

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 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 Special Agent [REDACTED] and found to bear motor #3486062, serial #1CA0215618, Arkansas license plates 52686, which appear to have been on another car prior to being placed on the Chevrolet. The car contained a bloody handkerchief. It will be noted that the motor and serial numbers on this car are the same as the motor and serial numbers on the registration card found in Kelly's billfold.

Raysey 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.

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Memphis, Tennessee.
September 27, 1935.

I, Langford Poland Ramsey make this statement to [redacted] whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, of my own free will, no promises or threats having been made to me, no rewards offered, and knowing that this statement can be used against me in court.

I reside at 1930 Mignon Street, Memphis, Tennessee. I have known George Kelly Barnes under that name for nearly fifteen years. About thirteen or fourteen years ago he married my sister [redacted]. About seven years ago they were divorced and Barnes left Memphis, Tennessee and I did not see him again until about a month ago. I knew that when in Memphis he had been in trouble, and I had heard that he had been sent to Leavenworth Penitentiary for violation of Prohibition Act.

About one month ago George called my home and talked to my sister [redacted] and asked for my brother [redacted] [redacted] was out and no one knew where he was but she knew where she could get in touch with me. [redacted] called me and told me that George was down town at fourth and Poplar and for me to go and get him. I went after him and drove him to my home. [redacted] met us on the front walk and told George not to come in the house as her husband and children were in there. The children did not know who their father was, by sight. Tichenor was at my house and I made arrangements with him for George to stay at his home for one night, George having previously told me that he wanted to be put up for one night only. We drove around for a while and then I left George at Tichenor's home at about midnight. As I remember I saw him again the next afternoon at Tichenor's house, and saw him practically every day for the next week. During this week the papers were carrying headlines about George Kelly and the Urschel kidnaping. During one of our conversations he was looking at these papers and laughingly remarked that the papers said that he was a pretty tough guy. The first afternoon that I was with George he told me that they were putting the heat on him. This was the first time that I had heard this expression and I thought that he meant that he was on the spot, that someone was trying to kill him. In one of the conversations during this week at Tichenor's home George on one occasion remarked that they (without naming the parties referred to) were going to kill him with machine guns when he was not looking. During this week George bought a Ford Coupe in which he left suddenly at the end of the week without advising that he was leaving or advising anyone as to his destination that I know of.

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I did not again see or hear from George Barnes until Saturday September 23rd when I saw him early in the morning at Tichenor's home. On this occasion he was accompanied by a woman whom he said was his wife and by a young girl whom they called Gerry. At this time he was driving a 1933 model Chevrolet Sedan. During our conversation during the morning of Saturday September 23rd he asked me to drive him to Texas to see a man. I told him that if it was a matter of life and death I would do it, but otherwise not. During our conversation George told me that if he were caught he would get the chair and I was then practically convinced that he was Machine Gun Kelly. Prior to this time I did not think that he was Machine Gun Kelly, thinking that he was merely bragging as was his custom when I knew him several years ago. When I asked him if it was a life and death matter he told me that it wasn't. According to George if he were able to contact this man in Texas he would be able to clear up all charges against him and he could go around as he liked. I understood that if George were caught he would be electrocuted for his part in the Urschel case, and I did not want to see him electrocuted for his sake and for the sake of my sister, and her children, and that was my reason for desiring to help in his trouble.

Later on the same Saturday Kelly suggested to me that I take the little girl Gerry and drive to Santa Anna, Texas and from there the little girl could direct me to the Cass Coleman farm. This was the man he wanted to contact personally, and my purpose in making the trip was to make an appointment with Cass Coleman to meet Kelly at a point five miles west of MacGregor, Texas on highway No. 7 at midnight Thursday September 28th, 1935; Kelly also told me that the girl was known at the Coleman farm and would serve as my identification. Mrs. Kelly, who was present during this conversation told me to ask Coleman for her furs, and also to bring back her Pekinese named Sammie, if I found him. After contacting the Colemans I was to go to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and call Luther Arnold at the Skirven Hotel or Mrs. E. L. Moore at 126½ Ryan Street and get two suitcases of Mrs. Kelly's clothes. Kelly also told me to be very careful and not let anyone trail me back. Gerry was to return to Memphis with me. Kelly gave me fifty dollars expense money which was in tens and fives. I left Sunday morning September 24th at about six o'clock in Kelly's Chevrolet Sedan accompanied by the little girl. We then drove to Santa Anna, Texas and from there to the Cass Coleman farm. We arrived at his farm at about 5:00 A. M. Monday morning and after I got in the yard Coleman came out of the house. Gerry was up on the perch and she spoke to him. He then came over to the car and I told him my name. He appeared to be very frightened. I said I came after ---- and he then interrupted me and said "I think I know what

you came after". He then said that the place was being watched, that they were all over the place. I then said that I was supposed to make an appointment and he replied that he did not want to see her and did not want her to come around there, that he did not want to get mixed up in it. I said "Kathryn has some furs here, I can take them can't I". He then said that I had better not that he did not want to be mixed up in it, and he mentioned that they had machine guns on the place and he did not want them to shoot up his house; that he had to protect his family. At first I thought that he was talking about Federal officers, but when he talked about shooting up the house I thought he must be talking about gangsters as I did not think that Federal officers would shoot up the house. I then left there in a hurry and drove toward Oklahoma City. At Fort Worth, Texas I stopped and sent a wire to Tichener at Memphis. I knew that he would get the wire to Barnes because he knew that I was on a trip for George.

I put Gerry on the train at Fort Worth, Texas at her insistence, and she proceeded from there to Oklahoma City by train. I then drove to Oklahoma City where I telephoned the Skirven Hotel and was told that Luther Arnold was not registered there. I then proceeded to 126 1/2 Ryan Street to see Mrs. E. L. Moore. I was advised by the landlady that Mrs. Moore was not in. I told her that I would be back in the morning. I then spent the night in a tourist camp on the main highway coming into Oklahoma City from Fort Worth, Texas. The next morning I again returned to 126 1/2 Ryan street and the landlady told me that Mrs. Moore had just gone out. I then met a man in the hall who stopped me and told me that Mrs. Moore was at the Wells Roberts Hotel. He showed me where the hotel was. At this hotel I met Luther Arnold, Mrs. Arnold and Gerry. They walked out of the hotel and I accompanied them to a restaurant. Then Arnold said "I did not know who you were". He said "You came down after Kathryn's clothes" I said yes, He said that "I did not have any money and have put up the clothes for hotel bills and that it will take about \$200.00 to pay the hotel bills." He asked where Kathryn was and I told him that I did not know. He said that he was going to be put out of that hotel unless he paid his bill. I told him that if they changed their address they could notify me at Memphis; and if the Kellys wanted the changed address they could get it from me. They asked when I was leaving and I said the sooner the better. I then asked Gerry if she was going to return with me and she refused to do so. I then left and started back for Memphis. Later in the day I saw a newspaper account of the arrest of George, Kathryn, Tichener and Travis. I continued to Memphis and arrived at about 5:30 A. M. today and immediately drove to the Shelby County Jail.

This statement was read by Ramsey and he stated it was the truth but did not want to sign. [REDACTED]

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Ramsey then read the statement and made a couple of corrections in 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 September 28, 1933, before U. S. Commissioner Lester H. Brenner, Memphis, Tennessee by Agent in Charge J. M. Keith, charging Ramsey with harboring a fugitive from justice, and also with conspiracy to harbor a fugitive from justice. On September 29, 1933, he was arraigned before United States Commissioner Brenner, Memphis, Tennessee, and demanded a preliminary hearing which was set for October 7, 1933, and in default of \$25,000 bond is being held in the Shelby County Jail, Memphis, Tennessee.

Subsequent to Ramsey's incarceration in the Shelby County Jail, one R. B. Counts, 1614 North Parkway, 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 "Machins' son" Kelly who is implicated in the Oklahoma Kidnaping case was her brother-in-law. Upon receipt of this information Agent Rorer ordered the entire Ramsey family 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 lived 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.

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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. 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 someone. 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 trouble with liquor and for that reason she made no further comment. Mrs. Ramsey claimed that the visit with Kelly at the Tichenor 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 anyone else was present in the Tichenor home other than herself, her son and daughter and Kelly. She replied that there were no other persons there; that Tichenor 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, Langford, 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, in Texas 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 24th, 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.

Mrs. Ramsey vehemently denied that she knew her son had been 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 Geraldine Arnold or had any intimation whatever that her son might have been negotiating with Kelly or anyone 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 Tichenor 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 Tichenor home she was told, by her mother, that they were going to visit her former brother-in-law, George Barnes. ██████████ further statements with respect to the visit with Kelly at the Tichenor home are substantially the same as those

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of her mother's, and she likewise denied that there had been any private conversations between Kelly, her mother, her brother or herself. She denied that anyone else was at the Tichenor home during their visit, but claimed that Tichenor 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 Miss [redacted] denied that he had. She further denied that she had made any statement to [redacted] or anyone else that "Machine-Gun Kelly, who is implicated in the Oklahoma kidnaping, is my brother-in-law". However, she admitted that she is very friendly with [redacted] 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.

[redacted] sister of Langford Ramsey, and former wife of Kelly, stated that she is thirty-one years of age; married and resides with her husband, [redacted] advertising manager for the Ethical Products Company, at her mother's home, 1930 Higon, Memphis. She further stated that she was married to George Kelly Barnes at Clarksdale, Mississippi on or about October 7, 1919; that she has two children of that union, [redacted] twelve years old and [redacted] eight years old. [redacted] stated that recently these children have been adopted by [redacted] and now bear his name, although they are children of Kelly. [redacted] 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 rumor, that Kelly was in Dallas, Texas, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Leavenworth Penitentiary 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 called Mrs. Ramsey on the telephone and made an appointment to see her, but did

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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 in his behalf. Shortly thereafter [redacted] claims that she and 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 Tichenor's home. The following evening Langford, his mother and sister [redacted] went to visit with Kelly at the Tichenor 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

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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. [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 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 children.

[redacted] and [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, [redacted] 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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Name - George Kelly Barnes, with aliases
Age - 37 years
Height - 5' 9½" (bare feet)
Weight - 177
Build - medium stout
Complexion - ruddy
Hair - dark brown (now dyed yellow)
Eyes - blue
Teeth - good
Occupation - none
Marital status - married
Scars - dimple in chin
Residence - Ft. Worth, Texas
Relatives - George F. Barnes, father, Memphis, Tennessee.
[redacted] ex-wife
1930 Wignon St., Memphis, Tenn.
Mrs. Della Ramsey, former mother-in-law,
same address
Langford Ramsey, former brother-in-law, same address
[redacted] former sister-in-law, same address
Nationality - American (born Seattle, Wash., 7/17/96)
Photograph - Birmingham file
Police # - Memphis, Tenn. P. D. #15595
Fingerprint classification - 27 0
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Criminal record - Arrested S.O., Memphis, Tenn., 5/30/24,
violation liquor laws; 10/10/24 fined
\$500 and sentenced to 6 months in Shelby
County Penal Farm, Memphis. Given respite
until 1/5/26 by Governor - never served.
Peculiarities - Rolls eyes to upper left corner showing whites of eyes.

Name - Katherine Kelly Barnes, with aliases
Age - 29
Height - 5'6 3/8" (bare feet)
Weight - 130
Build - slender
Complexion - fair
Hair - auburn
Eyes - dark slate gray
Teeth - good
Occupation - none
Marital status - married
Scars - faint cut sc. rt. cheek bone; faint vert. ct. sc.
inner end rt. eyebrow; dimple in chin.
Residence - Ft. Worth, Texas.
Relatives - Mrs. R. G. Shannon, mother, Paradise, Texas.
R.G.Shannon, stepfather, " "
Arman Shannon, half-brother " "
J. E. Brooks, father, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Nationality - American (Born Teale, Mississippi; March
18, 1903)

Photograph - Birmingham file

Police Number - Memphis, Tennessee Police Department #15596

Fingerprint classification - 17 OI 12 Ref. 17 OI 12
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Name - 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, 12/8/02)

Scars - Paralyzed, left side; hair mole, center right cheek.

Photograph - Birmingham file

Police # - Memphis, Tennessee P. D. #15597

Fingerprint classification - 30 II Ref. 30 II
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Name - Seymour Eaton Travis

Age - 26

Height - 5'10" (bare feet)

Weight - 172

Build - medium large

Complexion - medium

Hair - dark chestnut

Eyes - blue

Teeth - good

Occupation - Grocery clerk

Marital status - single

Residence - 1408 Rayner, Memphis, Tenn.

