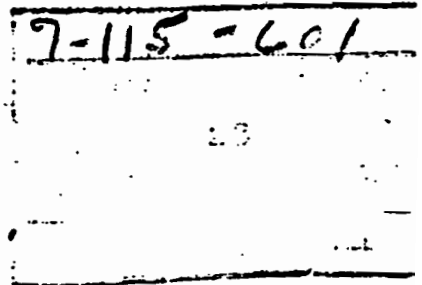
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September 27, 1935.

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

In connection with the development in the apprehension of George Kelly and his wife and Tichenor and Travis at Memphis, Tennessee, I desire to advise you that last evening Langford Hancey, a Memphis attorney who has been acting as a go-between for Kelly, was taken into custody at Memphis, Tennessee. George and Kathryn Kelly were arraigned before the United States Commissioner yesterday upon a fugitive warrant. At my direction they were removed from the police jail in Memphis and transferred to the county jail. They are being held in default of \$10,000 bail bond fixed by the United States Commissioner. Tichenor and Travis are held for further hearing and are in custody, also in default of \$100,000 bail bond. The charge against the latter two is that of conspiracy to harbor fugitives in violation of Section 141 of the Penal Code.

The members of this group are now in separate cells in the county jail and under guard twenty-four hours by Agents of this Division, who are covering them with machine guns. In view of the boasts which Kelly made yesterday that he would be able to get out of jail within a very short time, I issued orders this morning that handcuffs be placed upon his arms and that manacles be placed upon his feet - the same procedure which we have followed in Oklahoma City in connection with Harvey Bailey.

Respectfully,

Director.

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September 27, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Yesterday I selected a group of Special Agents of the Division to proceed to a point several hundred miles southwest of Dallas, Texas, near the town Coleman, Texas, for the purpose of endeavoring to locate some of the ransom money in the Urschel Kidnaping case. This party of Special Agents arrived at the farm of one Cass Coleman, who is the uncle of Kathryn Kelly, whom we have in custody at Memphis, Tennessee, in connection with the Urschel Kidnaping case. A very thorough search was made of Coleman's farm, and this morning at 3:00 a.m., about half a mile from Coleman's house in a cotton patch we discovered, buried, the sum of \$73,250 of the ransom money in the Urschel case. Cass Coleman has been taken into custody by our Agents.

Up to the location of the \$73,250, approximately \$6,400 of the ransom money had been located; \$700 was found on the person of Harvey Bailey when our Agents arrested him; \$700 was found on the person of George A. Bates, and \$5,000 of the ransom money had been circulated in St. Paul by Kelly through his St. Paul contacts, this making a total now of \$79,650 of the \$200,000 ransom money. The search is being continued with a view of locating the balance of this money.

No publicity has been given to the above matter, and I thought that you might desire to immediately advise the press of this latest development.

Respectfully,

Director.

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September 27, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM STANLEY,  
The Assistant to the Attorney General

I am attaching hereto, as of possible interest to you, a copy of a memorandum which I have this morning directed to the Attorney General concerning the apprehension of the Kellys at Memphis, Tennessee, yesterday, in connection with the Urschel Kidnaping case.

