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**SUBJECT: GEORGE BARNES
(AKA "MACHINE GUN KELLY")**

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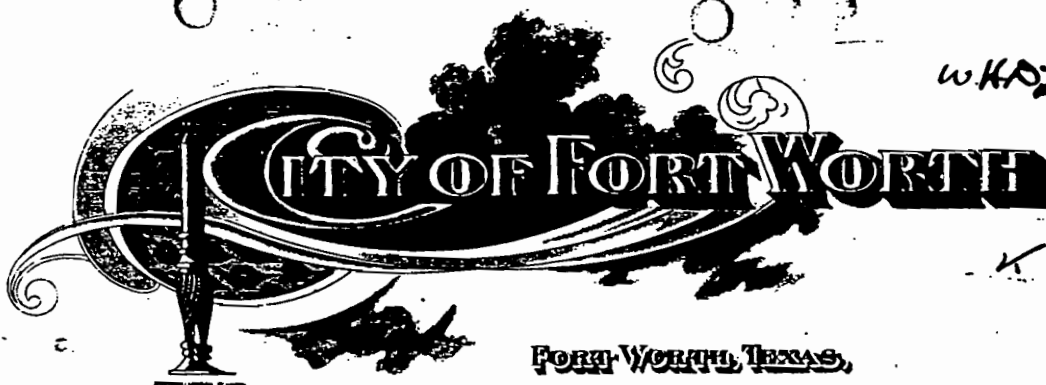
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Mr. Nathan.
Mr. To son...
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FORT WORTH, TEXAS,

September 29, 1933.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

HENRY B. LEWIS, CHIEF OF POLICE

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director Bureau Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

With reference to the Urschel kidnapping case and the subsequent arrest of the perpetrators of this crime, certain members of the Fort Worth Police Department are at least entitled to a great deal of credit for the successful termination of this case.

I especially refer to the arrest of Kelly and his wife. Of course, it is a matter of record as far as the previous arrests are concerned.

Confidentially, certain members of your Department are apparently making an effort to mislead the proper payment of rewards etc.

If consistent, the members of this Department, who are interested in this matter, would appreciate your appointing some member of your Department, preferably Mr. Nathan, to conduct a thorough investigation with a view of determining the true facts regarding above case. Mr. Blake, located in Dallas, is entirely familiar with all the circumstances and we feel sure is in a position to render the real facts in this case. Mr. Blake has been entirely fair and we believe that he is in a better position to know the facts than anyone else who has been interested in the investigation.

The interested members of this Department who know the facts, through the writer, respectfully request that you make the above investigation with the idea in view that if your Department is requested for an opinion regarding the distribution of the reward, you will be in a position to furnish real facts.

With warmest personal regards, permit me to remain,

Yours very truly,

Barney Finn
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I want details of once. I want to see him see Finn at once.

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Memo to Director 10/6/33 WVH

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Mr. Barney Finn,
Superintendent, Identification Bureau,
Police Department,
Fort Worth, Texas.

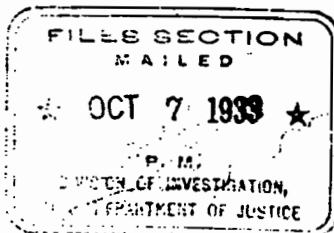
Dear Mr. Finn:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 29th. ultimo and to advise you that I have requested Mr. Hulse, my Special Agent in Charge at Dallas, to immediately confer with you for the purpose of ascertaining such information as you may possess concerning statements made by Agents or employees of this Division relative to the distribution of rewards in the Brochal case.

I want you to know that I am deeply grateful to you and to the members of the Fort Worth Police Department who rendered such valuable service to the Division throughout the entire investigation of the kidnapping of Charles Brochal at Oklahoma City, but you will appreciate the fact that I have nothing whatever to do with the distribution of the rewards offered by private interests in Oklahoma City. You can be assured that no employee of this Division has been authorized to make any statement or recommendation with regard to the payment of rewards, but that if the persons who offered the reward call upon the Division for the facts concerning the assistance rendered the Division, those facts will be supplied in detail and without recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

Director.



EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

September 28, 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.

Acting Agent in Charge Brantley called from Charlotte and stated that the police had arrested today, on a tip of an underworld character, [REDACTED] and Louis Herman, spelled variously with an "a" or "o"; that these men had with them a zipper bag in which there was a luger gun with a machine gun attachment for fast firing, on the order of a sub-machine gun, and two revolvers. In addition they had maps of Arkansas, Louisiana, North and South Carolina, and obviously they are crooks. [REDACTED] claims to be from Nashville, Tennessee. Louis Herman claims to be from Arkansas. There was a third member of the party, a man by the name of [REDACTED] who escaped. Agent Brantley stated that they were not arrested for this Division but were picked up by the Police Department and will be held indefinitely on charges of carrying concealed weapons; that in the meantime he, Brantley, had obtained fingerprints and had already placed them in the mails and he would appreciate prompt advice upon receipt of the prints as to the identity of the men.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes
V. W. Hughes.

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BEN HILL BROWN, MAYOR

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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COMMISSIONERS
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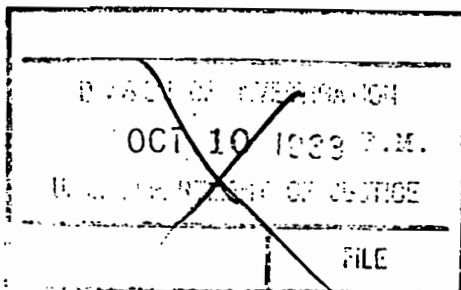
WE HAVE UNDER ARREST TWO WHITE MEN GIVING THE NAMES OF JAMES L DICKSON, HOWA
H. BULLOCK, FOR BLOWING SAFE IN THIS CITY JULY 3RD, THIS YEAR, PLEASE CHECK YOUR
RECORDS WITH FINGERPRINTS OF THESE MEN, GIVING ME WHAT INFORMATION THAT YOU MAY
HAVE OF THEM.

DICKSON AND BULLOCK CLAIM THEY HAVE HAD DEALINGS WITH THE BAILY AND KELLY
KIDNAPPERS OUT IN OAK, I DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH FAITH TO PUT IN THIS INFORMATION,
THANKING YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE IN THIS MATTER, I AM

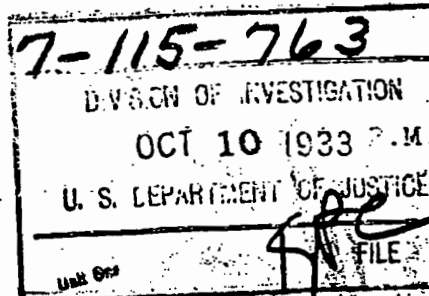
YOURS VERY TRULY,

B.M. Haynes
B.M. HAYNES

CHIEF OF DETECTIVES,



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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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Mr. Nathan ()
Mr. Tolson ()
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Mr. Edwards ()
Mr. Egan ()
Mr. Hughes (✓)
Mr. Quinn ()
Mr. Lester ()
Mr. Locke ()
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Remarks: What happened to these
two men?
10/3/33
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Division of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

October 6, 1933.

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Division of Investigation concerning our number

10473.

J. E. HOOVER, Director.

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
USP, Atlanta, Ga.	Harry Adams, #6438 *	4/30/16	breaking into P.O.	2 yrs.
Ark. S.P.	Herry Adams, #89	4/20/18	burglary (safe-keeping)	
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Harris Bullock, #12611 *	10/22/23	burglary	discharged 10/31/23
SP, Jefferson City, Mo.	Howard Bullock, #27937 *	3/10/25	burglary 2nd deg.	2 yrs. and 8 mos.
PD, Memphis, Tenn.	Harry Bartlett Bullock, #9696	7/3/27	invest. (burg. tools)	
SP, Nashville, Tenn.	H. Baker, #16872 .	7/18/28	att. burglary with explosives	25 yrs.
PD, Spartanburg, S.C.	Howard H. Bullock, #1283	10/5/33	safe cracking (hold)	
*	#751, Harry Adams, PD, Ft. Worth, Texas, 5/24/15, yegg. burglary.			
*	Howard R. Bullocks, Texas S.P., 5/30/08, 6 yrs., P. O. robbery at Bryan, Texas, (USP, Atlanta, 6/9/17).			
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For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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October 6, 1933

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Division of Investigation concerning our number

9193.

J. E. HOOVER, Director.

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
PD, Okla. City, Okla.	J. R. X Johnsey, #770	3/30/17	burglary	
SP, McAlester, Okla.	John R. X Johnsey, #7713	4/13/17	robbery	2 yrs.
PD, Joplin, Mo.	John L. X Johnsey, #1600	7/29/19	invest.	
SP, McAlester, Okla.	J. R. Johnsey, #13206	5/23/23	burglary	5 yrs. - escaped 6/9/24 - returned 11/15/24.
PD, Denver, Colo.	Elmo Riss X Caswell, #9620	10/11/24	fraudulent check (fict.) - fugitive	
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Joseph R. X Johnson, #13197	10/18/24	not given (state warrant)	
SP, McAlester, Okla.	J. R. Johnsey, #18447	1/9/28	forgery	1 yr.
SP, McAlester, Okla.	R. A. X Clary, #19399	9/12/28	forgery	1 yr.
SP, McAlester, Okla.	J. R. Johnsey, #18447	5/25/29, returned	escape	1 yr.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Savannah, Ga.	Don E. Harjoe, #262 *	6/21/30	not given	11/6/30, -dismissed.
PD, Knoxville, Tenn.	John Rexford Johnsey, #8292	8/18/31	housebreaking (safe cracker)	3 yrs. S.P.
SP, Nashville, Tenn.	J. R. Johnsey, #21067	9/21/31	housebreaking	3 yrs.
PD, Spartanburg, S.C.	James L. Dickson, #1284 *	10/5/33	safe cracking (hold)	
* 1914, Sulphur, Okla., forgery; case dismissed by paying off all checks. * Convicted 1915, served 1 yr. in jail for forgery, at Santa Fe, N. Mex. * 1917, arrested and convicted at Tulsa, Okla., drunk.				
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October 9, 1933.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1806 First National Bank Building,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled George R. Kelly,
with aliases, et al--kidnaping.

The Division is in receipt of a letter from Mr. B. H.
Haynes, Chief of Detectives, of the Spartanburg, South Carolina
Police Department, in which he advises that he has under arrest
James L. Dickson and Howard H. Bullock, whose criminal records
are inclosed herewith, for safe-blowing in Spartanburg on July 3,
1933. Chief Haynes also states in the letter that Dickson and
Bullock claim to have had dealings with Bailey and Kelly in Okla-
homa.

It is requested that these individuals be interviewed for
any information they may have.

The Division is also in receipt of newspaper clippings
which indicate that Hart Austin and a companion are being held in
Charlotte, North Carolina. Kindly advise their present status.

The Division also wishes to be advised of the final dispo-
sition made of [REDACTED] and Louis Herman who were also arrested
at Charlotte and had in their possession a machine gun.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 8, 1933.

Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Edwards	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
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Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Lester	_____
Mr. Locke	_____

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Hughes called the Kansas City Office at 12:30PM regarding the delivery of Bailey and others to the penitentiary. Mr. Nathan was at the office at the time and advised Mr. Hughes that everything was alright. He said that he had talked to the Director from Leavenworth this morning.

Mr. Nathan said that the Director had also talked to him about the affair at Los Angeles. Mr. Nathan expressed the opinion that [REDACTED] has an idea that the Prohibition Unit is not going to last very much longer and is simply looking for a job. Mr. Dunn has been unable to locate Kelly in Los Angeles and that he is not in St. Paul as originally stated. The direct informant of [REDACTED] is his Aunt. Mr. Dunn has been advised to call them if he gets any further information.

Mr. Hughes advised Mr. Nathan of Mr. Keenan's call this morning regarding the Katherine Kelly letters to be used as evidence. Mr. Nathan said that they were going ahead and prove that she wrote them, regardless of what the Washington experts say.

Mr. Nathan will arrive in Oklahoma City in the morning. He will keep the Division advised of further developments.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

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Denver, Colorado
September 28, 1933



Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
905 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

On July 15, 1933, Albert L. Bates, alias G. L. Davis, subject in the case entitled "George Kelly, et al., Kidnapping", stored eight articles at the Weicker Storage and Transfer Company at Denver, Colorado. These articles were opened and examined today, at which time it was ascertained that one of his suitcase trunks contained a Thompson submachine gun, 1921 model, 45 calibre, No. 4685, also two clips for cartridges and one machine gun drum carrying number 1074. In addition to the machine gun, Bates' baggage contained a new Remington automatic rifle, 30 calibre, No. 63880, Model 8. Ammunition for both guns was also contained in the trunk.

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With the assistance of [redacted] local ballistic expert at Denver, Colorado, five of the shells found in Bates' belongings were fired from the machine gun into cotton batting, and the bullets were obtained and are being forwarded to you with the cartridges. It will be noted that most of the 45-calibre shells for the machine gun are marked H & P, while one shell was a Remington. This Remington shell was fired first and the shell is marked with a strip of adhesive tape containing the figure "1", while the bullet has inscribed on the butt the letter "R". The other five shells shot are the H & P shells.

The bullets were fired into cotton batting and have been wrapped in cotton, in order that they may be forwarded to you without being marred.

I have also included in the shipment to you one unfired cartridge for each gun.

On the authorization of Special Agent in Charge Dowd, of the Salt Lake City office, I am forwarding the

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[Signature]

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Special Agent in Charge

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above-mentioned bullets and shells direct to you at Kansas City via airmail. Examination by your ballistic experts there may indicate that one or both of these two guns found at Denver were used at the time of the killing of Agent Caffery at Kansas City.

The United States Attorney at Denver is now taking the necessary steps to secure the custody of the two above-mentioned guns.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent

CC- Bureau ✓

FOR AT TENTION OR ACTION

INDICATED

DATE

DIRECTOR

MR. TOLSON

MR. APPEL

MR. BAUGHMAN

MR. CLEGG

MR. EGAN

MR. HUGHES

MISS GANDY

MRS. SKILLMAN

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The guns in dispute.

*Please expedite final
ballistic report.*

10/7/50 J. E. H.

PLEASE SEE ME

HAROLD NATHAN
ROOM 318

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October 10, 1933

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

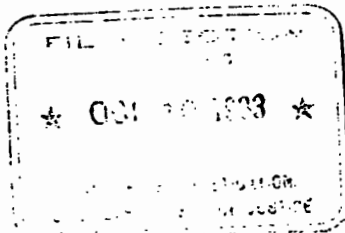
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Identification Order #1195, et al, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, and to a letter dated September 28, 1933, from Special Agent Val C. Zimmer, at Denver, Colorado, to the Kansas City Office, forwarding bullets fired from the machine-gun of Albert L. Bates, for examination by the ballistic expert at Kansas City, Missouri, in connection with the above entitled case.

It is requested that the Division be advised at the earliest possible date of the findings of the ballistic expert.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
Memphis, Tennessee.
October 1, 1933.

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

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith my rough draft report in the case entitled Harvey J. Bailey with aliases et al-Kidnapping, Victim Charles E. Urschel, covering the investigation at Memphis, Tennessee relative to the apprehension of Fugitives George R. Kelly and Katherine Kelly. This report is being forwarded direct to the Division by direction of Agent in Charge J.M. Keith who advised that you had instructed him to have the rough draft report forwarded for typing at the Division.

It will be noted that the rough draft report indicates that a copy of this report be furnished to the U. S. Attorney at Memphis, Tennessee. The question has been raised by Agent in Charge W. A. Rorer as to whether he should be furnished with all the information contained in this report and also copies of all subsequent reports.

All of the photographs obtained to date are being forwarded with this report for distribution to the offices indicated in the report.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted Signature] b7C
Special Agent.

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REPORT MADE AT: BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] b7C

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INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING NAMES AND ALIASES)

GEORGE KELLY BARNES aliases-"MACHINE-GUN KELLY", GEORGE R. KELLY, ROY STEWART, C. L. JOHNSON, GEORGE BONNER, J. L. BAKER, THOMPSON, GEORGE KELLY (and other aliases which may be reflected in the file)-FUGITIVE;

KATHERINE KELLY BARNES aliases- KATHERINE KELLY, KATHRYN KELLY, KATHRYN THORNE KELLY, CATHERINE THORNE KELLY, CATHERINE THORNE, DELORES WHITNEY, MRS. ORA L. SHANNON, DELORES CANNON, KATHERINE BROOKS, MRS. C. L. JOHNSON (and such other aliases as may appear in the file)-FUGITIVE;

JOHN CALVERT TICHENOR alias "TICH";

SEYMOUR EATON TRAVIS;

LANGFORD POLAND RAMSEY alias "LANG" Ramsey

CHARLES F. URSCHEL-VICTIM

CHARACTER: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS

*taken in Fed
custody*

George Kelly Barnes and wife, Katherine, apprehended Memphis, Tennessee, 9-26-33; Fugitive complaints filed at Memphis same date when Kelly and wife arraigned; entered pleas of not guilty and demanded hearings which were set for later date and in default of \$100,000.00 bonds each was incarcerated in the Shelby County Jail, Memphis. On 9-27-33, Barnes and wife waived removal hearings; removal order signed same date for their appearance in Federal Court, Oklahoma City. They are held incommunicado pending perfection of arrangements for removal. Tichenor and Travis, arrested with Barnes and wife, held in Shelby County Jail, Memphis, in default of \$100,000.00 bonds after preliminary hearings before the United States Commissioner, Memphis, on complaints filed at Memphis on 9-26-33 charging them with harboring fugitives from Justice. Final hearings have been set for a later date. Langford Ramsey voluntarily submitted to arrest at Memphis on 9-27-33. Complaint filed 9-28-33 charging Ramsey with harboring fugitives from justice; preliminary hearing had 9-29-33 when Ramsey entered plea of not guilty and demanded final hearing which has been set for October 7, 1933 at Memphis. In default of \$25,000.00 bond Ramsey was incarcerated in the Shelby County Jail.