Scars - Small cut ab. 1" above inner end rt. eyebrow; crease
in chin.

Nationality - American (born Marshall County, Ky., 1/17/07)

Photograph - Birmingham file

Police Number - Memphis, Tennessee P.D. #15598

Fingerprint classification - 17 OI 12 Ref. 17 OI 12
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Name - Langford Poland Ramsey alias "Lang"
Age - 26
Height - 5'8"
Weight - 173
Build - stocky
Complexion - dark
Hair - dark brown
Eyes - greenish grey
Teeth - good
Occupation - attorney
Marital status - divorced
Residence - 1938 Higgins, Memphis, Tenn.
Relatives - Della Ramsey, mother, 1930 Higgins, Memphis, Tenn.
[redacted] brothers, same address
[redacted] sister, same address
[redacted] sister, same address
[redacted] sister, same address
Nationality - American (born Mineral Wells, Texas, 7/24/07)
Photograph - Birmingham file
Police # - Memphis, Tenn. P. D. #15600
Scars - faint vert. sc. forehead M. line, edge hair
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Criminal 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 photographs of Kelly, Kathryn Kelly, Tichenor, Travis and Ramsey were obtained from the Identification Bureau, Memphis Police Department. 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.

Captain [redacted] Auto Theft Bureau, Memphis Police Department, advised Agent [redacted] that [redacted] of the Motorcycle 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 [redacted] of Paducah, Kentucky can furnish his history.

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Sheriff [redacted] Memphis, Tennessee furnished a report made by Deputy Sheriff [redacted] dated August 30, 1933, with reference to a 1928 model Chevrolet Sedan, motor #4424281, with no license plates. The report reflects that this car was found at the intersection of Raines Avenue and Hernando Road on August 30, 1933 and was reported by [redacted] Whitehaven, Tennessee on that date; that investigation developed that three white men had come to look at the car at about 2:00 P. M. and left after asking a [redacted], who operates a store at this corner, to look out for the car for them until they returned; that [redacted] then waited at the car until 9:00 P.M. at which time a man giving the name of J. C. Tichenor and four other men came up in a Ford Sedan and Mr. Tichenor stated that he was trading for the car; that the man who owned the car had stated that his name was Johnson and that he was from some place in Illinois. Mr. Tichenor agreed to take the car to Central Garage and call the Police about it. This was done and it was found that this car had not been reported stolen. The car driven by Tichenor, license #528-281, is registered in the name of [redacted] 1930 Mignon, Memphis, Tennessee.

Captain [redacted] of the Auto Theft Squad, Memphis Police Department, advised that on 9/15/33 at 11:15 P.M., L. P. Ramsey, 1930 Mignon St., Memphis, Tennessee reported 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 9:00 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 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 belongs to [redacted]

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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 329-515. 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 having 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 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] Ravenwood 8055; [redacted] 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, Illinois exchanges.

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

Also ascertain through the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau, and cause them to trace the ownership of 1928 Chevrolet Sedan, motor #4424281, which car is now in the possession of Ramsey and is thought to have been brought to Memphis by Kelly.

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CINCINNATI DIVISION OFFICE: At Paducah and Calvert City, Kentucky, 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, Kentucky can probably furnish Tichenor's history. b7C

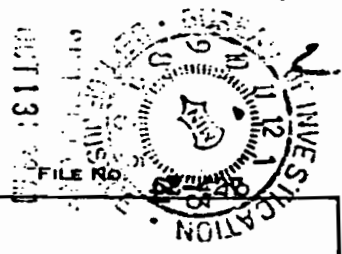
DALLAS DIVISION OFFICE: Interview Cass Colman in detail as to the conversation he had with Ramsey when the latter called at the Colman farm about September 25, 1933, particularly whether Ramsey stated he had been sent by Kelly for the latter's money.

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, Tennessee, 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.

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Form No. 8

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DALLAS TEXAS**

REPORT MADE AT: DALLAS TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-9-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-8-33	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: CASSIE EARL COLEMAN, alias CASS COLEMAN, alias C. E. COLEMAN; WILL CASEY, alias, W. C. CASEY			CHARACTER OF CASE: MISCELLANEOUS. HARBORING FUGITIVES.

SUMMARY REPORT

Cassie Earl Coleman, a resident of Coleman County, Texas, is an uncle of one Kathryn Kelly. He formerly resided on a farm some two or three miles from the home farm of Will Casey, and these two men have known each other and been friends for many years.

On August 16, 1933, George R. Kelly and his wife, Kathryn Kelly, arrived at Cassie Earl Coleman's home, on a farm 12 or 13 miles Southwest of Coleman, in Coleman County, Texas.

On August 16, at night, Cassie Coleman assisted George Kelly in secreting \$72,250.00 in twenty dollar (\$20.00) bills, a portion of the ransom money paid for the release of the kidnapped, Charles F. Urshel.

The night of August 16, 1933, both George and Kathryn Kelly were harbored and concealed by Cassie Earl Coleman in his home.

On August 17, 1933, Cassie Earl Coleman convoyed George R. Kelly from the town of Santa Ana, Texas, to the home of [REDACTED] and arranged with [REDACTED] that Kelly should camp in [REDACTED] pasture, for a few days.

On August 20th Cassie Earl Coleman arranged with Will Casey, who lives in the same neighborhood as does [REDACTED] to rent a vacant shack, situated on a tract of land owned by Casey located some 3 miles from his (Casey's) home farm to George R. Kelly.

On August 20th Cassie Earl Coleman took George Kelly to Will Casey's place and left him.

On August 20th, George Kelly gave to Will Casey three one hundred

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-779 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OCT 18 1933 P.M. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	RECORDED AND INDEXED: OCT 18 1933 CHECKED OFF: OCT 14 1933 JACKETED:
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dollar (\$100.00) bills.

On August 21, 1933, Will Casey drove in his Ford car to San Angelo, Texas, picking Cassie Earl Coleman up enroute about 3 miles South and West of the town of Coleman, Texas.

Enroute to San Angelo, Coleman, who had introduced Kelly to Casey, the night before, as Mr. Baker, revealed to Casey the true identity of the person, George R. Kelly, to Will Casey.

Thereafter, on August 21, 1933, Casey and Coleman at San Angelo, Texas, had certain repairs made on Casey's Ford car.

Thereafter, on August 21, 1933, at San Angelo, Coleman obtained change for the three one hundred dollar (\$100.00) bills, given to Casey, by Kelly.

Thereafter, on August 21, 1933, at Ballinger, Texas, Casey and Coleman purchased certain articles for Kelly.

Thereafter, on August 21, 1933, at Coleman, Texas, Will Casey purchased a package of rat poison for George Kelly.

Thereafter, on or about August 21, 1933, Will Casey delivered to George Kelly the articles purchased.

Thereafter, on or about August 21, 1933, Will Casey furnished George Kelly with a cream can of drinking water.

Thereafter, on or about August 23, 1933 Will Casey informed George Kelly that some officers had been in that vicinity seeking one [REDACTED] b7C

Thereafter, on or about August 24, 1933, Will Casey assisted George Kelly in packing his belongings into a Chevrolet sedan automobile.

Thereafter, on or about August 23, 1933, Cassie Earl Coleman accepted a letter written by George to Kathryn Kelly.

On August 26, 1933, Cassie Earl Coleman, harbored Kathryn Kelly at his home, in Coleman County, Texas, and delivered the letter George Kelly had left for her.

On September 9, 1933, Cassie Earl Coleman sent a telegram by Western Union from Santa Ana, Texas, to L. W. Arnold, General Delivery, San Antonio, Texas.

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On September 9, 1933, Cassie Earl Coleman, harbored and concealed George Kelly at his home, in Coleman County, Texas.

On September 11, 1933, Cassie Earl Coleman harbored both Kathryn Kelly and George Kelly at his home in Coleman County, Texas.

On September 14, 1933, Cassie Earl Coleman wrote an unsigned note to L. W. Arnold, General Delivery, San Antonio, Texas, which he posted at the United States Post Office, Santa Ana, Texas.

On September 28, 1933, a complaint was filed before the United States Commissioner at Abilene, Texas, charging Coleman and Casey with having conspired to harbor and conceal a fugitive, George R. Kelly, to prevent his discovery and apprehension, each of them then and there well knowing that a warrant and process had been theretofore on August 14, 1933, issued out of the United States District Court at Oklahoma City.

On October 4, 1933, the Federal Grand Jury at Dallas, Texas returned three indictments against Coleman and Casey, as follows:

- 1.) Conspiracy to harbor and conceal a fugitive, to wit: George R. Kelly;
- 2.) 2 counts as to Will Casey for harboring and concealing a fugitive; and
- 3.) 5 counts as to Cassie Earl Coleman for harboring and concealing a fugitive.

Coleman and Casey each waived preliminary hearing and was committed to the County Jail at Abilene, Texas, in default of \$10,000. bail each, on September 2 1933.

Casey subsequently was enlarged on bail.

W I T N E S S E S

b7C [redacted] Deputy United States Marshal, Federal Building, Dallas, Texas, will testify that on August 15, 1933 a complaint was filed before the U. S. Commissioner at Dallas, Texas, charging George R. Kelly and Kathryn Kelly, Et. Al., with having committed an offense against the United States of America, and pursuant thereto, issued a warrant of arrest for each George and Kathryn Kelly, which was delivered to the United States Marshal at Dallas, Texas, and he will produce both warrants with copy of complaint attached.

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[redacted] Carrier Route 2, Santa Ana, Texas, to testify that daily he delivered the Ft. Worth Star Telegram Newspaper to the home of Will Casey.

[redacted] Santa Ana, Texas, will testify that on August 17, 1933 Cassie Earl Coleman brought George Kelly to his home, and introduced him as C. R. Baker; that on Sunday, August 20, 1933, Coleman came to his place and talked with George Kelly; that Coleman then took Kelly away from his place, and returned later in the night alone; that Will Casey lives 2 or 3 miles from him [redacted]; That on September 10, 1933, Coleman brought a Ford Coupe to his place and left it; that on September 13, George and Kathryn Kelly came to his home in a Ford Truck, left the Truck there and went away in the Ford Coupe.; That they were accompanied by a young girl at that time.

[redacted] Coleman, Texas, will testify that George Kelly and Kathryn Kelly came to [redacted] C. E. Coleman's home, together, in August, 1933, and spent one night; that Kathryn Kelly returned after that and spent one night; that Kathryn Kelly, with a woman and little girl were at [redacted] home one day in August 1933, in a Ford truck; that in September, 1933, George Kelly came to [redacted] home, and spent two days and nights; that Kathryn Kelly and a young girl came there in September, 1933, in a Ford Truck and George Kelly left with them.

[redacted] Santa Ana, Texas, will testify that she is the [redacted] that the first time she ever saw George Kelly was in the summer of 1932, when George, his wife, Kathryn, and Kathryn's mother, Mrs. Ora Shannon, came [redacted] for a visit; that the next time she saw George Kelly was about August 17, 1933, when [redacted] C. E. Coleman brought Kelly to her home, about 2 days after the birth of her child; that Kelly hid out at their place a few days then left, in company with [redacted] that she recognized this man, whom [redacted] called "Baker", as George Kelly and informed her husband as to his identity; that the next time she saw Kelly was on September 9, 1933, when he came to her house; that she drove to C. E. Coleman's home and informed Coleman; that Coleman returned to her home with her; that enroute to her home they stopped in Santa Ana; that [redacted] left her home with Kelly in the Ford Coupe in which Kelly had come to her home; that on September 10, 1933, C. E. Coleman came to her home alone in the same Ford Coupe; that on September 13, George and Kathryn Kelly, accompanied by a young girl in a Ford Truck; that they left the Ford Truck at her home, and left in the Ford Coupe.

Mrs. LUTHER W. ARNOLD, Itinerant, Dallas, Texas, will testify that she accompanied Kathryn Kelly to C. E. Coleman's home in Coleman County, Texas, about September 5, 1933, in a Ford Truck.

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GERALDINE ARKOLL, Itinerant, Dallas, Texas, will testify that she accompanied Kathryn Kelly to the home of C. E. Coleman in Coleman County, Texas, on or about September 5, 1933, in a Ford Truck.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Santa Ana, Texas, each will testify that [REDACTED] that Will Casey told them about a month prior to September 28, 1933, that he had rented the little shack, 2 or 3 miles southwest of the Casey home, to a man by the name of Baker, but neither ever saw the man Baker.