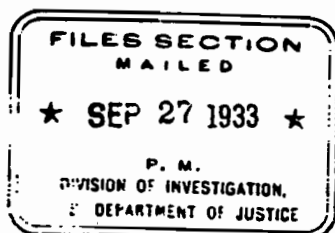
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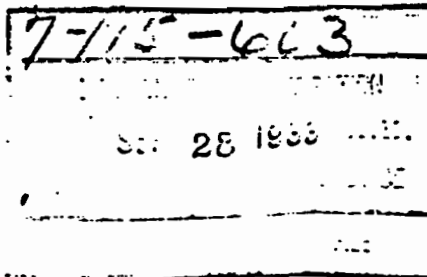
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LANGFORD POLAND RAMSEY MEMPHIS ATTORNEY TAKEN INTO  
CUSTODY EARLY MORNING SEPTEMBER TWENTY SEVENTH CONSPIRACY  
HABOR FUGITIVES GEORGE AND KATHERINE KELLEY VIOLATION  
SECTION ONE FORTY ONE CRIMINAL CODE STOP RAMSEY BORN  
MINERAL WELLS TEXAS JULY TWENTY FOURTH NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVEN BUT LEFT TEXAS WITH PARENTS AT EARLY AGE AND WAS  
REARED IN MEMPHIS STUDIED LAW CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY  
LEBANON TENNESSEE RECEIVING LLB DEGREE JANUARY FIFTH  
1928 ADMITTED TENNESSEE BAR ON EXAMINATION SAME MONTH  
MARRIED HERMANO MISSISSIPPI JUNE TENTH NINETEEN THIRTY  
DIVORCED LATER AT MEMPHIS WHERE HE HAS PRACTICED LAW  
SINCE ADMISSION TO BAR STOP RAMSEY ADMITS THAT HE HAS  
KNOWN MACHINE GUN KELLEY FOR ABOUT FIFTEEN YEARS AND  
THAT HIS CORRECT NAME IS GEORGE KELLY BARNES WHO MARRIED  
HIS SISTER AT MEMPHIS YEARS AGO AND WAS DIVORCED  
TWO YEARS AGO TWO CHILDREN BORN OF THIS MARRIAGE 1932

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LIVE IN MEMPHIS WITH MOTHER WHO HAS REMARRIED STOP RAMSEY CLAIMS HAD NOT SEEN KELLY FOR ABOUT SEVEN YEARS UNTIL THE LATTER PART OF AUGUST THIS YEAR WHEN KELLY CAME TO MEMPHIS ALONE CALLED HIS HOUSE ON TELEPHONE AND REQUESTED HIM TO PICK HIM UP IN AUTO AT FOURTH AND POPLAR STOP WHEN MET GEORGE KELLY BARNES TOLD RAMSEY HE WAS THE MUCH SOUGHT MACHINE GUN KELLEY AND THAT THEY HAD PUT THE HEAT ON HIM WANTED TO BE HIDDEN AWAY FOR ONE NIGHT STOP RAMSEY TOOK HIM TO THE HOME OF HIS FRIEND J R TICHENOR BECAUSE TICHENORS WIFE WAS OUT OF TOWN AND THIS HOUSE HAD BEEN USED BY HIMSELF AND OTHERS FOR BOOZE PARTIES KELLY STAYED ONE WEEK INSTEAD OF ONE NIGHT AND DURING THAT PERIOD HE AND RAMSEY CONSUMED ABOUT SIX PINTS OF GIN EACH DAY=

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

STOP KELLY RETURNED TO MEMPHIS WITH KATHERINE AND [REDACTED] b7C  
BABY ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER TWENTY SECOND AND RAMSEY AGAIN  
HID THEM AWAY AT THE TICHENOR PLACE UNTIL THEIR ARREST  
STOP ON SATURDAY LAST AFTER SOME DRINKING KELLY ASKED  
RAMSEY TO DRIVE HIM TO A PLACE IN TEXAS NOT NAMED RAMSEY  
AGREED TO DO THIS IF IT WERE AT MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH  
KELLY HAD TOLD HIM THAT IF HE WERE ARRESTED HE WOULD BE  
GIVEN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR FOR KIDNAPPING URSHEL STOP  
LATER KELLEY ARRANGED WITH RAMSEY TO TAKE THE [REDACTED] b7C  
BABY  
ALONG AS IDENTIFICATION AND DRIVE IN KELLYS CAR TO THE  
FARM OF CASS COLEMAN NEAR SANTAANNA TEXAS FOR THE PURPOSE  
OF ARRANGING WITH COLEMAN TO MEET KELLEY ON HIGHWAY  
NUMBER SEVEN AT MIDNIGHT ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY EIGHTH ABOUT  
FIVE MILES WEST OF MCGREGOR TEXAS AND ALSO TO PROCURE=