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DETAILS AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

About midnight on Monday, September 25, 1933, Assistant Director Harold Nathan telephoned Special Agent in Charge W. A. Rorer from Oklahoma City and advised that it was believed that George Kelly and his wife, Katherine, were located at Memphis, Tennessee; that Kelly had dyed his hair yellow and Katherine Kelly was said to have been wearing a red wig; that they had with them two revolvers or automatics and were thought to be living with one J. C. Tichenor and the latter's brother-in-law in a small brick house located about one block off Speedway Drive at Memphis; further, that Tichenor was paralyzed in his right side and was said to have operated a used car department at the Central Garage; that, about two hours before Mr. Nathan called, Kelly had sent a telegram from Memphis. Mr. Nathan instructed the Special Agent in Charge Rorer and Special Agent [redacted] make immediate plan to proceed to Memphis, by plane, and to effect the apprehension of the Kellys before daybreak. Shortly thereafter the Director telephoned Mr. Rorer from Washington confirming the information that the Kellys were thought to be in Memphis and instructed that airplanes be chartered for immediate travel to Memphis to effect the apprehension of the Kellys before dawn. The Director further stated that Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd of the St. Louis office had likewise been instructed to proceed, by plane, to Memphis, together with agents [redacted] and [redacted] and that upon their arrival at Memphis they should take immediate steps to cause the apprehension of the Kellys. The further instructions were that no time should be lost and whoever should arrive at Memphis first should immediately seek custody of the Kellys.

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 Mr. Rorer immediately contacted the Birmingham airports and was informed that the only possibility of obtaining commercial planes at that time was through one [redacted] a pilot who chartered his personally owned plane. [redacted] was communicated with, by telephone, and advised that he had a plane, but was not permitted to do any night flying inasmuch as his plane was not equipped with lights as required by the Interstate Commerce Commission and, consequently, he would not undertake night flying. [redacted] advised Mr. Rorer that the only possibility of obtaining a plane would be through Atlanta; that the National Guard maintained a flying field at Birmingham known as Robert's Field and which was under the control of Colonel Sumpter Smith whose wife was then communicated with, by telephone, and advised that Colonel Smith was in Montgomery, Alabama. Colonel Smith was located at the Graystone Hotel, Montgomery, and advised that he had planes at Robert's Field with three competent pilots but that he did not have authority to act. He *agreed* that he would follow instructions of his superior, General Edward King, at Fort McPherson, Georgia. General King was contacted, by telephone, about one o'clock, and after considerable persuasion agreed to furnish the necessary planes and pilots and ordered Colonel Smith to comply with Mr. Rorer's request. Lieutenants [redacted] and [redacted] were located and two planes prepared. Resident Agent [redacted] was advised, by long distance telephone at Memphis, in this matter and requested to obtain the necessary assistance from reliable Memphis Police officers to locate Kelly's hideout and to prepare the mode of procedure for execution at approximately five o'clock on the morning of September 26, 1933, when was expected that agents Rorer and [redacted] would arrive at Memphis.

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Special Agent in Charge Rorer and Special Agent [redacted] took off from Robert's Field, ~~Birmingham~~ Birmingham, Alabama, in two army planes at approximately three twenty on the morning of September 26, 1933, and were landed at the Memphis airport at five-thirty where they were met by Special Agent [redacted] and Sergeant [redacted] of the Memphis Police Department. Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] and uniform officers [redacted] and [redacted] were requested, by telephone, to meet agents and Sergeant [redacted] at a point between the airport and Kelly's hideout, but were not advised of their intended mission. Upon arrival of detectives [redacted] and [redacted] and officers [redacted] and [redacted] in two cars and immediately all proceeded to 1408 Rayner, which is located approximately one block from South Parkway, where the two uniform officers covered the house from the rear. Special Agent in Charge Rorer, Agent [redacted] and Sergeant [redacted] entered the house by the front door which was unlocked. Special Agent [redacted] on instruction of Mr. Rorer took his position on guard in front of the Tichenor home and detectives [redacted] and [redacted] covered either side. *The house door had been closed to the porch with [redacted]* Upon entering the house Special Agent in Charge Rorer and Sergeant [redacted] turned to a bedroom at the right of the living-room where they observed two men in bed. It was obvious that neither of these men was Kelly and Mr. Rorer immediately ran to the rear of the house and through a door entering from the rear porch, observed another bedroom where Katherine Kelly was observed in bed. This room was found to be connected, by a narrow hall, with the front bedroom in which Tichenor and Travis were found. *agent* Rorer then saw that Kelly, ~~and~~ who had been in the bedroom with Katherine Kelly, had proceeded into the front bedroom and was sitting in a corner with his hands raised and where he was covered by Sergeant [redacted] *As Mr. Rorer started for the rear of the house,* as above mentioned, agent [redacted], who was with him, saw Kelly come into view through

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At about 2:00 A.M. September 26, 1933 agent received a long distance call from Agent in Charge W. A. Rorer from Birmingham ~~at which time he~~ at which time he furnished agent with the above information and instructions. Agent immediately attempted to get in touch with Chief of Detectives ~~but~~ but was advised that he was not at home and that they did not know where he could be reached. Agent then called Police Headquarters and was advised that no detectives were then at headquarters and that they believed that the four men who had been on night duty had gone home. Agent then contacted Detective Sergeant ~~whom~~ whom agent knew to be efficient and reliable and willing to work at any time and requested that he meet agent in fifteen minutes at an appointed place. At the appointed time and place agent met Sergeant ~~and~~ and furnished him with the information which had been received from Agent in Charge Rorer.

Agent and Sergeant ~~then~~ then checked the city directory of Memphis and it was noted that it reflects that John C. Tichenor lives at 1408 Rayner and that he is a salesman for the Chip Barwick Chevrolet Company; it was also noted that ~~the~~ Rayner Street intersects South Parkway, known as the speedway, and that 1408 was the sixth house from the intersection of these two streets. It then appeared that this was the house mentioned in the information furnished but it was thought desirable to check further in order to determine for certain whether this was in fact the house.

Sergeant ~~advised~~ advised that he knew the night man at the Peabody Garage which is located next to the Peabody Hotel and it was ascertained at the Hotel that this garage is operated by the same man who operates the Central Garage, which is located at 202 Union Avenue, about one block from the Peabody Hotel. Sergeant ~~and~~ and agent then contacted the night man at the Peabody ~~Hotel~~ garage and he stated that he did not know who operated the used car lot in connection with the Central Garage, but that the night man at the Central Garage would probably be able to furnish this information. He furnished the name of the night man at the Central Garage and Sergeant ~~stated~~ stated that he had known this man for twenty years and that he could be depended on. Agent and Sergeant ~~then~~ then contacted the night man at the Central Garage and he advised that a man by the name of Tichenor whom ~~they~~ *is known* they call "Tich" operates the used car lot; that this man is paralyzed on one side; that he has been there for about two months, but that he does not know much about him and does not know where he lives. The men at the two above mentioned garages were furnished no information but were requested to make no mention that agent and Sergeant ~~had~~ had asked any questions and they promised to do so. ~~The names of these men were not to be disclosed.~~ The night man at the Central Garage stated that Tichenor had been at the garage at about five the evening before; that he was driving a Ford or Chevrolet and had a man with him who stayed in the car; that Tichenor received a telephone call from Western Union and took a message over the phone and then told Western Union to send a copy out to his house. Agent then proceeded to the Western Union office and was shown a copy of a telegram which was sent at Fort Worth, Texas at 12:37 P.M. 9-25-33 and was addressed to J. C. Tichenor care the Central Garage, ^{Memphis} and which was signed "Lang". This wire was worded in such a manner as to be unintelligible at that time.

Agent and Sergeant ~~then~~ then proceeded to the vicinity of ~~1408~~ 1408 Rayner Street and located the house at that address. It was noted that it was located about a block off of S. Parkway drive and was the sixth house in a row of brick houses on the left hand side going East. No inquiries were made in this neighborhood.

Sergeant ~~advised~~ advised that he would be able to get Detective Sergeants ~~and~~ and a squad car on a few minutes notice and it was decided best not to call these men until shortly before

arrived with agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at 8:20 A.M. and agent Keith at approximately 9:13 A.M.

At Police Headquarters Travis gave his name as S.E. Travis and stated that he is the brother-in-law of J.C. Tichenor. He stated that he had lived at Tichenor's home for several months but denied that he knew the identity of Kelly. It was obvious that at that time he did not desire to talk freely. J.R. Tichenor was talked to by agent Rorer and altho professing to tell all he knew, obviously was untruthful and evasive and denied knowledge of Kelly's identity. Only a small amount of information of value was obtained from Tichenor during the morning of the arrest but finally in the after-noon he made admissions which are hereinafter set out in his written statement. At approximately 9:00 A.M. Special Agent in Charge Ladd and three agents arrived and agents were placed on guard with machine guns. Agent Rorer ascertained that the police were permitting police officers to walk back and observe those arrested and arrangements were entered into for the transfer of all the prisoners to the County Jail where they could be better cared for, kept secluded, and on a top floor rather than a ground floor as was the case in the Memphis City Jail. The Chief of Police and other officers were interfering considerably in routine matters and offering too many suggestions, particularly with reference to transportation of the prisoners to Oklahoma City and in further view of the fact that the press reporters could not be evaded, it was obvious that the case could be better handled with the prisoners in the County Jail.

Immediately after Kelly and the others were placed in jail agent obtained a copy of the telegram to Tichenor mentioned previously in the report ~~and furnished this copy~~ and also obtained a copy of a telegram sent in answer to the above mentioned telegram. These copies were furnished to Agent in Charge Rorer who immediately furnished the contents of the telegrams to Director J.E. Hoover by telephone. The information as to the telegram received by Tichenor had been furnished by agent to Agent in Charge Rorer at the time of his arrival from Birmingham. The telegrams mentioned above read as follows:

DALLAS 49/51 DL WD FTWORTH TEX 25 1237P

J C TICHENOR

CARE CENTRAL GARAGE PHONE 84811 MFS

DEAR CHOLLY HAD SEVERAL TOUGH BREAKS RAN INTO SEVERAL RAIN STORMS

CAUSED BRAKE TROUBLE DEAL FELL THROUGH TRIED TO GET LATER

APPOINTMENT [✓]BST PROSPECT WAS AFRAID IMPOSSIBLE CHANGE HIS ~~MIND~~

DONT WANT TO BRING HOME A SAD TALE CAN GO ON IF ADVISABLE WIRE

INSTRUCTIONS HERE ANSWER WESTERN UNION GAINESVILLE TEXAS

LANG

108P SEP 25 1933

MEMPHIS TENN VIA GAINESVILLE TEX

SEP 25 1933

LANGFORD P RAMSEY

WILL CALL WESTERN UNION ARDMORE OKLA

CONTINUE TRIP AS INSTRUCTED MOTHER FINE NOW

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As soon as possible, on instructions from Agent in Charge Rorer, agent attempted to communicate with United States Attorney William McClanahan ~~at~~ who was at Jackson, Tennessee. Agent was advised that Mr. McClanahan had left Jackson and was on his way to Memphis. On his arrival in Memphis he was contacted and authorized agent to file complaints against Tichenor and Travis charging them with conspiracy to violate section 141 of the criminal code, that is, conspiracy to harbor a fugitive from justice. Agent filed fugitive complaint against George and Kathryn Kelly and complaint against Tichenor and Travis before United States Commissioner Lester H. Brenner at Memphis, Tennessee on 9-26-33 and warrants for all parties were issued. These parties were all arraigned before Commissioner Brenner at Shelby County Jail, all demanded a hearing and hearing was set for a future date. In default of \$100,000 bond each George Kelly, Kathryn Kelly, J.C. Tichenor and S.E. Travis were committed to the Shelby County Jail. On 9-27-33, George and Kathryn Kelly signed a waiver in which they admitted their identity and waived removal hearings and are now being held incommunicado pending perfection of arraignments to remove them to Oklahoma City. Hearings as to Tichenor and Travis have not been set.

During the afternoon of 9-26-33, J.C. Tichenor was interviewed by Agents in Charge W.A. Rorer, D.M. Ladd, and the ~~writer~~ and after much questioning and hesitency on his part he furnished the following written statement as to his connection with Kelly. The original of this statement is being held in the Birmingham File::

Set out written statement of J.C. Tichenor:::

Travis was also questioned at length by Agents in Charge W.A. Rorer, D.M. Ladd and this agent and the pertinent facts obtained from the interview reduced to writing which statement Travis signed and which is as follows: The original of this statement is being placed in the Birmingham File.

Copy Statement of Travis::

At the time of arrest Travis had in his possession three one dollar bills; Tichenor had in his possession \$16.00 consisting of one ten dollar bill and six ones; Kathryn Kelly had in her possession \$65.00 made up of one twenty and fives. This money was examined by Agents in Charge Keith and ~~Agent in Charge W.A. Rorer~~ and it was found that it was not the marked money paid in the Urschel case. The twenty dollar bill found on Kathryn Kelly is Federal Reserve Note # G 17858054 A. Kelly's fillfold was found in his coat but contained no money. It contains a slip of paper which has the following names, addresses and telephone numbers written on it:

--- Hyde Park 8149

--- Ravenwood 8053

Webster 0064

At-6629
Webster 7157
2702-^(S) & C
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It is thought that these names and addresses are Chicago, Ill. addresses and telephone numbers.

Handwritten notes on right margin:
Mrs Kelly's
the hearing
bill was paid in
the first letter

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--The billfold also contains a card of "Joe's Sandwich Shop, 276 South Front, telephone 8-1785, with the statement "quick delivery" on it. This is apparently the address of a bootlegging joint in Memphis. *A brief case, which Kelly carried, was found at Tichenor's home.*

In addition the billfold contains a State of Illinois Motor Vehicle Registration Card #464869, dated 2-20-33 issued to [REDACTED] Cicero, Illinois for a Chevrolet Sedan Motor #3496062, serial #1CA02-15618, 1933 model, and is signed [REDACTED] and a receipt reflecting that [REDACTED] paid \$5.00 and received Town of Cicero city tag #3979 for the year 1933. *was also containing taken to Oklahoma City*

— All the above mentioned articles are being placed in the file of this case. *by agent G. W. Keith.*

At the home of Tichenor was found a 1931 model Chevrolet Coach motor #2116444, Tennessee license #293-504, which agent was advised *by Tichenor* had been in the possession of Travis for about two months. Travis stated that he purchased this car through Tichenor. At the Auto Theft Bureau, Memphis Police Department it was learned that Tennessee license #293-504 was issued to [REDACTED] Memphis, Tenn. for a Chevrolet Coach motor #2116444. There is no theft report on this car. Special Agent [REDACTED] checked the records at the office of the County Clerk which reflect that the above mentioned license plates were purchased January 16, 1933 by [REDACTED] and that they have not been transferred to any other party. *This is the first time.*

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On the morning that the Kelly's and others were arrested, Sergeant [REDACTED] of the Memphis Police Department advised agent that as he drove in to the city that morning on highway #51 north of the city he saw a Cadillac five passenger coupe bearing Illinois License #613210; that this car was occupied by a man and a woman and that there appeared to be two men lying down in the back of the car. The license number of this car was broadcasted over the police radio immediately with instructions to check the car and its occupants if located. So far nothing has been seen or heard of the car or its occupants.

After the arrest of Kelly it was learned that he is well known to many people in Memphis; that he attended the grade schools and high schools of the city and was married there, and that his former wife and their two children now live in Memphis. [REDACTED] Chief Deputy Sheriff, advised agent that he knows Kelly well as George Kelly Barnes; that he is the son of George F. Barnes, a representative of the New York Life Insurance Company at Memphis, and a reputable man; that Kelly went to grade school at Memphis and graduated from Central High School; that he married [REDACTED] daughter of a levee contractor and that they had two children; that Kelly and [REDACTED] have been divorced for several years and that she has remarried and lives at 1930 Mignon with her husband [REDACTED]. He stated that Kelly was at one time the society bootlegger of Memphis; that he did not run with any gang when at Memphis. He exhibited to agent a record from the District Attorney General's office which reflects that on 5-30-24 George Barnes and [REDACTED] was arrested with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and were charged with possession of liquor; that he was indicted on 6-10-24 and on 10-10-24 he was found guilty by a jury and was fined \$500.00 and was sentenced to serve six months in the Shelby County Penal Farm, Memphis, Tennessee; that his father then got in touch with Governor Peay of Tennessee and the Governor gave a respite until 1-5-26, and that Barnes then left the city and had not been seen or heard of since that time. He advised that the record contains the report of a doctor who examined Barnes on 1-7-25 which showed that he was given the Wasserman test and was found to have syphilis in an advanced stage.

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He also advised he left some laundry there under the name of Ray Stewart. ?

On numerous occasions Agent Rorer and other agents endeavored to question Kelly on this and other cases but he steadfastly refused to talk and stated that he would say anything he intended to say when he was placed on the witness stand during the trial. He admitted that his true name is George Kelly Barnes, the son of George F Barnes of Memphis, and was reared in Memphis where he was in the liquor business until 1925. He stated that he went from here to Tulsa, Oklahoma where he was in the liquor business and that during 1926 lived in an apartment on Elm Street in San Francisco, California, but was not engaged in any business or crimes. He refused to state where he left his sixteen cylinder Cadillac Sedan, property of Kathryn Kelly, but admitted that he left it with friends in Chicago, which information Kathryn had previously furnished to agent Rorer. Kelly stated that some time around the last few days in August 1933 he was in Biloxi, Mississippi. While standing on the street one day he heard a newboy cry the daily headlines to the effect that Kelly was then in Biloxi. He stated that he did not return to his hotel but immediately left Biloxi, leaving a large handbag, large enough to hold two machine guns at the hotel, ~~at the Evelyn Hotel~~. He said that this baggage contained several suits of clothes and other clothing, and a 45 calibre Colt U. S. Army automatic Pistol. He stated that Mrs Kelly could probably furnish the name of the hotel; that he registered at the hotel for one night under the name of J. L. Baker. Mrs. Kelly advised that ~~the hotel is named Evelyn~~ she believed the hotel to be named Evelyn. SAC Rhea Whitley was requested by telephone to conduct investigation at Biloxi and on 9-28-33 advised by telephone that he had ascertained that J.L. Baker, who was identified by hotel employees at the Avalez Hotel at Biloxi as Kelly ~~and~~ had registered at said hotel on 8-24-33 and had checked out on 8-26-33; that he gave his address as Coleman, Texas. No baggage was left at this hotel. It was ascertained that there is no Evelyn hotel in Biloxi but from description furnished by Kelly the Tourist Hotel, which was formerly known as the Azon Hotel, was located and it was found that Kelly had registered ~~there~~ under the name of J.L. Baker on 8-26-33. Whitley advised that he found two bags, one large suit case, and a small zipper bag. In the baggage was found a 45 calibre U. S. Army automatic pistol #C-123691 practically new. There was also left in his room several magazines with stamps thereon indicating purchase at Hallinger, Texas. Whitley stated that the laundry in the bags indicated that shirts had been purchased in Minneapolis and Tulsa. Some of the shirts bore laundry marks "R.G.S." At the request of Agent Whitley Kelly was asked whether he purchased any ammunition from ~~anyone~~ in Biloxi and he stated that he had not. At the request of Whitley, Kelly was questioned concerning a Chevrolet with Texas license which he was believed to have had in Biloxi, and which was believed by Whitley to have been used in a robbery there. He stated that when he fled from Biloxi he left his Chevrolet Sedan with Texas license thereon, but later returned and obtained it and that he is positive that it was not used in any robbery.