[REDACTED] Lowe's Garage, 16 W. Harris Street San Angelo, Texas, will testify that on August 21, 1933, Will Casey and one or two other men drove into his garage in a Ford car, and Casey had some repairs done on the car. [REDACTED] will identify duplicate work sheet itemizing charges for work and parts for Casey's car, August 21, 1933.

[REDACTED] Howe's Garage, San Angelo, Texas, will testify that on August 21, 1933 Will Casey and C. E. Coleman drove into Howe's garage for repair work on Casey's Ford car; that Casey stayed at the garage, while Coleman left for a while; that Coleman stated he had made so many trips recently to Ft. Worth and Dallas, Texas, and one trip to Oklahoma, that he could drive right through the traffic without difficulty; that Casey stated they had been trying to buy some grass, but couldn't get any in Coleman County, so were going to try in Coke County. This witness will identify work-ticket prepared and signed by him August 21, 1933, showing parts and work done on Casey's car.

[REDACTED] J. C. Penny Store, Ballinger, Texas, will produce a duplicate sales-ticket made by him August 21, 1933, showing cash sale of oil cloth, towels, pillow-cases and sheets, and probably can identify Will Casey as the purchaser.

S. V. PARRISH, Proprietor, Second-Hand Store & Mattress Factory, Ballinger, Texas, will testify that prior to September 1, 1933, he sold a new cotton mattress and possibly a small oil stove to a man who said he lived around Valera, Texas, for cash, and that later on the same day two men came to his store in a car and picked up the purchases. (This witness is an elderly man, with poor memory. He only recalls he made sale prior to September 1, because he did not have to pay cotton tax thereon.)

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[redacted] South End Drug Store, Coleman, Texas, will testify that sometime in August, 1933, she sold a small package of rat poison about dark to a tall old man.

[redacted] First National Bank, San Angelo, Texas, will testify that a man came into the bank and obtained change for more than one \$100.00 bill, but cannot recall the date of the transaction.

[redacted] Sheriff, Coleman, Texas, will testify that on or about September 13, 1933, Cassie Earl Coleman informed him that he had not seen or heard directly from George Kelly and Kathryn Kelly, since the arrest of his sister, Mrs. Ora Shannon, at Paradise, Texas, on August 12, 1933; that on September 15, 1933, C. E. Coleman came to him in the city of Coleman, Texas, and stated he had lied to him [redacted] that [redacted] had told the truth when he informed him, [redacted], that George and Kathryn Kelly, both, were at his home about the middle of August in a new Chevrolet Coupe, and that Kathryn accompanied by a woman and young girl in a Ford Truck, but he had no idea where either George or Kathryn might then be, or where either had gone when they left his home; that on September 25, 1933, Coleman stated he would try and get in touch with a Company that evening and come into Coleman next morning furnish all the information in his possession concerning George and Kathryn Kelly; that he was present and heard C. E. Coleman admit to Special Agent [redacted] on September 26, 1933, that George Kelly had come to his farm about August 16, with Kathryn Kelly, and that he assisted Kelly in secreting a "wad" of the Urschel ransom money, that night; that he, [redacted], was present when the money was recovered; that he witnessed a signed statement given by C. E. Coleman on September 27, 1933, to Special Agent [redacted], in which he admitted harboring and concealing George and Kathryn Kelly at his home, and other places after he knew they were wanted for the kidnapping of Charles F. Urschel; and, that he was present and witnessed two signed statements made to Special Agent [redacted] by Will Casey, in which Casey admitted he rented a house to one Baker at the request of C. E. Coleman, and accepted from the man Baker, three \$100.00 bills; that he went to San Angelo, Texas, but would not get the three \$100.00 bills changed "because Cass Coleman told me something about that man Baker;" that he heard Casey at first deny that Coleman had arranged for the renting of the house; that Casey also admitted he had purchased certain articles for the man Baker, at Ballinger, Texas, and Coleman, Texas, and delivered them to him; that he recalls sometime in April or May, 1933, he was trying to apprehend a man by the name of [redacted] and went to the [redacted] place looking for [redacted]

[redacted] Special Agent, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas, will testify that Cassie Earl Coleman on September 15, 1933, stated he had only seen George Kelly once since the kidnapping of Charles F. Urschel; that that was about the middle of August, 1933, when George and Kathryn Kelly

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came to his house after dark in a new Chevrolet Coupe, bearing Indiana license plates; that they spent the night only; that just a day or two thereafter Kathryn accompanied by a woman and little girl came to his home around noon, got a drink of water and left after staying about 15 minutes; that they neither left nor took anything away with them; that they never told him where they were going or how to correspond with them, and he did not have any idea where they might be; that on September 25, 1933, Coleman stated Kathryn said she was going to Dallas, Texas to see her lawyer when she left his place the first time; that on September 26, 1933, Coleman stated that he wanted to tell all he knew about George and Kathryn Kelly; that they had been to his place several times, since the arrest of the Shannon's; that on the first occasion he and George Kelly had buried a "wad" of the Urschel Ransom Money, in \$20.00 bills, on his (Coleman's) farm and he was ready to disclose where the money was secreted; that the money was later recovered, in the presence of Special Agents in Charge, F. J. Blake, Gus T. Jones, R. H. Colvin, Sheriff [REDACTED] this Agent and C. E. Coleman; and a count that night revealed \$73,250.00 recovered; that on September 27, 1933, C. E. Coleman furnished a signed statement admitting that he had harbored and concealed George and Kathryn Kelly, at his home August 16, 1933; that he harbored and concealed George Kelly at the Clarence Durham home from August 17, to August 20, 1933; that he arranged with Will Casey, August 20, 1933, to harbor and conceal George Kelly in a vacant cabin on Casey's land; that upon leaving Casey's place about August 23rd, Kelly came to his house and left a message for Kathryn; that about August 29, Kathryn Kelly came to his place and spent the night; that about September 9, 1933, he brought George Kelly from the Durham home to his home, where he harbored and concealed him until September 11th; that on August 21, 1933, he went with Will Casey to San Angelo, Texas, and informed Casey of the true identity of George Kelly; that at San Angelo, Texas Casey refused to get change for three \$100.00 bills Kelly had given to Casey the evening before; and, that he, Coleman, obtained change for the three bills on August 1st, at a bank in San Angelo, that at Ballinger, Texas, on August 21, 1933, he and Casey both separately and together purchased certain articles for George Kelly to use at the cabin on Casey's place; that at Santa Ana, Texas, on September 9, he sent a telegram to L. W. Arnold, General Delivery, San Antonio, Texas, and that on September 14, 1933, at Santa Ana, Texas he mailed an unsigned printed note addressed to L. W. Arnold, General Delivery, San Antonio, Texas, as a warning to George and Kathryn Kelly; that on September 27, 1933, Will Casey furnished two signed statements, in one of which he at first denied that Cassie Earl Coleman had rented a cabin for another man; that the man who rented the cabin gave the name of C. D. Baker; that he went to San Angelo; that he gave three \$100.00 bills to Coleman in San Angelo; that he had his car repaired in San Angelo; that he purchased certain supplies for the man at Ballinger and Coleman; that the man Baker gave him three \$100.00 bills, which he, (Casey), refused to get the bills changed, because next day enroute to San Angelo, Coleman told him something about the man Baker; in another signed statement he admitted the first part of his first statement was erroneous; that he furnished further information on September 28, about furnishing drinking water for Kelly.

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DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE:

1.) Duplicate Cash Sales Slip, August 21, 1933, to be produced on Subpoena duces Tecum directed to [REDACTED] J. C. Penny's Store, Ballinger, Texas, showing sale of oil cloth, towels, pillow cases and sheets.

2.) Duplicate Itemized Statement for repairs and parts on Will Casey's car, by Howe's Garage, dated August 21, 1933, to be produced by Special Agent [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas.

3.) Original Telegram filed September 9, 1933, at the Ry. Station, Western Union Telegraph Office, Santa Ana, Texas, to be produced by Subpoena duces Tecum, addressed to [REDACTED] Telegraph operator, Santa Ana, Texas, which message is addressed, "L. W. Arnold-General Delivery, San Antonio, Texas-Mother Better- (Signed) R. Baker."

4.) Envelope and unsigned printed note, post-marked, "Santa Ana, Texas, September 14, 1933," addressed L. W. Arnold, General Delivery, San Antonio, Texas, will be obtained from the Oklahoma City Division Office, and produced by Special Agent [REDACTED]

5.) Original signed statements by C. E. Coleman and Will Casey, heretofore furnished the United States Attorney, at Dallas, Texas.

Neither subject has prior criminal record.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PARRISH:

I would like to write a letter to the District Attorney in Oklahoma City or St. Paul requesting information as to who was responsible for releasing the four men who had been arrested and had on their person money from the Urechel kidnapers.

Will you advise me as to whom you think I should write, or, if you have time, you might frame a letter that you think would be appropriate.

I do not think that these District Attorneys should get away with that sort of thing without a severe reprimand.

WILLIAM STANLEY
The Assistant to the Attorney General

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Official Indicated below by check mark

- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Edwards.....
- Mr. Egan.....
- Mr. Hughes.....
- Mr. Quinn.....
- Mr. Lester.....
- Mr. Locke.....
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- ~~Solicitor General Biggs~~.....
- Assistant to the Attorney General Stanley.....
- Assistant Attorney General Malloy.....
- Assistant Attorney General Stephens.....
- Assistant Attorney General Sweeney.....
- Assistant Attorney General Wideman.....
- Assistant Attorney General.....
- Mr. Hoover, Director Bureau of Investigation.....
- Mr. Bates, Director Bureau of Prisons.....
- Mr. Dalrymple, Director Bureau of Prohibition.....
- Mr. Stewart, Administrative Assistant.....
- Board of Parole.....
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- Mr. Gardner { General Agent.....
- { Chief Clerk.....
- Mr. Robb, Division of Mails and Files.....
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- Mr. Glendon.....
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 9, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I have just been advised by the Assistant Director of this Division, Mr. Nathan, who is at Oklahoma City and who has been in charge of the handling of the investigative work incident to the Urschel Kidnapping Case, that yesterday while he, Mr. Nathan, was at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, effecting the transfer of Bailey and Bates to the Federal Penitentiary, the Federal Judge at Oklahoma City issued three permits to three newspaper men, authorizing them to interview Kathryn Kelly at the Oklahoma City Jail. Previous orders had been issued by this Division that no one was to be permitted to see Kathryn Kelly or George Kelly, except their respective attorneys. This precaution had been taken in view of the notoriously dangerous character of these two individuals, and of the experience which we had at Dallas, Texas, on the escape of Bailey from the jail in that city. The three newspaper men, however, interviewed Kathryn Kelly, and the morning papers in Oklahoma City carry considerable space covering the interview of this woman. Not only do I think that this action was highly improper because of the possibility of effecting some means of escape for either of the Kellys, but I think it is particularly undesirable to allow either of these individuals to give vent to their egotistical tendencies through the press, which in this instance was accorded Kathryn Kelly through the action of the Judge in allowing three newspaper men to interview her at the Oklahoma City Jail on yesterday.

I assume there is nothing which we can do about this matter, for the Federal Judge probably was acting within his rights, but I wanted you to know of this development.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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* South St. Paul, Minnesota.

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October 3, 1933.

Director, Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D C.

Dear Sir:

As you no doubt are aware, on the 30th day of August we had a \$30,000.00 payroll robbery by machine gun bandits who killed one policeman and wounded another.

One of the bandits has been identified as Verne Miller and the car having shown up at Chicago and proved to be purchased by George Kelly.

I am writing merely to give you the numbers of the guns stolen in the holdup so that you will bulletin your Departments and notify us if they show up.

They took a Thompson sub-machine gun, U. S. Navy Model, 1928 No. 7669, and two Colt Official Police Revolvers, Calibre 38, Numbers 581660 and 586355.

Yours very truly,

[Redacted Signature]

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October 11, 1933.

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South St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to thank you for your letter of October 3, 1933, advising of the payroll robbery on August 30, 1933, in which Vernon C. Miller has been identified as a participant and that the automobile used in this robbery has been traced to George Kelly.

