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Dallas, Texas  
October 12, 1933.



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

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY et al  
Kidnaping

Luther W. Arnold, witness in this case, has advised that Special Agent [redacted] of your office is in possession of a receipt for deposit on gas and electricity in his name, put up on the apartment at San Antonio.

It is his desire to secure a return of this receipt in order to obtain the deposit when he is next in San Antonio.

Very truly yours,

D. L. McCormack, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

DLMc [redacted]  
cc Division. ✓

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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

201 Liberty National Life Building,  
Birmingham, Alabama

October 13, 1933.

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WAR:

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

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al  
CHARLES F. URSCHAL - VICTIM  
Harboring Fugitive from Justice;  
Conspiracy to Harbor

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith the original report submitted  
in the above case by Special Agent [REDACTED] dated October 6, 1933,  
at Birmingham, Alabama.

Reference is made to paragraph two on page 23 of the  
details wherein it is stated that a telegram found in the possession of  
Ramsey at the time of his arrest was being placed in the Birmingham file.  
This telegram was forwarded to the Division with Agent [REDACTED] rough  
draft report but it was not returned to the Birmingham Office by the  
Division when the typed report was forwarded. In view of the above it  
is requested that the Division forward said telegram to this office for  
use of the United States Attorney.

In the event that the Oklahoma City Office has received  
this wire, it should be returned to the Birmingham Office.

Very truly yours,

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Encl.

CC: Oklahoma City.

W. A. RORER

Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 6, 1933.

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.

Agent in Charge Blake called and stated that he had talked to Barney Finn; that the reason for the letter which Finn addressed to the Division was that the two Fort Worth Police officers who located the second telegram sent by Attorney Ramsey to Memphis, which gave the specific address at which Kelly was later found, had gone to Oklahoma City the day after this development and had talked with Agent in Charge Colvin, who was quite brusque with them and gave them no satisfaction. They then talked to Mr. Charles F. Colcord, the person who offered the reward, and later to Mr. Kirkpatrick, the man who paid the ransom, who both told them that they did not know anything at all about their locating a telegram and that they would rely upon the recommendations of Special Agents in Charge Colvin and Jones in paying the rewards. Agent Blake states that at the time these officers called on Colvin, Colvin had been up for two nights and probably was brusque with them without intending to offend them in any way and it was through their fear of the fact that Colvin might not recognize their part in the discovery of Kelly and thus deprive them of a portion of the reward that they requested Finn to write the Division. Agent Blake stated that he had assured Mr. Finn that he had not made any recommendations and that the Division would make no recommendation, but that he felt quite sure that if the Division were called upon it would furnish the facts and the distribution of the rewards would necessarily be in the discretion of the donor of the reward. Agent Blake stated that Mr. Finn seemed quite satisfied when he heard that the Division would make no recommendations. Blake states that the two police officers did do excellent work as they had gone to the home of the man who has charge of the telegraph office at Fort Worth after the office had closed. They had caused the office to be re-opened, made their search and not being satisfied with the finding of the telegram sent concerning the girl they made a further search and discovered the telegram going to Memphis.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes. JS

OCT 17 1933

Write letter to Colvin & ask for explanation. Also a letter to Colvin & Jones cautioning them about being drawn into the reward controversy.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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October 13, 1933.

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OCT 17 1933

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

Dear Sir:

The Division recently received a letter from Mr. Barney Finn of the Identification Unit of the Fort Worth Police Department, complaining of the alleged attitude of certain of the Division's employees with reference to the division of the reward in the Urschel kidnaping case. I immediately communicated with Agent in Charge Blake to ascertain the circumstances leading to this complaint. Mr. Blake interviewed Mr. Finn and ascertained that the two Fort Worth police officers who had located the telegram at Fort Worth, which had been sent by Attorney Ramsey to Memphis, later proceeded to Oklahoma City and conferred with you; that you were very brusque and indicated very plainly to them that you knew nothing about the part which they had played in ascertaining the location of the Kellys; that later they saw Mr. Charles F. Colcord, who offered the reward, and Mr. Kirkpatrick, and that these gentlemen told them they would rely upon the recommendations of yourself and Agent in Charge Jones in paying any reward.

I desire that you submit an explanation of the alleged contact with these police officers when they called upon you on arrival in Oklahoma City.

I, of course, do not want any of the employees of this Division to make any recommendations with reference to the payment of rewards. I am extremely desirous of remaining outside of any such controversy. I realize, of course, that the person who offered the reward will seek information from you with reference to the part played by each of the claimants, and, of course, I desire that such information be furnished, without, however, any recommendation whatsoever. I desire that you exercise the utmost care in dealing with this subject, and I believe that you should acquaint the Division with any such request before responding to it.

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SAC, Oklahoma City,  
10/13/33.

I regret that these police officers of Fort Worth, who I understand have in fact rendered very valuable service to the Division and have cooperated in every way from the beginning of the investigation, should have been offended by any employee of the Division, and I think that you should exercise the utmost caution in dealing with police officers and give them no occasion to feel that they have not been treated with proper respect and deference.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc-SAC Jones.

Mr. Nathan...✓  
 Mr. Tolson...  
 Mr. Clegg...  
 Mr. Edwards...  
 Mr. Egan...  
 Mr. Hughes...✓  
 Mr. Quinn...  
 Mr. Lester...  
 Mr. Locke...  
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October 13, 1933.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL,  
 Mr. Keenan.

I outlined to Mr. Keenan when he called from Atlantic City the plans to be followed in the transfer of George and Kathryn Kelly to their respective institutions of incarceration. Mr. Keenan stated he did not believe we needed to have our men guard the Shannons after we get the Kellys out of the way.

Mr. Keenan stated he probably would return to Washington tonight.

Mr. Keenan stated he wanted to talk with me about that South Michigan Boulevard address.

I read to Mr. Keenan the memorandum I had received from Mr. John W. Brabner Smith of his office, regarding the letter addressed to Mr. Keenan and signed "V.M.".



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

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

# STUPID POLICE WORK

The police frequently complain that they are hampered in their efforts to run down criminals because they do not get public co-operation because persons who have information as to crimes and as to where criminals are in hiding withhold the information.

One can understand the reluctance of many persons to co-operate with the police as one reads about the capture of George E. (Machine Gun) Kelly. For a Chicago tribune patch sets forth that a federal agent revealed the source of his information as to where Kelly was hiding out. This agent is represented to have given the name of his informant.

If he gave the name of this person, a woman, the federal agent did a stupidly cruel thing. For there are members of Kelly's murderous gang still at large, and they are likely to take her life as regular procedure in their campaign of terrorism. Practically, the woman has been put in the spot. Unless the police and Department of Justice agents take a reputation for holding the strictest confidence information of such character as she gave, they cannot hope for co-operation in running down criminals.



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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

FILE NO. 7-10-

REPORT MADE AT: Salt Lake City, Utah.	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-13-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-5-33	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] b7C
TITLE: GEORGE R. KELLY with aliases et al. CHARLES F. UNSCIEL - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation at Denver, Colorado, shows that persons resident at Denver, Colorado, who were reported in the press as being Mr. and Mrs. George Kelly, and Langhorn Ramsey, an attorney of Memphis, Tenn., and brother-in-law of George Kelly, were not in fact the Kellys and Ramsey.

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## REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent in Charge John A. Dowd, Salt Lake City Office, dated 9-15-33.

## DETAILS:

In the October 4th, 1933, issue of the Denver, Colorado, Post, a feature article by Jack Carberry, stated in substance that George and Katherine Kelly, and Langhorn Ramsey, the latter an attorney of Memphis, Tenn., and a brother-in-law of George Kelly, were resident at Denver, Colorado, under assumed names, between August 12th and September 7th, 1933. In this connection the article stated that Langhorn Ramsey lived at the Norwich Apartments, 1269 Logan Street, Denver, Colorado, and during that time he was visited by not only Kelly but by Vernon Miller.

## DETAILS:

Agent interviewed [REDACTED] of the Norwich Apartments, at 1269 Logan Street, and she advised that she rented an apartment to a [REDACTED] on 8-12-33; that the apartment was in the rear and number 25; that the [REDACTED] were accompanied by their alleged son, who was probably 17 or 18 years of age; that the [REDACTED] said they were from Texas and paid the first part of their rent with a fifty dollar bill. This apartment was rented in the afternoon and [REDACTED] said that the same evening [REDACTED] brought

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another man and woman to see her about rental of an apartment for them in the building, but because they had a small short haired dog with them she refused to rent them an apartment. [REDACTED] advised that shortly after renting the apartment to the [REDACTED] she left for Chicago and did not return until after they left on Oct. 6, 1933, but that she learned through [REDACTED] that another alleged son of the [REDACTED] came to their apartment the day they left which was immediately after [REDACTED] was arrested and released by the Police the same day. [REDACTED] described the man and woman and boy, who rented the apartment as [REDACTED] and their descriptions did not fit that of subject George Kelly or his wife. Agent showed [REDACTED] photographs of subjects Kelly, and she stated positively that there was no likeness between the photographs and the [REDACTED] furthermore she stated that the [REDACTED] boy did not resemble the photograph of Langhorn Ramsey (which photograph agent also secured from the Denver Post). Although [REDACTED] said that she did not see the [REDACTED] friend who wanted to rent an apartment many times, she was sure he did not resemble the photograph of Kelly, and he was described to agent as being a much larger man and having a large red nose.