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FROM COLEMAN SOME SILVER FOX FURS WHICH MRS KELLEY HAD LEFT THERE STOP KELLEY FURTHER INSTRUCTED RAMSEY TO THEN DRIVE THE <sup>b7c</sup> [REDACTED] GIRL TO OKLAHOMACITY AND PROCURE FROM <sup>b7c</sup> [REDACTED] TWO GRIPS OF CLOTHING WHICH HAD BEEN LEFT WITH THEM STOP RAMSEY LEFT MEMPHIS WITH THE <sup>b7c</sup> [REDACTED] CHILD AND EXECUTED THESE ORDERS BUT COLEMAN WOULD NOT TALK WITH HIM ABOUT THE ARRANGEMENTS CLAIMING TO BE FRIGHTENED AND THAT THE FARM WAS SURROUNDED BY MACHINE GUNS STOP COLEMAN WOULD NOT AGREE TO MEET KELLEY AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED AND REFUSED TO TURN OVER THE FURS STOP RAMSEY THEN DROVE WITH THE LITTLE GIRL TO FORTWORTH TEXAS WHERE HE WIRED GEORGE KELLEY AT THE TICHENOR HOME IN MEMPHIS AS FOLLOWS QUOTE DEAR CHOLLY HAD SEVERAL TOUGH BREAKS RAN INTO SEVERAL RAIN STORMS CAUSED BRAKE TROUBLE DEAL FELL THROUGH TRIED TO GET LATER APPOINTMEN



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FULL-RATE DAY LETTER

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PROSPECT WAS AFRAID IMPOSSIBLE CHANGE HIS MIND DONT WANT  
TO BRING HOME A SAD TALE CAN GO ON IF ADVISABLE WIRE  
INSTRUCTIONS HERE ANSWER WIRE WESTERNUNION GAINSVILLE  
TEXAS UNQUOTE KELLEY ANSWERED HIM AS FOLLOWS QUOTE 95960  
CONTINUE TRIP AS INSTRUCTED MOTHER FINE NOW UNQUOTE THE  
LATTER THREE WORDS WERE TO DISGUISE THE MESSAGE AND MAKE  
IT APPEAR INNOCENT STOP RAMSEY PUT LITTLE GIRL ON TRAIN  
AT FORTWORTH AND HIMSELF DROVE KELLEYS CAR TO  
OKLAHOMACITY WHERE [REDACTED] REFUSED TO TURN OVER  
KATHERINES CLOTHES AND KEPT THE CHILD STOP KELLEYS  
INSTRUCTIONS TO RAMSEY WERE THAT HE WAS TO RETURN THE  
GIRL TO MEMPHIS AFTER EXECUTING THESE ORDERS IN TEXAS  
AND OKLAHOMA STOP RAMSEY BECAME FRIGHTENED AND FLED IN  
KELLEYS CAR FOR MEMPHIS WHERE HE WAS ARRESTED SIGNED  
STATEMENT FROM RAMSEY CONTAINING ABOVE FACTS BEING TYPED=  
KEITH.

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September 28, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT M. GATES,  
PUBLICITY OFFICER.

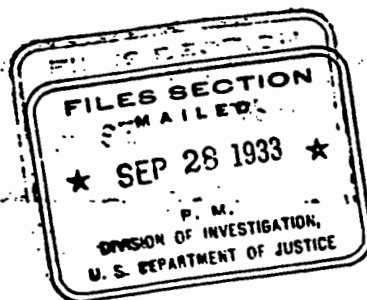
I am transmitting to you herewith, for your information, a copy of a memorandum which I sent to the Attorney General on September 27th concerning recent developments in the George R. Kelly matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. #360310

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September 23, 1933.