Kathryn Kelly had previously advised Agent Rorer that when they learned that Mrs. Kelly's sixteen cylinder Cadillac had been identified by the Government, that they left it with friends in Chicago where it now is. Neither would state where this car was left.

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While guarding Federal prisoner George ~~Kenny~~, with aliases, the latter engaged in conversation on frequent occasions, the substance of which is as follows: ~~Kenny~~ was asked whether he had been engaged in a legitimate occupation and answered "I have never worked, I have been engaged in the liquor racket and operated road houses". Relative to acquaintances ~~Kenny~~ stated he knew Lee Turner well, having served time with Turner in Leavenworth Prison, Turner having made him, ~~Kenny~~, a nine tube radio set while confined. He further stated he was well acquainted with Frances Keating, Thomas Holden, Bernard Phillips, Robert Loftus, Frank Nash, Thomas Kehoe and the Eagan and Shelton gangs in and about East St. Louis and Chicago, Illinois. He discussed the personalities of the above named individuals and especially referred to Thomas Holden, stating "Holden has a lot of guts", and that Keating was less active and more quiet. He also related the circumstances under which Holden and Keating were arrested at Kansas City and added that these two individuals were advised to leave Kansas City and stop playing golf some three ~~days~~ prior to their arrest, but instead of leaving town they merely changed apartments and continued to play golf on another course. At this time ~~Kenny~~ stated he ceased playing golf, even tho fond of the game, because I.O's were being placed at various golf courses. He added that it would not be long until I.O's would be placed at all gas stations and most anyplace.

~~Kenny~~ discussed Robert Loftus, and particularly his poor judgement in holding up and robbing banks single handed, adding that his "score" was very high, meaning Loftus had realized large amounts of money in each job. ~~Kenny~~ referred to a recent killing by Loftus while robbing an Indiana bank as an example of the poor judgement on the part of Loftus, adding he had shot the bank employee because the latter had placed the time lock on the safe.

~~Kenny~~ also discussed Harvey Bailey, praising him for his good judgement and nerve in his criminal activities, citing as an example his failure to resist arrest at Ardmore, Oklahoma after his recent escape from Dallas, County Jail, Texas. ~~Kenny~~ added that Bailey realized he did not have a chance as his gun carried three shells, but was loaded with other shells not the proper calibre, for the purpose of making same appear fully loaded. He also stated Bailey often carried several extra machine guns when he "pulled" a job alone.

In connection with his own criminal activities, ~~Kenny~~ alleged he had, since the Urschel affair, owned six different automobiles, one Buick coupe which was a good car for his own personal use, the others being small cars, Fords and Chevrolets, which would never create suspicion on the part of anyone. He also insisted he had been on the move since the Urschel kidnapping and stated it had been necessary for him to travel alone, and for this reason he had not, for a period of six weeks, known the whereabouts of his wife Kathryn, but at times had learned where she had been. ~~Kenny~~ also stated he now owns several cars, Fords, Chevrolets, two Cadillacs, one twelve cylinder and one sixteen cylinder, the latter for the use of his wife, but refused to disclose where they were located. He added that it was possible for him to purchase any make of car, obtaining delivery of same within fifteen minutes, in any large city, adding that such purchases were necessary and essential in his business. ~~Kenny~~ advised he now owns a rifle, machine guns, and other weapons, relating in detail, the best way to use same effectively. He also stated that the use of a machine gun for his purposes which was at close range, was most effective without the stock, and demonstrated this use by standing up and indicating with his hands that the butt should be placed on the hip, adding, "wouldn't have a machine gun without the front hand grip". He also related and demonstrated how he could and had carried a machine gun under his overcoat in a spring clip fastened on his belt on his right hip. He also related that he had, on numerous occasions in crowded streets, carried a machine gun in a paper bag, when he was not wearing an overcoat. Further, at one time he owned a square saxophone case in which he carried

a machine gun. This case had no locks or fasteners except the handles which crossed as on a brief case, thus permitting instant access thereto. He also related that he had and did own various makes of revolvers and automatics and stated the best way to carry a 45 automatic was in the trouser watch pocket with the handle of the gun concealed under the vest. ~~(this was demonstrated in detail)~~ Further during these conversations he stated that at the time of his arrest in Memphis it was useless "to feed anyone on the inside" as he realized the house was surrounded and an escape on the outside was impossible. He further stated he had remained on the porch of the Tichenor home all during the night because he believed, in fact knew, that all Federal raids in this case had been made at night, and added that had an effort been made to effect arrest during the night, the result might have been different. When questioned as to whether he was possessed of additional arms, particularly machine guns, during the night of his arrest, he merely smiled and stated "you can never tell". At this point ~~Kelly~~ stated "the boys arresting Bailey in Texas had plenty of guts going in there at night".

When questioned as to whether there was anyone with him during the night of his arrest other than those arrested with him, he replied with a laugh "You'll never know". ~~Kelly~~ also stated he had doubted that anyone would endeavor to arrest him during the day time and for this reason had waited until daylight to go to bed. He also stated that had he not feared injury to his wife he would have done some shooting, but under the circumstances did the wise thing, adding that Frank Nash had been sent up for fifty years in Kansas and only did eleven months.

Concerning the present hiding place of his weapons ~~Kelly~~ smiled and again referred to Frank Nash's escape after serving eleven months in Kansas, and further added that he, ~~Kelly~~, may, in the future, have use for his guns and cars.

Relative to the threatening letters sent to Mr. Keenan, ~~Kelly~~ when asked why he wrote them, stated "I thought they might do some good", adding that Keenan was responsible for the "Rotten treatment" handed ~~the Urschel~~ out to the ~~defendants~~ in the Urschel case. He readily admitted placing his fingerprints on these letters, stating he did not possess the right kind of ink to make them clear.

With further reference to the travels of ~~Kelly~~ and his wife he advised that they had frequently stopped at the Harrison Hotel, Harrison and State Streets Chicago, Illinois.

When asked a direct question concerning this case, the actual kidnapping of Urschel, ~~Kelly~~ would smile and evade the question, expressing his hatred for a "squealer" citing ~~in the~~ case at Alton, Illinois. During the conversations in which the above information was obtained ~~Kelly~~ boasted of his knowledge and contacts with various law enforcement agencies throughout the United States, however he evaded the detail thereof but indicated he had personal and first hand knowledge.

~~Kelly~~ also advised that he owns a farm of seventeen hundred acres adjoining the Shannon farm in Texas; that he has leased one thousand acres to the Perry Pipe Line Co. on a one eighth royalty basis. He also stated that he has a \$25,000.00 home in Fort Worth, Texas and other property in West Texas; that he has eleven bales of cotton on hand from last year.

On 9-29-33 he stated that the next man kidnapped will never come back. "He will not have a chance to talk." He stated that he thinks that he will plead guilty because "a million and one things can happen within six months". That he feels that he has not a chance to beat the case, public opinion and so forth being against him. He stated that the State case now pending against him is no good; that they can't convict him.

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Special Agent [redacted] submitted the following memorandum as to his conversations with Kelly and Kathryn Kelly:

Kelly told how he used a sub-machine gun. Said it had cost him over \$70,000.00 to live during the past few years. He admitted writing threatening letters stating that he would get Urschel if Urschel testified against certain people; that he placed his fingerprints on the letters mailed at Chicago. He stated that he was in the liquor business in Oklahoma City and had men operating two trucks and four Dodge cars bringing synthetic "scotch" from St Louis, Missouri. He stated that he owns one of the finest homes in Fort Worth, Texas and a farm near Mineral Wells, Texas. He advised that he handled whiskey in Tulsa, Oklahoma about two hundred to three hundred quarts daily and as high as seven hundred quarts on Saturday; that he never made contacts but drove through agents.

Kelly advised that he saw Holding and Keating frequently after their escape, in Chicago, St Paul, Minneapolis and other places. He stated that he offered to plead guilty to the instant charge and would take life but that Urschel demanded that he "kick back" all the money; that he then went to Oklahoma City and sent a man to Bailey's lawyer to make a deal but that the deal did not go through.

Kelly stated that he fears that he will be prosecuted for robbery with arms in Oklahoma; that if he is not charged with that he will plead guilty to the Urschel kidnapping.

Kelly advised that he spent twenty-five to thirty dollars a week for "slugs" for practicing with machine gun and has "lined up" walnuts on a fence and knocked all off with machine gun.

He stated that he realizes that public opinion is against him; that he will plead guilty to kidnapping Urschel but will not "squeal" on the others. He stated that he would rather get fifty years in a state penitentiary than ten years in Federal penitentiary because he can "buy out" of state penitentiary. He was questioned as to his guns and automobiles and he said "they are safe" and refused to tell where they are and said guns "will be good for twenty years"; that he might have a friend going out of the penitentiary who could use them. He stated that he had a large suit case in which he carried two machine guns.

Kelly stated that he was not in on the Kansas City killings. He told of many bank robberies in various places and spoke of the participants as third persons. His description of the details gave belief that he did the bank robbing himself. Kelly was questioned at length about Vernon Miller and he said that he would not "put my finger on Miller if I was facing the chair". He said that he had heard Miller say that he, Miller, would not be taken alive; that he ~~would~~ will try to "kill every man who charges him and then put the last slug through his own head".

Kelly stated that two of the witnesses in the Urschel trial have lied against Kathryn, his wife, if the newspapers have quoted the witnesses correctly.

~~Kathryn Kelly stated to Agent [redacted] that she can tell all about Vernon C. Miller and where to find him but she is afraid Will will kill her. Agent assured her that if Miller were caught and locked up, that he could not harm anyone. She stated that she wanted to know if SAC Keith would double-cross her. She was advised that she could trust Mr. Keith in every respect but that he would not and could not make her any promises. Agent urged her to tell Mr. Keith everything. She said that Kelly could help her by pleading guilty but she can't help him any. She said the "God Dam Kidnapping law is all wrong" and added "if a guy has millions, why shouldn't he fork up a few thousand". She stated that if she ~~hears~~ learns that Kelly will plead guilty, she "will tell more".~~

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At ~~5:30~~ 5:30 A.M. September 27, 1933 Langford Ramsey appeared at the Shelby County Jail and stated that he wanted to surrender. He was interviewed by Agent [redacted] and advised ~~him~~ that George KELLY Barnes was a brother-in-law until about seven years ago; that about a month ago Barnes came to Memphis, called the Ramsey home, and asked that someone come to 4th and Poplar and get him; that he went and got ~~Kelly~~ and took him home and later to Tichenor's house; that ~~Kelly~~ said the heat was on him and that he wanted a place to stay over night and to keep out of sight; that ~~Kelly~~ stayed at Tichenor's about a week, then left and came back on 9-22-33, at which time he was accompanied by a little Arnold girl. At that time Kelly told him that he wanted Mrs. Kelly's clothes at Oklahoma City and her furs at Brownwood, Texas on the farm of Cass Coleman who would also have information; that the little girl should go with Ramsey and would locate the farm that he, Ramsey, left 9-24-33 and drove to the farm of Coleman near ~~Santa~~ Santa Anna, Texas and contacted a man who told him that the place was surrounded and that he had better leave; that he stayed about three minutes and then went to Fort Worth, Texas from where he sent a message to Tichenor; that at Fort Worth he placed the girl on a train and proceeded to Gainesville, Texas where he did not receive the expected message from Tichenor but did receive it at Ardmore, Oklahoma and as instructed in the wire proceeded to Oklahoma City where he finally contacted Arnold and wife but did not get the clothes because they had been put up for hotel bills. All the details of this interview are not being set out as they are contained in later statement made by Ramsey.

At the time Ramsey was arrested he had in his possession the telegram sent to him by Kelly through Tichenor which read as follows: "Continue Trip as instructed mother fine now", signed "Jack". He had one ~~bag~~ bag with a few clothes and a billfold containing four dollars and some personal letters of no interest.

The original of the above referred-to telegram is being placed in the Birmingham file.

He also had in his possession 1933 model Chevrolet Sedan which was at that time checked by Sergeant [redacted] Memphis Police Department, who then had the car stored in the Joe Klaus garage. This car was checked by Agent [redacted] and found to bear motor #3496062 serial #1CA0215618 Arkansas license plates 52686 which appears to have been on another car prior to being placed on the Chevrolet. The car only contained a bloody handkerchief. Ramsey was later interviewed by Agent in Charge J.M. Keith and later made the same statements made to Keith in the presence of Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd and this agent. He then agreed to have the statements reduced to writing and stated that he would sign the statement. The statement of Ramsey was then reduced to writing by this agent which is as follows: The original of this statement is being placed in the Birmingham File (set out statement of Ramsey)

Ramsey then read the statement and made a couple of corrections in ~~it~~ his own handwriting but refused to sign it. He stated to Agent in Charge D.M. Ladd and this agent that the statement was the truth but that it looked too bad on paper; that the statement would put him in Leavenworth and that he did not want to sign it. He stated that he would make a written statement the next day in which he wished to put in certain explanatory statements.

On authority from United States Attorney William McClanahan complaint was filed against Ramsey on 9-28-33 before U. S. Commissioner Lester H. Brenner, Memphis, Tennessee by Agent in Charge J.M. Keith, charging Ramsey with harboring ~~xx~~ a fugitive from justice, and also with conspiracy to harbor a fugitive from justice. On 9-29-33, he was arraigned before United States Commissioner Brenner, Memphis, Tenn., and demanded a preliminary hearing which was set for 10-7-33 and in default of \$25.00 fine

It will be noted that Kelly never saw this case and found the Kelly's billfold.

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Subsequent to Ramsey's incarceration in the Shelby County Jail one [redacted] Memphis, called at the County Jail and stated that he is the father of [redacted] who now resides at his home; that [redacted] is very friendly with Ramsey's younger sister and that about a month ago [redacted] told her father that Ramsey's sister had told her that "Machine Gun" Kelly who is implicated in the Oklahoma Kidnaping case was her brother-in-law. Upon receipt of this information, the entire Ramsey family was brought from the family residence, 1930 Mignon, to the Shelby County Jail by Deputy Sheriffs where they were questioned at length by Special Agent [redacted]

Mrs. Della Ramsey, mother of Langford Ramsey, stated that she is fifty one years of age; a widow and has resided with her children at the above address for the past several years. She further stated that she has known George Kelly, under the name of George Barnes, for the past fifteen years; that approximately fourteen years ago he married her daughter, [redacted] and they live together for about six years after which her daughter left him, because of his alleged troubles over liquor law violations. Immediately after her daughter left Kelly he is said to have left Memphis and was not heard from until about three years ago when he came to Memphis and telephoned Mrs. Ramsey advising her that he was in town and desired to see her. He stated that he would call at her residence. However, he failed to keep the appointment and she heard nothing further of or from him until about a year ago when he again returned to Memphis and telephoned Mrs. Ramsey stating that he desired to see her; that he wanted to talk to her about some money that he owed Mrs. Ramsey. In compliance with his request Mrs. Ramsey stated that she met Kelly in front of the Parkway Hotel at Memphis and he directed her to an automobile parked in front of the hotel. They entered the car and talked of various matters; particularly with reference to money Mrs. Ramsey hoped to obtain from Kelly. In this connection it may be stated that Mrs. Ramsey advised that during the time her daughter was married to Kelly, Mrs. Ramsey had been forced to provide for them; that she spent approximately ten thousand dollars on them and Kelly had often expressed his intention of reimbursing Mrs. Ramsey. However, he has not given her any money whatever and has made no attempt to repay her beyond his several promises that he intends to do so. On the occasion of the visit, above referred-to, Mrs. Ramsey claims that Kelly told her that he had just come to Memphis by plane and intended to leave the following day. He did not state where he had come from or where he intended going. Mrs. Ramsey stated that she heard nothing further from Kelly until about one month ago, perhaps early in September, when he called her residence and advised her that he was stopping at the Tichenor home for a few days and would like to see her. Mrs. Ramsey claims that, although Kelly made no mention of his reason for wishing to see her, she believed that he desired to discuss his financial obligations to her and, perhaps, make some payment of money to her. And she, her son Langford, and daughter [redacted] went to the Tichenor home. On the occasion of this visit Mrs. Ramsey stated that she was surprised to observe that "George Barnes had light hair" and she asked him what had happened. He is said to have advised Mrs. Ramsey that he dyed his hair, because he wanted to hide from some one. Questioned as to whether Mrs. Ramsey sought further information as to Kelly's reason for dyeing his hair and from whom he might be hiding, she replied that she did not; that she realized that he had been in trouble before he left Memphis and she presumed that he was still getting into

Ramsey claimed that the visit with Kelly at the Tischendor home lasted for about two hours during the course of which Kelly told her that he had some farm land in Texas on which he was prospecting for oil; that he hoped to strike oil after which he would be in a position to repay Mrs. Ramsey. According to Mrs. Ramsey, Kelly made no mention of the location of his farm land in Texas, nor did she ask him where his farm might be located. Kelly is said to have further stated that he had remarried, but did not bring his wife with him. At this point Mrs. Ramsey was questioned as to whether any one else was present in the Tischendor home other than herself, her son and daughter and Kelly. She replied that there were no other persons there; that Tischendor had come in during their visit, but remained only a few moments after which he departed.

Mrs. Ramsey was questioned at length concerning Kelly's further statements, particularly as to whether he had made mention of any kidnappings or had indicated to her that the source of money he hoped to obtain from his alleged farm land might possibly be ransom or ill-gotten money. Mrs. Ramsey denied that Kelly had intimated to her, or her daughter and son, that he had been involved in any trouble whatever or that he intended to receive money from any source other than his alleged oil lands. She further stated that neither she nor her son and daughter had entered into any private conversation with Kelly on that occasion and that anything was discussed other than family matters and Kelly's usual promises that he intended to repay Mrs. Ramsey. After that visit Mrs. Ramsey claims that she, her son and daughter returned to their home and she did not again see Kelly. She admitted that her son had told her that he had seen Kelly on a few occasions thereafter, but denied that he had confided to her any information that Kelly might have given to Langford.