Agent interviewed [REDACTED] of the Norwich apartments, and he furnished the same information concerning the renting of apartment 25 by the [REDACTED] and their young son, whom he stated had curly hair and was about 5ft. 6in. in height and of slender build. In addition he stated that the day the [REDACTED] left the Norwich Apartments, the younger son made a 'phone call from [REDACTED] apartment and on conclusion told him that his brother was arriving from California that day. [REDACTED] advised that after [REDACTED] left for Chicago, another man and his wife and a baby arrived in company with [REDACTED], and wanted an apartment, but was refused one on account of having the baby; that this man resembled a photograph of Vernon Miller, I.O. 1195, and was driving a green Chrysler car; that he came to visit [REDACTED] on three different mornings. Agent showed [REDACTED] photographs of the Kellys and he advised positively that neither the [REDACTED] or their friend who wished to rent an apartment resembled them. Agent then showed [REDACTED] a photograph of Langhorn Ramsey (attorney from Memphis, Tenn.) and he positively identified it as a photograph of the older [REDACTED] son, who was alleged to have arrived from California. [REDACTED] said that the [REDACTED] family packed and left within two hours after the arrival of the older son, whom he identified as Ramsey; he also said that the latter looked much the same as the younger [REDACTED] son, except the latter had curly hair. [REDACTED] stated the man he identified as Ramsey was about 5ft. 10in. tall, slender build, and medium brown hair. Just prior to the departure of the [REDACTED]

according to [redacted] Denver Police arrested [redacted] and after questioning him, released him, after which the whole [redacted] family departed. [redacted] said that another friend of the [redacted] who wanted to rent an apartment and was unable to do so because he had a dog (the same one mentioned by [redacted] came to pick up [redacted] every morning about 8 A.M. and because he was suspicious looking he, [redacted] took down his license number which was Texas 239-267, and was on a sand colored 1933 Chevrolet Sedan. Agent was also informed that [redacted] kept his Buick Car in the garage operated by [redacted] at the corner of 13th Avenue and Peal Street.

Agent talked with [redacted] and from his records learned that [redacted] stored a Buick Sedan in his garage which carried Texas license 41-129. [redacted] advised that the photographs of the Kellys in no way resembled the persons whom he saw with the Buick.

Agent interviewed [redacted] of the Kilbourne Apartments on East Colfax Avenue, and she advised that a [redacted] rented an apartment from her on 8-12-33 and departed on 9-6-33; that they had a small black and tan short haired dog with them; that [redacted] weighed about 200 pounds, was about 5ft. 10in. and of large build, was dark complected with dark eyes; that [redacted] was about 45 years of age and had a noticeable cut scar on one side of his face. [redacted] said that [redacted] appeared to be younger than her husband, and more refined. According to [redacted] the [redacted] stated that they came from Oklahoma and were quite friendly with the [redacted] family, who resided in the Norwich Apartments, having the latter over for dinner often. She also said that the [redacted] boy, who went by the name of [redacted] was around the [redacted] apartment, and met her daughter [redacted] and on one occasion drove [redacted] to an engagement and went past the Norwich apartments and pointed the building out as his residence. [redacted] said that [redacted] claimed to be 21 years of age, and was about 5ft. 7in., and had curly hair. [redacted] left on 9-6-33 but before they did, two Denver Detectives came to the apartment, according to [redacted] and searched it and then took [redacted] to the Police Station and kept him there for about two hours; that as soon as [redacted] was released he returned to the apartment and the [redacted] family left after paying for their rent with a fifty dollar bill. After the officers left the [redacted] apartment [redacted] advised that [redacted] brought a small satchel to her apartment and asked to hide it under the [redacted] bed, stating that the police might return and search her apartment and that she had some of her personal belongings in the bag which she did not desire to have the officers see; that the bag, which she, [redacted] lifted and found to be quite heavy, remained in her apartment

until the [redacted] were ready to depart at which time [redacted] came for the bag. Agent showed [redacted] a photograph of Mrs. Kelly and she said she was not able to state that it was a good likeness of [redacted], merely saying that the eyes, mouth and pose resembled [redacted]. [redacted] also believed that the photograph of Kelly was a likeness of [redacted] although she maintained that she believed that [redacted] was 45 years of age. She also recalled that he had a scar on one side of his face near his mouth. When agent showed [redacted] a photograph of Ramsey, she immediately identified it as a good likeness of [redacted] with the exception that [redacted] had curly hair. (However, since [redacted] of the Norwich said that the [redacted] boy, whom he identified as Ramsey, did not arrive until 9-6-33, and had straight hair, it is believed that [redacted] confused the older [redacted] boy with the younger one). The more [redacted] talked of [redacted] n, the less positive she became that he resembled the photo of Ramsey.

Agent talked with [redacted] and showed him a photograph of George Kelly, which he stated to be a good likeness of the [redacted] of the Kilbourne Apartments. [redacted] advised that he had cut [redacted] hair three times and had shaved him many times, and noticed that [redacted] had a cut scar about 3/4 inch long on the left side of his face, running diagonally from the corner of his mouth toward his ear. [redacted] said that [redacted] was about 190-200 lbs.; 5ft. 10in or 11in; dark complected. On being shown a photograph of Mrs. Kelly, [redacted] advised that it did not resemble the woman who accompanied [redacted]

[redacted] in the above mentioned [redacted] was shown photographs of the Kellys and he said that that of George Kelly resembled closely [redacted] Both [redacted] and [redacted] informed agent that [redacted] was not talkative.

Agent interviewed [redacted] of a grocery store at 801 East Colfax Avenue, and on being shown a photograph of George Kelly positively identified it as being a photograph of [redacted] he also identified a photograph of Katherine Kelly as being a good likeness of [redacted] advised that the [redacted] lived in the Kilbourne Apartments, which are in the same block as his store, and that he had seen [redacted] several times get into a sand colored Chevrolet Sedan in front of the Kilbourne Apartments. [redacted] advised that he had served in the U.S. Cavalry in Texas for 4 1/2 years, and had been stationed near Paradise, Texas, and that the [redacted] were in his store on one occasion, at which time the talk veered to Texas, and after he, [redacted] had stated that he served in the cavalry near Paradise, Texas, [redacted] informed him that her mother

lived near Paradise.

Agent interviewed [redacted] of a garage at 1544 Clarkson Street, and he advised that a man by the name of [redacted] who resided at the Kilbourne Apartments, brought a sand colored Chevrolet Sedan to his garage for three wash jobs, and a general overhauling and tightening; that [redacted] advised that he was from Dallas, Texas, and his car carried a Texas license, which was not noted by [redacted]. On being shown a photograph of Kelly, [redacted] identified it positively as being a likeness of [redacted] although he mentioned that [redacted] had a cut scar on the left side of his face.

[redacted] and mechanic in the garage at 1544 Clarkson Street, advised that he tuned the Chevrolet for [redacted] but although he was shown a photograph of Kelly merely said that it rather resembled [redacted] and that he was not in a position to be sure that [redacted] was Kelly from looking at the latter's photograph.

Agent conferred with Detective [redacted] of the Denver Police Department, and he advised that he and his partner, [redacted] arrested a [redacted] of the Kilbourne Apartments on 9-8-33; that the Carlson Frink Creamery was robbed that day and the description of the car used by the robbers fit that of the Chevrolet of [redacted] which was located in the rear of the Norwich apartments, at 1269 Logan Street; that [redacted] was found in the Chevrolet and arrested; that at the time of his arrest he was talking with parties in an apartment in the Norwich; that he, [redacted] went to this apartment and found that the persons were renting the apartment under the name of [redacted] that after talking to the [redacted] wanted to go past his apartment at the Kilbourne.

Officer [redacted] said that he and [redacted] drove to the Kilbourne and they went into the [redacted] apartment, with [redacted] and made a cursory search of his apartment; that because of the fact that the papers in the car carried the name of [redacted] it was determined to take [redacted] to the Police Headquarters to check out his right to possession of the car. Officer [redacted] stated that [redacted] told them that his name was [redacted] and that he was working for the Pullian Co., in Dallas, Texas, and that he had permission of that company to have the car, which [redacted] said was a sand colored Chevrolet Sedan, carrying Texas license 239-367; that he had had some family difficulties and was going under the name of [redacted] since he did not want to be known, indicating that the woman with him was not his wife. Officer [redacted] said that [redacted]

had a brown and black short haired dog in his apartment. Officer [redacted] advised that Captain of Detectives [redacted] also talked with [redacted] and then sent a wire to the Dallas Police and after an answer was received released subject. Officer [redacted] also said that [redacted] or [redacted] had a long cut scar on one side of his face running most of the length of his jaw; that inasmuch as a general search was being made for Kelly, he took [redacted] to the Bureau of Identification room and had Sgt. [redacted] take a test set of prints of [redacted] and compare them with copies of prints of Kelly, after which it was determined they were not identical. Furthermore [redacted] said that he compared [redacted] with a photograph of Kelly and that it could be seen that the two were not identical as to their facial features since [redacted] ears protruded from his head while Kellys did not.

Agent talked with Captain [redacted] and he showed agent copies of telegrams; one of which he had sent to the Dallas Police on 9-6-33, asking whether [redacted] worked for the Pullien Co., there and had access to Chevrolet Sedan Texas license #239-367, and one of which he received the same day from the Captain of Detectives at Dallas, Texas, advising that [redacted] had been granted possession of such car.

Sgt. [redacted] informed agent that Officers [redacted] and [redacted] brought [redacted] alias [redacted] to him, and he made a test set of fingerprints and compared them with those of subject Kelly, and found that they were not identical.

Agent also talked with [redacted] of the apartments at 1275 Pearl Street, Denver, Colorado, where Subject Bates' alleged wife resided with her son, and [redacted] advised that the photograph of Ramsey was not a likeness of the boy who was with Mrs. Bates. Agent also talked with [redacted] of the apartments at 1801 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado, and he advised that the photograph of Ramsey was not a likeness of the alleged son of the Bates when they resided at his place.

[redacted] reporter on the Denver Post, advised agent that he had secured the following information through his wire service on the cars of the [redacted] and the [redacted]

The [REDACTED] Buick Sedan carried Texas license #41-129  
which had been issued to [REDACTED]  
San Antonio, Texas.  
The [REDACTED] Chevrolet Sedan carried Texas license #2390267  
which had been issued to [REDACTED] Dallas,  
Texas, for Motor #1-528-312

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TELETYPE	FULL RATE
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NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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

# WESTERN UNION

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A. C. WELLS, VICE PRESIDENT

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

DALLAS TEXAS OCTOBER 12, 1933

R H COLVIN  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

RE CASSIE COLEMAN ETAL US ATTORNEY ADVISES UNNECESSARY RETURN RANSOM MONEY

McCOMB  
Acting

Off. Bus. Govt Rates,  
Charge Div. of Investigation

ELMs 11:05

cc-Division  
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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

900 Ezra Thompson Bldg.,  
Salt Lake City, Utah,  
October 14, 1933

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

Re: Albert L. Bates with aliases, et al  
Charles F. Urschel - Victim  
Kidnaping  
S.L. File 7-10

Dear Sir:

Please be kind enough to immediately forward me a  
Government Bill of Lading upon which I can ship to you the  
Thompson Sub-machine gun and 30-30 Remington rifle found  
among the personal effects of Albert L. Bates at Denver,  
Colo.