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

I am transmitting to you herewith, for your  
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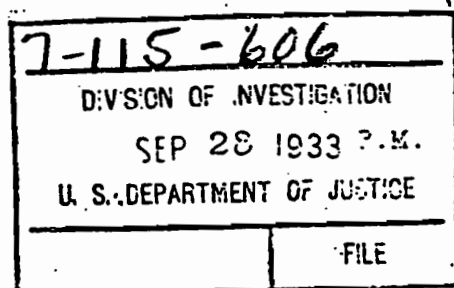
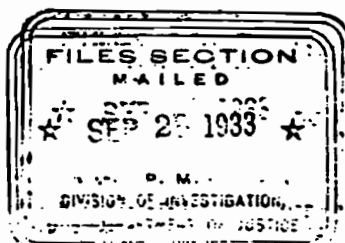
Very truly yours,

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Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

In bringing about the apprehension of George E. Kelly and his wife, Kathryn Thorn Kelly, at Memphis, Tennessee, the Division of Investigation ascertained the name of the go-between to be Langford Poland Ramsey, a practicing attorney of Memphis, Tennessee. Subsequent investigation has developed that Langford Ramsey has known George E. Kelly for fifteen years. In fact, according to Ramsey, Kelly's real name is George Kelly Barnes, who married Ramsey's sister, Anita Ramsey, had two children by this marriage but was divorced seven years ago, after which Kelly married his present wife, Kathryn. According to Ramsey, Kelly appeared at his home in the latter part of August of this year and advised him that he was the much sought "Machine Gun Kelly" and requested that he put him up for the night. The night's lodging extended into a week, after which Kelly left and he was not seen again by Ramsey until he returned to Memphis on September 22, 1933, when Ramsey arranged to put Kelly up at the home of James C. Tichenor, as Tichenor's wife was away. Kelly requested Ramsey to proceed to Texas and to contact Cass Coleman a short distance out of Santa Anna, Texas, and to arrange for him, Kelly, to meet Coleman at midnight on September 28 about five miles West of McGregor, Texas. Ramsey proceeded to Texas but Cass Coleman refused to make any arrangements to meet Kelly, advising him that the house was surrounded by machine guns. Ramsey was also to obtain from Coleman Mrs. Kelly's furs. Coleman refused to deliver the furs. Thereupon Ramsey proceeded to Fort Worth, Texas, and from that point sent a telegram to Tichenor for Kelly advising him of his failure. He received a telegram in return, signed "Jack", advising him to execute the original orders, which included a trip to Oklahoma City for the purpose of obtaining certain clothes of Kathryn Kelly, in addition to returning the [redacted] child, who had been with Mrs. Kelly while at Memphis and accompanied Ramsey on his trip to Coleman, Texas. Ramsey placed the child in the hands of the Travelers Aid at the railroad station at Fort Worth, provided her with transportation to Oklahoma City, and himself drove to Oklahoma City. He was unsuccessful in obtaining Kathryn Kelly's clothes and became alarmed and left Oklahoma City early the following morning, returning to Memphis.

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Ramsey was placed in custody immediately upon his return to Memphis and charged under Section 141 of the Criminal Code, which is Section 246, Title 18, of the United States Code, with harboring and conspiracy to harbor a fugitive from federal justice.

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Memorandum for the Attorney General

9/27/33.

It thus appears that Ramsey, while a practicing attorney, was not representing Kelly in a professional capacity but rather as a friend and relative. He has admitted the foregoing facts and states his reason for harboring Kelly was that he wanted to save his sister, Kelly's former wife, and their children from the shame attendant upon the execution of Kelly, as Kelly had told him that if he was caught he would be electrocuted because of the Urschel kidnaping.

Langford Poland Ramsey was born at Mineral Wells, Texas, on July 24, 1907. He studied law at the Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee, and received an LL.B. degree therefrom on January 5, 1928. He was admitted to the Tennessee Bar on examination in the same month. He was married at Hernando, Mississippi, on June 10, 1930, but was divorced later at Memphis, Tennessee. He has been practicing law since his admission to the Bar.

Respectfully,

Director.