Should the machine gun and revolvers, referred to in your letter, come to the attention of this Division, I assure you that I will be glad to notify your of same.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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October 11, 1933.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter, dated
October 3, 1933, from [redacted]
[redacted] South St. Paul, Minnesota, in which
he advises of a payroll robbery and indicated that Vernon C.
Miller and George Kelly were participants therein.

Kindly advise the Division the circumstances surround-
ing this robbery and any information the authorities have which
indicates that the above two individuals were participants.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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201 Liberty National Life Bldg.,
Birmingham, Alabama,
October 6, 1933.

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

Re: George Kelly Barnes, with
aliases, et al.
Charles F. Urschel - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted under separate cover, by railway express, under receipt #5136, one box of .45 Colt Automatic Cartridges, together with a .45 Peters shell case and bullet, which were found in the room occupied by George Kelly Barnes and his wife, Kathryn, at the Tichenor home, 1408 Rayner, Memphis, Tennessee.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer

W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

VIA AIRMAIL

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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October 10, 1933

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY with aliases; KATHRYN THORNE KELLY, with aliases - et al - CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim - KIDNAPING.

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At the request of Mr. Vincent Hughes, the following information is submitted concerning the delay in the issuance of Apprehension Orders on Subjects George R. Kelly and Kathryn Thorne Kelly:

These Subjects were apprehended at Memphis, Tennessee on the morning of September 26, 1933. The Apprehension Orders were dictated on either September 27th or 28th, and took the natural course of transcription in the Stenographic Unit of the Division. The Apprehension Orders were transcribed on September 29th and arrived at the Equipment Section, Unit Four, on either September 29th or 30th. The Apprehension Orders were issued October 4, 1933 by the Equipment Section.

In view of the fact that September 30 and October 1 fell on Saturday and Sunday, the Equipment Section undoubtedly was unable to prepare them unless the order was placed for special attention, which was not done in this case in view of the national publicity given to the apprehension of these Subjects.

If desirable, hereafter these Apprehension Orders will be sent through as special matters.

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Respectfully,

D. W. Magee
D. W. MAGEE.

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Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

Memphis, Tenn.
Oct 2, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are news
photographs, from the Memphis Commercial
Appeal, concerning the removal of
"Machine Gun" Kelly.

Very truly yours

b7C [Redacted]
Special Agent

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

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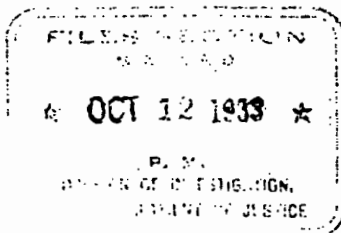
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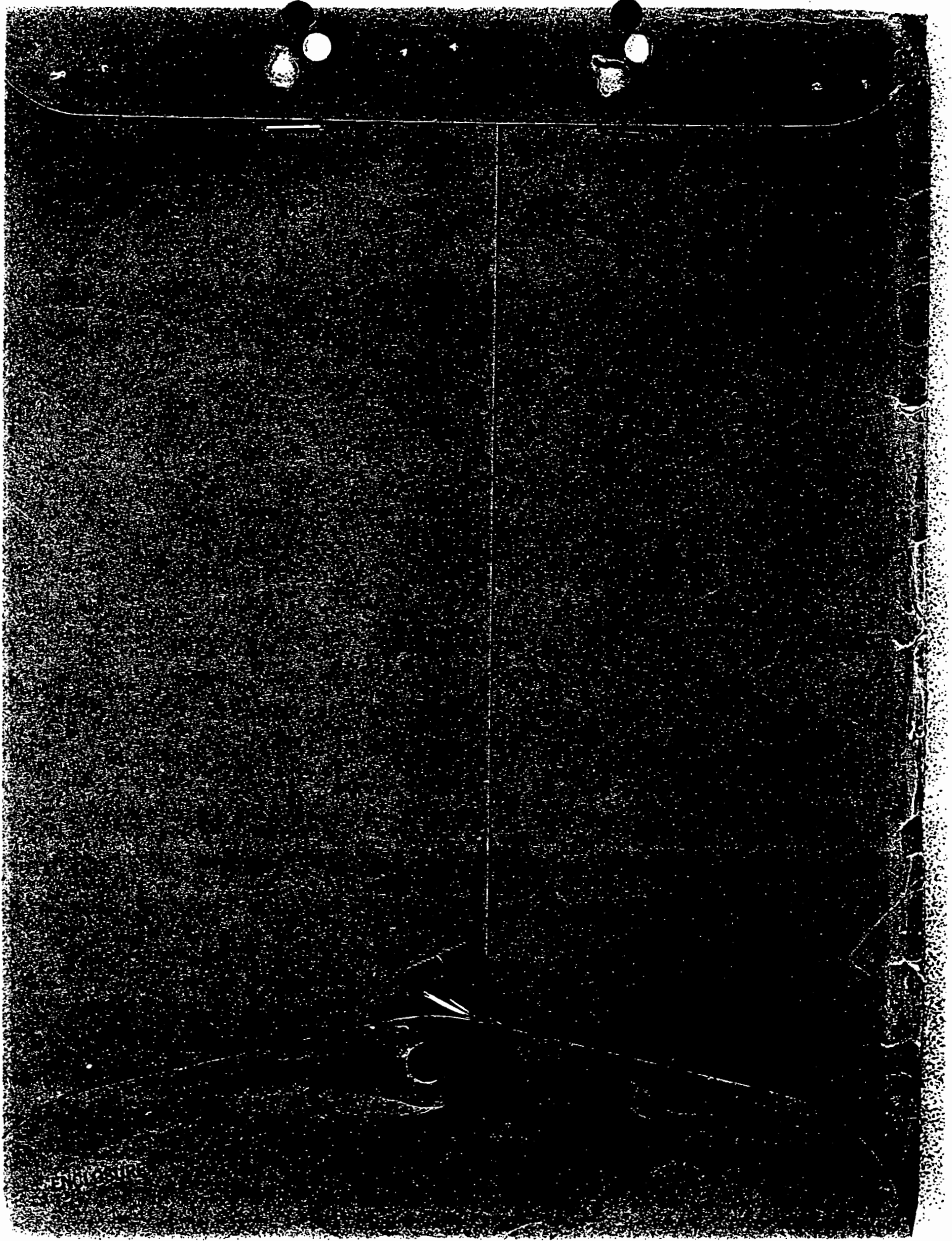
This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 2, 1933, in which you enclosed a full page from the Memphis Commercial Appeal, showing pictures of the removal of George "Machine-Gun" Kelly and his wife from Memphis to Oklahoma City.

Permit me to take this opportunity of thanking you for forwarding these extremely interesting pictures to me. Judging from the determined expression upon the face of one Special Agent in particular, I draw the natural conclusion that it would have been "just too bad" had Kelly attempted to effect his escape upon this occasion.

Sincerely,

W H D 9





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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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GENERAL NEWS
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THE COMMERCIAL

MEMPHIS, TENN., MONDAY

Machine Gun Kelly, and Red Wiggen



George "Machine Gun" Kelly checked out of Memphis yesterday morning at 8:32 o'clock in a chartered American Airways plane with an escort of eight heavily-armed Department of Justice agents. At 12:05 noon—exactly three hours and 23 minutes later—he was landed at Oklahoma City. With him went his attractive wife, Kathryn.

Five minutes later they were in custody of the United States

marshal there. Before 12:30 they were the responsibility of the sheriff of Oklahoma County.

Next Monday they will go to trial for the kidnaping of Char F. Urschel, Oklahoma oil millionaire. Life sentences in a federal penitentiary may be their lot. Kelly, in jail here, admitted kidnaping Urschel, who paid \$200,000 for his freedom.

In the pictures above

CIAL APPEAL

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FEATURES

MORNING, OCTOBER 2, 1933.

Kathryn, In Valedictory to Memphis—



—Staff Photos by Bruner and Ash.

On the left, leaving the jail here, reading from left to right—Detective A. O. Clark, U. S. Deputy Marshal Elman Jester, George Kelly, manacled and shackled; Lieutenant Quianthy (with riot gun), and John M. Keith (at extreme right), U. S. Department of Justice agent in charge of the Urschel investigation, bearing a sub-machine gun.

two Department of Justice investigators, as she viewed the Condor bi-motored plane that was to take her and Kelly on a long journey.

At Right—George Kelly Barnes, alias George "Machine Gun" Kelly, steps into the American Airways plane at the Municipal Airport, then turns and smiles good-bye to Memphis—and friends he knew when he was just a school boy, small-time punk and hip-dealing bootlegger.

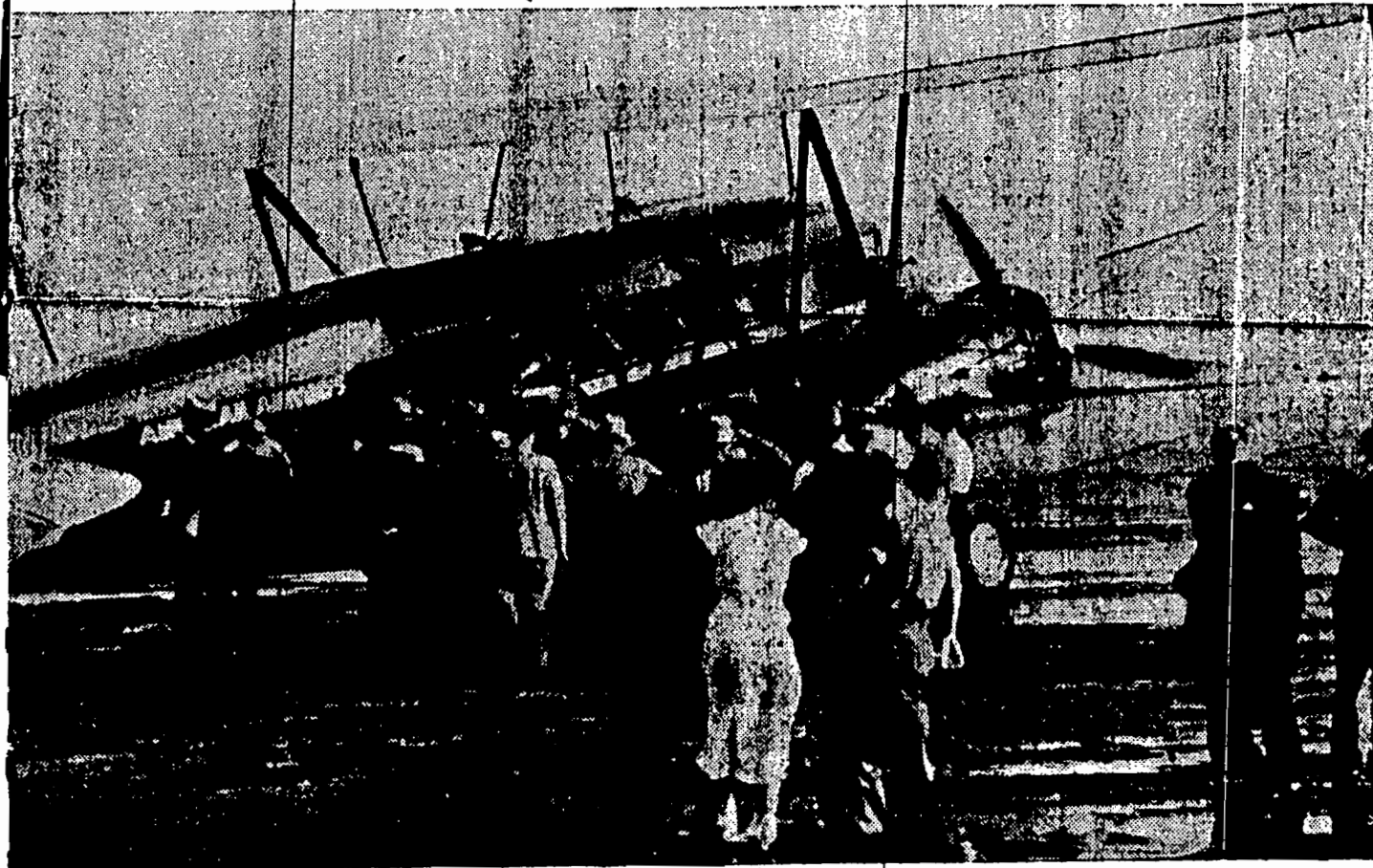
Put Aboard Special Airplane, Charte



Left—With Memphis behind him, Kelly passes through the gates to the flying field at the Municipal Airport just before he was placed in the airplane. Inspector Griffn (extreme right) leads a group of

federal men who are guarding the machine gunner. In the background, near the doorway of the American Airways office, is Kelly's wife, Kathryn, also closely guarded by Department of Justice agents.