I have written the Kansas City Division Office  
asking that it inform me if an examination of the test  
bullets made at Kansas City, which were fired from these  
arms, indicates that the arms were used in the Kansas City  
massacre. If not, it is my intention to forward them to  
the Division to be used in the exhibit which the Division  
is preparing in relation to weapons used in important  
cases investigated by the Division.

Very truly yours,

*John A. Dowd*  
JOHN A. DOWD  
Special Agent in Charge

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OCT 20 1933

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

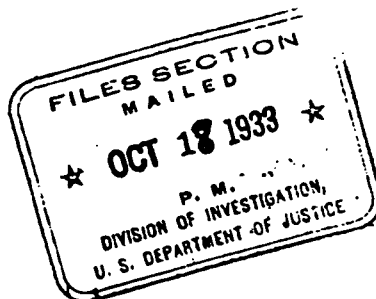
Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter dated October 14, 1933, there is enclosed herewith Government Bill of Lading No. J-51746 which is for your use in shipping the Thompson Submachine Gun and Remington Rifle found among the effects of Albert L. Bates.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. 678066



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

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## U. S. Prosecutor of Kelly Receives Death Threats

Joseph E. Keenan, special United States attorney who pressed the trials of the Urschel kidnapers, is in New York today with threats of death hanging over him.

Keenan, it was learned, received two threats by telephone and one by mail while in Atlantic City. Two detectives guarded him there and while en route to New York two Department of Justice agents boarded his train.

Keenan came to Atlantic City to address the sixty-third annual congress of the American Prison Association. He arrived Thursday afternoon and went to the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall Hotel. Soon after he arrived, according to the version of the incident told in Atlantic City, he received a long-distance telephone call. The speaker is quoted as saying to Keenan:

"This is a pal of Kelly's. You are going to get yours, too."

### GETS THREAT AGAIN

Keenan, however, made his address before the congress and minced no words in stating his opinion of the Urschel kidnapers and any others of their ilk. Returning to his hotel at about 11

o'clock, he received another long-distance call and the speaker informed him as follows:

"If we don't hear from you leave Atlantic City, we'll be on hand in Washington. Good luck."

The next morning Keenan received a letter. The contents of which were not divulged, and he telephoned Atlantic City police Detectives James Farley and Thomas Bailey were assigned to guard him and followed him every where he went.

Friday afternoon he boarded a train for New York. Only persons known to him were permitted to ride in the Pullman he occupied and at Trenton the Government men boarded the train. Keenan it was said, was not heeded when you saying:

"We have a way of handling these things."

### THE WEATHER

Fair. Slight rise in temperature tonight and tomorrow. Sun rose 6:42 a. m. and set 5:18 p. m. High 64. Low 50. Wind light and variable.

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**DEVELOPMENTS IN KIDNAPING AND EXTORTION CASES**

**Charles F. Hirschel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - Kidnaping**

On October 7, 1933 Harvey J. Bailey, Albert L. Bates, R. G. Shannon and his wife, Ora Shannon, were sentenced at Oklahoma City to life imprisonment. Arson Shannon was sentenced to serve ten years—suspended, Clifford Kelly and Edward Barney Barnes were sentenced to serve five years each. Thomas L. Manion was sentenced at Dallas, Texas to serve two years and to pay a fine of \$10,000. Grover C. Devill was sentenced to serve 14 months. These latter two individuals were convicted on charges of assisting Bailey to escape from the Dallas County Jail. George E. and Kathryn Thorne Kelly went to trial at Oklahoma City on October 9, 1933. They were convicted and sentenced on October 12, 1933, to serve life imprisonment. James C. Tichauer, R. E. Travis and Langford Ramsey have been indicted at Memphis, Tennessee on charges of harboring a fugitive (Kelly) and conspiracy, and Will Casey and Cass Coleman have been indicted at Dallas, Texas on the same charges.

**[REDACTED] New York City - Extortion**

On October 10, 1933 James Madley was sentenced to serve ten years' imprisonment and Nicolina Bufalca was sentenced to serve five years.

**[REDACTED] Baring, Missouri - Extortion**

On September 13, 1933 [REDACTED] a well-to-do farmer residing near Baring, Missouri, received through the mails a letter demanding the payment of \$500 under a threat of bodily harm. As a result of investigation conducted by the Division, Charles Dallas Carter, of Memphis, Missouri, was taken into custody. He admitted writing the extortion note and was indicted at St. Louis, Missouri on October 2, 1933.

**[REDACTED] Hiles, California - Extortion**

On July 15, 1933 [REDACTED] a contractor of Hiles, California, received an anonymous communication through the mails demanding the payment of \$500 under threat of kidnapping his son, 12 years of age. On August 1, 1933 Clarence Rose was arrested as he called for the money, which had been deposited as instructed, and admitted writing the extortion letter. Rose was indicted in the State Courts and on September 15th was sentenced to serve from one to ten years in the San Quentin Penitentiary.

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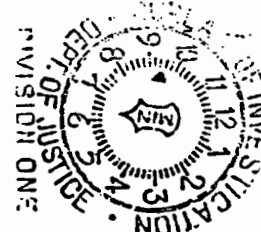
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801 Title Guaranty Bldg.  
Saint Louis, Missouri  
October 14, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated Birmingham, Alabama, October 8, 1933, in the case entitled GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al, Charles F. Urschel, Victim, Kidnaping.

The records of the Secretary of State's office for the State of Illinois reflect that 1933 Illinois license plates [redacted] were issued to one [redacted] Blue Island, Illinois, for Nash, motor No. B81345, serial No. B43698.

It is requested that the Chicago Office conduct appropriate investigation relative to the identity of [redacted] and as to the manner in which the license plates issued to this individual came into the possession of the occupants of the Cadillac 5-passenger coupe, as noted on page sixteen of the report of reference.

There being no further investigation in the St. Louis District in connection with this matter, this case is being considered Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin, by this office.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

DML  
cc Division ✓  
cc Oklahoma City  
cc Birmingham  
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224 Federal Bldg.  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

October 12, 1933

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

Re: Cassie Earl Coleman, et al  
Harboring Fugitives.

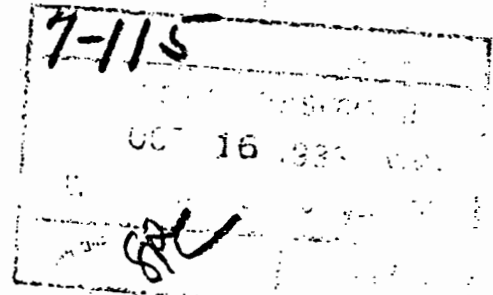
Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained  
in your letter dated October 6, 1933 there is transmitted  
herewith the note addressed to L. W. Arnold, mailed at  
Santa Anna, Texas September 14, 1933, which letter is re-  
ported to have been written by Cass Coleman.

Very truly yours,

Inc.  
cc: Division ✓

C. G. Schenken, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.



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REQUESTING KANSAS CITY OFFICE ADVISE IF HAVE ANY CONNECTION  
VERNE MILLER CASE STOP IF NOT WILL FORWARD DIVISION

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

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Unit One

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Telephone Your Telegrams to Postal Telegraph



FEDERAL BUILDING  
Kansas City, Missouri  
October 14, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al  
CHARLES F. URSCHKE - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING  
K.C. File 7-8

Reference is made to letter directed to your office by the New Orleans office, under date of October 6, 1933, as well as letter directed to the Kansas City office from New Orleans, under date of October 9, 1933, wherein mention is made of a certain .45 caliber automatic pistol.

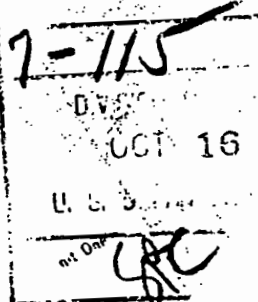
It is respectfully requested that this gun be forwarded, at the earliest possible date, to the Kansas City office in order that appropriate test bullets may be fired therefrom by [REDACTED] Forensic Ballistician and be compared with bullets which were fired in the Union Station massacre here on June 17, 1933.

Very truly yours,

All b7C

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

[REDACTED]  
cc - Division ✓



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201 Liberty National Life Bldg.,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
October 13, 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:

It is requested that Geraldine Arnold and Cass Coleman be immediately interviewed for all possible information concerning the activities and connection of Langford Ramsey in this case.

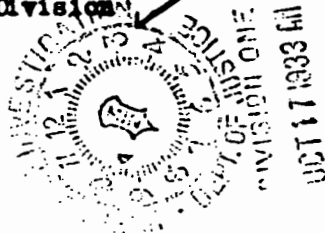
This matter should be given immediate attention in view of the fact that the United States Attorney at Memphis, Tennessee has indicated that he desires to bring the case against Ramsey to trial in approximately ten days.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Via AIRMAIL

CC: Division



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October 16, 1933

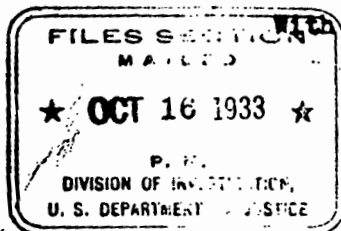
[REDACTED]  
The Evening Journal,  
Dallas, Texas.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Mr. Blake, my Agent in Charge at Dallas, has advised me of the excellent cooperation which you afforded to him and to this Division through your maintaining as confidential certain information which had been received by you concerning not only the raid on the Shannon farm, when Harvey J. Bailey and others were taken into custody in connection with the Urschel kidnaping, but also with reference to other important developments in that investigation.

It is most gratifying to me to learn of this action on the part of your paper, and I appreciate it the more because of the ever present possibility, which we all know exists, of some rival paper releasing such information. I wanted you to know of my deep appreciation of this kind action on your part and on the part of your paper, as I value the assistance of the press and consider that it is one of the greatest potential aids to law enforcement.