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**GENERAL EDWARD KING  
FT. McPHERSON  
ATLANTA GEORGIA**

DESIRE TO EXPRESS THIS DIVISIONS APPRECIATION FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN FURNISHING  
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George R. Kelly, of Fort Worth, Texas, apparently first came to the attention of law enforcement officials in March, 1927, when he was received at the State Prison at Santa Fe, New Mexico, under a sentence for violation of the National Prohibition Act. Shortly after his discharge, in fact on July 24, 1927, just a few months later, he was arrested at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on a charge of vagrancy. Six months later, in January, 1928, he was again arrested at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on a charge of violation of the National Prohibition Act. He was received at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, in February, 1928, from Tulsa, Oklahoma, under a sentence of three years for violation of the National Prohibition Act.

Kelly is thirty-five years of age. He is married to Kathryn Thorne Shannon, the daughter of R. G. Shannon, at whose home near Paradise, Texas, Harvey J. Bailey and others were taken into custody charged with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel at Oklahoma City on July 22, 1933. Kathryn Kelly, his wife, who has been definitely identified as in the conspiracy to kidnap Urschel, has accompanied Kelly while traveling about the country in a fugitive status since the kidnaping. She has only one prior arrest charged against her, according to the criminal records of the Division, namely an arrest as Dolores Whitney by the police Department at Fort Worth in November, 1929, on a charge of shoplifting, which was dismissed.

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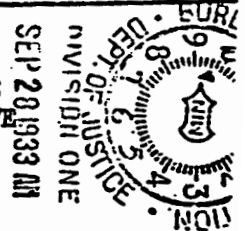
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RE ORDER Chief of Police,  
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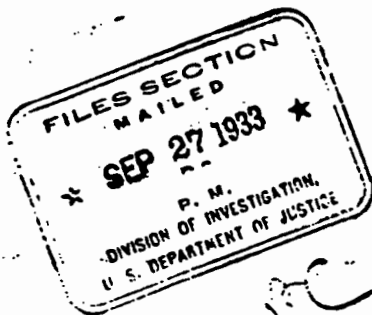
Dear Chief:

In reply to your undated letter submitting information concerning the whereabouts of George R. Kelly, who was wanted in connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel of Oklahoma City, kindly be advised that Kelly has now been located and taken into custody.

I wish to thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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Department of Justice,

Dear Sir:

In regard to Kelly wanted in Urchell Kidnaping case.  
some information that mite lead to his capture he has some frends at  
Wichita Kansas. There is a rod house south of Wichita. this is a  
high class place and Kelly has bin there location south on Lawrence to  
River Bridge north end of Bridge go south east down River about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.  
This place belongs to Bick Bixby, Bob Cornhan, Max Copen and others  
running(?) under Protection. You mite find him at Lawrence Hotell on  
No. Lawrence or at Jim Stiff hotell at Winfield, Kans. This gang Bates,  
Boley, Kelly, are old friends of this gang of Book and Gambling Racket.  
All old frinds of the Democo(?) gang at K.C.

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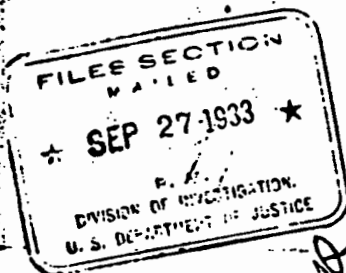
Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for your letter of September 23, 1933 submitting information concerning the possible whereabouts of George R. Kelly and his wife, Kathryn Thorne Kelly, who were wanted in connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel of Oklahoma City.

Kindly be advised that since you wrote this letter the Kelly's have been taken into custody.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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...Nevada, Mo

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

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Sir:-

You are welcome to these few ideas concerning the Machine Gun Kellys, and thinking it may or may not come in handy, herewith is what I gathered from a slight personal contact with the said underworld characters, so difficult of location.