When questioned concerning Langford Ramsey's recent trip to Coleman, Texas, ostensibly as agent for Kelly, Mrs. Ramsey denied that she had prior knowledge of her son's mission or that she knew Kelly was again in Memphis. In this connection she stated that her son has been practicing law at Memphis for the past three years; that he has occasionally left town to confer with clients and she had never concerned herself with his trips out of Memphis. On Saturday, September 23, 1933, Mrs. Ramsey claims that her son Langford advised her that he had to leave Memphis to see a client. He did not tell Mrs. Ramsey where he was going nor did she question him. To the best of her knowledge Langford left Memphis early Sunday morning, September 24, and Mrs. Ramsey claims that she did not see him leave. However, she recalled that he did not use his car and she believed that he had possibly left town by train. She stated that she heard nothing further from him until Tuesday evening, September 26, 1933, when she received a telegram from some town in Texas, name not recalled, but believed to be Crystal Springs, from Langford, in which he stated that he hoped to be in Memphis the following morning. Mrs. Ramsey claims that she thought it odd that her son should have gone to Texas, but gave no further thought to the matter until Wednesday morning, September 27, 1933, when her son called her, about five-thirty; told her that he had just arrived in town; that he had read the papers and was going to the County Jail to see what he could do for Kelly. The next information Mrs. Ramsey received was the report from newspaper reporters that her son had been taken into custody. *Ramsey*

Mrs. Ramsey vehemently denied that she knew her son had been

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involved in this matter. She denied that she is acquainted with Kathryn Kelly; that she had seen her son, Langford, in possession of any automobile other than his own; that she had seen or heard from Kelly since early September, as previously noted, or that she had seen one ~~Gerry~~ ^{Gerry} Arnold or had any intimation whatever that her son might have been negotiating with Kelly or any one else in connection with this matter.

██████████ stated that she is nineteen years old; single and resides with her mother at 1930 Mignon, Memphis. She admitted having visited Kelly at the Tischendor home, about four weeks ago, in company with her mother and her brother Langford. She stated that she had not been advised prior to the visit where she was going. However, on reaching the Tischendor home she was told, by her mother, that they were going to visit her former brother-in-law, George Barnes. Miss Ramsey's further statements with respect to the visit with Kelly at the Tischendor home are substantially the same as those of her mother's, and she likewise denied that there had been any private conversations between Kelly, her mother, her brother and herself. She denied that any one else was at the Tischendor home during their visit, but claimed that Tischendor came in for a few moments and departed.

When questioned as to whether Kelly had made any statements or given any indication of his identity in connection with this matter ██████████ denied that he had. She further denied that she had made any statement to ██████████ or any one else that "Machine Gun Kelly who is implicated in the Oklahoma Kidnaping ~~was~~ ^{is} my brother-in-law". However, she admitted that she is very friendly with ██████████ and sees her almost daily; that they were schoolmates. She was questioned as to her brother Langford's departure from Memphis on or about September 23, 1933, but denied that she knew where he had gone or the reason for his departure. In this connection she stated that her brother often leaves Memphis and she has never concerned herself with his whereabouts. She claims that the first knowledge she had of her brother's implication in this matter was when newspaper reporters called at her mother's home on Wednesday morning, September 27, 1933, and advised that Langford had been taken into custody.

██████████ sister of Langford Ramsey, and former wife of Kelly, stated that she is thirty one years of age; married and resides with her husband, ██████████ advertising manager for the Ethical Products Company, at her mother's home, 1930 Mignon, Memphis. She further stated that she was married to George Kelly Barnes at Clarksdale, Mississippi, on or about October 7, 1914; that she has two children of that union, ██████████ twelve years old and ██████████ eight years old. ██████████ stated that recently these children have been adopted by ██████████ and now bear his name, although they are children of Kelly. ██████████ claims that she lived with Kelly at Memphis for approximately six years; that he was continually getting into trouble because of his bootlegging activities which caused her and her mother much embarrassment and a great financial outlay from her mother; that she finally left him and returned to live at her mother's home. Immediately thereafter, she claims, Kelly left Memphis and she heard nothing further from him. She claims to have procured a divorce from Kelly, by publication, on or about January 1, 1926, at Memphis. Subsequent thereto she claims that she heard, by

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and various other places which she could not recall. About three years ago, while she was living in St. Louis, she claims that her mother had written to her and advised her that Kelly had been in Memphis; that he had ~~initially~~ called Mrs. Ramsey on the telephone and made an appointment to see her, but did not keep the appointment. Subsequently, about a year ago, she claims that her mother advised her that Kelly had again been in Memphis and Mrs. Ramsey had talked with him at which time he made his usual promises to repay Mrs. Ramsey some of the money she had been obligated to spend on his behalf. Shortly thereafter [REDACTED] claims that she had her husband removed to Memphis and took up their residence at the Ramsey family home.

About four weeks ago, according to [REDACTED] best recollection, Kelly telephoned the Ramsey home and she answered the call. At that time Kelly inquired for her brother [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] claims that she informed Kelly that [REDACTED] was not at home. He is then said to have inquired for Langford and [REDACTED] stated that Langford was not at home, but she would endeavor to locate him and have him communicate with Kelly who advised that he would be located on the corner of Fourth and Poplar, Memphis. [REDACTED] located her brother Langford and advised him that Kelly was in town and wanted to see him. Late that evening her brother returned home and advised [REDACTED] that he had met Kelly and had procured a room for him at Tischenor's home. The following evening Langford, his mother and sister, [REDACTED] went to visit with Kelly at the Tischenor home. [REDACTED] claims that they left home about seven o'clock and returned some time shortly after ten. Upon their return home they advised [REDACTED] that Kelly had dyed his hair; that he claimed to have been hiding from some one, but did not state who it might have been. [REDACTED] stated that she made no further inquiry about Kelly and heard nothing further about him until she read the newspaper on the morning of September 26, 1933, which carried reports of the apprehension of Kelly and others. At this point [REDACTED] was questioned concerning her brother's departure from Memphis on or about Saturday, September 23, 1933. [REDACTED] likewise expressed ignorance as to his intended destination or mission. She claims that on Saturday evening, as she was preparing to go out, her brother Langford came to her and asked her if he might borrow a suitcase; that he had to leave town to see a client. [REDACTED] claims that she agreed to permit him to use a suitcase and did not question him as to where he was going or the length of his stay. She further claimed that her brother frequently left the city, ostensibly to confer with clients, and she never asked him any questions concerning his missions. [REDACTED] claims that she and her husband returned home about two o'clock Sunday morning and did not arise until about ten. She claims not to have known the exact hour her brother left Memphis or the mode of his travel. She claims that she did remark to her mother that Langford had not taken his car and wondered how he traveled. However, nothing was said further and she claims not to have concerned herself with his absence until Tuesday evening when her mother received a telegram from him advising her that he intended to return to Memphis the following morning. [REDACTED] stated that she believes the telegram had been sent from Crystal Springs, Texas, but was not sure as to the originating point. [REDACTED] denied that she had seen her brother in possession of any car other than his own or that she had any knowledge whatever that he might have been negotiating with Kelly to act as his agent in this matter.

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[redacted] further denied that she or any other member of her family had known, prior to Kelly's apprehension, that he had been involved in this matter ~~and that she knew he was in Memphis.~~ or that she knew he was in Memphis.

[redacted] was questioned particularly concerning the apparent interest the Ramsey family has fostered in Kelly, notwithstanding her separation from him and his alleged indebtedness to the family. She replied that she personally has had no interest whatever in Kelly since their separation, but that her family always believed in him; that her mother, especially, was interested in obtaining some recompense for the financial ~~loss she suffered because of Kelly's several difficulties~~ while [redacted] was married to him. When asked for an explanation as to why Kelly appears to have immediately contacted some member of the Ramsey family on his visits to Memphis [redacted] replied that she has no explanation to offer; that she realizes such actions have led to disgrace for her family, but claims their interest in Kelly was motivated solely because of a hope that some day he might reimburse her mother and perhaps offer some support for his child.

[redacted] and [redacted] brothers and sister of Langford Ramsey were questioned. However, they denied knowledge of Kelly's participation in this matter and their brother's activities and intimate association with Kelly. They admitted acquaintance with Kelly when he was married to their sister, Geneva, but denied having seen him since he left Memphis immediately after their sister separated from him. They admitted that they had knowledge of Kelly's recent visits to Memphis through conversations held in the Ramsey home, but denied that there was anything said at any time that might indicate Kelly's implication in this or any other criminal matter. They likewise disclaimed acquaintance with Kathryn Kelly and stated that, although they had heard that he had remarried, they did not inquire further inasmuch as they were not interested.

Upon conclusion of the above interviews the members of the Ramsey family were permitted to return to their home.

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Peculiarities: eyes to upper left corner whites of eyes.

Name: George Kelly Barnes with aliases

Age: 37

Height: 5' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (bare feet)

Weight: 177

Build: Medium stout

Complexion: ~~Medium~~ Ruddy

Hair: ~~Blondine~~ (Naturally dark brown) (now dyed yellow)

Eyes: Blue

Teeth: Good

Occupation: None

Marital status: Married

Scars: Dimple in chin

Residence: Fort Worth, Texas

Relatives: George F. Barnes; father, Memphis, Tennessee.

Nationality: American (Born Seattle, Washington, July 17, 1896)

Photograph: Birmingham file

Police Number: Memphis, Tennessee P. D. #15595

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Relatives Continued: 7 01 13

ex-wife

~~xxxxxx~~, 1930 Mignon St. Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Della Ramsey-1930 Mignon St. Memphis, Tenn. former mother-in-law

Langford Ramsey " " " " former brother-in-law

" " " " sister-in-law

Katherine Kelly Barnes, with aliases

Age: 29

Height: 5' 6 $\frac{3}{8}$ " (Bare feet)

Weight: 130

Build: Slender

Complexion: Fair

Hair: Auburn

Eyes: Dark slate grey

Teeth: Good

Occupation: None

Marital status: Married

Scars: Faint cut scar rt cheek bone; faint vert. cut sc. inner end rt. eyebrow
dimple in chin.

Residence: Fort Worth, Texas.

Relatives: Mrs. R. G. Shannon, mother, Paradise, Texas.

R. G. Shannon, father, Paradise, Texas.

Arman Shannon, half-brother, Paradise, Texas.

J. E. Brooks, father, Fort Worth, Texas

Nationality: American (Born Tupelo, Mississippi; March 18, 1904)

Photograph: Birmingham file

Police Number: Memphis, Tennessee, P. D. #15596

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C.R. for George Kelly- Arr. SO Memphis, Tenn. 5-30-24; charge Vio. liquor laws; On 10-10-24 fined \$500.00 and sentenced 6 mo. Shelby County Penal farm, Memphis, Tenn. Given respite until 1-5-26 by Governor-never served.

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John Calvert Tichenor ~~alias~~ "Tich"

Age: 30
Height: 5' 4 5/8" (Bare feet)
Weight: 105
Build: Slender
Complexion: Dark
Hair: Very dark brown
Eyes: Blue
Teeth: Poor; three upper front missing
Occupation: Auto Salesman
Marital status: Married; wife, Cozette Tichenor
Residence: 1408 Rayner, Memphis, Tennessee.
Relatives: Mother, Mrs. Tichenor, Buffalo General Hospital, Buffalo, New York
Nationality: American (Born, Calvert, Kentucky, December 8, 1902)
Scars: Paralyzed, left side; hair mole, center rt. cheek.
Photograph: Birmingham file
Police Number: Memphis, Tennessee, P. D. #15597

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Seymour Eaton Travis ~~wife~~ ~~alias~~

Age: 26
Height: 5' 10" (bare feet)
Weight: 172
Build: Medium large
Complexion: Medium
Hair: Dark Chestnut
Eys Blue
Teeth: Good
Occupation: Grocery clerk
Marital status: Single
Residence: 1408 Rayner, Memphis, Tennessee.
Scars: Small cut scar 1 " above inner end rt. eyebrow; crease in chin
Nationality: American (Born Marshall County, Kentucky; January 17, 1907)
Photograph: Birmingham file
Police Number: Memphis Tennessee, P. D., #15598

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Langford ~~Ramsey~~ *alias "Lang"*

Age: 26

Height: ~~5~~ 5' 8"

Weight: 173

Build: Stocky

Complexion: Dark

Hair: Dark ~~black~~ brown

Eyes: Greenish grey

Teeth: Good

Occupation: Attorney

Marital status: Divorced

Residence: 1930 Mignon, Memphis, Tennessee

Relatives: Della Ramsey, mother, 1930 Mignon, Memphis, Tennessee

~~brothers~~, brothers, 1930 Mignon, Memphis, Tenn

~~sister~~, sister, 1930 Mignon, Memphis, Tennessee.

~~sister~~, sister, 1930 Mignon, Memphis, Tennessee.

~~sister~~, sister, 1930 Mignon, Memphis, Tennessee.

Nationality: American (Born Mineral Wells, Texas, July 24, 1903)

Photograph: Birmingham File

Police Number: Memphis, Tennessee Police Department #15600

Scars: faint vert. sc. forehead M. line, edge hair

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Cr. Record: None known

The Division is being requested, by letter, to furnish the Birmingham office with such criminal records for Tichenor, Travis and Ramsey as may be on file.

Several potographs of Kelly, ~~Katherine Kelly~~, Tichenor, Travis and Ramsey were obtained from the Identification Bureau, Memphis Police Department. ~~The Division is being furnished with the photographs of Kelly, Katherine Kelly, Tichenor, Travis and Ramsey. The Dallas office is being furnished with the photographs of Kelly and Mrs. Kelly, and Ramsey. Oklahoma City is being furnished with two of Ramsey, four of Kelly, two of Katherine Kelly, one of Tichenor and one of Travis. Photographs are being furnished to the Division and to the Dallas, San Antonio, Oklahoma City, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, New Orleans, Salt Lake City and Detroit offices of the Division. Copies of all photographs are also being placed in the Birmingham file of this case.~~

~~Auto Theft Bureau, Memphis Police Department~~ advised Agent ~~that~~ of the Motor Cycle Squad of the Memphis Police Department had advised him that Tichenor at one time lived at Calvert City, Kentucky which is about eighteen miles from Paducah, Kentucky; that Tichenor figured in some "hot" cars there about 1925 or 1926 and that former Chief of Police ~~of Paducah, Kentucky~~ can furnish his history.

Sheriff ~~Memphis, Tennessee~~ furnished a report made by Deputy Sheriff ~~dated August 30, 1933~~ with reference to a 1928 model Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 4424281, with no license plates. The report reflects that this car was found at the intersection of Raines Avenue and ~~ernando Road~~ on August 30, 1933 and was reported by ~~Whitehaven, Tennessee~~ on that date; that ~~an investigation~~ developed that three white men had come to look at the car at about 2:00 P.M. and left after asking a ~~who operates a store at this corner~~, to look out for the car for them until they returned, that ~~then waited at the car until 9:00 P.M. at which time a man giving the name of J. C. Tichenor~~ came up in a Ford Sedan and Mr. Tichenor stated that he was leading

car driven by Tichenor, license No. 328-281, is registered in the name of Morgan Ramsey, 1930 Mignon, Memphis, Tennessee.

[redacted] of the Auto Theft Squad, Memphis Police Department, advised that on 9-16-33 at 11:15 P.M. L.P. Ramsey, 1930 Mignon Street Memphis, Tennessee reported ~~that~~ that his green 1928 Chevrolet Sedan bearing Tennessee License #329-315 Motor #4424281 had been stolen when it was parked on McCall Street near Main Street, between 8:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M. on that date.

Ramsey was questioned as to this car by agent and he stated that he bought the car for cash; that it was stolen, but that he himself found it and now has it at his home at 1930 Mignon. Ramsey refused to furnish any further information, stating that agent would have to talk to his lawyers.

Tichenor was questioned as to this car by agent and he stated that on the day that he sold Kelly the 1931 Ford Coupe in the name of C. L. Johnson, Kelly told him that he had a 1928 Chevrolet Sedan in town but that he was making a deal with Ramsey for this car. Tichenor stated that at the request of Langford Ramsey he went out on Hernando Road ~~in~~ with a mechanic and Ramsey and checked the car; that he met a deputy sheriff at the car and told him that he was trading for the car with a man who said that his name was Johnson. He stated that he used the name Johnson for Kelly as Kelly had asked that he use that name in the bill of sale for the 1931 Ford Coupe. Tichenor stated that he does not remember telling the deputy sheriff that the owner of the car was from some place in Illinois. He stated that he drove out to the car in a Chevrolet Sedan which belonged to [redacted]

Agent [redacted] ascertained at the office of [redacted] County Court Clerk, that on September 9, 1933 L. P. Ramsey registered Chevrolet Sedan motor #4424281, and was issued Tennessee license plates number 329-315. According to the records this car is still in the name of Ramsey.

It is apparent that this Chevrolet Sedan is one of the cars which was used by Kelly and is probably the car in which he came to Memphis on 8-29-33; that it stalled on him at the place mentioned above, and that he then proceeded to 4th and Poplar and called the Ramsey home. The Chicago *office* is being requested to trace this car through the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau.

Kelly and Mrs. Kelly have been questioned by Agents Keith and Rorer and are making "certain admissions" slowly and those of importance are being immediately telephoned to the Director and to the Oklahoma City office. All information obtained from the Kellys will be submitted by memorandum at a later date.

Undeveloped Leads:

Chicago Division Office:

Conduct detailed and discreet investigation in an ~~effort~~ effort to ascertain the possible connection and identity of the following named persons and such persons residing at the addresses to which the following telephone numbers are assigned: — [redacted] Hyde Park 8149; [redacted], 1150 So Michigan, telephone Webster 0064; AT 6629, WEBSTER 7157, 2702 C & C. It is not known that the above names and telephones are in Chicago, however the telephone exchanges are similar to Chicago, Ill., exchanges.

At Cicero, Ill., will make investigation to ascertain identity of [redacted] and will ascertain ~~to who~~ any information available as to the identity of person who purchased Cicero City auto license # 3979 for the year 1933.