With expressions of my kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT OF

JUSTICE WASHDC=

FRANK SMITH TRUE NAME LOUIS AUSTIN ALIAS HART AUSTIN IN  
CUSTODY POLICE CHARLOTTE NC ORIGINALLY CAME FROM OKLAHOMA  
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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

September 30, 1933.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called the Charlotte office with reference to the telegram from [redacted] of the Memphis Police Department, advising that Frank Smith, who was taken into custody at Charlotte in possession of certain arms, was formerly an associate of "Machine Gun" Kelly. Brantley stated he had received the record of Smith from the Division and has talked to Smith on a number of occasions. Of course, there is nothing in the record to indicate that he was formerly an associate of Kelly; that he has been unable to get anything out of Smith, who is a hardened criminal. I then talked to Agent in Charge Keith who stated that Smith, alias Austin, was formerly in the drug business at Memphis and that Kelly was a small town bootlegger for him and that the Memphis police have no information to the effect that there has been any recent association between these two. Mr. Keith, however, stated that he would contact [redacted] and if any further information was obtained he would telephone immediately to Brantley at Charlotte. The record of Smith, together with the record of [redacted] is attached hereto.

Respectfully,

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

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## Division of Investigation

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, D.C.

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Division of Investigation concerning our number **10860**

J. E. HOOVER, Director.

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
PD, Tulsa, Okla.	Art Austin, #3	10-25-11	investigation	held 48 hours and discharged to leave town.
SP, Huntsville, Texas.	Herman F. Smith, #34289	2-5-13	burglary	2 years, *Escaped 6-10-13 notified.
*	L. H. Austin, San Antonio, Texas, 7-23-13, escape, Penitentiary; returned.			Texas
PD, New Orleans, La.	George Neal, #1822	1-13-14	dangerous and suspicious	1-15-14, fined \$20 or 9 days and 20 days Parish Prison.
PD, Tulsa, Okla.	Lewis H. Austin, #1095	4-9-19	investigation	
PD, Memphis, Tenn.	Frank Smith, #3694	8-26-20	suspicion - bank robbery	
SP, Little Rock, Ark.	Louis Austin, #20342	4-17-23	selling liquor	1 year - escape 7-9-23 - wanted notified 9-28-
PD, New Orleans, La.	Louis Austin, #7551	3-13-25	fugitive from justice from Sandy, Utah, Guelph, Canada, and Memphis, Tenn., carrying concealed weapon (loaded revolver)	

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSI
PD, Miami, Fla.	Louis Austin, #1827	9-17-27	investigation - fugitive (holding)	
PD, New Orleans, La.	Robert Spears, #12506	2-5-29	assault and robbery	
SO, Bay St. Louis, Miss.	Louis Austin, #---	7-11-29	burglary	
SP, Parchman, Miss.	Louis Austin, #4863	6-12-30	robbery	10 years.
PD, Jackson, Miss.	Lewis Fields, #1588	2-1-32	P. L. of purse	
PD, Baton Rouge, La.	Louis Austin, #661	3-26-32	highway robbery	
PD, Fort Worth, Texas.	Herman Franklin Smith, #6168	6-10-32	burglary (business house)	rel. to C
SO, Baton Rouge, La.	Louis Hard Austin, #19	7-5-32	highway robbery	
PD, Joplin, Mo.	Louis H. Austin, #4236	2-22-33	investigation	released
SO, Van Buren, Ark.	Lewis Austin, #---	6-26-33	investigation	
PD, Charlotte, N. C. (CC - Division Office, Charlotte, N.C.) (CC - Division)	Louis Herman, #A-1863	9-28-33	investigation	

AIR MAIL  
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C. TRIBUTOR OF FL. GERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	Suspected of being implicated in several bank robberies, (as appearing on print #3).			
	Arrested Jan. 26, 1918, Houston, Texas, charge assault to murder - accomplice to robbery by firearms.			
	Louis Herman, El Dorado, Ark., 1924, liquor; 4 months Jail.			
	Frank Smith, WANTED, Nashville, Tenn., 8-19-26, charge bank robbery; notified 6-29-33.			
	Louis Herman, Oklahoma City, Okla., 1928, investigation; released.			
	WANTED, hold and notify P. D., Memphis, Tenn.; notified 9-11-30.			

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Mr. Hughes	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Lester	_____
Mr. Locke	_____

October 13, 1933.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL - MR. SCHENKEN  
Oklahoma City

Mr. Schenken stated they left with Kelly at 12:30 p.m. and that everything was okay. He stated they are due in Kansas City at 10:15, and expect to reach Leavenworth before 11:00.



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*[Handwritten signature/initials]*

October 17, 1933.

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MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED]  
GENERAL AGENT AND CHIEF CLERK.

Attention: [REDACTED]

Referring to conversation with Mr. Hughes, of this Division, yesterday, it is desired that telegraphic authorization be sent to the United States Marshal at Oklahoma City for a special locomotive used to haul the train upon which George R. Kelly was conveyed from Oklahoma City to Kansas City and from Kansas City to the Leavenworth Penitentiary. The cost of this was \$120.00, consisting of \$100.00 for the haul from Kansas City to Leavenworth and \$20.00 switching charge from Leavenworth Station into the penitentiary.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

SPC: **b7C** U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

October 9, 1933.

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Hughes	✓
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Lester	
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
OCT 17 1933 P.M.
NATHAN
Unit One
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Information contained in the Division's files indicates that Kathryn Thorne Kelly was born at Slatillo, Mississippi, March 18, 1904, the daughter of James Emory Brooks and Mrs. Ora L. Shannon. After twenty-four years of married life Mrs. Shannon was divorced from Brooks and later married H. G. Shannon, a Texas rancher. Kathryn attended grammar school until she reached the eighth grade. At the age of 15 she married Lonnie Fry at Asher, Oklahoma. This union, however, did not last long, and they were soon divorced, and Kathryn then married Charlie Thorne at Coleman, Texas. Thorne was a stock raiser, and the marriage lasted until Thorne committed suicide, leaving a note "I cannot live with her or without her". After several years, about three years ago, she married George R. Kelly, and since that time seems to have been working in full cooperation with him in his illegal activities, enjoying many luxuries, such as large automobiles, expensive jewelry, and a nice home which she maintained at Fort Worth, Texas. Kathryn Thorne was first arrested at Fort Worth, Texas, as Dolores Whitney, November 20, 1929, charge shoplifting, and the case was later dismissed.

On July 22, 1933, Mr. Charles F. Urschel was kidnaped from his residence at Oklahoma City and held by the kidnapers until August 1, 1933. The Division of Investigation immediately began an intensive and exhaustive investigation to determine where Mr. Urschel had been held in captivity and the identity of the kidnapers, as a result of which it was determined that Mr. Urschel had been kidnaped by one George R. Kelly and Albert L. Bates and taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon near Paradise, Texas. The Shannons, together with others, were arrested and convicted at Oklahoma City on this charge. Kathryn Thorne Kelly and her husband, George R. Kelly, were successful in evading arrest until September 26, when they were arrested at Memphis, Tennessee by Agents of the Division. Subsequent investigation has developed that Kathryn, though denied by her, cooperated fully with her husband in the kidnaping of Urschel, offering every assistance, and since the time Kelly's identity was determined Kathryn has traveled throughout the United States with Kelly and has protected him on all occasions, using many methods of disguise such as taking with them a small child to mislead suspicious persons. Kathryn had also dyed her hair, as had her husband. Kathryn and other defendants in this case were

indicted at Oklahoma City on August 23, 1933 for the kidnaping of Mr. Urschel. Other defendants have been tried and convicted. the Kellys, however, were not tried with the others due to their being successful in evading arresting officers. Their trial is set at Oklahoma City for October 9, 1933.

Respectfully,

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

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

FILE NO. 7-10

REPORT MADE AT: Salt Lake City, Utah.	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-15-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-5-33.	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE R. KELLY with aliases et al. CHARLES F. WERSCHEL - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Inquiry at 432 West 4th St., Reno, Nevada, did not result in receiving information helpful in fixing the location of Ted Bentz or Ed Bentz.

R.U.C.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, 9-21-33.

DETAILS: AT RENO, NEVADA.

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Detective [REDACTED] Reno, Nevada, Police Department, informed agent that the premises at 432 West 4th Street, Reno, Nevada, was an apartment house, managed by [REDACTED] a reliable person; that on November 4th, 1932, [REDACTED] Reno, Nevada Police No. [REDACTED] was arrested by the Reno Police, and turned over to the Sheriff at Port Orchard, Washington, on a charge of participating in the hold up of the First State Bank Bremerton, Washington, which occurred on 7-29-32; that [REDACTED] claimed Ted Bentz was [REDACTED] and Ted Bentz was at that time residing at 432 West 4th Street, Reno, Nevada, whereupon the police made a search of the apartment of Ted Bentz and his effects. [REDACTED] Frandsen Apartments, 432 West 4th Street, Reno, Nevada, informed agent that Ted Bentz and wife rented an apartment from her on 8-11-32, and departed from the apartment on 12-11-32, and that she is holding the trunk of Ted Bentz; that the trunk was packed by her, assisted by the local police, and contains only wearing apparel of Ted Bentz and wife.

Agent exhibited a photograph of Ted Bentz to [REDACTED] and she readily recognized it, and stated that he appeared to be engaged in

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>John A. Dowd</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-822	RECORDED AND INDEXED: OCT 18 1933
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 2 - Division. 2 - Oklahoma City. 1 - Chicago. 1 - St. Paul. 2 - Salt Lake.		BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OCT 17 1933 AM DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ROUTED TO: [REDACTED] FILE	CHECKED OFF: OCT 19 1933 JACKETED:

selling novelties and dealing in advertising matter. [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] informed that Ted Bentz is still owing her \$68.00  
in rent, and she is holding his trunk pending payment of same.  
She stated she had no information concerning his whereabouts.