Last wednesday at or close to 8.15 p-m, dropped into a friends lunch room-on west side of local Court House square. He was rather upset over recent callers to the total number of five--one young woman-plus four very keen and moderately dressed customers who had just departed from the place, and in fact, three of the gang were immediately outside--one was standing in a nearby entrance to a meat market, 25 ft from door of lunch, on guard, two were on other side of lunch room--hanging around. These 3 evaporated off street--into cars parked in west side of the square. Two got into the green coupe--the other just disappeared in thin air for the time being. I witnessed these three--but didnt know why they were then hanging close to lunch room/ nor their business etc.

Three cars went with the four men--and lady. A Whippet--was supposed to put in its appearance--but as to this Whippet, did not attempt to go into its business. I walked right into this gang--and tipped the Ex-Sheriff, now on local Police duty days, to the fact that a high powered gang was meeting in sqaure, to watch his steps, as they undoubtedly were Big Gangsters--of unknown identification.

Note. Harvey Baileys gang robbed the bank in Fort Scott, he evaporated with the loot--five of his aids were captured shortly by X Sheriff and I knew the Bailey gang--might desire to even up with X Sheriff--if he happened to obstruct their plans--and tipped him off to watch out, for Baileys gang friends might be inclusive in this gang going through town. When the lady put in her appearance--and one of the gang was rather short and thick set and very keen in facial appearances--surmised the Kellys, and had no indentification measurements obtainable at short notice. Mrs K--looked at as being close to 30--dressed in black--and likely dolled up 7 to 10 years older than she is. Did not see her, but had her looks imparted to me early. I didnt not like being connected with such a hard shooting crowd if antagonized, and tried to fade out of mix up as soon as convenient.

I do know that three of the gang had me spotted--twice--and likely a 3d time, when I contacted Ex Sheriff Butner to wise him as to facts collected.

Act 1. A tall slim party arrived in town--(advance agent) so his car was parked close to Lunch room--at 4 p-m--Wed. Sept. 20. This advance agent was in town (known to be) from 4p-m--wednesday, to close to 8 p-m--and plans were changed from original--so that he was in city at or close to 8.30 am the morning of following thursday. He called for the steel grip and a box--before 9 am thursday. They did not dare call for the grip and box as planned, as the police were observing their actions--merely observing thats all.

Act 2. Slim (gangster number one) had his supper at close to around 7: the center of arrangements--pivoted around 8.17 train from Kansas City.

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To J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director of Investigation.

#### Act Two(contd)

Mrs Machine Gun Kelly seemed to be the deciding factor of plans. She appeared at lunch room- very soon after the 8.17 K.C. train arrived-and she ate but a small part of her pie and part of a cup of coffee. All five of gang were assembled in lunch room-while she was eating. Slim came in and (without asking permission, left a new steel suit case, heavily bound with brass, with an A.I. Yale lock weighing 75 pounds plus. I lifted it-and the gang spotted me,also. One of gang turned around and I saw him keep tabs on me-he after that faded out of scene- to one of their (three) known cars belonging to gang. With steel grip--was a past board box---tied with cord-containing sheets, slips-towels-and a females underwear--laundered freshly-and folded etc.(Surplus bandage material for hideout?). The Yale lock on grip or steel suit case--was an (excellent one)-no chance to get in: as Ex Sheriff [redacted] looked it over carefully, during the (nite) it remained in the lunch room.

After Mrs Kelly finished her lunch(she had eaten previously) she faded out into one of the cars in square-as to how the other four went out-didnt try to data.

#### Act Three.

Their cars were (three) in number-plus a Whippet-asked about by a member of gang--if such a car had been observed on (west) side of square. The one who asked or expected this Whippet to blow into square-sauntered out of lunch room onto west side of square-and near to lunch room-asked a local resident-about bus ti highways over which busses run-etc and ended up with "did you notice a Whippet about square"?? Evidently said Whippet brought in Mrs K-and the Grip and box or brought the Grip and box and she came into town on 8.17. Whippet could have dropped Mrs K up the railroad at some station, and she could have come in on tr and brought in the grip and box etc. Whatever way the grip and box arrived-it ed up--a few minutes after Mrs K-entered lunch room. While she was eating. Slim must have entered with grip and box- as he was the (acting) brother of Sister K.