Center—Kelly's escape
ered by the Federal Government—

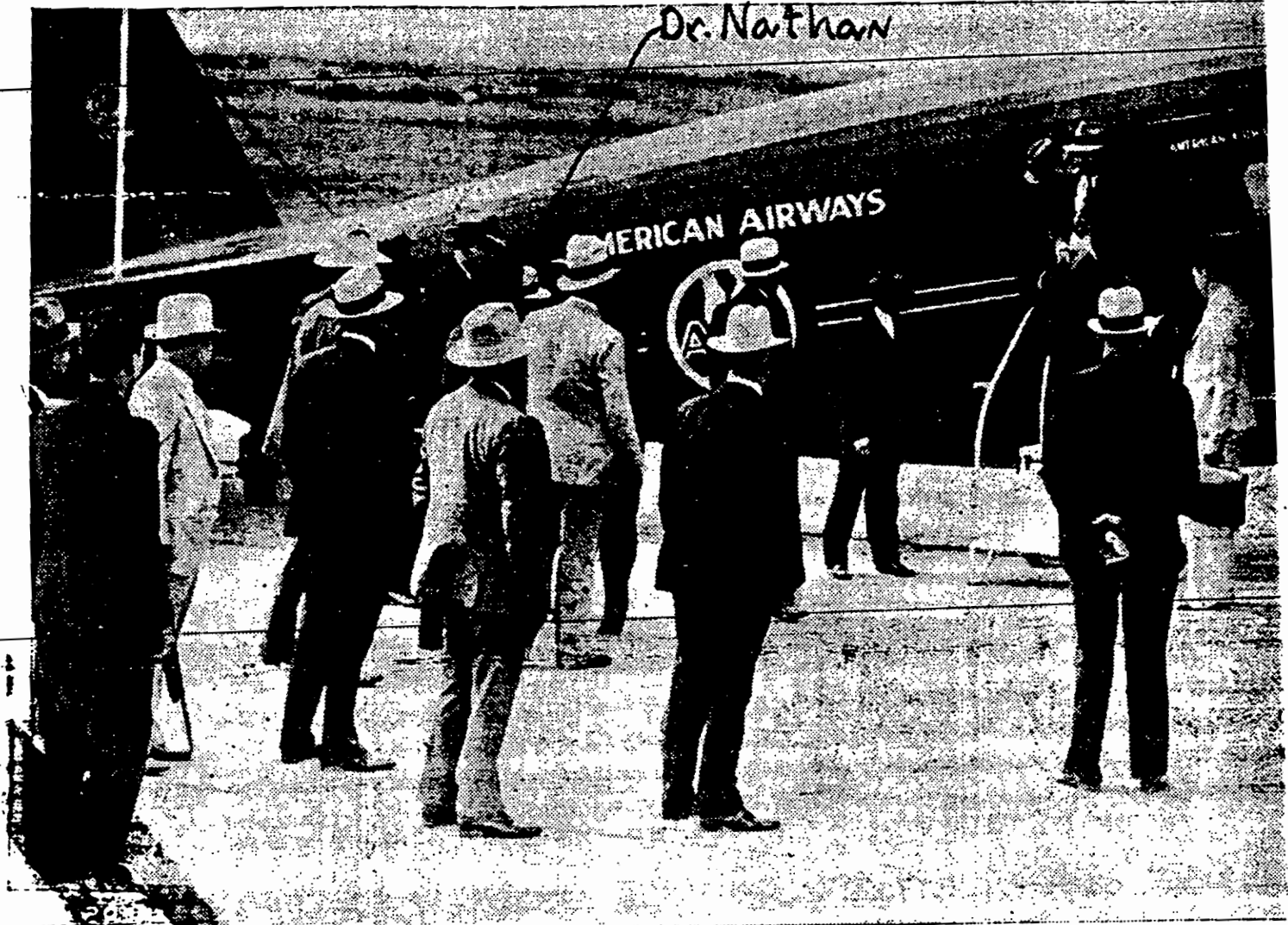


Right—The big Condor's propellers are gathering speed as the pilot of the ship prepares to take off to one corner of the field for a

takeoff for Oklahoma City, carrying Kelly, his wife and five federal agents.

—Staff Photos by Bruner and Ash.

And Finally Come to End of Their



"M... from
plane at Oklahoma
Justice men from Max Kelly (left) steps from an American Airways
City, where he was taken by Department of
to face charges of kidnaping Charles

Urschel, Oklahoma multi-millionaire. Deputy U. S. Marshal Elman
Jester has Kelly by the arm. Department of Justice men have sur-
rounded the plane.

ong Crime Trail in Oklahoma City



Handcuffed and shackled, Kelly is shown at the right being taken to an armored car by officers for transportation to the Oklahoma County jail. W. I. Eads, Oklahoma County investigator, is

—Staff Photos by the Daily Oklahoman.
holding a chain attached to Kelly's handcuffs. These pictures were brought to Memphis yesterday for The Commercial Appeal by a fast American Airways plane.

this would be a great pict if it were clear

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 12, 1933.

VVH: **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.

I called the office of the Director of the Bureau of Prisons today and inquired whether instructions had been issued to the United States Marshal as to the places of confinement for George and Kathryn Kelly, convicted at Oklahoma City for kidnaping and sentenced to life imprisonment. Mr. Bates' Secretary advised that she was quite positive the instructions had been issued on October 10th., but would verify that fact. She later called and stated that the telegram had gone to the Marshal at Oklahoma City on the 10th., signed by [REDACTED] to Mr. Bates, directing that Kelly be confined in the main Leavenworth Penitentiary and that Kathryn Kelly be confined in the Cincinnati Workhouse.

I then called Mr. Nathan on the telephone and advised him of this fact and inquired if he knew whether the Marshal had received this telegram. He stated that he thought that the Marshal had received the telegram, although he personally had not seen it; that there was no doubt in his mind as to the places of confinement and he wondered where the doubt arose. I advised him that apparently Mr. Hyde, United States Attorney, had communicated with the Department advising of the statement of the Court to the effect that the Attorney General should designate the place of confinement. Mr. Nathan stated he would immediately contact the Marshal and if the telegram had not been received he would advise.

Mr. Nathan further stated that he proposed to have four Agents accompany Kelly in an armored car to the Leavenworth Penitentiary; that he would see the Marshal immediately and suggest the advisability of two Agents accompanying the Deputy Marshals transporting Kathryn Kelly to Cincinnati; that he proposed to leave with Kelly early in the morning and arrangements had been made to transport Kathryn Kelly later. I suggested the possibility of transporting the two of them in the same car. He stated he would take that matter up immediately with the Marshal.

I told Mr. Nathan it would not be necessary to advise Mr. Hyde. He stated he did not propose to.

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Respectfully,

OCT 13 1933

V. W. Hughes...

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OCT 13 1933

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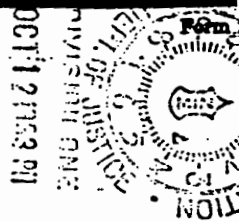
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d the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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St Paul Minnesota
October 10 1933



R H COLVIN
Division of Investigation
U S Department of Justice
224 Federal Bldg
Oklahoma City Oklahoma

URSCHEL KIDNAPING GEORGE R KELLY MARRIED KATHRYN S THORN MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER TWENTY FOUR NINETEEN THIRTY

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Off. Bus. Govt. Rate.
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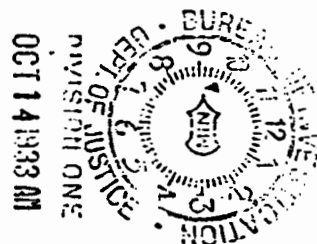
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[Signature]

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report



Case: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al, Kidnaping. Number: 7-115.
Specimen: Ink notes found among the effects of Albert L. Eates,
Weicker Warehouse and Storage Company, Denver, Colorado.

Examination requested by: Salt Lake City Office.

Date received: October 5, 1933.
Examination desired: General.

Date of Report: October 11, 1933.
Result of examination:

on
Examination by: C. A. Appel

These notes appear to be fortune telling codes by which certain cards represent the listed notations. It appears to be in the handwriting of a woman. This handwriting is not that of Mrs. Kelly nor is it similar to anonymous letters forwarded to the laboratory in the Kelly case. On the back of the sheet is a name Miss Clara Feldmann and it may be that this is her handwriting. It is possible that this list could be used as a gang code, those sentimental words and ideas being included for the purpose of disguising its nature. The use of such a code would be the display of cards to indicate what is meant.

The specimen will be retained for comparison with other anonymous letters which may be received and similar handwriting.

Photostatic copies of this specimen are being forwarded to the Oklahoma City Office with copies of this report.

- 3 - Director.
- 2 - Oklahoma City.
- 1 - Salt Lake City.
- 2 - Laboratory.

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York 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, Okla.

Re: George Kelly Barnes with aliases, et al
Charles F. Urschel - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama, dated October 6, 1933, with particular reference to pages 25 and 26 thereof, in which reference is made to a [redacted] at [redacted] Oklahoma City.

Kindly advise whether [redacted] was an alias used by the Arnolds at this address, or, if not, who [redacted] are. It is assumed that the Oklahoma City office has investigated the possibility of [redacted] being Vivian Mathis and Vernon Miller as the name of Moore is an alias of Miller.

Very truly yours,

T. F. CULLEN
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Division
Birmingham
Kansas City
N.Y. File 62-4949

All b7C

201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama

7-10

JHH

October 10, 1933.

Hon. William McClanahan,
United States Attorney,
Memphis, Tennessee.

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al
CHARLES F. URSCHAL - VICTIM
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is a copy of the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Birmingham, dated October 6, 1933, in connection with the above entitled case which covers the investigation at Memphis, Tennessee, concerning the Subjects who were indicted in your district.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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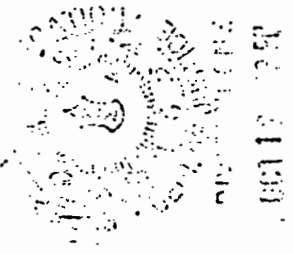
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224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 9, 1933

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: George Kelly Barnes, et al.
Kidnaping.

The United States Marshal here in Oklahoma City observed Kathryn Kelly pass a note to James Mathers in Court on October 7, 1933, which note was intercepted and reads as follows:

"Call Atty. ██████████ at Minneapolis and tell him to tell Tom Banks not to send the money, that I am pleading guilty."

This information is being furnished to your office for such investigation as may be considered appropriate.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA OCTOBER 9 1933

W A ROBER
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
201 LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE BUILDING
BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA



GEORGE KELLY BARNES ETAL KIDNAPING IF REPORT HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED

FROM DIVISION COVERING RAMSEY WIRE DIVISION ADVISING DATE RAMSEYS HEARING AND

REQUEST REPORT

ROBER

Official Business
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cc* Division ✓

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OCT 12 1933

[Signature]

420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

October 10, 1933.

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

Re: CASSIE EARL COLEMAN, et al,
Harboring Fugitives.

Dear Sir:

Inasmuch as C. E. Coleman has admitted that he wrote the note addressed to L. W. Arnold, mailed at Santa Ana, Texas, September 14, 1933 advising that Kathryn, the Ford Truck and little girl were 'hot' and to move quick, it is requested that the note be forwarded to the Dallas Office to be used in the trial of the case against Coleman and Casey, set for Monday, October 16, at San Angelo, Texas.

Very truly yours,

D. L. McCORMACK, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

[Redacted] 67C
cc-Division
62-427

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203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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.

Dear Sir:-

Re: George R. Kelly, with aliases, et al
Charles F. Urschel - Victim,
Kidnaping,
St. Paul File No. 7-8.

With reference to the telephone call from Assistant Director H. Nathan, at Oklahoma City, October 9, 1933, please be advised that the index of the marriage licenses at the office of the Clerk of Court, Hennepin County, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was checked, but the name of George F. Barnes, Jr., or a similar name was not noted therein.