In view of the apprehension of subject George  
Kelly, and since the location of Bentz brothers was for the  
purpose of effecting the location of Kelly, no further investigation  
will be made through this office.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 16, 1933

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked with Mr. McGrath this morning with reference to the transportation of Kathryn Kelly to the Cincinnati Workhouse, and a telegram was immediately prepared by Mr. McGrath, for Mr. Stanley's signature, reading in substance as follows:

Please transport Kathryn Kelly place confinement tonight. Oklahoma Office, Division Investigation will perfect arrangements and two Special Agents will accompany you. Stop. Desire you be governed by their judgment.

Respectfully,

V. F. Hughes.

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326½ Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.  
October 16, 1933.

[REDACTED] b7C  
District Manager,  
United States Civil Service Commission,  
Customhouse, 423 Canal Street,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Re: THOMAS L. MANION; et al;  
Obstruction of Justice.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 11, 1933, transmitting a copy of the report of investigation and personal interview with Thomas L. Manion, of Dallas, Texas, former applicant for the position of Deputy Prohibition Administrator and Senior Prohibition Investigator, which was prepared by [REDACTED] b7C  
Field Civil Service Examiner.

In compliance with your request, the above mentioned report is enclosed herewith, and I desire to thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Division

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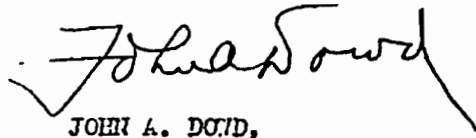
Agent Zimmer also secured a plain white card written at Denver, and reading "How are you Bill". This card was signed "Herman"; a Lithograph contract of the "Greater Sheesley Shows", a newspaper photograph of Zack Miller of the 101 Ranch fame, containing a news item indicating that he was freed by the Governor of Oklahoma, W.H. Murray, for failure to pay alimony, and a Western Union Telegram envelope, upon the reverse side of which appears some mathematical computations in pencil. I am forwarding these telegrams and miscellaneous papers

to the Division for any value they may have. The Borsalino hat is being retained at this office.

Agent Zimmer also secured State of Illinois 1933 license plates No. 787-918. Previous investigation shows these plates were issued to Mrs. G.L. Davis, of 5518 Blackstone Ave., Chicago, Illinois, for a Buick Victoria Coupe.

It was my intention to forward the arms above referred to, to the Kansas City Division office, but since I was today advised by that office that an examination of the bullets fired from those arms showed they were not used in the Kansas City massacre, I instructed Agent Zimmer not to forward them to Kansas City. My later intention was to forward these to the Division for its use in preparing the exhibit of weapons seized by the Division's representatives in important cases in which its representatives interested themselves, but since it appears that the arms were surrendered to Agent Zimmer, only after the Assistant U.S. Attorney at that city signed an agreement to return the arms to the American Express Company representative at Denver, on or before January 10th, 1934, it seems that these arms cannot now be forwarded to the Division for exhibit purposes. I telegraphed you today to instruct me what disposition to make of them.

Very truly yours,

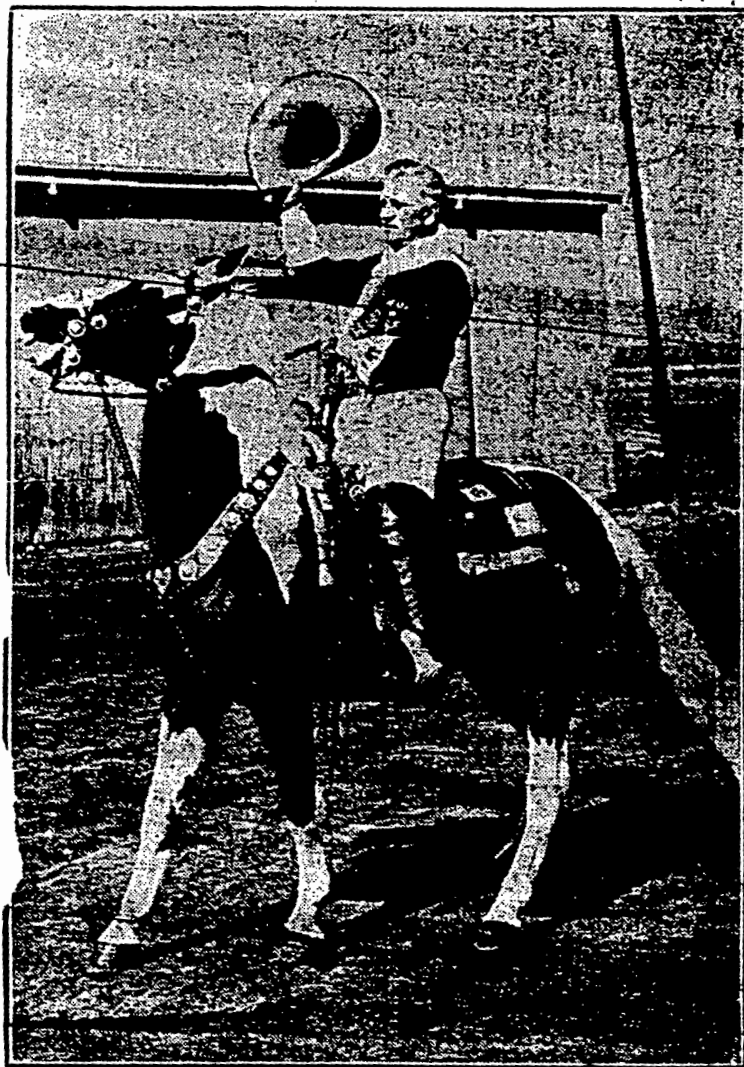


JOHN A. DOWD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JAD:J  
cc - Oklahoma City.

ENCLOSURE

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an boys and girls appeared at show. day.



[Acme Photo.]

### GOVERNOR FREES ZACK MILLER FROM JAIL.

Zack Miller of 101 Ranch fame, who was jailed at Newkirk, Okla., for failure to pay alimony. He was freed by Gov. W. H. Murray.

# WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

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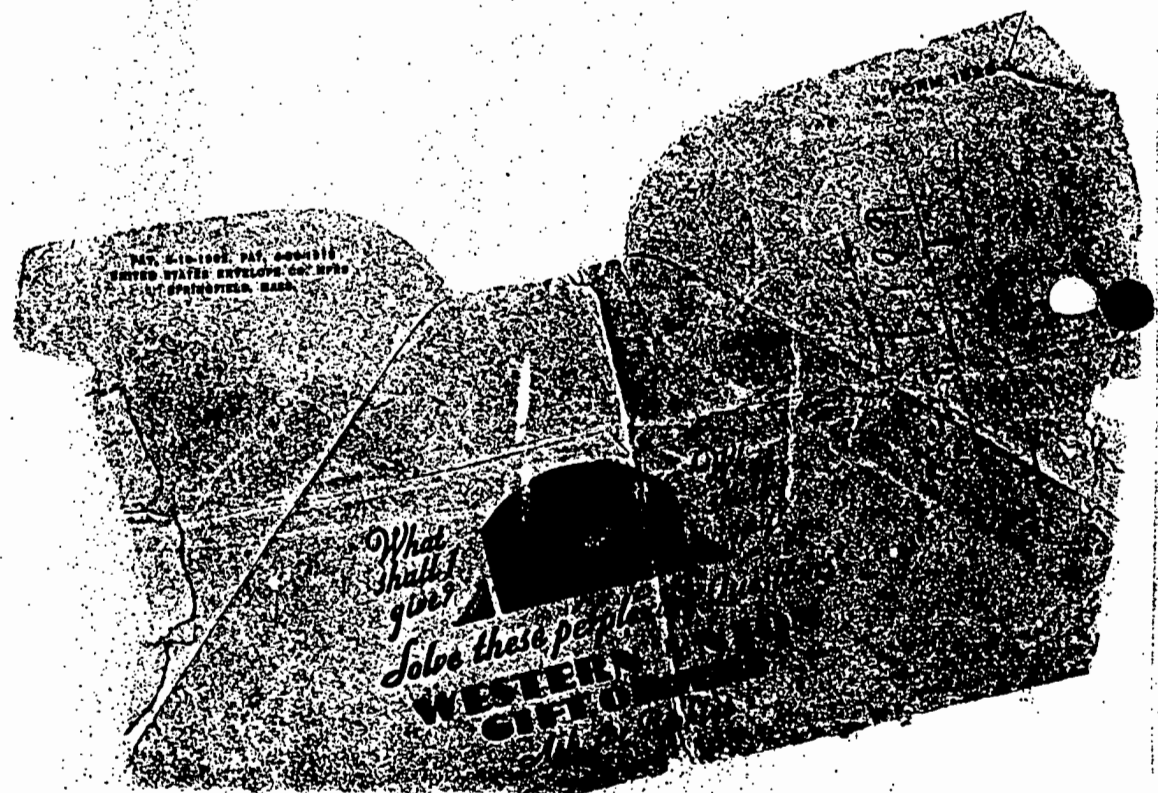


### LITHOGRAPH CONTRACT

I, the undersigned, have this day granted privilege to the above-named Shows to display in my Store Windows... with the lithographs advertising the said Shows, which I agree to leave hanging and undisturbed until SATURDAY of the show week of the above Shows in this city. And in consideration of said privilege the Contract will become a complimentary Ticket and will entitle the bearer to any performance of any show of THE GREAT SHEEPLE SHOWS that took place after Wednesday night. It is agreed that when this Contract becomes a ticket it shall be considered full payment for the use of the above advertising privilege.

Owner or Agent.....No. and Street.....

W. C. FLEMING, General Agent.....Adv. Agent.....



Denver

How are you

Bill

Herman

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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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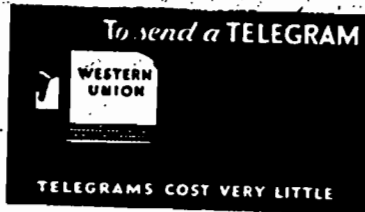
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GEORGE..



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WILLIAM CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILKES, VICE PRESIDENT

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WHDL

October 12, 1933

The Tulsa Tribune,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

All b7C

Dear

I have read with keen interest an editorial in a recent issue of your paper, entitled "It Can be Done", and I wish to take this opportunity of congratulating you upon this editorial and of thanking you for your references to our Agents in the solution of the Urschel kidnaping case.