#### Act Four.

Slim came in and ate his supper--formed a contact with the lunch oper and had his car-a (green) coupe-Shevvy, parked at curb-in front of lunch room. I (left) it there-and went supposedly about town looking up Bus connections-his sister was due in on bus--did owner of lunch know bus time schedules and highways? Note . Buss from K.C comes thru here at or near 6 p-m. Goes to Joplin etc. At p-m-Slim ate his supper-and think he was (alone) then. But his coupe was parked in front of the central meeting place of gang. Nothing was said to owner re: leaving steel Grip and box in there. It was just placed in front-and left the. And after steel grip was in lunch room-the members of gang-stuck close to it. All (three) of the gangs cars-circled the square (several) times-and each time one of the gang kept (an eye out) on grip. I had walked into the scene unexpectedly-upset their pre-arranged schedule. No one was supposed to bother them-they picked this little lunch room out--likely checked it up several nights running-for the things operated. It was an (ideal) meeting spot-if it ran natural. But in I was soon after they had met-and was getting set to fade out-but the steel grip & I (wasnt easy) to pick up as planned.

Act Five. No doubt in my mind but Slim had Police spotted to a hair-they were opposite side of square-its their head quarters hang out. After they noted me lift their steel grip-- and when one member saw me pass close to grip-and go of counter-things changed for them. I went around square to locate Sheriff [redacted] and he had to run his family somewhere-and return. They saw me meet Sheriff and it was all off-the police were butting in.

Act Six. Besides Green Coupe-were two practically new brown Chevvy's-these 2

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To J. Edgar Hoover:  
Director of Investigation.

Act six( Cont'nd)

faded out of picture either just before 9 p-m or close to this time. Out of a full gang of five members-four proceeded elsewhere. Slim appeared next morning and claimed his sister's grip and box-which was removed to rear of sto: over night.

Things appeared at a glance-that the steel grip might hold money--but a grip over 75 pnds.-would have to be gold or a lot of silver? Its value was not what they were guarding so closely-it was their schedule of getting away from town-elsewhere. I was the cause of hindrance-and four of gang-two sedans went elsewhere-without their grip-which was a center to them. Ammunition for machine guns-on its way to Oklahoma hideout-is my best guess. Worth, likely close to a \$1000, and collected and sent to to a center-then brought here to be picked up by gang-meeting here, on its way elsewhere. It was derved heavy-and steel grip was no cheap affair-cost likely \$18. to \$25. K.C. or Chicago. Made to order likely-to fit in one of the sedans-had that appearance-more of a car luggage grip than otherwise. When I lifted it-it denoted as if lead was the factor of its weight. Its o-k to say it would weight 85 lbs. If you have the weight of machine gun rolls-its easy to estimate the quantity of munitions in grip. I would guess-that the grip was about 10 pnds net-not to exceed 15 gross-itse.

Act Seven.

Some of the 4 men members- aired their minds-regarding asking about busses-highways-and one said he had driven 300 miles from Oklahoma etc. That was apart of the smoke screen.

When Slims sister came into lunch room-she ordered and owner told her that brother Slim had (missed her) had instructed him to tell her (to wait his return) "Thats his car parked outside, lady" Nix!? She opened her purse-and looked at a car number-and said that is (not my brothers car)-it isnt this number he gave. She had the coupes number as she entered lunch room. She was slightly awry on her role.

Slim entered (we think with grip and box) as she was eating-he (said nothing) to Sis, walked the length of lunch room-sat down at extreme end-he had eaten at 7. Think all 4 of gang were then seated at lunch counter-some through eating. Slim sat down and waited a short time. When owner asked Slim if he desired more eats drinks-he said no. Then he went to (sit alongside) the sister-and faded out short Note. Slim never said boo-when he entered with grip and box and set it down near where she was eating-.