A review of the marriage licenses issued during 1930, which are filed chronologically, disclosed in Book #347, Page #258, that George R. Kelly, of the State of Minnesota, applied for a license to marry Kathryn S. Thorne, of Torrent County, Texas, on September 24, 1930. The license was issued by E. J. Stockdale, Deputy Clerk. Rev. J. J. Ellington, Pastor, Olivet M. E. Church, 720 E. 26th Street, Minneapolis, made the return, September 26, 1930. Mrs. J. J. Ellington and Isabelle M. Stevens were listed as witnesses.

The application for license, which is sworn to, and purported to be in Kelly's handwriting, disclosed George R. Kelly, Apartment 220, Francis Drake Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn., was thirty years old, and that Kathryn S. Thorne, 857 E. Meelkey, Fort Worth, Texas, was twenty-five years old.

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She stated she recalled these people because of the striking appearance of the girl [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She further advised that Kelly was driving a large automobile, make unknown, and that he appeared to have plenty of money.

In an effort to determine whether Kelly had lived at the Francis Drake Hotel, and his connections while there, [REDACTED] was contacted. He caused an examination to be made of his records, after which he advised that the records for 1930 are incomplete, as most of them have been destroyed. He determined through one of the bell-boys that Kelly and his wife had resided in Apartment 220 for about six weeks during the early fall of 1930; that they drove a large automobile, and had considerable money, which they spent freely. [REDACTED] determined that Kelly played golf much of the time, and that a number of men called on him during his stay at the hotel; however, at that time their identities could not be established. [REDACTED] stated that he feels his hotel has been imposed on and that he will cause an immediate search to be made of the records and that he will submit that with all other information he is able to secure to this office.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

[REDACTED]
CC- Division
Dallas.

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326¹/₂ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.
October 9, 1933.

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

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Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with
aliases; et al;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL-VICTIM;
KIDNAPING.

OCT 11 1933 PM

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 4, 1933, in the above entitled case, relative to the firing of test bullets from the .45 calibre Colt Automatic Pistol belonging to subject Barnes which was found at Biloxi, Mississippi.

In this connection your attention is invited to my letter of October 6, 1933, addressed to the Oklahoma City Office, copy of which was furnished to your office, which reflects that the pistol in question was forwarded to the Oklahoma City Office, together with other property belonging to Barnes, on 10-6-33. Accordingly, it is suggested that the Oklahoma City Office have the test bullets fired and forwarded to your office for examination by [REDACTED] Ballistician.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division ✓
Oklahoma City
Birmingham

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326 1/2 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.
October 9, 1933.

7-115

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

DEPT. OF JUSTICE
DIVISION ONE
OCT 11 1933 PM

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with
aliases; et al;
CHARLES F. URSCHKE-VICTIM;
KIDNAPING.

SPK

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent
[redacted] Birmingham, Alabama, dated 10-6-33,
in the above entitled case, setting out leads for investi-
gation by the New Orleans Office at Biloxi, and Gulfport,
Mississippi.

My letter of 10-6-33 to the Oklahoma City Office,
copy of which was forwarded to you, sets forth the results
of Special Agent [redacted] investigation at Gulfport,
and Biloxi, and in the absence of a request no further action
is being taken since it does not appear that any additional
detailed information which might be developed would be
material.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division ✓
Oklahoma City

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326¹/₂ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.
October 9, 1933.

7-115

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

SFC

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with
aliases; et al;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL-VICTIM;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of September 11, 1933,
enclosing copy of the Civil Service Commission's report relative
to Thomas L. Manion. In the event this report has served its
purpose, it is requested that it be forwarded to this office for
return to [redacted] United States
Civil Service Commission, New Orleans, Louisiana, in compliance
with his request.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPT. OF JUSTICE
DIVISION ONE
OCT 11 1933 PM

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division ✓

TUCUMCARI NEX

Oct 8, 1933

WIRE

DIRECTOR DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
US DEPT OF JUSTICE WASH DC

NONE OF MONEY RECOVERED HERE IS URSCHEL MONEY BRADYS CONDITION SERIOUS
AND GETTING WORSE HAS DECLINED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION YET WILL MAKE ~~XX~~
ANOTHER ATTEMPT LATER TODAY WHEN HE IS MOVED TO PRIVATE ROOM IN HOSPITAL
STOP COMPANION IDENTIFIED AS JIM CLARK ADDRESS HERE RANDLE HOTEL WOMAN
MENTIONED MY TELEGRAM THIS DATE HAS ARRIVED HERE TOGETHER WITH WOMAN
WHO HAS BEEN LIVING WITH CLARK STOP [REDACTED] IS HERE.

BLAKE

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Oct 8, 1933.

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DIRECTOR DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASH DC

BRADYS CONDITION CONTINUES SERIOUS ALTHOUGH APPEARS SOME
BETTER TODAY DOCTOR SAYS NEXT FEW DAYS WILL DETERMINE
OUTCOME BRADY CONTINUES DISCLAIM KNOWLEDGE KANSAS CITY OR EX
URSCHEL CASES VETTERLI UNABLE POSITIVELY identify Brady
ALTHOUGH HE SAYS THERE IS STRONG resemblance EXPECT TO INTERROGATE
CLARK THIS AFTERNOON WILL ADVISE RESULT

BLAKE

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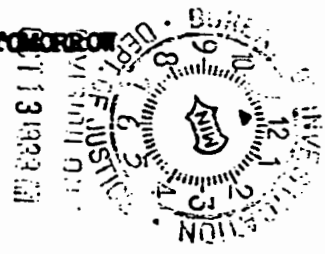
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GUS T. JONES
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 1216 SMITH YOUNG TOWER
 SAN ANTONIO TEXAS

~~NO RECORD PD OKLAHOMA CITY LEFT FORD COUPE MOTOR TWO FOUR THREE SEVEN THREE SIX~~

b7C [REDACTED] UNKNOWN AT ADDRESS GIVEN STOP IF YOU FURNISH TITLE AND TAG NUMBER

FURTHER CHECK CAN BE MADE TOMORROW



SCHENKEN, ACTING

243736

GOVT. RATE PAID
 CHARGE DIV. OF INV.
 U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
 OKLA. CITY.

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POSTAL

cc-Division ✓

LATENT PRINT REPORT

The latent print attached has been searched in the
Single Fingerprint Section and no identification has been made.

The latent print attached marked _____ is _____
identical with fingers _____ of the suspect attached

*Threatening letter addressed to
Mr. Keenan - submitted by Division*

REMARKS:

*I have treated the attached letter for latent
prints. No prints of any value were obtained*

Date 10/11, 1933

Name  67C

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report



Case: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al, Kidnaping.

Number: 7-115.

Specimen: Threatening letter to Mr. Keenan bearing postmark
of Seattle, September 30.

Examination requested by: Unit One.

Date received: October 9, 1933.

Examination desired: General.

Date of Report: October 12, 1933.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C. A. Appel
ON

This note is written in ink on fancy note paper, approximately 7 5/16 by 5 5/8 inches folded. It was enclosed in an envelope of the same kind of paper, approximately 4 by 5 7/8 inches. Both paper and envelope are grained, that is, made to resemble linen; although, it is believed this is a water-mark rather than the real texture of the paper. On the first page is a printed design, part of which is cut out completely through the paper forming a monogram K. In the lower right hand side of the first page of the note paper a water-mark design showing what is believed to be a rose, several leaves, and other similar objects, appears in the paper. This extends completely across the sheet, occupying about one half of the space of the whole page, a diagonal water-mark line dividing this portion of the paper from the remainder.

The handwriting which is in ink resembles that of a woman or young person. It may be disguised. The writer spells the word "Kelly" in one place and "Kelley" in another. Neither the handwriting nor the printed characters compare with any of the specimens heretofore examined in the Kelly case or other cases in which members of the same gang have appeared.

An effort should be made to trace the paper as this is very distinctive. Attention is invited to the signature, "The gang's pal." If the letter is not completely a hoax, this may indicate that the writer is a woman who has been more or less conversant with the activities of these men. The fact that the letter is mailed in Seattle does not appear to have any significance as this can be easily arranged. If specimens of the handwriting of Vernon Miller, Sankey, and their women could be obtained, they should be compared with this letter. The letter was treated for latent prints but none of any value were developed. This work was done by [redacted]

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- 1 - Portland.
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- 2 - Laboratory.

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October 12, 1933

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Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
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Mr. Rosen	
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Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

OCT 17 1933

Reference is made to Division letter of October 9, 1933, in the case entitled GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, et al, Kidnaping.

It is observed from the penultimate paragraph of your letter that the Division is in receipt of newspaper clippings which indicate that Hart Austin and a companion are being held in Charlotte, North Carolina; and from the last paragraph of your letter it is noted that the Division wishes to be advised of the final disposition made of [redacted] and Louis Herman, who were arrested also in Charlotte, and had in their possession a machine gun.

For your information, Hart Austin is identical with Louis Herman. Austin, alias Herman, was held for investigation in view of the fact that he was arrested at the same time [redacted] was, and he was released on October 5, 1933, without any prosecution. [redacted] who had in his possession at the time of his arrest at Charlotte not a machine gun but a Lugar with a stock and rapid fire attachment, was on October 6, 1933, sentenced to serve eighteen months on the roads for the unlawful possession of this weapon.

It is further observed from your letter that B. M. Haynes, Chief of Detectives, Police Department, Spartanburg, South Carolina, has written the Division, advising that he has under arrest James L. Dickson and Howard A. Bullock for safe-blowing in Spartanburg, and wherein he states that Bullock and Dickson claim to have had dealings with Bailey and Kelly in Oklahoma.

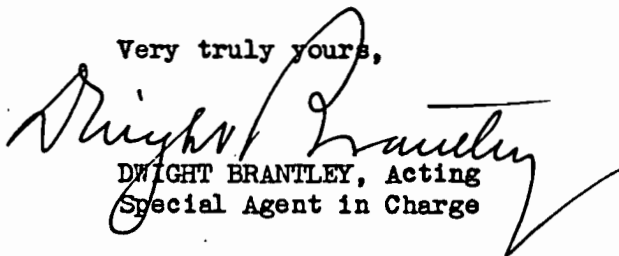
Since Mr. Haynes wrote the letter to the Division, I have been in personal contact with him in Charlotte, and have discussed with him Dickson and Bullock. Mr. Haynes furnished me with practically the same information as is contained in his letter to the Division, but in conversation with him, there was nothing to show that there is any reason to believe there is any recent association of Dickson and Bullock with Bailey and Kelly.

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You are advised, however, that it was my intention, before the receipt of your letter, to have Bullock and Dickson interviewed by an Agent of this office and the results thereof furnished the Division.

Very truly yours,


DWIGHT BRANTLEY, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-Kansas City
cc-Oklahoma City
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CITY OF DALLAS

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JOHN N. EDY
CITY MANAGER

POLICE DEPARTMENT
C. W. TRAMMELL
CHIEF

Mr. Nathan	✓
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Mr. Edwards	
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Mr. Hughes	✓
Mr. Quinn	
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October 2, 1933.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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This will acknowledge with a great deal of pleasure your favor under date of September 25, 1933, commending this department and especially Lieutenants [redacted] and [redacted] and City Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] for certain services we were privileged to render your splendid organization recently in the apprehension of members of the Urschel kidnapping gang.

It is indeed gratifying to know that the branch of government, of which you are its chief, holds us in this sort of esteem and I hasten to assure you that it is fully reciprocated. In this connection I desire to state that in the opinion of members of this department, myself included, that Mr. F. J. Blake, your agent in charge in this city, is one of the best officers and finest fellows they have ever had the pleasure of working with.

Again thanking you and assuring you of our desire to be of further service when called upon, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

C. W. Trammell
CHIEF OF POLICE.

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

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

GEORGE R. KELLY et al
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to your letter of October 12, 1933,
requesting receipt for deposit on gas and electricity in the
name of Luther W. Arnold at 160 Mahmeke Court, San Antonio,
Texas.

Enclosed herewith you will find deposit receipt No.
62060A issued by the San Antonio Public Service Company, San
Antonio, Texas, Sept. 8, 1933, in the name of Mrs. Flossie Mae
Arnold.

You will also find deposit receipt issued by the City
Water Board, No. 53776 to Mrs. Flossie Mae Arnold, 160 Mahmeke
Court.

I am enclosing herewith letter addressed to Box A 1233,
San Antonio Light, City, from Mrs. Luther Arnold in answer to an
advertisement as to rental of farm which Mrs. Arnold turned over
to me. The two receipts and enclosed letter are all the papers
which Mrs. Arnold delivered to the writer at San Antonio.