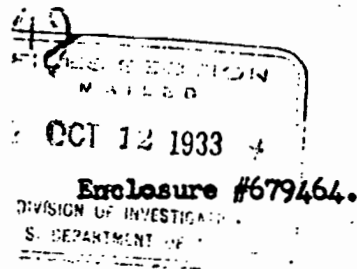
Your statements concerning the lack of "master minds" among the average run of criminals, as well as that part of your editorial which calls attention to the necessity of the members of the judiciary recognizing their responsibility in such cases, were especially gratifying to me.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing the following articles concerning the work of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, which I trust may prove of interest to you:

Training of Personnel, Division of Investigation.  
The Division of Investigation.  
Installation of a Single Fingerprint File.  
International Exchange of Fingerprints.  
The Identification Unit of the Division of Investigation.

With best wishes for the continued success of your paper,  
I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,



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Tulsa Tribune,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma  
October, 1933.

*Responsibility prevents Crime.—Burke.*

**IT CAN BE DONE**

ALL honor to the federal officers who closed in on and captured "Machine Gun" Kelly, his two companions and his wife. All honor to the soldier-like Memphis city police who assisted in surrounding the house and who, without flinching, went up to the door of that hide-out and took their prisoner. It can be done. The United States government has shown every city police force and every state marshal that the criminal can be brought to court. And when it is done the public should applaud the efficient service of the men who risk their lives that our lives may be spared from the lawless attacks of the killer.

Capture of Kelly and his wife gives the United States Department of Justice a record of 100 per cent on arrests in the Urschel kidnaping case, so far as is now known of the identity of participants in the crime. With Bates, Bailey and the Kellys, the government has the ringleaders in custody. It has them wrapped up in evidence so airtight that every hoodlum in the country must quake in his boots as he wonders whether there is anything in his record that might put the federal operatives on his trail.

The U. S. agents are laying the foundations of a fine tradition in this case. The criminal element has needed nothing so much as to be taught respect for law enforcement agencies. It has had too much experience with corrupt officers who could be bought off the trail, or pushed off by political pressure. It has been able to snap its fingers at the puny efforts of well-meaning but untrained officers who have no qualifications for police work. It has been too successful with habeas corpus, continuances, delays, appeals and other devices used by criminal lawyers in getting their clients out of jail or keeping them out of the penitentiary. And as far as detective work is concerned, the "master minds" of organized crime in this country have come to feel in recent years that the only way the average detective on the average police force or sheriff's force can detect a crime is to be there when it happens.

Such "master minds" as Kelly and Bailey are no such thing. Any bright ten-year-old boy could best them in an intelligence test. Take away their machine guns and fast-moving automobiles, and they are slow-moving morons who couldn't plot a crime that would stump any first-class worker of jig-saw puzzles. They depend wholly upon the fix, the get-away and the hide-away.

One law enforcement organization that cannot be fixed, and whose members are allowed to follow the fleeing "master mind" across state lines, can do more to break up organized crime than a 100 per cent increase in the size of the police force of every American municipality. Scotland Yard is England's greatest crime deterrent. Although unemployment brought a big increase in petty crime, England has suffered comparatively little from major crime. In England, petty criminals of the type who, like Kelly, the former Tulsa bootlegger, graduate into major crime in this country, do not have the courage to attempt any job big enough to put

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Scotland Yard on their trail. Kidnaping and other crimes of violence in the United States will fall off rapidly if the Department of Justice agents keep up their Scotland Yard efficiency in detective work and continue to build up their reputation for, like the Mounties of Canada, always getting their man.

The work of such an organization, however, can be undone by courts that so forget their duty to society as to make it possible for a known criminal to gain his liberty after he is in custody. The judge at Memphis who fixed Kelly's bond at \$100,000 should be taught that it is as much his duty to help keep Kelly in jail as it was the duty of Department of Justice agents to arrest him. Bail for such a criminal as Kelly is nothing less than a license for continuation of his criminal career. He could not possibly raise \$100,000 except through crime. Our courts and our magistrates must not be allowed to make it possible for criminals to buy their freedom with the proceeds of crime. The theory that no criminal may be held in jail, however black his criminal record, is as vicious as corruption in law enforcement. It is one of the things that must be destroyed before the criminal element can be taught to fear and respect the forces of law and order.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

October 17, 1933.

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

HN: *b7c*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

A representative of the Associated Press called up rather late last night and stated he had received a report that Kathryn Kelly was being taken to the Workhouse at Cincinnati. I told him I had heard absolutely nothing about any such matter. He wanted to know who he might call up. I said I did not know, but possibly Mr. Bates would know. He wanted to know Mr. Bates' first name, but I could not recall it.

Very truly yours,

*H. Nathan*  
H. Nathan.



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October 12, 1933.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
411 United States Court House Building,  
Portland, Oregon.

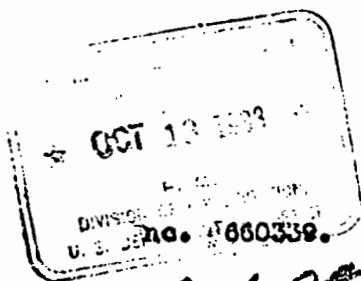
Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of the laboratory report and photographs of a threatening letter mailed to Mr. Keenan, postmarked Seattle, Washington, September 30th, in the case of George R. Kelly, et al, Kidnaping.

Please institute an investigation to ascertain whether this paper is generally sold in Seattle and follow any other leads which will help to indicate who mailed the letter.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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U. S. Department of Justice  
**Bureau of Investigation**  
SUITE L - FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
OCTOBER 16, 1933.

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

*W. H. Byrd*  
7-115-829

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

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith copy of letter received from [redacted] of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, Kansas City, Missouri, dated October 14, 1933, and my reply of even date, regarding the operation of a special train from Kansas City to Leavenworth, Kansas, on the night of October 13, 1933.

Very truly yours,

*E. E. Conroy*  
E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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SUITE L - FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
October 16, 1933.

[REDACTED]  
Missouri Pacific Railroad Company  
Kansas City, Missouri

Attn: [REDACTED]

All b7C

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated October 14, 1933, your file 9-P, regarding the operation of a special train from Kansas City to Leavenworth, Kansas, October 13, 1933, for prisoners and guards leaving Kansas City approximately 10:35 P.M.

Confirming my personal conversations and telephone conversations with [REDACTED] please be advised that I requested [REDACTED] to arrange for the operation of the train in question after I had received telegraphic advice from the Director of this Division at Washington, D.C., to the effect that the Department of Justice had authorized the expense of a special train from Kansas City, Missouri, to Leavenworth, Kansas, and a switching charge from Leavenworth to the United States Penitentiary. The Department at Washington, D.C., prior thereto, had been informed the special service would cost \$100.00, plus \$20.00 switch charges, or a total amount of \$120.00.

The person who will make payment for the above service on behalf of the Government is United States Marshal [REDACTED] Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. On the night the train was operated he was handed the telegram mentioned above which I received from Washington, D.C. This was at the same time that Mr. Harold Nathan, Assistant Director, Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, signed the receipt which you hold.

In the event there is any appreciable delay in the payment of the charges mentioned above, it will be appreciated if you would notify this office in order that I may take steps to have the matter expedited.

Kindly allow me to take this opportunity to thank you and the Missouri Pacific Railroad in general for the courtesies extended to us in the train movement mentioned above.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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(Copy)

Letterhead of Missouri Pacific Railroad Company

Kansas City, Mo.

October 14, 1933.

File 9-P

Mr. Edward E. Conroy,  
Agent in Charge,  
Department of Justice,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Conroy:

In line with phone conversation, we operated special train from Kansas City to Leavenworth, Kans., October 13th for Prisoners and Guards, leaving Kansas City approximately 10:35 P.M.

Cost for operation of this special service is \$100.00, plus \$20.00 switching charge from Leavenworth to the Federal Prison, total \$120.00.

We hold receipt of Mr. H. Nathan, U. S. Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C., for above amount, and will appreciate if you will arrange to have proper Government authority or order issued to cover this charge.

I am sending you duplicate copy of this letter in order that you may forward to Mr. Nathan, in event you desire to do so.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours truly,

[Redacted signature]

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*[Handwritten signature]*

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Huger  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Lock

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GEORGE KELLY<sup>0</sup> BARNES WA ETAL KIDNAPPING TRIAL RAMSEY SET FOR  
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RORER.

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*Lester V. Barnes*  
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October 17, 1933

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

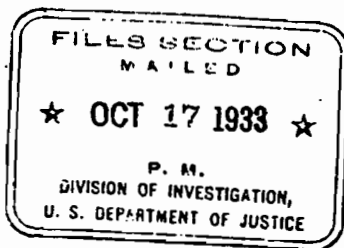
Dear Sir:

In reply to your telegram of October 17, 1933  
in the case entitled GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al,  
KIDNAPING, there is inclosed herewith the telegram requested.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Inclosure 676924



VWA by SPC

JEN/

October 10, 1933.

MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL.

Mr. Rorer advised late this afternoon that the Government would finish its case against the Kellys some time tomorrow morning. Mr. Rorer stated he thought he would be free to leave Oklahoma City tomorrow morning, after his cross-examination.

I instructed Mr. Rorer to go directly to Memphis from Oklahoma City with regard to the veterans' cases about which he had talked with Mr. Hughes earlier in the day. I stated I thought he should personally see Judge Anderson and explain to him the position of the Division, pointing out that we did not select the names of the persons to be transferred from the Veterans Administration, and that all of these Examiners, including [REDACTED] have to be released from this service, which was known to the Veterans Administration at the time it selected the personnel for temporary service in this Division. I requested that Mr. Rorer call me from Memphis and let me know Judge Anderson's reaction.

Mr. Rorer stated that before he left Birmingham he instructed Agent [REDACTED] to confer with the United States Attorney and Judge Anderson and explain this same situation to them.