Mrs K-immediately faded into one of the sedans-in square. She was careful not to be in (public light) to guess at it-not over 10 minutes exposure, total known. to Machine Gun, himself-didnt attempt to run him down-he was not exposed to 11 only coming into lunch room-while he ate-and his fade out-dont even know if the went out of lunch room-enmasse or just how. Think their cars were within 50 ft from lunch room entrance. Doubt if any of gang had guns in sight--had no chance to look into this angle-doubt if the two I did note had guns on hips-under arms if armed. Feel quite certain-all had their personal artillery-but concealed-these set of gangsters-were too derved sharp not to be prepared-they were dressed as middle class men-shaved and as if touring about etc. From what I gathered-would guess that Machine Gun came in from St Louis-or Chicago-like Chicago. Not from K.C. Something seems to denote to me-Whippet was from K.C. Possibly Mrs K rode to Butler in Whippet-then switched to train-whippet hitting straight for meeting center-with grip and box. But K.C. train did enter into the deal-nothing took place until after 8.17 train arrived. Slim didnt use his car to connect with the train-it was parked at lunch room. Whippet and two sedans unaccounted for-but sedans were in evidence a plenty-about square, up to and until close to 9 p-m. Sheriff (showed himself)-after that, things changed. I tried to get him to

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Four

To J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director of Investigation.

make a get in and a fade out of rear of lunch room-so as gang would not get w/ And when he walked out of lunch room-me had a sort of hunch-it was a derved prop; time then and there to fade from the scenery, as that gang had ear marks, and I were not the ordinary garden variety of thugs either. I posted a lad in fr of the lunch-which was not according to Hoyle-if the meeting spot had been well sleuthed previous to the meeting--things now had changed-and changed a heap. We stood in front of the lunch-and they were guessing-so to get around the situat -Slim was delegated to remain, while the 4 others of gang-scooted along.

All but Slim were stocky built-men, and one in particular seemed to own lunch-as smelling like Kelly. He was worried-when I walked in-what the devil w I do??? I dont want anything to do with such a lot of killers? I dont want to shot up--? I got chilled feet at one or two points-but they were kind and get gunmen after all.

Kelly could hit Tulsa inside (4) hours-easy from Nevada. More or less ditto Coleman Farm. K.C. paper stated that Kelly reached the Coleman farm and he did throw fits into his relation-trying to get the Shannons scared via indirect intimidation etc.

My personal idea-regarding the box of sheet s and towels-is this-first aid materials, a handy adjunct in case of stopping lead---a camoufluge also for the gr

At first-thought the gang was guarding Gripp-as if it was gold. They wanted I fade along on their way-more than to think of any one monkeying with it. One I thought it contained pineapple bomb materials, but doubt if Kelly is much other than a killer via machine gun agencies. He is desperate, and whatever he pull off, must be soon.

If Kelly finds Oklahoma to (not) for residence-an sending these findings along to you, so you can make a memorandum that this city is one o-k to use any time-night principally. They can get in and out-if done with intelligence-without a lestation. If they undertake to use the lunch room again-can learn of it readily but beyond that angle-doubt if care to walk into such a gangs static very so

Trusting this communication may be of some service to the good of many, wI send it along as fast as possible, wishing you the best of luck in hanging or a -ing a gang like the above.

Its my opinon that Bailey--charged X Sheriff [redacted] up with getting his fI members of his Ft Scott gang. Kelly and Bailly both know this end of the woods-and believe you me--have reason to think that an agent was here previous to th meeting wednesday night. Doubt if Slim was that agent. Someone else. They had town detailed fully-the very best and most accessable spot-selected for their pose. Even the whole west side of square was practically clear of traffic. Th lunch room was also practically deserted. The street was also quiet. I happen'd drop in for some ginger ale-at the critical point.

Yours respectfully [redacted]

[redacted] Nevada, Mo.

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