Very truly yours,

cc Division. ✓

C. R. Davis,
Acting Agent in Charge

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October 13, 1933.

PERSONAL

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

Dear Sirs:

I am inclosing herewith for your confidential information a copy of a letter which I have today addressed to Agent in Charge Colvin, and I want you to know of my apprehension of the possibility of discord in the event we make any recommendations whatsoever concerning the distribution of the reward in the Urschel case. I wish that you would watch this situation very carefully, and that you not only refrain from making any recommendations but that you keep me fully advised concerning such requests as may be received from the donor of the reward, either for information or for recommendations from yourself or from Agent in Charge Colvin. I appreciate that this is a delicate situation and that it may be necessary to furnish information. I want you to take every precaution, however, to avoid making any recommendations.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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October 13, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS.

I thought I should call immediately to your attention the fact that Harvey J. Bailey and Albert L. Bates, who were received at the Leavenworth Penitentiary Annex on Sunday morning, October 8th, for life sentences on convictions of conspiracy to kidnap at Oklahoma City, are known to be desperate and dangerous criminals. Bailey, as you know, is a former associate of Francis Keating and Thomas Holden, who escaped from the Penitentiary at Leavenworth some years ago and for whom this Division conducted an extensive search. Keating and Holden too, you will recall, are alleged to have assisted in the escape of Will Green upon the occasion when Warden White was taken by the prisoners as a hostage. Bailey was apprehended with Keating and Holden on the Old Mission Golf Course at Kansas City, Missouri. He was turned over to the Kansas State authorities on a charge of bank robbery and was sentenced to 25 years in the Kansas State Penitentiary. On Memorial Day, May 30, 1933, he led a prison break at the Kansas State Penitentiary when eleven convicts escaped. As you know, since that time three police officers and one agent of this Division were massacred at the Union Depot at Kansas City as they were transporting Frank Nash, another member of this notorious group of criminals, to the Penitentiary, Nash having been at large as an escapee from Leavenworth for a period of two years. Members of the Bailey gang, who escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary, have been identified as members of the machine gun gang responsible for this massacre.

Albert L. Bates has a long criminal record and was wanted by several states at the time of his apprehension at Denver, Colorado, in connection with the Urschel kidnaping case. He is an associate of George R. Kelly and Harvey J. Bailey and is also a member of the Keating-Holden gang. He had a machine gun with him at the time of his apprehension at Denver, and Harvey J. Bailey had a machine gun with him at the time of his apprehension at Paradise, Texas.

With reference to George R. Kelly who, together with his wife Kathryn, has been sentenced to life imprisonment, I feel that it is not necessary for me to indicate to you the reputation which Kelly has as an underworld character. He is known to have associated with Keating, Holden, and Bailey for several years past. He has boasted that he could not be held in a penitentiary and that he will escape. He has expressed regret that he did not kill Mr. Urschel at the time Albert Bates and he kidnaped Mr. Urschel and he threatened Mr. Urschel throughout the trial of this kidnaping case.

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Director, Bureau of Prisons.

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With reference to Kathryn Kelly, I am of the firm opinion that she is a very dangerous criminal. Even prior to her connection with the Urschel kidnaping she has been referred to by the police in Texas as one of the most dangerous female criminals in that section of the country. Kathryn Kelly purchased the machine gun with which her husband, Kelly, was armed at the time of the kidnaping. She has been identified as the writer of threatening letters received by Mr. Urschel during the trial of Harvey J. Bailey and Albert L. Bates and the several members of the Shannon family.

I felt it my duty to acquaint you with these facts, in view of the desperate character of these prisoners, some of whom are now and others will soon be incarcerated in United States Penitentiaries.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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October 13, 1933.

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

For your information, I am transmitting
herewith a copy of a memorandum I have just prepared
for the Attorney General, outlining the plans for the
removal of George and Kathryn Kelly to the Leavenworth
Penitentiary and the Cincinnati Workhouse, respectively.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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October 13, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

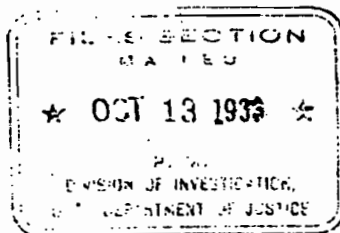
For your information I desire to advise you that we are transferring this morning from Oklahoma City to the Leavenworth Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, George Kelly. He is being transferred by train in what is known as a prisoners' car. This transfer is under the supervision of Mr. Harold Nathan, Assistant Director of this Division, and he will be accompanied by Agents of this Division at Oklahoma City, and a deputy United States marshal. It is planned that the train will leave Oklahoma City about noon today and will arrive at Leavenworth, Kansas at midnight tonight. Arrangements have been made for the car to be taken directly into the prison grounds so that at no time will it be necessary to remove Kelly from the car, or for any of our Agents to leave the car until it has actually arrived within the prison grounds.

The transfer of Mrs. Kathryn Kelly, the wife of George Kelly, from Oklahoma City to the Cincinnati Workhouse, which has been designated as the institution in which this prisoner will be incarcerated, by the United States Marshal at Oklahoma City will probably take place within the next few days.

Respectfully,

Director.

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FEDERAL GRAND JURY ADDRESS TONIGHT TEXAS HOTEL HERE TOMORRO

CARE SHERIFF COLEMAN TEXAS=

JONES.

OCT 14 1933

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
Room 1403
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New York, N. Y.

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October 13, 1933.

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

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



Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 30th relative to the transmitting of a carbon copy of a code telegram which was sent from this office to the Oklahoma City Office under date of September 25th.

I beg to advise that this carbon copy of the code telegram was inadvertently forwarded to the Division, and I am attaching hereto a translated copy of the same.

Very truly yours,

T. F. Cullen
T. F. CULLEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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R H COLVIN
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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OKLAHOMA CITY. OKLAHOMA

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URSCHEL KIDNAPING [REDACTED] EMPLOYED AS SALESMAN BY AMERICAN
SAFETY RAZOR CORPORATION BROOKLYN NEWYORK WORKING OUT OF NEWARK
NEWJERSEY REPORTED BY FAMILY TO BE TRAVELING IN OKLAHOMA

CULLEN

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October 2, 1933

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On September 20th last, I mailed to your address a letter of which enclosed is copy and not having had a reply I feel quite sure that my original letter was not called to your attention, hence am enclosing copy for such consideration as in your judgment would be justified.

Yours very truly,



Mayor

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(Copy of Letter of September 20, 1933)

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

When the news was broadcast that Harvey Bailey had escaped from the Dallas County jail the public was informed that the car in which he had escaped was heavily armed and it was the thought of all the people in this vicinity that this meant armed with machine guns. When the police officers of the City of Ardmore were informed that Bailey was headed toward this place, and when these officers started out to intercept him they could not have had any thought other than that the chances were exceedingly favorable one of two things would occur, that is, that they would kill Harvey Bailey or that Bailey would kill them, or some of them. Notwithstanding this fact these officers did not hesitate, but with the meager equipment they had and with the grim determination to remove this menace from society, start out to assist the officers of this government in the performance of their duty.

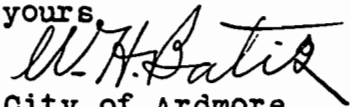
From the experience we, in this section have had with fugitives of the Bailey Type, the people have been subjected to the most heinous crimes, and although these officers receive a salary, two of them \$112.50 a month each and the other of less than \$200.00, they virtually took their lives in their hands in order to prevent a repetition of such crimes on the part of this escaped convict.

We have been informed that, while no official offer of a reward had been offered, it was the intention of your office to offer a substantial reward for the capture of this man, and that only the dispatch with which he was recaptured prevented this reward from being offered. I feel that as a recognition of the faithful services performed by these men, and further as an inducement to police officers the entire United States to perform like services in the future, the government would do well to substantially reward these men.

I wish to assure you this letter is not being written at the request of any of the police officers of this city, and as a matter of fact they do not know it is being done.

Thanking you in advance for whatever consideration you care to give this matter, I am

Respectfully yours,



Mayor of the City of Ardmore.

Ardmore, Okla. Police Dept.

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Honorable W. H. Batis,
Mayor,
Ardmore, Oklahoma.

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Dear Mr. Batis:

I have received your letter of October 2, 1933,
enclosing a copy of the letter which you addressed this office,
under date of September 20th.

No doubt you have received my letter of October
3rd, which apparently crossed your second letter in the mails.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

Mr

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Mr. Nathan.....
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Mr. Locke.....

Helena, Montana
October 2, 1933

Mr. J. E. Hoover
Chief of Bureau of Identification
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a clipping from the news paper showing the picture of Geraldine Arnold who gave the tip that led to the capture of George Kelly.

Every gangster and killer in the United States now knows who this little girl is. Personally I think it is a betrayal of public confidence and it should be a crime against society to give the names of people who give such information to investigators of crime.

To me all the glory that the prosecution of Bailey and Bates should have was wiped out by the absolute betrayal of Public Confidence in giving so much information to the press.

How do the investigators expect to get tips if the public knows their names will be given to the press and in the Sunday morning papers they will see their pictures as the ones who gave the tips.

If this Kelly case was the only one in which names of private citizens who divulged information were given to the press, it would be different but it seems to be the practice for the investigators to tell about everything they do and know. This in my opinion is why it is so hard to enforce the law in this country.

Very truly yours,

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[Redacted Signature]

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Tell him I agree with him absolutely & the disclosure was no fault of ours.

10/7/33 J. E. H.

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Ans.
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Helena, Montana.

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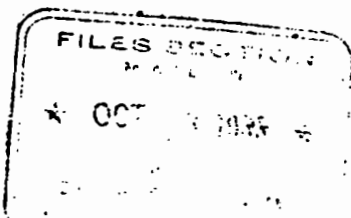
I desire to acknowledge receipt of your communication of October 2, 1933, together with the newspaper clipping, a photograph of Geraldine Arnold, the young girl who furnished some information in connection with the apprehension of George R. Kelly, wanted for the kidnaping of Charles Urschel, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

I want you to know that I fully agree with the sentiments which you express in your letter. I am unalterably opposed to the disclosure of such confidential information and I want to assure you that the information which you refer to, the identity of the Arnold child, was most certainly not given to the press or to any outside sources by this Division or any of its employees. In fact, this Division exercised every possible precaution to prevent the disclosure mentioned in your letter, and it reached the press through no fault of ours.

I desire to thank you for your letter and to assure you that I am in full accord with your thought on such publicity.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
 420 Federal Building,
 Dallas, Texas.

October 13, 1933.

Director,
 Division of Investigation,
 United States Department of Justice,
 Washington, D. C.

Re: CASS COLEMAN and WILL CASEY,
 Harboring Fugitives.

Dear Sir:

In reply to Division letter of October 10, 1933 concerning the cases against Cass Coleman and Will Casey, these cases will probably be called for trial at San Angelo on Monday, October 16.

It is my intention to go to San Angelo at that time, and I will advise the Division promptly of any developments.

Very truly yours,

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

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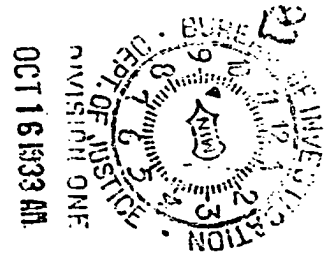
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224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 11, 1933



REV [redacted]

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

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Dear Sir:

On June 19, 1933 at 10:14 P.M. one Jerome Wallace registered at the Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, and gave his place of residence as 4117 Homes Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and was assigned to room 1909. This individual by the name of Jerome Wallace has been identified by [redacted] of the Biltmore Hotel as being George Kelly. [redacted] is positive of his identification. When Wallace registered, [redacted] made some mention of the Kansas City killing, at which time Kelly made some keen, sarcastic remark to the effect, "That's nothing." I suggest that appropriate investigation be made at Kansas City and ascertain if there is such an address as 4117 Homes Street. It may possibly be Holmes Street.

I also suggest that you secure a photograph of George Kelly and exhibit same to all those individuals in the vicinity of the home on Edgewale Road where Verne Miller lived, with the view of possibly placing Kelly definitely in Kansas City on or about June 17, 1933. I further suggest that you also show the photograph of Kathryn Kelly at the same points you exhibit George Kelly's photograph.