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DIRECTOR DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION:

=US DEPT OF JUSTICE:

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COLEMAN PLEAD GUILTY, CASEY NOT GUILTY, COLEMAN TESTIFIED AS  
GOVERNMENT WITNESS CASE MAY GO TO JURY TODAY=

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

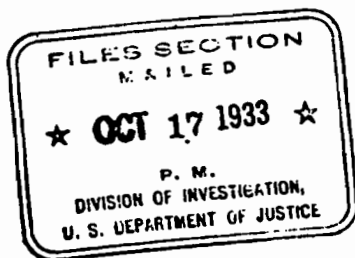
I have just received information concerning the progress of further prosecutions collateral to the Urschel kidnaping, which I thought would be of interest to you.

Cass Coleman and Will Casey, indicted for harboring a fugitive, namely George R. Kelly, were arraigned at San Angelo, Texas. Coleman pleaded guilty and Casey not guilty. Coleman testified as a Government witness. The case is expected to go to the Jury tonight.

Cass Coleman is an Uncle of Kathryn Kelly, sentenced to life imprisonment with her husband, George R. Kelly, in the Urschel kidnaping case. It was on Cass Coleman's ranch that Agents of this Division succeeded in locating \$73,290.00 of the Urschel ransom money which had been cached by George Kelly and Coleman. Investigation disclosed that Coleman, with Will Casey, protected and assisted the Kellys during their period of flight.

Respectfully,

Director.



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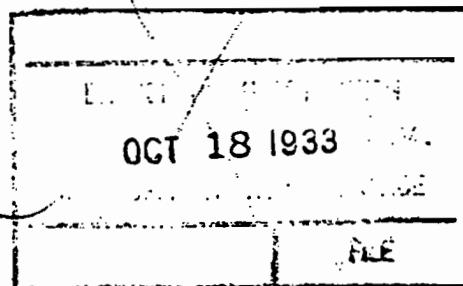
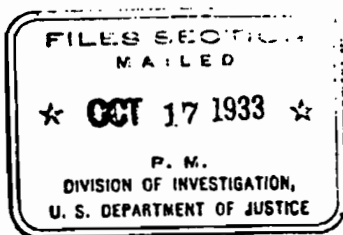
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. GATES, SPECIAL ASSISTANT  
TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a memorandum which I directed to the Attorney General today, relative to further prosecutions collateral to the Urschel kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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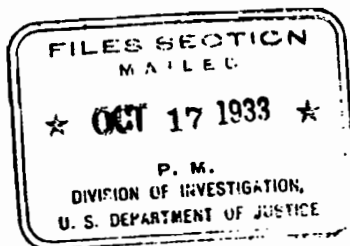
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KEENAN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO  
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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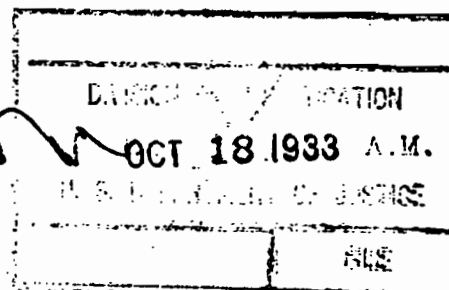
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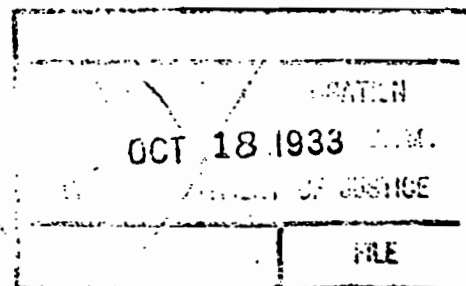
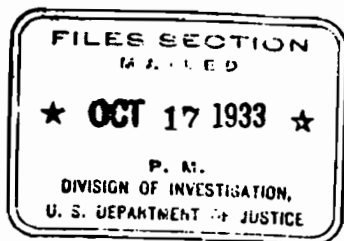
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. STANLEY, THE ASSISTANT TO  
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

October 17, 1933.

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Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Locke	✓

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith editorial, which appeared in the Philadelphia Evening Public Ledger, October 16, 1933, having reference to the Charles F. Urschel Kidnaping Case.

You will note that this editorial commends the Department and the Division for the excellent work performed not only in this, but in the McElroy, Luer and Hamm Kidnaping Cases.

Very truly yours,

*R. G. Harvey*  
R.G. Harvey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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## A HEROIC EXAMPLE FOR EVERY AMERICAN

Mr. Charles F. Urschel Shows What  
Can Be Done When Citizens Co-  
operate in the War on Crime

**B**ACK of the success in the two trials thus far concluded in the Urschel kidnapping case lies an involved record of achievement. Federal investigators and State law-enforcement officials did the kind of work expected of picked men intent on doing the best possible job. Federal prosecutors prepared an open-and-shut case against Bailey, Bates and the Shannons, and again against the Kellys. A Federal Judge who would not countenance technicalities or delays conducted the trials. Juries having a keen sense of public responsibility passed on the evidence despite threats on their lives.

All this was essential to the capture, conviction and sentencing of one of the most brazen and openly defiant gangs in the country. But even this swift, efficient work could not have succeeded so completely or so quickly—it is only about ten weeks since the kidnapping took place—had Mr. Urschel and his family been afraid or unwilling to co-operate at every turn of the way.

It is now known that immediately after Mr. Urschel was kidnapped, his wife got in touch with the Department of Justice in Washington. That put Federal investigators on the case at once. That was the first act of co-operation with the Government.

When Mr. Urschel was released and the ransom paid, he immediately told his story to the Federal men, despite warnings from his captors that such action would be punished by death. From his remembered details, the investigators located the house where he was held captive. There, eventually, they captured Harvey Bailey and found evidence which involved others of the gang. The net spread and those others, with the exception of the Kellys, were captured.

Mr. Urschel received repeated threats against his life, several of which have now been traced definitely to the Kellys. Despite these threats, he continued his co-operation, identified the prisoners and took the witness stand in the first trial.

So did Mrs. Urschel. Their testimony was invaluable. Meanwhile, the threats continued, against Judge, jurors and witnesses.

Then the Kellys were captured. Again the Urschels testified, and again the accused were convicted. Throughout that trial, as before, the threats continued, this time muttered by Kelly, who insisted that his friends still at large would "get" the Urschels.

Now, less than ninety days after Mr. Urschel was kidnapped, the case is virtually cleaned up. Two men are still to be tried for harboring criminals, three others are under arrest accused of trying to recover part of the hidden ransom money and more than \$125,000 of that money is yet to be found. But nine persons have been tried and convicted, six of them to life sentences. Now, for the first time since July, Mr. Urschel can, as he says, "go back to work."

When the Federal drive against crime got fully under way less than five months ago, it was pointed out that two things were essential for success. One was public co-operation. The other was police work and prosecution that would justify public confidence.

The Government could and did supply the latter. Out of it the co-operation began to grow. It was evident in the McElroy case in Kansas City, in the Luer case at Alton, Ill., and in the Hamm case in Milwaukee. It reached a courageous peak in the Urschel case.

Courage is expected of Federal investigators, prosecutors and judges. It is a prerequisite of their calling. Courage is often called for in jury and is not always fully appreciated. But the courage Mr. Urschel and his family displayed has become something of a rarity among private citizens who, until a few months ago, saw so much evidence that silence was safe, if not golden.

An example has been set in Oklahoma City and in every town seen in the country. Every man, woman and child can see that one thing can make a difference—co-operation against crime.

*Philadelphia Public Ledger*

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALL - MR. PURVIS

Mr. Purvis stated with regard to the KELLY trial, that Geraldine Arnold had testified that Kelly secured the car from Joe Merkle, and that they have found upon tracing the car that it was the property of one Caplin (not Fred Caplin); that the Arnold child says they went to Merkle's saloon; that they cannot locate this saloon, so it is probable Merkle is in partnership with someone else; that as the testimony appeared in the papers, he is having Merkle and Caplin picked up and will get their story.

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 16, 1933.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Blake called at 8:40 this evening from San Angelo, Texas, with regard to the Coleman trial. He stated that the jury had returned a verdict of guilty for both defendants and that they would be sentenced tomorrow at 2:30 PM.

He also stated that he was going to remain over until tomorrow as the Judge had requested him to present some more information to the Judge before sentencing the defendants. His address is the Hilton Hotel.

Respectfully,

*C.E. Kleinkauf*  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

You will undoubtedly be interested in learning that the Jury returned a verdict of guilty at San Angelo, Texas, on October 16, 1933, against Will Casey, on a charge of harboring a fugitive. Cass Coleman had previously entered a plea of guilty. Sentence was deferred until 2:30 P.M., October 17, 1933.

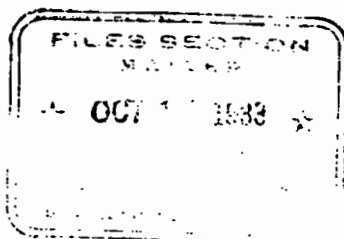
Arrangements were also made yesterday at Oklahoma City for the transfer of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, under the supervision of Agents of this Division and a Deputy United States Marshal, to the Memphis State Farm, Memphis, Tennessee, where she is to serve her incarceration.

Kathryn Kelly was also transported at the same time to the Cincinnati Workhouse at Cincinnati, Ohio, where she is to serve her incarceration.

You will also probably be interested in learning that Joseph Bergyl, Abe Kaplan and Charles Kaplan have been taken into custody at Chicago, Illinois on charges of harboring fugitives—the Kellys.