Also ascertain through the A. P. and I. Bureau and cause them to trace the ownership 1928 Chevrolet Sedan, motor # 4424281 which car is ~~in the possession of Ramsey and is to have been brought to Memphis~~ in the possession of Ramsey and is to have been brought to Memphis; Kelly.

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Cincinnati Division Office:

At Paducah and Calvert City, Ky., is requested to obtain any criminal record of Tichenor, who is reported to have figured in some stolen automobiles at that point in 1925 or 1926. Former Chief of Police [REDACTED] of Paducah, Ky., can probably furnish Tichenors history. b7C

Dallas Division Office:

Interview Cass Coleman in detail as to the conversation he had with Ramsey when the latter called at the Coleman farm about September 25, 1933, particularly whether Ramsey stated he had been sent by Kelly for the latters money.

St. Louis Division Office:

Is requested to ascertain to whom Illinois License Plates 613210 were issued for the year 1933 and conduct such other investigation in connection therewith as is deemed advisable.

Birmingham Division Office:

At Memphis Tenn., will follow and report further prosecutive action as to Tichenor, Travis and Ramsey and will report removal of Kelly and wife, and will continue this investigation.

Pending.

I. J. BACON, Sheriff of Shelby,
COMPLAINT

Received by _____ Date _____ Time _____

From _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Assigned to Sept 29. 1933

Detail Mr. J. M. Keith

Dear Sir

I wish our patient Mrs. Kelly. much-improves
& am continuing medicine for her.
See no reason that she cannot not travel at
any time you may see fit. The medicine
I am giving is West Hekona Compound
which is harmless.

Respt J. C. Evans M.D.
County Physician.

Officer and

7-115-766

I. J. BACON, Sheriff of Shelby County
COMPLAINT

Received by _____ Date _____ Time _____
From _____ Address _____ Phone _____
Assigned to _____
Detail _____

Memphis Tenn
Sept. 28, 1933

To The United States Marshal for Memphis
Tenn:

This is to certify that I have examined
Will Northrup Kelly 9' 7" tall - Impression 99%
I found tenderness over right ovary - which is
chronic. Can see no reason that she could
not be moved to Carleboro City immediately
by plane or otherwise uncompromised.

Respt.
J. E. Graves M.D.
County Physician
Memphis Tenn

7-115-766

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION
POLICE DEPARTMENT-DETECTIVE DIVISION
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

COLOR WHITE

No. 155

NAME SEYMOUR EATON TRAVIS

DATE OF ARREST Sept. 26th

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DATE HANDLED Sept. 26th

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CHARGE Investigation

RESIDENCE 1408 Raynor Street, Memphis, Tennessee

HEIGHT 5'10" (B.F.)

AGE 26

WEIGHT 172

EYE Blue

COMPLEXION Medium

BUILD Medium Large

OCCUPATION Grocery Clerk

HAIR Dark Chestnut

MARRIED No

TEETH Good

Jan. 17, 1907

BORN Marshall Co., Ky. OFFICER U.S.D.J. Agts. Rorer - [REDACTED] - Det. Sergts. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] - Patrolman [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

ARRESTED WITH George R. Kelly No. 15595; Katherine Kelly, No. 15596; J. C. Tichenor, No. 15597
Langford P. Ramsey No. 15600. MARKS, SCARS, MOLES, ETC.

I:- II:- III:- Small cut scar about 1" above inner end Right eyebrow. Crease in chin.

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DISPOSITION OF CASE

PREVIOUS RECORD

25 MAY 1968

DEPARTMENT OF IDENTIFICATION
DEPARTMENT-DETECTIVE
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

COLOR WHITE

No. 15595

NAME JOHN CALVERT TICHENOR

DATE OF ARREST Sept. 26th 1

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DATE HANDLED Sept. 26th 1

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CHARGE Investigation

RESIDENCE 1408 Raynor Street, Memphis, Tennessee

HEIGHT 5'4 5/8" (B.F.) AGE 30

WEIGHT 105

EYE Blue

COMPLEXION Dark

BUILD Slender

OCCUPATION Auto Salesman

HAIR V. Dk. Br.

MARRIED Yes

TEETH 3 Upper front out.

BORN Dec. 8th 1902
Calvert, Ky.

OFFICER U.S.D.J. Agts. Rorer - [REDACTED] - Det. Sergts. [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]
and Patrolman [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

ARRESTED WITH George R. Kelly, No. 15595; Katherine Kelly, No. 15596; S. A. Travis, No. 15598;
Langford P. Ramsey No. 15600. MARKS, SCARS, MOLES, ETC.

:- Has been paralyzed. II:- III:- Hair mole in center of Right Cheek.

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DISPOSITION OF CASE

PREVIOUS RECORD

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POLICE DEPARTMENT-DETECTIVE DIVISION
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

COLOR WHITE

No. 1559

NAME KATHERINE KELLY

DATE OF ARREST Sept. 26th

ALIAS Katherine Brooks - Katherine Thorn - Kathryn Kelly -

DATE HANDLED Sept. 26th

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CHARGE Fugitive(Wife of George R. Kelly No. 15595.)

RESIDENCE At Large

HEIGHT 5'6 3/8" (B.F.) AGE 29

WEIGHT 130

EYE Dark Slate Gray

COMPLEXION Fair

BUILD Slender

OCCUPATION None

HAIR Auburn

MARRIED Yes

TEETH Good.

March 18th 1904

BORN Tupelo, Mississippi OFFICER U.S.D.J. Agt. Rorer - [REDACTED] - Det. Serpts. [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] - Patrolman [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

ARRESTED WITH George R. Kelly, No. 15595; J. C. Tichenor, No. 15597; S. A. Travis, No. 15598
Langford P. Ramsey No. 15600. MARKS, SCARS, MOLES, ETC.

I:- II:- III:- Faint cut scar on Right Cheekbone, Faint vert. cut scar at inner end Right
brow. Dimple in chin.

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DISPOSITION OF CASE

PREVIOUS RECORD

DEPARTMENT OF IDENTIFICATION
POLICE DEPARTMENT-DETECTIVE DIVISION
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

COLOR WHITE

15595
No. 15595

NAME GEORGE KELLY BARNES

DATE OF ARREST Sept. 26th 1938

ALIAS George R. Kelly; R. G. Shannon; George Kelly; Thompson;

DATE HANDLED Sept. 26th 1938

ALIAS George Barnes, etc.

ALIAS

CHARGE Fugitive (Wanted at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in connection with the Urshel Kidnapping)
Kidnaper - Bootlegger - Stickup Man - Gangster

RESIDENCE At Large

HEIGHT 5'9 1/4" (B. FEET) AGE 37

WEIGHT 177

EYE Blue

COMPLEXION Fair

BUILD Medium Stout

OCCUPATION None

HAIR Blondine

MARRIED Yes

TEETH Good.

BORN July 17th 1896

Seattle, Washington OFFICER U.S.D.J. Agts. Rorer - [REDACTED] - Det. Sergts. [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]
Patrolman [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

ARRESTED WITH Katherine Kelly, No. 15596; J. R. Tichenor, No. 15597 and S.E. Travis, No. 15598 at
Langford P. Ramsey No. 15600. MARKS, SCARS, MOLES, ETC.

I:- II:- III:- Dimple in chin.

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DISPOSITION OF CASE

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PARTMENT-DETECT
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

COLOR WHITE

No. 15600

NAME LANGFORD POLAND RAMSEY

DATE OF ARREST Sept. 27th 1

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DATE HANDLED Sept. 27th 1

ALIAS

ALIAS

CHARGE Investigation

RESIDENCE 1930 Mignon Street, Memphis, Tennessee

HEIGHT 5'8" (?)

AGE 26

WEIGHT 173

EYE Greenish Gray

COMPLEXION Dark

BUILD Stocky

OCCUPATION Attorney

HAIR Dark Brown

MARRIED No

TEETH Good

July 24th 1907

BORN Mineral Wells, Texas U.S.D.J. Agts. Rorer and b7C

ARRESTED WITH George R. Kelly, No. 15595; Katherine Kelly, No. 15596; J. C. Tichenor, No. 15597
S. E. Travis No. 15598. MARKS, SCARS, MOLES, ETC.

I:- II:- III:- Faint vert. scar on forehead at M. line at edge of hair.

DISPOSITION OF CASE

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Kelly advised Agents Keith and Rorer that the front door of Tichenor's house was locked until a short time before the agents' raid; that he had a few minutes before, gone to the front porch and obtained the morning paper and left the door unlocked, believing that ~~the door was~~ if the Federal Agents were coming they would have come before da wn as he believed that they customarily did. He stated that he heard agents open the outer screen door which leads into the front porch and believing that the front door of the house was locked ~~it was~~ intended to take his automatic and get into the front room before agents could get through the front door where he intended to fire into agents and attempt to escape through a side window, taking a chance on the house being surrounded. He stated that the reason he did not do this was that before he could get to the front room he heard the front door open and consequently knew that he could not reach it before agents, and he claimed that he therefor did not pick up his automatic.

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Agent [REDACTED] ascertained that the Memphis City Directory for the year 1933 reflects that XX [REDACTED] Radio Operator for Federal Barge Lines, resides at [REDACTED]

Travis was interviewed by this agent and he stated that he purchased this car in February 1933 from one [REDACTED] who operates a used car lot at 244 Jefferson and that the car was financed by the Chelsea Auto Parts Company of Memphis.

Agent [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] 244 Jefferson Street Memphis, Tennessee, used car dealer who allowed agent [REDACTED] to inspect his records which reflected that on 2-22-33, [REDACTED] sold [REDACTED] a new 1933 Austin Coupe for the sum of \$369.00 and [REDACTED] and allowed him \$200.00 for his Chevrolet, which Chevrolet he sold to S. Travis a brother-in-law of Tichenor for the sum of \$225.00, which was financed through the Chelsea Auto Parts Company located at Chelsea and Jones Streets; that this car bore motor #2116444 and serial #34 AE 15595.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 6, 1933.

VWH: **b7C**

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Thomas L. Manion and Grover C. Beville were indicted under Sections 207, 244, 246 and 88, Title 18, of the United States Code. Section 207 is the bribery section, Section 244 is the section covering the allowing of a prisoner to escape, Section 246 is the section punishing the rescuing of a prisoner and Section 88 is the conspiracy section. The original indictment had been drawn under Section 244 and I am informed that both the substantive offense and the conspiracy were charged in the same count of the indictment and thus it was faulty.

The Dallas office has just advised that three indictments were returned by the Grand Jury yesterday against Cass Coleman and Will Casey charging the harboring of a fugitive and conspiracy to harbor.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes
V. W. Hughes.

See that these cases don't drag.

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

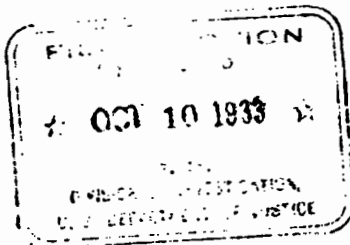
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, et al, KIDNAPING. It is requested that the cases against Galt Coleman and Will Casey, who have been indicted on charges of harboring a fugitive, be followed closely by the Dallas Office, and the Division promptly advised of any developments.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Ladd.....

Case: [REDACTED]

Number: [REDACTED]

Specimen: Handwriting of above on envelope and signatures of persons
implicated in Urschel Kidnaping Case.

Examination requested by: [REDACTED] Clinton, New Mexico.

Date received: October 4, 1933.

Examination desired: Compare handwriting of [REDACTED] with that of
defendants in Urschel case.

Date of Report: October 9, 1933.

Result of examination: Examination by: C. A. Appel.

There are no outstanding similarities between the handwriting of [REDACTED] and those of Bailey, Underhill, and others of the gang. The other circumstances of the case do not appear to warrant the conclusion that [REDACTED] had any connection with the Urschel case, it being noted that he simply mentioned Urschel's name. [REDACTED] states that he was rather mysterious and that his speaking of Urschel occurred just before Urschel was kidnaped. This may be true and there still would be no connection with the Urschel crime necessarily. It also may be that she now associates a conversation regarding Urschel after he was kidnaped with a conversation she had with the man before the kidnaping, in other words, she thinks this conversation occurred before the kidnaping when it really did not. She also may have a motive in injecting Urschel into the request for information in that she desires to do business if she can trust [REDACTED].

I believe the letter to [REDACTED] is all the action that the Division need take.

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El Paso, Texas.

Clinton, New Mexico

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Department of Justice.
Washington Dc.

If all is O.K. Please let me know at once as
I am anxious to sell. They have not renewed
offer.

Dear Sirs,

I have been afraid to write about a thing that has been worry-
ing me for several months. I am writing you this ABSOLUTELY CONFIDENTIAL
as it may mean serious harm to me either way. PLEASE. I am inclosing an
envelope that was given to me by a man who was going to buy my ranch here.
He was a little mysterious, and mentioned Mr. Urschel a time or two just
before he was Kidnapped. They were to give me \$70000 and $\frac{1}{2}$ of oil royalty
and I was to keep the business. They were very insistent and were afraid
I would back out at last minute. Wanted me to put up a GUARANTEE that I
would deliver the place not later than the 10 of JULY 19 33

I went in to a bank with this [REDACTED] but I asked the banker if I should
and he advised me not to do it, so I refused. [REDACTED] would not go in
he parked out on a side street and stayed in the car. He made several remarks
about kidnaping etc. but most every one is now days. I wrote to the Security
loan Co of Los Angeles Calif. SECURITY SAVINGS AND LOAN CO. as I had a
small loan from them. They did not know this man, but time was short for
them to investigate. So I have not renewed the sales deal.

I was afraid something was wrong. I have since been wondering about that
kidnaping to. I would sure appreciate a reply as I would like to sell if all is
O.K. They may be absolutely all right and I missed a good sale. If they
found out I wrote to you it would kill all hopes of a deal and if they were
looking for a location for other purposes I would be in danger.

So please never mention this letter.. [REDACTED]

Write CAMBRAY NEW MEX.

(Signed) [REDACTED]

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RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO

CAMBRAY • NEW JERSEY

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Department of Justice •
Washington.

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(Card approximately 3 1/2 x 2" reading as follows:)

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 Associates
Bonded Brokers
Distributors of Cleanrite Products
Financing - Rentals

Exposition 3273
516 South Western Ave.
Los Angeles

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(Envelope approximately 9½ x 4" addressed as follows:)

[REDACTED] Associates
Los Angeles
Personal Box 892

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[REDACTED]
General Del.

Wichita, Kans.

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Cambray, New Mexico.

Dear Madam:

By reference from the Criminal Division of the Department, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 23, 1933, in which you refer to certain information which might have a bearing on the Urschel kidnaping case.

Your courtesy in furnishing the Division with the facts as recited in your communication is appreciated and I assure you they will receive careful consideration.

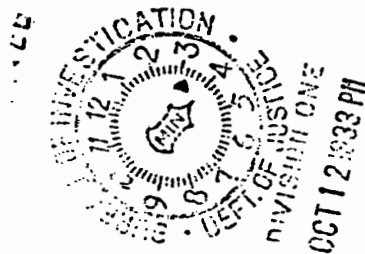
The Division can not undertake to advise you concerning the business deal to which you refer, and it is suggested that you may desire to consult with your local authorities for advice in connection with the matter in which you are interested.

The enclosures to your communication, consisting of a card and envelope, are returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enc. #660333.



From
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MALLOY
To
OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

		MEMORANDUM
The Attorney General		
The Solicitor General		
Assistant to Attorney General Stanley		
Assistant Attorney General Wideman		
Assistant Attorney General Stephens		
Assistant Attorney General Sweeney		
Assistant Attorney General		
Director Division of Investigation	✓	
Mr. Bates, Director Bureau of Prisons		
General Agent and Chief Clerk		
Assistant Chief Clerk		
Division of Supplies		
Mail and Files		
Mr. Finch, Pardon Attorney		
Mr. Parrish		
Mr. Key		
Mr. Ridgely		
Mr. Wixson		
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Mr. Ramsey		
Mr. Morrisson		
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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

October 10, 1933.

Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Locke	

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

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases;
MRS. GEORGE KELLY BARNES with
aliases, et al.; CHARLES F. URSCHEL -
Victim - KIDNAPING.
VERNON C. MILLER with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1195, et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (ENDEAVOR TO
DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH)

Dear Sir:

The Chicago Division office received information on September 19, 1933, from [redacted] Municipal Airport, Chicago, Illinois, that [redacted] had an aeroplane stored at the Municipal Airport, and upon instructions of Acting Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith, agents [redacted] and [redacted] on September 28, 1933, at the Municipal Airport inspected the aeroplane, which was believed to be the property of [redacted] which was stored at the Central Air Terminal Company hangar, and found said aeroplane to be a Stinson Detrolter, license NC-479-H, bearing on each side the wording, "Schellenberger Motor Sales, 4114 Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, Palisade 1800"; also "Dodge, Plymouth, Chrysler Motor Cars". The plane has a black body with red stripes, red motor cowlings, red, white and red stripes on tips of propellers; plane made by the Stinson Aircraft Corporation, Detroit, Michigan.

Also, [redacted] Municipal Airport, advised these agents that this plane had been stored at the Central Air Terminal hangar for about three years, and it was originally owned by [redacted] who sold it about two years ago to [redacted]

On September 28, 1933, Special Agent in Charge W. A. Rorer telephoned the Chicago Division office from Memphis, Tennessee, stating the Director had called him, and instructed him that the [redacted] plane be watched closely, inasmuch as they expected some of [redacted] associates to make movements in the plane shortly; that in event the plane leaves, this office should obtain information regarding the person who is flying same, together with passengers, and destination; Special Agents in Charge Rorer and Keith should be notified in Memphis, where they can be reached care of the Sheriff or the Claridge Hotel.

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DIRECTOR NATHAN

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Immediately 24-hour surveillance was maintained and continued by agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of instant plane from September 28 until 5:00 P. M., October 4, 1933, at the Municipal Airport; that during this time it was observed that no one made any attempt to approach or remove the plane from the hangar, and same appeared to be in dead storage.

Agent [REDACTED] on October 4, 1933, made inquiry of [REDACTED] Division of Inspection, Department of Commerce, Municipal Airport, relative to the plane in question, who stated that the license for this plane expired October 1, 1933, and that while Inspector [REDACTED] Bureau of Aeronautics, was at the Central Air Terminal Company hangar on October 4, 1933, on other business, casually inspected the plane in question, and found that before a renewal of the license to operate this plane could be obtained, the motor of the plane would have to be overhauled and repair of certain portions of the fabric on the wings should be made. [REDACTED] directed [REDACTED] to make the proper notations in the files of the Bureau of Aeronautics relative to this plane and should any attempt in the near future be made to renew the license, to immediately notify the Chicago Division office.