In addition, please show the photograph of George Kelly to the various people at the Union Station, Kansas City, Missouri, particularly [redacted] who claims she identified "Pretty Boy" Floyd. There is some resemblance between Floyd and Kelly - in fact, he is frequently called "Floyd". It may be that the individual whom she claims to have seen at the Union Station on the morning of the massacre was not Floyd but Kelly.

There are also other sources of inquiry with respect to Kelly and his wife at Kansas City, Missouri but Special Agent [redacted] is familiar with all the details in connection with this matter and I am not setting same out in detail in this letter; however, I suggest that the matter be covered very closely and thoroughly.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division.

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

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Dear Sir:

RE: JOE BERGLE
Harboring Fugitive

Upon telephonic instructions of Assistant Director, H. Nathan, on this date Geraldine Arnold was contacted and upon being questioned stated that she was with George Kelley and Kathryn Kelley, Fugitives, in Chicago in September; that George Kelley went out of the apartment where they were stopping two or three times to see Joe Bergle; that on the day before they left Chicago, George Kelley came into the apartment and stated that Joe wanted to know if he wanted a couple of quarts of whiskey but that he (Kelley) told Joe that one quart would be plenty; that on the next day (September 22) George and Kathryn Kelley and herself (Geraldine Arnold) left the apartment, taking their grips with them and went in a taxi cab to "Joe Bergle's saloon"; that this was in the morning; that when they got to the saloon Joe Bergle came in and they went to a booth; Joe said "here is that money you said to get for you" and handed George Kelley a roll of bills, and George said "is it all there, - \$200.00?"; and Bergle said "yes". That at that time Bergle also gave George Kelley a quart of whiskey. Kathryn Kelley said to Joe Bergle, "You have been swell, Joe, and don't forget you for it; that Kelley also thanked Joe.

Geraldine Arnold also stated that after the money and whiskey were delivered to Kelley by Bergle, Kelley, Kathryn and she put their baggage in a taxi cab in front of the saloon and went to a garage about fifteen or sixteen blocks from the saloon; that about a block from the garage she saw Joe Bergle getting out of his car; that they drove around the corner and sat in the taxi cab about ten or fifteen minutes; that she saw Joe Bergle go into the garage and filling station and drive out in a new 1933 Chevrolet sedan; that he circled the block about two or three times in that car and then parked it in the block, across the street from where they were waiting; that they then loaded their baggage in the

Chevrolet sedan and left immediately for Memphis, Tennessee; that while they were waiting for Bergle there on the street in Chicago two police squad cars passed by and George Kelley said "What's holding the man?".

She also stated that, - she thinks the day before they left Memphis, - George told Kathryn "I turned the Ford Coupe over to Joe Bergle and he said he would put it in the third story of his garage."

Special Agent in Charge, J. M. Keith, of the Washington Field Office, arrived at the Dallas Office on this date and he also questioned Geraldine Arnold and ascertained from her that the saloon supposed to belong to Joe Bergle to which George and Kathryn Kelley took her, is at 1150 Michigan Avenue, and that the apartment at which the Kelleys and she stopped while in Chicago was the Astra.

The above information was telephoned by Mr. Keith to the Chicago Division Office by long distance telephone.

Very truly yours,

D. J. McCormack, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division
cc Oklahoma City

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420 Federal Building,
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October 12, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.


Re: ^{*}THOMAS L. MANION, et al.
Obstruction of Justice.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with request contained in your letter of October 9, 1933, I am transmitting herewith copy of the civil service commission's report on Thomas L. Manion, furnished by your office.

Very truly yours,

D. L. McCORMACK, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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LEAVING THIS AFTERNOON FOR SANANGELO RELATIVE CASS COLEMAN

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

Dear Sir:

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

The Superintendent of Mails, Post Office, Oklahoma City,
has furnished this office with the following information:

[redacted] lives at [redacted] Carrier has
noticed that lately mail is being forwarded to this address
from Memphis, Tenn. same for [redacted] The carrier
also reports that some other member of the Tichenor tribe
runs a paper in Harlingen, Texas and was up here about the
time of the Urschel kidnaping and this party (carrier does
not recall his initials) received some mail while he was
here which had been forwarded to him from Denver, Colo. which
seems to indicate that he was in Denver about the time of the
kidnaping.

"The above was recalled by the carrier after he noticed by
the papers that the Memphis Tichenor was involved to some
extent with Kelly."

This is being referred to your office for such action
as you may deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

cc: Division

All b7C

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge



COMMISSIONERS
W. L. GATES
CLIFFORD E. MURPHY
GEORGE W. GREGG



THOMAS P. KINSSELLA
CHIEF OF POLICE

Department of Public Safety

CITY OF CANANDAIGUA, N. Y.
POLICE

September 29, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:-

Would it be possible for you to send us a photograph and description of Albert L. Bates, who is charged with the kidnapping of Charles F. Urschel, at Oklahoma City.

Yours very truly,

Thomas P. Kinsella,
Chief of Police.

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Mr. Thomas P. Kinsella,
Chief of Police,
Canandaigua, New York

My dear Chief:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 29, 1933, wherein you request a photograph and description of ALBERT L. BATES, who was convicted at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel.

Albert L. Bates is described as follows:

Name - Albert L. Bates, aliases
George Bates, James C. King,
George Davis, George Harris, Roy Harris,
Bernard McLaughlin, Bernard Hughes

Age - 39

Height - 5' 11"

Weight - 175 lbs.

Hair - light

Build - slim

Eyes - blue

Wounded in left shoulder, and has silver plate; knife scar on right shoulder 3 or 4" long

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There are inclosed two copies of a photograph of Albert L. Bates with aliases.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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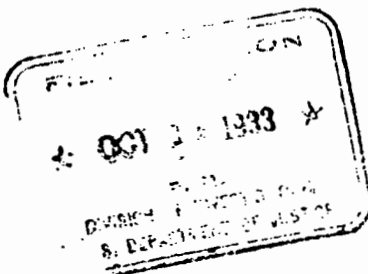
My dear Colonels:

Mr. W. A. Rorer, the Agent in Charge of the Birmingham office of this Division, has advised me of the splendid cooperation extended by you to that office in furnishing two aeroplanes for transporting special agents of this Division from Birmingham to Memphis and making possible the apprehension of the notorious criminals, George Kelly and his wife, by a surprise early morning approach, which avoided possible bloodshed.

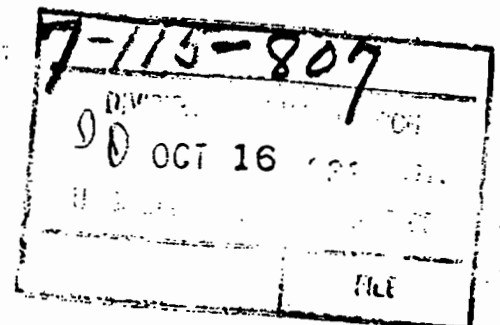
I think that this service is an excellent example of what can be accomplished by close cooperation between the various Government Departments. I wanted you to know that I am deeply grateful to you for your generous action, as well as to the officers serving under you who so willingly inconvenienced themselves to assist the agents of this Division upon that occasion.

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
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J EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON DC

I WISH TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND YOUR AGENTS FOR YOUR SPLENDID AND TIMELY SUCCESS IN THE URSHELL KIDNAPPING CASE STOP STATE PROSECUTORS HAVE THOROUGHLY LEARNED THAT ACTIVE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE IS ESSENTIAL WHEN DEALING WITH PROFESSIONAL CRIMINALS STOP I HAVE NEVER DEALT WITH A SINGLE MEMBER OF YOUR DEPARTMENT EITHER BY CORRESPONDENCE OR IN PERSON WHO HAS NOT RENDERED IMMEDIATE VALUABLE AND EFFICIENT SERVICE

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OCT 17 1933

Honorable D. S. Purl,
United States District Attorney,
Brownsville, Texas.

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← Congratulations
U.S. Attorney

My Dear Mr. Purl:

I desire to thank you sincerely for your telegram of congratulations of October 1st, and am pleased to learn of the high regard in which you hold the Division of Investigation of this Department. You can be assured that it will be a pleasure for me to cooperate with you in any matter of mutual interest, and I trust you will not hesitate to call upon this office for assistance whenever you are confronted with a matter in which it will be possible for this Division to function.

Please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for your most cordial message.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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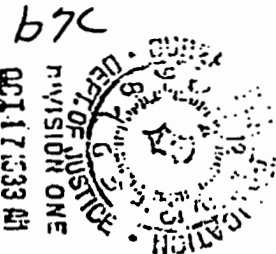
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REPORT MADE AT: Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-13-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-12-33	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; et al MRS. C. L. JOHNSON - FUGITIVE Charles F. Trachel - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] claims sold machine gun to man named [REDACTED] who claimed to be officer from Northeastern Oklahoma. He believes sale made in November, 1931.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from the New York City Division Office dated October 2, 1933.

DETAILS:

AT GAINESVILLE, TEXAS.

[REDACTED] was interviewed in connection with the sale of Thompson sub-machine gun No. 4385 and at first stated that the machine gun which he obtained from the Auto Ordnance Corporation must have been in January, 1931 and that he eventually returned the gun to the Auto Ordnance Corporation, and that he shipped it to them by express and never did sell it. He did, however, finally furnish the following affidavit:

DETAILS:

" State of Texas | Gainesville, Tex.
 County of Cooke | 10/12/33

I, [REDACTED] Gainesville, Texas, upon my oath depose and say that:

In January, 1931, I believe, I purchased from the Auto Ordnance Company of New York, a Thompson Sub-machine gun. This gun was sent to me on consignment, as I was a dealer for the Company here in Gainesville, Texas. I never DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

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paid for the gun at all. I tried to sell it to the local Police Department and also to the Police Department at Wichita Falls, Texas, but was unsuccessful.

I became acquainted with George and Kathryn Kelly in 1932, and they tried to get me to sell them a Thompson Machine Gun, but I never did.

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During November, 1931, I think it was, I sold the gun that was shipped to me by the Auto Ordnance Co.; however, I know that I still had that gun in my possession when [redacted] was tried here at Gainesville for murder. I had had the machine gun at [redacted] gun shop about 2 weeks before that trial. I may have sold it in November, 1932, instead of 1931.

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The person to whom I sold the gun was a man about 25 years of age, about 5' 8" in height, light complected, about 140 in weight; hair beginning to get grey. He came to my house in, I think a Chrysler Coupe, and said he was an officer from the northeastern part of Oklahoma, and introduced himself as nearly as I can recall as [redacted]. I sold the gun to him for \$175.00 cash. I have never seen him since.

b7c
I met George Kelly in front of the Lajestic Theatre here some time last fall or winter, with a man whom he introduced as [redacted]. That was some time about the time I sold the Thompson machine gun, but I can't recall whether it was before or afterwards.

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The last time I saw George Kelly and Kathryn Kelly was on Saturday preceding the night Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, called on me and questioned me at my home, sometime about the last of August, 1933.

In 1926 or 1930, I was in Wolf & Klar's in Ft. Worth, Texas, and their salesman, [redacted], informed me that there was a 'big town' boy who wanted to buy some stuff - guns - gas guns or hand grenades, - as that was what I was selling. I asked [redacted] if he meant the man was a crook. He said 'Well, something like that'. I said 'No, I don't want to sell that kind of a man anything.' A few days later, I asked [redacted] the name of that man, and he refused to tell me.

The first time I ever met George Kelly, he came to see me at Gainesville and wanted me to sell him a machine gun, and stated he had heard of me being an agent for Machine Guns, through Wolf & Klar of Ft. Worth. I did not sell him anything.

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The man [REDACTED] said he was an officer, but I did not ask him for any credentials or identification.

The above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[REDACTED]

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned authority, at Gainesville, Texas, this 12th day of October, A. D. 1933.

[REDACTED]

Special Agent, Division
of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Dallas, Texas."

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This statement was taken in affidavit form because [REDACTED] requested that Agent place him under oath before he made the statement. Agent has known [REDACTED] for some years and he is unworthy of belief, even under oath.

Chief of Police, [REDACTED], Gainesville, Texas, stated [REDACTED] murdered Bill Johns, motorcycle officer, and Walter Glenmons, Fire Marshal, in July, 1931 and was tried in one case only in October, 1931.

[REDACTED] stated that the last time [REDACTED] had the gun in his place was about two weeks before the trial of [REDACTED], and that subsequent to that time, on numerous occasions, [REDACTED] had stated to him that he [REDACTED] still had the gun at his home.

PENDING.