As there has been no attempt to renew the license, and due to the present condition of the plane, a surveillance of same is being discontinued for the present, as per my telephonic conversation with you.

Very truly yours,

D. O. Smith
D. O. SMITH

Acting Special Agent in Charge

[REDACTED]
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Okla. City -2

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NIGHT MESSAGE	CABLE LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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

DAY LETTER. San Antonio Texas October 8 1933

R H Colvin
Division of Investigation
US Department of Justice
224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City Oklahoma



Sheppard [redacted] holding Leon Brady and Buela Clark alleged wives Bob Brady and James Clark with Ford Delux Coupe Motor two four three seven three six who have no bill of sale but have Certificate of title issued B L Black at the ten west tenth street Oklahoma City dated July fifth last advise if stolen owners name and date

Davis Acting

Official Bus Govt Rate Paid
Chg Division of Investigation
US Dept of Justice
1216 Smith Young Tower

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

SFC: [REDACTED]

October 11, 1933

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

OCT 12 1933

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled ^dGEORGE R. KELLY,
with aliases, et al, KIDNAPING.

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated
September 30, 1933, from [REDACTED] in which
she makes reference to one [REDACTED] who, she states, may be
connected with Bailey and the Urschel kidnaping case.

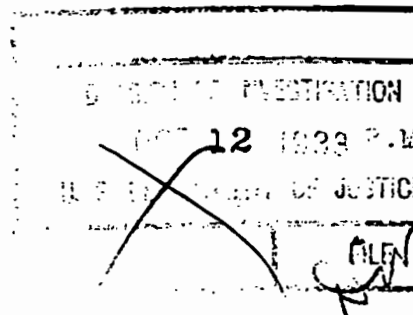
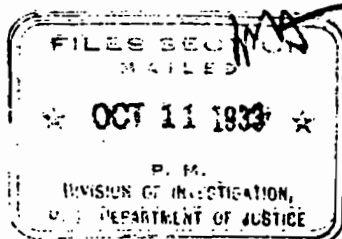
It is requested that an Agent of the Oklahoma City
Office interview the writer of this letter for such information
as she may have.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #677992.

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October 11, 1933

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

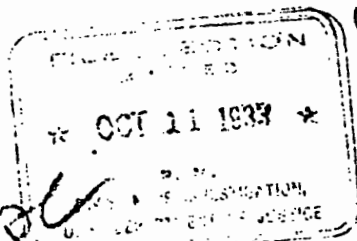
Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 30, 1933, concerning [REDACTED] who, you state, may be connected with Harvey J. Bailey and other criminals in the Urschel kidnaping case.

Kindly be advised that your letter has been referred to Mr. R. H. Colvin, Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, at 224 Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and will be given appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

All b7C



FROM
C. E. STEWART
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

The Attorney General	
The Solicitor General	
The Assistant to the Attorney General	
Assistant Attorney General Stephens	
Assistant Attorney General Wideman	
Assistant Attorney General Malloy	
Assistant Attorney General Lawrence	
Assistant Attorney General, Civil Div.	
Assistant Attorney General Sweeney	
Mr. Carusi	
Mr. Hoover, Dir. Div. of Investigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Hurley, Asst. Director	
Mr. Bates, Dir. Bureau of Prisons	
Mr. Gardner, General Agent and Chief Clerk	
Mr. Beardslee	
Mr. Heffernan, Assistant Chief Clerk	
Mr. Finch, Pardon Attorney	
Mr. Sornborger, Appointment Clerk	
Mr. Robb, Mail and Files	
Mr. Caldwell	
Mr. McGrath	
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Oklahoma City, Sep. 30, 1933.

Kind Sir:

I live in a surburban home and have noted some things that I fear are related to the rackettering gang that you are so successfully running down. I speak because I feel that if respectable people will stop being COWARDS and indifferent to law-breaking the govermennt can stamp out crime. There is a man who raises fughting chickens on our place, 30 acres on the Tenth Street road, just beyond the Fairgrounds.

When I came here to take charge of my brother's house, this man had a deal with my predecessor to raise chickens on shares. We did not care for the deal and hinted broadly but as this is an ideal place for his purposes, he hung on. Being very GENTLEMANLY in his ways, he has continued to spend hours out here watching his chickens. I was for thirty years a school head and KNOW criminal types.

One day with his hat off I perceived that the man had the head of a defective or a CRIMNAL. During the trial of Bailey I have noted with astonishment that this man is as much like Harvey Bailey as if he were his own brother, that keen restless look, that sharp countenance. It came to me like a flash that during the exact time that Mr. Urshal was missing this man had told us that he would make a trip back to Buffalo to get back his old job. He 1933

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returned a few days after Mr. Urshall was released.

While thinking over these facts I remembered that he had his car painted before he left remarking that his car was "hot" with the police, we supposed when he said it that he meant that he was in bad with the police for fighting chickens. He never talks, we do not know where he lives. He had the car changed from black to a color between buff and brown. At the time Bailey made his break from the Dallas jail; this man said to me that he had to go to DALLAS. He said he might write back, so he took my address. His letter as my mind has told me is not from Dallas but ST. LOUIS, on rich paper.

I am sending you this man's name and the address, I believe that something will come out of investigation of the address and the man. I have no ill-will whatever to him but feel that he is in contact with the men for whom you are looking. He has no job but has had \$900.00 here at one time that he intimated that he made on fighting chickens.

The letter on very RICH PAPER says: "I do not know how long I will be here; if you would get in touch with me write me at the address enclosed. I send \$2.00 to get feed for his chickens.

Yours truly

 St. Louis, Mo.

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The letter head on which the letter is written is GLICK'S

LAUNDRY, 5190-92 Delmar Blvd.
St. Louis Mo.

[REDACTED] He knows
nothing whatever about this but will bring any representative sent
by you out to the farm. I have not bothered him with this.

Respt'y

[REDACTED]
Oklahoma City.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 10, 1933.

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Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Locke	

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

The Prison Bureau suggested that the Cincinnati Workhouse is probably the best place, temporarily at least, in which to confine Kathryn Thorne Kelly. The Government institutions such as Alderson, Memphis Farm and others, are not equipped with cells. The Cincinnati Workhouse is so equipped. It was decided that George R. Kelly should be confined in the main Leavenworth Penitentiary. Instructions are being issued to the Marshal this afternoon in accordance with the above arrangements. Mr. Bates has gone out the city but his secretary, however, has arranged to send the telegram to the Marshal.

Respectfully,

V.W. Hughes
V.W. Hughes. *D.S.*

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Unit One
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

October 9, 1933

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hynes.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Locke.....
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SPC: [redacted] b7c

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Information contained in the Division's files indicates that Kathryn Thorne Kelly was born at Saitillo, Mississippi, March 18, 1904, the daughter of James Emory Brooks and Mrs. Ora L. Shannon. After twenty-four years of married life Mrs. Shannon was divorced from Brooks and later married R. G. Shannon, a Texas rancher. Kathryn attended grammar school until she reached the eighth grade. At the age of 15 she married [redacted] at Asher, Oklahoma. This union, however, did not last long, and they were soon divorced, and Kathryn then married Charlie Thorne at Coleman, Texas. Thorne was a stock raiser, and the marriage lasted until Thorne committed suicide, leaving a note "I cannot live with her or without her". After several years, about three years ago, she married George R. Kelly, and since that time seems to have been working in full cooperation with him in his illegal activities, enjoying many luxuries, such as large automobiles, expensive jewelry, and a nice home which she maintained at Fort Worth, Texas. Kathryn Thorne was first arrested at Fort Worth, Texas, as Dolores Whitney, November 20, 1929, charge shoplifting, and the case was later dismissed. b7c

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. COWLEY.

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Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Edwards	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Hughes	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Lester	_____
Mr. Locke	_____
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October 10, 1933.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALLS.

Mr. Nathan advised that it is possible, but not probable, that pleas of-guilty will be entered during the course of the Kelly trial, and it is his opinion it might be well to have the Marshal instructed where to move the Kellys in the event this happens. I stated I thought Kelly should be taken to Leavenworth, and that Kathryn Kelly should not be taken to the same prison where her mother is incarcerated. I stated that I would endeavor to have orders issued today to the Marshal as to where to transport the Kellys in the event they enter pleas of guilty.

Mr. Nathan stated that although he was opposed to such action, they considered it necessary to bring the Arnolds in, but that he is going to insist that they be taken back tonight to the place they were brought from.

Mr. Nathan stated he has been advised that the armoured prison car can be switched right into the Leavenworth yards, so he feels that this will suffice in the removal of the Kellys, and that he thinks at least 4 Agents should go along. He stated they need 12 hours notice to obtain use of the prison car.

Mr. Blake telephoned to state that Brady's conditions was very much improved today, and he would suggest that both Brady and Clark be moved to the Santa Fe, New Mexico penitentiary. I instructed Mr. Blake to go with them, and that they should be moved as soon as the doctor's permission is granted.

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

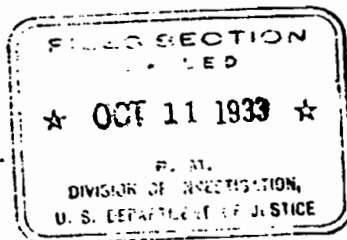
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, et al, KIDNAPING. The Division is in receipt of a telegram from the United States Attorney at Amarillo, Texas, advising that Kelly has in his possession passports for himself and his wife to Germany. Accordingly, it is requested that the Washington Field Office check the State Department records in an effort to determine whether Kelly has actually obtained passports for himself and his wife.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC Oklahoma City.



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October 11, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

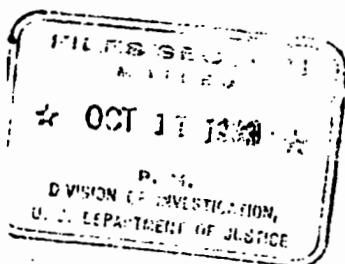
Reference is made to the case entitled GEORGE R.
O KELLY with aliases, et al, Kidnaping.

The Division is in receipt of a newspaper clipping
which indicates that Chief of Police Joseph A. Lehmyer of
Minneapolis, Minnesota, was dismissed for his testimony given
at Oklahoma City in the Urschel kidnaping case.

It is requested that the Division be advised as to
the nature of Mr. Lehmyer's testimony.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Special Agent in Charge,
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201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama.

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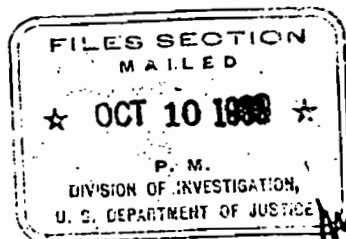
There is enclosed herewith the original report, submitted in rough draft form by Special Agent [redacted] of the Birmingham office, in the case entitled GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al; Kidnaping.

It is requested that you review and sign this report, if approved, and return the same to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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REPORT MADE AT: Birmingham, Ala.	DATE WHEN MADE: 10/6/33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9/23-30/33	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: "CHANGED" GEORGE KELLY BARNES aliases: "Machine-gun Kelly", George R. Kelly, Roy Stewart, O. L. Johnson, George Senay, J. L. Barker, Thompson, George Kelly - Fugitive. KATHERINE KELLY BARNES aliases: Katherine Kelly, Kathryn Kelly, Kathryn Thorne Kelly, Catherine Thorne SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: o Kelly, Catherine Thorne, Delores Whitney, Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, Delores Cannon, Katherine Brooks, Mrs. C. L. Johnson - Fugitive. HARVEY J. BAILEY, ALBERT L. BATES, with aliases. ROBERT O. SHANNON, ORA L. SHANNON, ARMON SHANNON, CLIFFORD KELLY, EDWARD BARNEY BERMAN, THOMAS L. MANION, GROVER C. BEVILL, WILL CASEY, CARL COLEMAN, JOHN CALVERT TICHENOR alias "Tich", SKYMOIR RAYON TRAVIS, LANGFORD POLAND RAMSEY alias "Lang" Ramsey, CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p align="center">SYNOPSIS</p> <p>George Kelly Barnes and his wife, Katherine, apprehended and taken into Federal custody, Memphis, Tennessee, 9/23/33. Fugitive complaints filed at Memphis same date when Kelly and wife arraigned; entered pleas of not guilty and demanded hearings which were set for later date and in default of \$100,000.00 bonds each was incarcerated in the Shelby County Jail, Memphis. On 9/27/33 Barnes and wife waived removal hearings; removal order signed same date for their appearance in Federal Court, Oklahoma City. They are held incommunicado pending perfection of arrangements for removal. Tichenor and Travis, arrested with Barnes and wife, held in Shelby County Jail, Memphis, in default of \$100,000.00 bonds after preliminary hearings before the United States Commissioner, Memphis, on complaints filed at Memphis on 9/26/33 charging them with harboring fugitives from Justice. Final hearings have been set for a later date. Langford Ramsey, attorney, voluntarily submitted to arrest at Memphis on 9/27/33. Complaint filed 9/28/33 charging Ramsey with harboring fugitives from Justice; preliminary hearing had 9/29/33 when Ramsey entered plea of not guilty and demanded final hearing which has been set for October 7, 1933 at Memphis. In default of \$25,000.00 bond Ramsey was incarcerated in the Shelby County Jail.</p> <p align="center">- P -</p>			41152 All b7c
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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DETAILS AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

About midnight on Monday, September 25, 1933, Assistant Director Harold Nathan telephoned Special Agent in Charge W. A. Rorer from Oklahoma City and advised that George Kelly and his wife, Katherine, were then at Memphis, Tennessee; that Kelly had dyed his hair yellow and Katherine Kelly was wearing a red wig; that they had with them two revolvers or automatics and were living with one J. C. Tichenor and the latter's brother-in-law in a small brick house located about one block off Speedway Drive at Memphis; further, that Tichenor was paralyzed in his right side and was said to operate a used car department at the Central Garage; that about two hours before Mr. Nathan called Kelly had sent a telegram from Memphis. Mr. Nathan instructed that Special Agent in Charge Rorer and Special Agent [redacted] make immediate plans to proceed to Memphis by plane and to effect the apprehension of the Kellys before daybreak. Shortly thereafter the Director telephoned Mr. Rorer from Washington confirming the information that the Kellys were in Memphis and instructed that airplanes be chartered for immediate travel to Memphis to effect the apprehension of the Kellys before dawn. The Director further stated that Special Agent in Charge B. M. Ladd of the St. Louis office had likewise been instructed to proceed by plane to Memphis, together with Agents of the Division.

Agent Rorer immediately contacted the Birmingham airports and was informed that the only possibility of obtaining commercial planes at that time was through [redacted] a pilot who chartered his personally owned plane. [redacted] was communicated with by telephone and advised that he had a plane, but was not permitted to do any night flying inasmuch as his plane was not equipped with lights, as required by the Interstate Commerce Commission and, consequently, he would not undertake night flying. [redacted] advised Rorer that the only possibility of obtaining a plane would be through Atlanta; that the National Guard maintained a flying field at Birmingham known as Robert's Field which was under the control of Colonel Supter Smith whose wife was then communicated with, by telephone, and advised that Colonel Smith was in Montgomery, Alabama. Colonel Smith was located at the Graystone Hotel, Montgomery, and advised that he had planes at Robert's Field with three competent pilots, but that he did not have authority to act. He agreed that he would follow instructions of his superior, General Edward King, at Fort McPherson, Georgia. General King was contacted by telephone, about one o'clock, and after considerable persuasion agreed to furnish the necessary planes and pilots and ordered Colonel Smith to comply with Mr. Rorer's request. Lieutenants [redacted] and [redacted] were located and two planes prepared. Resident Agent [redacted] was advised by long distance telephone at Memphis, in this matter, and requested to obtain the necessary assistance from reliable Memphis Police officers to locate Kelly's hideout and to prepare the mode of procedure for execution at approximately five o'clock on the morning of September 26, 1933, when it was expected that Agents Rorer and [redacted] would arrive at Memphis.

At about 2:00 A.M., September 26, 1933 Agent received a long distance call from Agent in Charge W. A. Rorer from Birmingham at which time he furnished Agent with the above information and instructions. Agent immediately attempted to get in touch with Chief of Detectives [redacted] but was advised that he was not at home and that they did not know where he could be reached. Agent then called Police Headquarters and was advised that no detectives were then at Headquarters and that they believed that the four men who had been on night duty had gone home. Agent then contacted Detective Sergeant [redacted] whom Agent knew to be efficient and reliable and willing to work at any time and requested that he meet Agent in fifteen minutes at an appointed place. At the appointed time and place Agent met Sergeant [redacted] and furnished him with the information which had been received from Agent in Charge Rorer.

Agent and Sergeant [redacted] then checked the city directory of Memphis and it was noted that it reflects that John C. Tichenor lives at 1408 Rayner and that he is a salesman for the Chip Barwick Chevrolet Company; it was also noted that Rayner Street intersects South Parkway, known as the Speedway, and that 1408 was the sixth house from the intersection of these two streets. It then appeared that this was the house mentioned in the information furnished but it was thought desirable to check further in order to determine for certain whether this was in fact the house.

Sergeant [redacted] advised that he knew the night man at the Peabody Garage which is located next to the Peabody Hotel and it was ascertained at the Hotel that this garage is operated by the same man who operates the Central Garage, which is located at 202 Union Avenue, about one block from the Peabody Hotel. Sergeant [redacted] and Agent then contacted the night man at the Peabody garage and he stated that he did not know who operated the used car lot in connection with the Central Garage, but that the night man at the Central Garage would probably be able to furnish this information. He furnished the name of the night man at the Central Garage and Sergeant [redacted] stated that he had known this man for twenty years and that he could be depended on. Agent and Sergeant [redacted] then contacted the night man at the Central Garage and he advised that a man by the name of Tichenor who is known as "Tich" operates the used car lot; that this man is paralyzed on one side; that he has been there for about two months, but that he does not know much about him and does not know where he lives. The man at the two above mentioned garages were furnished no information but were requested to make no mention that Agent and Sergeant [redacted] had asked any questions and they promised to do so. The night man at the

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Central Garage stated that Tichenor had been at the garage at about five the evening before; that he was driving a Ford or Chevrolet and had a man with him who stayed in the car; that Tichenor received a telephone call from Western Union and took a message over the phone and then told Western Union to send a copy out to his house. Agent then proceeded to the Western Union office and was shown a copy of a telegram which was sent at Fort Worth, Texas at 12:37 P.M., 9/25/33 and was addressed to J. C. Tichenor care the Central Garage, Memphis and which was signed "Lang". This wire was worded in such a manner as to be unintelligible at that time.

Agent and Sergeant [redacted] then proceeded to the vicinity of 1408 Rayner Street and located the house at that address. It was noted that it was located about a block off of S. Parkway drive and was the sixth house in a row of brick houses on the left hand side going East. No inquiries were made in this neighborhood.

Sergeant [redacted] advised that he would be able to get Detective Sergeants [redacted] and [redacted] and a squad car on a few minutes notice and it was decided best not to call these men until shortly before making the raid on the house at 1408 Rayner. Sergeant [redacted] and Agent then proceeded to the airport to await the arrival of Agent in Charge Rorer.

Agent Rorer and Agent [redacted] took off from Robert's Field, Birmingham, Alabama, in two army planes at approximately three-twenty on the morning of September 26, 1933, and landed at the Memphis airport at five-thirty where they were met by Special Agent [redacted] and Sergeant [redacted] of the Memphis Police Department. Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] and uniform officers [redacted] and [redacted] were requested by telephone to meet Agents and Sergeant [redacted] at a point between the airport and Kelly's hideout, but were not advised of their intended mission. Upon arrival of detectives [redacted] and [redacted] and officers [redacted] and [redacted] in two cars, they proceeded to 1408 Rayner, which is located approximately one block from South Parkway, where the two uniform officers covered the house from the rear. Special Agent in Charge Rorer, Agent [redacted] and Sergeant [redacted] entered the house by the front door, which was unlocked. Special Agent [redacted] on instruction of Rorer, took his position on guard in front of the Tichenor home and detectives [redacted] and [redacted] covered either side. The front door and screen door to the porch were found unlocked. Upon entering the house Agent Rorer and Sergeant [redacted] turned to a bedroom at the right of the living room where they observed two men in bed. It was obvious that neither of these men was Kelly and Rorer

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immediately ran to the rear of the house and through a door entering from the rear porch to another bedroom where Katherine Kelly was found asleep in bed. This room was connected by a narrow hall with the front bedroom in which Tichenor and Travis were found. Agent Rorer then saw that Kelly, who had been in the bedroom with Katherine Kelly, had proceeded into the front bedroom and was sitting in a corner with his hands raised and he was covered by Sergeant [REDACTED]. As Rorer started for the rear of the house, as above mentioned, Agent [REDACTED] who was with him, saw Kelly come into view through the door leading from the front bedroom into the living room. Agent [REDACTED] then entered the bedroom and covered Tichenor and Travis while Sergeant [REDACTED] covered Kelly. At this point Agent [REDACTED] and detectives [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were instructed to enter the house and assist in facilitating the departure of the prisoners for police headquarters.

Sergeant [REDACTED] advised that Kelly had jumped from his bed and started towards the front bedroom in which Tichenor and his brother-in-law, Travis, were located, dressed only in his underwear. Kelly was immediately handcuffed and he, Tichenor and Travis were placed in a car and hurried to the police station. At the time of the apprehension there were found in Tichenor's home a forty-five caliber Colt United States Army Automatic serial number 281122, a Browie, twenty-two caliber, four-barrel, rim-fire pistol, manufactured by O. F. Messberg and Sons, New Haven, Connecticut, serial number 1239, a woman's light red wig which Katherine Kelly admitted having purchased for \$45.00 some time ago and to have worn until recently. At this time Katherine Kelly has not explained where the purchase of said wig was made. All of the above named articles, together with Kelly's billfold, herein-after mentioned, were taken into possession by Special Agent in Charge W. A. Rorer and are being taken to Oklahoma City by Agent in Charge J. M. Keith. On the way to police headquarters there were in the car with Kelly, Special Agent in Charge Rorer, Sergeant [REDACTED] Detective [REDACTED] Tichenor and Travis. At the same time Mrs. Katherine Kelly was placed in another car with the two uniform officers and Detective [REDACTED]. Immediately after proceeding from the house Kelly remarked: "I knew you were coming and had been waiting all night for you. When day broke I thought you were not coming and went to bed. You got me right on the Urechel case, but you are wrong on the Chicago case". No further conversation was had from Kelly.

As Katherine Kelly was being led from the house she told Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that she expected a young man to deliver some clothes to the Tichenor home for her; that she would appreciate it if the clothes would be received; that the man bringing the clothes was in no manner connected with her or her husband and knew nothing about them. Questioned as to whether this man might be from a cleaning establishment, Mrs. Kelly replied that he was not; that he was bringing the clothes from some other place. As will be

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hereinafter shown, the man to whom Katherine Kelly had reference is, obviously, Attorney Langford Ramsey, whom the Kellys had sent to Coleman, Texas. Agents [redacted] and [redacted] remained at the Tichenor home and made a thorough search of the premises. While in the car on the way to Police Headquarters, Mrs. Kelly stated to the officers that George Kelly was guilty in the Urschel case, but not in the Chicago Bank Robbery Case. No effort was made to question either Kelly or Katherine Kelly until after they were lodged in jail, nor in the presence of any other than Division agents. On the way to police headquarters Sergeant [redacted] advised Special Agent in Charge Rorer that in the hall, between the bedroom where Kelly was sleeping, and the front bedroom in which were found Tichenor and Travis, was a sewing machine, and that he found the forty-five Colt Automatic lying on the machine and believed that Kelly laid it there quickly upon sensing the fact that he was covered and in such manner that [redacted] did not see him with it in his possession, nor did he see Kelly place the pistol there.

Kelly advised Agents Keith and Rorer that the front door of Tichenor's house was locked until a short time before the agents' raid; that he had a few minutes before gone to the front porch and obtained the morning paper and left the door unlocked, believing that if the Federal Agents were coming they would have come before dawn as he believed that they customarily did. He stated that he heard agents open the outer screen door which leads into the front porch and believing that the front door of the house was locked intended to take his automatic and get into the front room before agents could get through the front door where he intended to fire into agents and attempt to escape through a side window, taking a chance on the house being surrounded. He stated that the reason he did not do this was that before he could get to the front room he heard the front door open and consequently knew that he could not reach it before agents, and he claimed that he therefore did not pick up his automatic.

Tichenor's home had been entered at approximately six forty-five on the morning of September 26, 1933, and the prisoners were registered at approximately 7:15 in the Memphis City Jail, where Kelly gave his name to the Desk Clerk as George R. Kelly and Mrs. Kelly gave her name as Mrs. Katherine Kelly. They were immediately locked in individual cells located distantly from one another. Instructions were immediately given that they be held incommunicado. Agent Rorer immediately telephoned the Director at his home in Washington from Police Headquarters notifying him of the apprehensions. The Director advised that he would immediately notify the Oklahoma City Office. Mr. Hoover was further advised that Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd had not arrived from St. Louis and the Director advised further that Agent in Charge J. M. Keith had left Chicago at two o'clock that morning by plane for Memphis.

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Mr. Ladd arrived with agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at 8:30 A. M. and agent Keith arrived at 9:30 A. M.

At Police Headquarters Travis gave his name as S. E. Travis and stated that he is the brother-in-law of J. C. Tichenor. He stated that he had lived at Tichenor's home for several months but denied that he knew the identity of Kelly. It was obvious that at that time he did not desire to talk freely. J. C. Tichenor was talked to by agent Rorer and although professing to tell all he knew, obviously was untruthful and evasive and denied knowledge of Kelly's identity. Only a small amount of information of value was obtained from Tichenor during the morning of the arrest but finally in the afternoon he made admissions which are hereinafter set out in his written statement. At 5:30 A.M. Special Agent in Charge Ladd and three agents arrived and agents were placed on guard with machine-guns. Agent Rorer ascertained that the police were permitting police officers to walk back and observe those arrested and arrangements were entered into for the transfer of all the prisoners to the County Jail where they could be better cared for, kept secluded, and on a top floor rather than a ground floor as was the case in the Memphis City Jail. The Chief of Police and other officers were interfering considerably in routine matters and offering too many suggestions, particularly with reference to transportation of the prisoners to Oklahoma City and in further view of the fact that the press reporters could not be evaded, it was obvious that the case could be better handled with the prisoners in the County Jail.

Immediately after Kelly and the others were placed in jail agent obtained a copy of the telegram to Tichenor mentioned previously in the report and also obtained a copy of a telegram sent in answer to the above mentioned telegram. These copies were furnished to Agent in Charge Rorer who immediately furnished the contents of the telegrams to Director J. E. Hoover by telephone. The information as to the telegram received by Tichenor had been furnished by this agent to Agent in Charge Rorer at the time of his arrival from Birmingham. The telegrams mentioned above read as follows:

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DALLS 49/51 DL RD FTWORTH TEX 25 1237P

J C TICHENOR

CARE CENTRAL GARAGE PHONES 4811 MFS

DEAR CHOLLY HAD SEVERAL TUGH BREAKS RAN INTO SEVERAL
RAIN STORMS CAUSED BRAKY TROUBLE DEAL FELL THROUGH
TRIED TO GET LATER APPOINTMENT BUT PRO-PECT WAS AFRAID
IMPOSSIBLE CHANGE HIS MIND DONT WANT TO BRING HOME A
SAD TALE CAN GO ON IF ADVISABLE WIRE INSTRUCTIONS HERE
ANSWER WESTERN UNION GAINESVILLE TEXAS

LANS

LOSP SEP 25 1933

MEMPHIS TENN VIA GAINESVILLE TEX SEP 25 1933

LANSFORD P RAMSEY

WILL CALL WESTERN UNION ARDISSEE OKLA CONTINUE TRIP AS
INSTRUCTED MOTHER FINE NOW

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As soon as possible, on instructions from Agent in Charge Rorer, agent attempted to communicate with United States Attorney William McClanahan who was at Jackson, Tennessee. Agent was advised that Mr. McClanahan had left Jackson and was on his way to Memphis. On his arrival in Memphis he was contacted and authorized agent to file complaints against Tichenor and Travis charging them with conspiracy to violate section 141 of the Criminal Code, that is, conspiracy to harbor a fugitive from justice. Agent filed fugitive complaint against George and Kathryn Kelly and complaint against Tichenor and Travis before United States Commissioner Lester H. Brenner at Memphis, Tennessee on 9/26/33 and warrants for all parties were issued. These parties were all arraigned before Commissioner Brenner at Shelby County Jail, all demanded a hearing and hearing was set for a future date. In

default of \$100,000 bond each George Kelly, Kathryn Kelly, J. C. Tichenor and S. E. Travis were committed to the Shelby County Jail. On 9/27/33 George and Kathryn Kelly signed a waiver in which they admitted their identity and waived removal hearings and are now being held incommunicado pending perfection of arrangements to remove them to Oklahoma City. Hearings as to Tichenor and Travis have not been set.

During the afternoon of 9/26/33 J. C. Tichenor was interviewed by Agents in Charge W. A. Rorer and D. M. Ladd and this Agent, and after much questioning and hesitancy on his part he furnished the following written statement as to his connection with Kelly. The original of this statement is being held in the Birmingham file:

Memphis, Tenn.
9/26/33.

I, John Calvert Tichenor, make this statement to [redacted] whom I know to be a Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, of my own free will, no promises or threats having been made to me:

I am thirty years old and I live at 1408 Raymer, Memphis, Tennessee and I am employed by [redacted] and am in charge of the used car lot of the Central Garage. I have lived in Memphis for four years and was born and raised at Paducah, Kentucky.

I have known Langford Ramsey and his family since 1930. About a week or ten days before September 4, 1933 I was eating supper at the Ramsey home in Memphis and Langford Ramsey called me and stated that he had a friend in town and asked me if he could stay at my place. My wife was out of the city and so I told him that he could stay at my home. Langford Ramsey brought a man to my home whom he introduced to me as George Barnes. This is the man who was arrested at my house this morning and who I know to be George Kelly. Langford Ramsey told me that Barnes wanted to buy a car and I sold him a 1931 Ford Coupe for which Barnes gave me two hundred dollar bills. He also bought a new set of tires for the car. I furnished Barnes with a bill of sale and made it out in the name of Johnson. He said that he wanted the bill of sale made in the name of Johnson but I did not know why.

George stayed at my home until the Thursday after the 4th of September when George left early one morning alone. He said that he was going to West Texas, to Elid, Texas.

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On Friday, September 22nd, George came back to my home and was accompanied by his wife and a young girl. He asked if they could stay at my home and do their own cooking and I said that would be satisfactory. At this time George told me that he had lost his gun and he asked me to get one for him. I got a 45 calibre automatic from [redacted] for \$10.00 which I turned over to George and he paid me \$17.50 for it. At his request I also purchased a clip and some ammunition for this gun.

During the time that George was at my home I did not see him with a gun until I bought the automatic for him. I never saw him flash more than \$300.00 at one time. I did not know where he got his money but he said that he had two large farms in Texas.

George agreed to pay me \$25.00 a week for room for his wife and himself. He also was free about giving me money. When he returned this last time he was driving a 1933 model Chevrolet sedan and he said that he had just returned from Chicago, Ill. He said that he intended to stay five or six days. When he came back this last time his hair was lighter colored than when he left the first part of September. During this last stay the only people who came to the house that I know of were the Ramsey family. Langford Ramsey was over to see him every day.

I did not see Kelly very much on Saturday, September 23rd. On Sunday we sat around the house and we read about the threatening note having been sent to Oklahoma City by Kelly. At this time Kelly stated that he sent the note to raise a stink. That same day he also said that he was in on the Urschel kidnapping and that he collected the \$200,000.00 from the go-between. He said that they cashed \$20,000.00 of the money at Minneapolis, and that the rest of the money was in Texas. In substance he told me that Bates and Bailey were in with him on the Urschel kidnapping. He mentioned the fact that he was down on the Shamon farm. He did not mention anyone else in connection with the kidnapping.

Kelly said that he was just getting ready to leave Chicago when the holdup of the Federal Reserve Bank messengers happened. He also mentioned that he contacted [redacted] when in Chicago; that he called [redacted] and that [redacted] told him to stay away from him and that he would contact him.

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About six o'clock Sunday morning Langford Ramsey left Memphis in Kelly's car. He took the little girl with him. Kelly told me that Ramsey had gone on a trip for him.

Saturday afternoon Langford Ramsey picked up a newspaper which had the picture of Katherine Kelly in it and he said, "does this look like the woman out at the house", and I said that it resembled her. He then told me that there might be some trouble and to be careful and to keep my mouth shut, that George was a tough "son-of-a-bitch".

Monday morning George told me that Langford Ramsey might call or telegraph and that the message would come in my care and that if anything came I should bring it out to him. That afternoon I received a telegram signed "Lang" and I took it out to the house to Kelly. About four-thirty I sent a telegram to Langford Ramsey at Gainesville, Texas in answer to his wire. The wire read "Go on as instructed", and was signed Jack.

I have never seen or heard of Kelly until he was brought to my house the last part of August 1933 by Langford Ramsey. I did not get suspicious of Kelly until Saturday, September 23rd. On Sunday I came to the conclusion that he was George Kelly or some outlaw.

On Sunday Mrs. Kelly said that she was worried about her mother and step-father, the Shannons. We read an article in the paper to the effect that she, Mrs. Kelly, intended to surrender, and when we read that she said that it was a damn lie.

Kelly said that he had the rest of the kidnaping money hid down on the farm. He never told me where the money was hidden.


Seymour Travis is my brother-in-law. He came to live with me in 1931 and has been living at my house since that time. He was at my house when George Kelly came there the first time. He was also there when Kelly came on September 22nd. I was not at home when Kelly and his wife and the child arrived and Travis let them in. Travis was present at the house on Sunday part of the time and he heard Mrs. Kelly say that she was worried about her folks, the Shannons. I am not sure that Travis heard Kelly talking about the ransom money.

Langford Ramsey was present when I made out the bill of sale for the Ford Coupe to Kelly. He heard Kelly tell me not to use the name Barnes in the bill of sale but to use the name Johnson. Kelly said that he did not want to use the name of Barnes because he did not want his two children by a former marriage, who live in Memphis, to know that their father was in town.

I have read the above statement consisting of two pages and it is true and correct.

(s) JOHN CALVERT TICHEMOR

Witness:

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

W. A. Rorer,
Special Agent,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Travis was also questioned at length by Agents in Charge W. A. Rorer, D. M. Ladd and this agent and the pertinent facts obtained from the interview reduced to writing which statement Travis signed and which is as follows. The original of this statement is being placed in the Birmingham file.

Memphis, Tenn.
6/24/33

I Seymour Travis make this statement to [REDACTED] whom I know to be a Special Agent, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice of my own free will, no promises or threats having been made to me and knowing that it can be used against me in court:

I am a brother-in-law of John C. Tichenor and have been living at his home at 1408 Rayner for the past two years. I was at Tichenor's place the night that George Kelly first came there. I was in bed and Langford Ramsey brought him to my bedroom and introduced him to me as George Barnes. He stayed at the house about a week. I understood that he was a friend of Langford Barnes. During the week that he stayed at the house Kelly bought a Ford Coupe from Tichenor. During the day time he stayed at the house most of the time but went out quite a lot at night with Langford Ramsey. Kelly left one morning when I was in bed and I did not know where he went.

Last Friday night Kelly, his wife, and a little girl came back to Tichenor's place. At this time he was driving a 1933 model Chevrolet Sedan. When Kelly left the time before his hair was much lighter than when he returned last Friday. I did not talk to Kelly until Saturday afternoon. When I got home from work about six o'clock he was sitting in the house reading the newspapers. He was reading about the Shannons and about George Kelly, also about the holdup in Chicago. When reading about the holdup he said that he did not do that; that he wasn't within four blocks of where it happened. It was then that I thought that he was probably George Kelly. Langford Ramsey was there and he told me to keep still; that these people would be there only a few days.

On Sunday morning I asked Tichenor who these people were and he said that he thought that they were George and Katherine Kelly. Sunday afternoon I heard Mrs. Kelly talking about being worried about her folks, the Shannons. I do not remember hearing Kelly say anything about the ransom money or about contacting [REDACTED] in Chicago.

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I have not seen Langford Ramsey since Saturday night. I do not know where he went or for what purpose.

I have read the above statement and it is true and correct.

(s) SEYMOUR TRAVIS

Witness:

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Special Agent,
Division of Investigation,
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201 Liberty National Life Building,
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W. A. Rorer, Special Agent,
same as above address.

At the time of arrest Travis had in his possession three one dollar bills; Tichemor had in his possession \$16.00 consisting of one ten dollar bill and six ones; Kathryn Kelly had in her possession \$65.00 made up of one twenty and fives. This money was examined by Agents in Charge Keith and Rorer and it was found that it is not the marked money paid in the Urschel case. The twenty dollar bill found on Kathryn Kelly is Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago note #0 17838054 A. Later a twenty dollar bill was found in the hem of Mrs. Kelly's skirt, which bill is Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Missouri note #J 00658145 A. Kelly's billfold was found in his coat but contained no money. It contains a slip of paper which has the following names, addresses and telephone numbers written on it:



At-6629
Webster 7157
2702-C & C

Hyde Park 8149


Ravenwood 8043

 Webster 0064

It is thought that these names and addresses are Chicago, Ill. addresses and telephone numbers.

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It also contains a bill of sale made out on the stationery of the Chip Barwick Chevrolet Co., Memphis, Tennessee, dated August 30, 1933 which reflects that C. L. Johnson, 1861 Monroe Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, purchased a 1931 Used Ford Coupe motor #4515042 for \$285.00 cash. The purported bill of sale is unsigned, but Tichenor has admitted that he furnished this to Kelly when he sold him the Ford Coupe.

The billfold also contains a card of Joe's Sandwich Shop, 276 South Front, telephone 8-1785, with the statement "quick delivery" on it. This is apparently the address of a bootlegging joint in Memphis. A brief case, which Kelly claimed, was found at Tichenor's home.

In addition, the billfold contains a State of Illinois Motor Vehicle Registration Card #454969, dated 2/20/33 issued to [REDACTED] Cicero, Illinois for a Chevrolet Sedan Motor #3336042, serial #1CA02-15618, 1933 model, and is signed "Charles Coplan", and a receipt reflecting that [REDACTED] paid \$5.00 and received Town of Cicero city tag #3979 for the year 1933 was also contained therein.

All of the above mentioned articles are being taken to Oklahoma City by Agent J. M. Keith.

At the home of Tichenor was found a 1931 model Chevrolet coach, motor #2116444, Tennessee license #293-504, which agent was advised by neighbors of Tichenor had been in the possession of Travis for about two months. Travis stated that he purchased this car through Tichenor. At the Auto Theft Bureau, Memphis Police Department, it was learned that Tennessee license #293-504 was issued to [REDACTED] Memphis, Tenn. for a Chevrolet Coach, motor #2116444. There is no theft report on this car. Special Agent [REDACTED] checked the records at the office of the County Clerk, which reflect that the above mentioned license plates were purchased January 16, 1933 by [REDACTED] and that they have not been transferred to any other party.

Agent [REDACTED] ascertained that the Memphis City Directory for the year 1933 reflects that [REDACTED] Radio Operator, Federal Barge Lines, resides at [REDACTED]

Travis was interviewed by this agent and he stated that he purchased this car in February, 1933 from one [REDACTED] who operates a used car lot at 244 Jefferson and that the car was financed by the Chelsea Auto Parts Company of Memphis.

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Agent [redacted] contacted [redacted] 244 Jefferson Street, Memphis, Tennessee, used car dealer, who allowed Agent [redacted] to inspect his records, which reflected that on 2/22/33 [redacted] sold [redacted] a new 1933 Austin Coupe for the sum of \$349.00 and allowed him \$200.00 for his Chevrolet, which Chevrolet he sold to S. Travis, a brother-in-law of Tichenor, for the sum of \$225.00, which was financed through the Chelsea Auto Parts Company located at Chelsea and Jones Streets; that this car bore motor #2118444 and serial #3/AE 15395.

On the morning that the Kellys and others were arrested, Sergeant [redacted] of the Memphis Police Department advised agent that as he drove in to the city that morning on highway #51 north of the city he saw a Cadillac five passenger coupe, bearing Illinois license #613210; that this car was occupied by a man and a woman and that there appeared to be two men lying down in the back of the car. The license number of this car was broadcasted over the police radio immediately with instructions to check the car and its occupants if located. So far nothing has been seen or heard of the car or its occupants.

After the arrest of Kelly it was learned that he is well known to many people in Memphis; that he attended the grade schools and high schools of the city and was married there, and that his former wife and their two children now live in Memphis. [redacted] Chief Deputy Sheriff, advised agent that he knows Kelly well as George Kelly Barnes; that he is the son of George F. Barnes, a representative of the New York Life Insurance Company at Memphis, and a reputable man; that Kelly went to grade school at Memphis and graduated from Central High School; that he married [redacted] daughter of a love contractor and that they had two children; that Kelly and [redacted] have been divorced for several years and that she has remarried and lives at 1930 Migaem with her husband [redacted]. He stated that Kelly was at one time the society bootlegger of Memphis; that he did not run with any gang when at Memphis. He exhibited to agent a record from the District Attorney General's office which reflects that on 5/30/24 George Barnes and [redacted] were arrested with [redacted] and [redacted] and were charged with possession of liquor; that he was indicted on 6/10/24 and on 10/10/24 he was found guilty by a jury and was fined \$500.00 and was sentenced to serve six months in the Shelby County Penal Farm, Memphis, Tennessee; that his father then got in touch with Governor Peay of Tennessee and that the Governor gave a respite until 1/5/26, and that Barnes then left the city and had not been seen or heard of since that time. He advised that the record contains the report of a doctor who examined Barnes on 1/7/25, which showed that he was given the Wasserman test and was found to have syphilis in an advanced stage.

On numerous occasions Agent Rorer and other agents endeavored to question Kelly on this and other cases but he steadfastly refused to talk and stated that he would say anything he intended to say when he was placed on the witness stand during the trial. He admitted that his true name is George Kelly Barnes, the son of George F. Barnes of Memphis, and was reared in Memphis where he was in the liquor business until 1925. He stated that he went from there to Tulsa, Oklahoma where he was in the liquor business and that during 1926 he lived in an apartment on Elm Street in San Francisco, California, but was not engaged in any business or crimes. He refused to state where he left his sixteen cylinder Cadillac Sedan, property of Kathryn Kelly, but admitted that he left it with friends in Chicago, which information Kathryn had previously furnished to Agent Rorer. Kelly stated that some time around the last few days in August 1933 he was in Biloxi, Mississippi. While standing on the street one day he heard a newsboy cry the daily headlines to the effect that Kelly was then in Biloxi. He stated that he did not return to his hotel but immediately left Biloxi, leaving a large handbag, large enough to hold two machine-guns, at the hotel. He said that this baggage contained several suits of clothes and other clothing, and a 45 calibre Colt U. S. Army automatic Pistol. He also advised that he left some laundry there under the name of Roy Stewart. He stated that Mrs. Kelly could probably furnish the name of the hotel; that he registered at the hotel for one night under the name of J. L. Baker. Mrs. Kelly advised that she believed the hotel to be named Evelyn. Special Agent in Charge Rhea Whitley was requested by telephone to conduct investigation at Biloxi and on 9/28/33 advised by telephone that he had ascertained that J. L. Baker, who was identified by hotel employees at the Avalon Hotel at Biloxi as Kelly, had registered at said hotel on 8/24/33 and had checked out on 8/26/33; that he gave his address as Coleman, Texas. No baggage was left at this hotel. It was ascertained that there is no Evelyn hotel in Biloxi but from the description furnished by Kelly the Tourist Hotel, which was formerly known as the Axon Hotel, was located and it was found that Kelly had registered at said hotel on 8/26/33 under the name of J. L. Baker. Agent Whitley advised that he found two bags, one large suit case, and a small zipper bag. In the baggage was found a 45 calibre U. S. Army automatic pistol #C-123691 practically new. There were also left in his room several magazines with stamps thereon indicating purchase at Ballinger, Texas. Whitley stated that the laundry in the bags indicated that shirts had been purchased in Minneapolis and Tulsa. Some of the shirts bore laundry marks "R.G.S." At the request of Agent Whitley, Kelly was asked whether he purchased any ammunition from [redacted] in Biloxi and he stated that he had not. At the request of Whitley, Kelly was questioned concerning a Chevrolet with Texas license which he was believed to have had in Biloxi and which was believed by Whitley

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to have been used in a robbery there. Kelly stated that when he fled from Biloxi he left his Chevrolet Sedan with Texas license thereon, but later returned and obtained it and that he is positive that it was not used in any robbery.

Kathryn Kelly had previously advised Agent Rorer that when they learned that Mrs. Kelly's sixteen cylinder Cadillac had been identified by the Government, they left it with friends in Chicago where it now is. Neither would state where this car was left.

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

While guarding Federal prisoner George Kelly the latter engaged in conversation on frequent occasions, the substance of which is as follows: Kelly was asked whether he had been engaged in a legitimate occupation and answered "I have never worked, I have been engaged in the liquor racket and operated road houses". Relative to acquaintances, Kelly stated he knew [REDACTED] well, having served time with [REDACTED] in Leavenworth Prison, [REDACTED] having made Kelly a mine tube radio set while confined. He further stated that he was well acquainted with Francis Keating, Thomas Holden, Bernard Phillips, Robert Loftus, Frank Nash, Thomas Kehoe and the Ragan and Shelton gangs in and about East St. Louis and Chicago, Illinois. He discussed the personalities of the above named individuals and especially referred to Thomas Holden, stating "Holden has a lot of guts", and that Keating was less active and more quiet. He also related the circumstances under which Holden and Keating were arrested at Kansas City and added that these two individuals were advised to leave Kansas City and stop playing golf some three days prior to their arrest, but instead of leaving town they merely changed apartments and continued to play golf on another course. At this time Kelly stated he ceased playing golf, even though fond of the game, because Identification Orders were being placed on various golf courses. He added that it would not be long until Identification Orders would be placed at all gas stations and most anyplace.

Kelly discussed Robert Loftus, and particularly his poor judgment in holding up and robbing banks single handed, adding that his "score" was very high, meaning Loftus had realized large amounts of money in each job. Kelly referred to a recent killing by Loftus while robbing an Indiana bank as an example of the poor judgment on the part of Loftus, adding he had shot the bank employee because the latter had placed the time lock on the safe.

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Kelly also discussed Harvey Bailey, praising him for his good judgment and nerve in his criminal activities, citing as an example his failure to resist arrest at Ardmore, Oklahoma after his recent escape from Dallas County Jail, Texas. Kelly added that Bailey realized he did not have a chance as his gun, a poor one, carried three shells, but was loaded with other shells not the proper calibre for the purpose of making same appear fully loaded. He also stated Bailey often carried several extra machine guns when he "pulled" a job alone.

In connection with his own criminal activities, Kelly alleged he had, since the Urschel affair, owned six different automobiles, one Buick coupe, which was a good car for his own personal use, the others being small cars, Fords and Chevrolets, which would never create suspicion on the part of anyone. He also insisted he had been on the move since the Urschel kidnaping and stated it had been necessary for him to travel alone, and for this reason he had not once for a period of six weeks known the whereabouts of his wife Kathryn, but at times had learned where she had been. Kelly also stated he now owns several cars, Fords, Chevrolets, two Cadilacs, one twelve cylinder and one sixteen cylinder, the latter for the use of his wife, but refused to disclose where they are located. He added that it was possible for him to purchase any make of car, obtaining delivery of same within fifteen minutes, in any large city, adding that such purchases were necessary and essential in his business. Kelly advised he now owns a rifle, machine-guns, and other weapons, relating in detail the best way to use same effectively. He also stated that the use of a machine-gun for his purposes, which was at close range, was most effective without the stock, and demonstrated this use by standing up and indicating with his hands that the butt should be placed on the hip, adding "wouldn't have a machine-gun without the front hand grip". He also related and demonstrated how he could and had carried a machine-gun under his overcoat in a spring clip fastened on his belt on his right hip. He also related that he had, on numerous occasions in crowded streets, carried a machine-gun in a paper bag, when he was not wearing an overcoat. Further, at one time he owned a square saxophone case in which he carried a machine-gun. This case had no locks or fasteners except the handles which crossed as on a brief case, thus permitting instant access thereto. He also related that he had and did own various makes of revolvers and automatics and stated the best way to carry a 45 automatic was in the trouser watch pocket with the handle of the gun concealed under the vest. Further during these conversations he stated that at the time of his arrest in Memphis it was useless "to feed anyone on the inside" as he realized the house was surrounded and an escape on the outside was impossible. He further stated he had remained on the porch of the Tichenor home all during the night because he believed, in fact knew, that all Federal raids in this case had been made at night, and added that had

an effort been made to effect arrest during the night, the result might have been different. When questioned as to whether he was possessed of additional arms, particularly machine-guns, during the night of his arrest, he merely smiled and stated "you can never tell". At this point Kelly stated "the boys arresting Bailey in Texas had plenty of guts going in there at night".

When questioned as to whether there was anyone with him during the night of his arrest other than those arrested with him, he replied with a laugh "You'll never know". Kelly also stated he had doubted that anyone would endeavor to arrest him during the day time and for this reason had waited until daylight to go to bed. He also stated that had he not feared injury to his wife he would have done some shooting, but under the circumstances did the wise thing, adding that Frank Nash had been sent up for fifty years in Kansas and only did eleven months.

Concerning the present hiding place of his weapons Kelly smiled and again referred to Frank Nash's escape after serving eleven months in Kansas, and further added that he, Kelly, may, in the future, have use for his guns and cars.

Relative to the threatening letters sent to Mr. Keenan, Kelly when asked why he wrote them stated "I thought they might do some good", adding that Keenan was responsible for the "Rotten treatment" handed out to the defendants in the Urshel case. He readily admitted placing his fingerprints on these letters, stating he did not possess the right kind of ink to make them clear.

With further reference to the travels of Kelly and his wife he advised that they had frequently stopped at the Harrison Hotel, Harrison and State Streets, Chicago, Illinois.

When asked a direct question concerning this case, the actual kidnaping of Urshel, Kelly would smile and evade the question, expressing his hatred for a "squealer" citing [redacted] in the Luer case at Alton, Illinois. During the conversations in which the above information was obtained Kelly boasted of his knowledge and contacts with various law enforcement agencies throughout the United States, however, he evaded the details thereof but indicated he had personal and first hand knowledge. b7C

Kelly also advised that he owns a farm of seventeen hundred acres adjoining the Shannon farm in Texas; that he has leased one thousand acres to the Perry Pipe Line Company on a one-eighth royalty basis. He also stated that he has a \$25,000.00 home in Fort Worth, Texas and other property in West Texas; that he has eleven bales of cotton on hand from last year.

On 9/29/33 he stated that the next man kidnaped will never come back alive. "He will not have a chance to talk". He stated that he thinks that he will plead guilty because "a million and one things can happen within six months". He feels that he has not a chance to beat the case, public opinion and so forth being against him. He stated that the State case now pending against him is no good; that they can't convict him.

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Special Agent [REDACTED] submitted the following memorandum as to his conversations with George and Kathryn Kelly:

Kelly told how he used a sub-machine-gun. Said it had cost him over \$70,000.00 to live during the past few years. He admitted writing threatening letters stating that he would get Urschel if Urschel testified against certain people; that he placed his fingerprints on the letters mailed at Chicago. He stated that he was in the liquor business in Oklahoma City and had men operating two trucks and four Dodge cars bringing synthetic "scotch" from St. Louis, Missouri. He stated that he owns one of the finest homes in Fort Worth, Texas and a farm near Mineral Wells, Texas. He advised that several years ago he handled whiskey in Tulsa, Oklahoma, about two hundred to three hundred quarts daily, and as high as seven hundred quarts on Saturday.

Kelly advised that he saw Holden and Keating frequently after their escape, in Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and other places. He stated that he offered to plead guilty to the instant charge and would take life but that Urschel demanded that he "kick back" all the money; that he then went to Oklahoma City and sent a man to Bailey's lawyer to make a deal but that the deal did not go through. Kelly stated that he fears that he will be prosecuted for robbery with arms in Oklahoma; that if he is not charged with that he will plead guilty to the Urschel kidnaping.

Kelly advised that he spent twenty-five to thirty dollars a week for "slugs" for practicing with machine-guns and has "lined up" walnuts on a fence and knocked all off with a machine-gun.

He stated that he realizes that public opinion is against him; that he will plead guilty to kidnaping Urschel but will not "squeal" on the others. He stated that he would rather get fifty years in a state penitentiary than ten years in Federal Penitentiary because he can "buy out" of a state penitentiary. He was questioned as to his guns and automobiles and he said "they are safe" and refused to tell where they are and said guns "will be good for twenty years"; that he might have a friend going out of the penitentiary who could use them. He stated that he had a large suitcase in which he carried two machine-guns.

Kelly stated that he was not in on the Kansas City killings. He told of many bank robberies in various places and spoke of the participants as third persons. His description of the details gave belief that he did the bank robbing himself. Kelly was questioned at length about Vernon Miller and he said that he would not "put my finger on Miller if I was facing the chair". He said that he had heard Miller say that he, Miller, would not be taken alive; that he will try to "kill every man who charges him and then put the last slug through his own head".

Kelly stated that two of the witnesses in the Urschel trial have lied against Kathryn, his wife, if the newspapers have quoted the witnesses correctly.

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At 5:30 A.M., September 27, 1935 Langford Ramsey appeared at the Shelby County Jail and stated that he wanted to surrender. He was interviewed by Agent [redacted] and advised that George Kelly Barnes was a brother-in-law until about seven years ago; that about a month ago Barnes (Kelly) came to Memphis, called the Ramsey home, and asked that someone come to 4th and Poplar and get him; that he went and got Kelly and took him home and later to Tichenor's house; that Kelly said the heat was on him and that he wanted a place to stay over night and to keep out of sight; that Kelly stayed at Tichenor's about a week, then left and came back on 9/22/33 at which time he was accompanied by the little Arnold girl. At that time Kelly told him that he wanted Mrs. Kelly's clothes at Oklahoma City and her furs at Brownwood, Texas on the farm of "Cass" Coleman who would also have information; that the little girl should go with Ramsey and would locate the farm; that he, Ramsey, left 9/24/33 and drove to the farm of Coleman near Santa Anna, Texas and contacted a man who told him that the place was surrounded and that he had better leave; that he stayed about three minutes and then went to