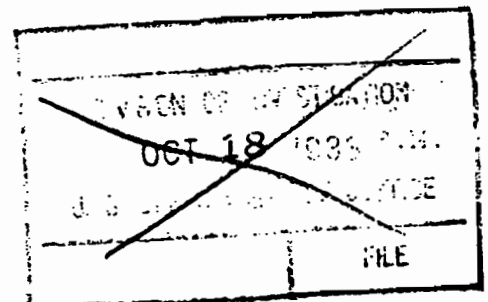
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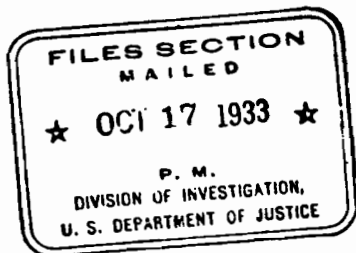
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KEEMAN,  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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Very truly yours,

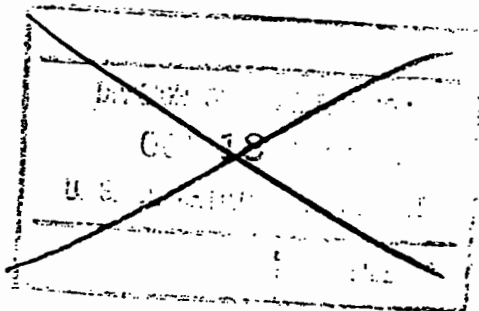
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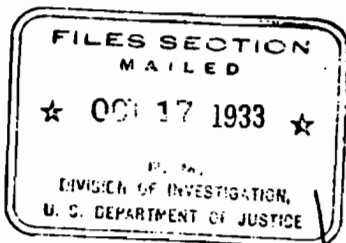
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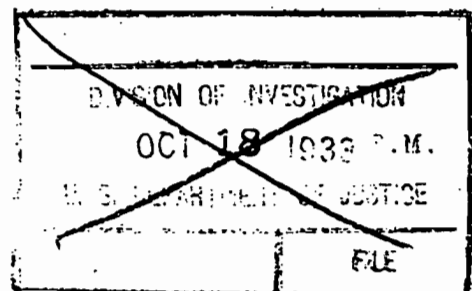
Very truly yours,

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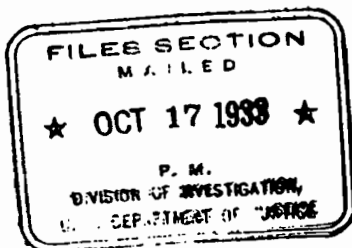
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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

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Respectfully,

Director.



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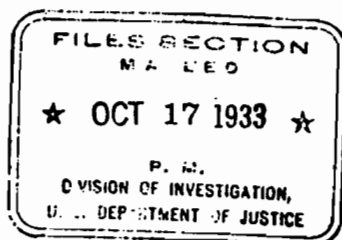
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM STANLEY,  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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Director.



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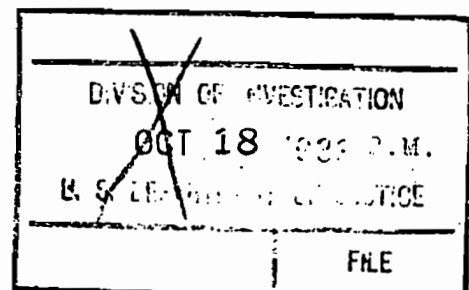
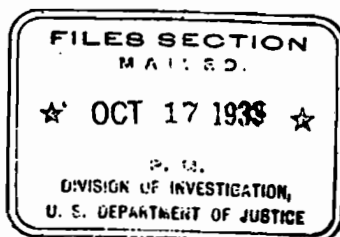
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOSEPH B. KEEMAN,  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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Director.



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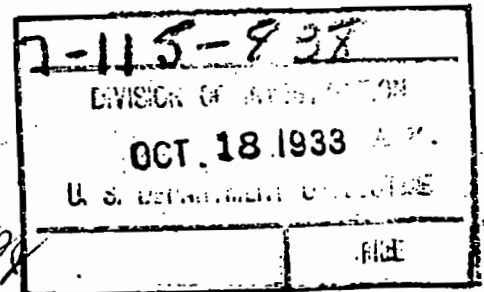
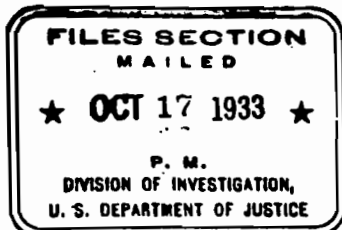
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With reference to your telephonic communication with Mr. Nathan, I beg to advise that the aeroplane chartered by Mr. J. M. Keith, of this Division, on September 25 to convey him from Chicago, Illinois, to Memphis, Tennessee, was in connection with the location and subsequent apprehension of George and Kathryn Kelly, convicted of conspiracy in the Urschel Kidnaping case at Oklahoma City. It was necessary for Mr. Keith to proceed to Memphis promptly in order to aid in the location and apprehension of these two individuals.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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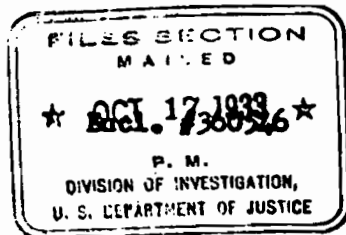
My dear Chief:

I am in receipt of your undated letter, received in the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, on October 13, 1933, together with the fingerprint card of [redacted] arrested by you at Kimball, Nebraska, on October 9, 1933, for drunkenness, and concerning whom you request advice whether he is wanted by the Division as a fugitive.

Please be advised that the Division at the present time has no information that this individual is connected with Albert L. Bates or Harvey J. Bailey, recently convicted at Oklahoma City in the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping case.

I am transmitting herewith a copy of the criminal record of [redacted]. Your interest in reporting this matter for consideration to the Division is sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Director.

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MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CALLS.

Mr. Conroy telephoned from Kansas City to state that Mr. Nathan left Kansas City by plane this morning, in order to leave Chicago on the Capitol Limited today.

Mr. Conroy stated they have Kelly safely in the penitentiary, and he has told the newspaper representatives what a big assistance the Sheriff was. He stated that Kelly was not as belligerent last night as he has been. He further stated that when Vetterli went to the penitentiary to see Bailey and Bates, they were both at the hospital having glasses fitted.

██████████ telephoned from Oklahoma City to state that he and the Urschels feel that as long as Bates' proportionate share of the ransom money is out, there is some danger for Mr. Urschel. He stated he did not believe that Bates should be allowed to communicate with the outside. I stated that any letters he writes will be examined by us before they go out, and we will know about any communication at all he has with the outside world. I agreed with ██████████ we will have to find the rest of the ransom money, and also the rest of the gang.

██████████ stated they received a threatening letter from Minneapolis this morning, which was unsigned. He stated that as soon as Mr. Calvin returns to the office he will turn the letter over to him. I cautioned ██████████ that they should not let their fingerprints get on the letters when they are opened.

██████████ of the UP telephoned to inquire whether permission would be granted for Mr. Frank Blake at Dallas to give out information with regard to the Urschel case. I stated that I was of the opinion such information had better come from Washington, but would be glad to allow a representative of the UP to interview Mr. Blake to supplement the same. ██████████ stated that the man who would call to see Mr. Blake is ██████████ I suggested that ██████████ arrange to see Mr. Blake the middle or latter part of next week.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 17, 1933.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Quinn	
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called Colvin at Oklahoma City on the telephone telling him that the newspapers had carried the information that Kathryn Kelly before she left offered \$15,000 to Jailer Hepbern, of the Oklahoma City Jail, if he would permit her to escape. I inquired if he knew anything about the matter. He said "Yes" the jailer had said something about it yesterday afternoon but he thought it was "bunk" and paid no attention to it. I asked him if he had made any inquiries concerning it and he said no. I told him to immediately get in touch with the jailer and secure an immediate statement, and also secure any and every information relative thereto - statements from witnesses, if any were present, and the like. I told him to forward this information by telegram.

*If he would  
do less of  
his own  
"thinking"  
we might  
get better  
results.*

Colvin said he thought this money was money said to be in the possession of Tom Banks at Minneapolis. He said he had heard from [redacted] the rooming house of rather doubtful character in which Brooks, the father of Kathryn Kelly, resided and at which Mrs. Arnold had also resided for a time) that Kathryn Kelly had \$15,000 in Minneapolis. Colvin said he spoke to Kathryn Kelly before she left and asked her about the money she was alleged to have had in Minneapolis. She admitted she had the money but said it was not ransom money. [redacted] had stated previously that of the \$15,000 in Minneapolis \$6,000 was already "washed" but the other \$9,000 was not "washed".

Colvin also had information to the effect that Mathers, the attorney for the Kellys, was in Chicago endeavoring to get the Cadillac car there and that he may go to St. Paul with a view to getting any money there. I inquired of him if Hanni had been notified. He said he notified Purvis and told Purvis to inform Hanni if Mathers went to St. Paul. I told Colvin to give St. Paul everything he had. However, in view of the somewhat mixed character of the affair I am 'phoning Hanni at the present time inasmuch as it would not do for the attorney to get any of the ransom money ahead of us.

Very truly yours,

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U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

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Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Hughes	✓
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Locke	

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

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES,  
with aliases, et al  
Kidnaping

United States Attorney William McClanahan has  
advised me that Langford Ramsey, John C. Tichenor, and Seymour  
Travis will be brought to trial in the United States Court Memphis,  
Tennessee, on the morning of October 21, 1933.

Mr. McClanahan indicated that Tichenor and Ramsey  
will be tried only on charges of harboring a fugitive and conspiracy  
to harbor, as he believes he cannot successfully prosecute on charges  
of being an accessory after the fact in the original offense. He  
further indicated that he does not believe that Seymour Travis should  
be tried and I advised him that the matter of prosecution was solely  
up to him so far as this office is concerned.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER

Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Okla. City

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Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
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Mr. Glavin.....
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*Handwritten:* I telephoned Blake 10-18-33

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*Handwritten:* 10/18/33 J.E.H.  
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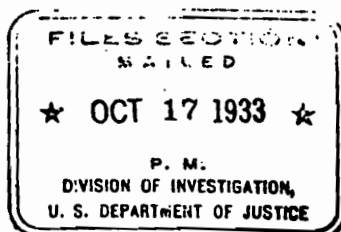
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GENERAL AGENT AND CHIEF CLERK.

Reference is made to the attached vouchers payable to Robertson Airplane Service Company, in the amount of \$120.00, and to Blue Bird Air Transport, Inc., in the amount of \$315.00, for airplanes chartered by Special Agents in Charge D. M. Ladd and J. M. Keith, respectively.

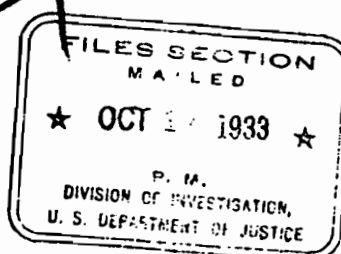
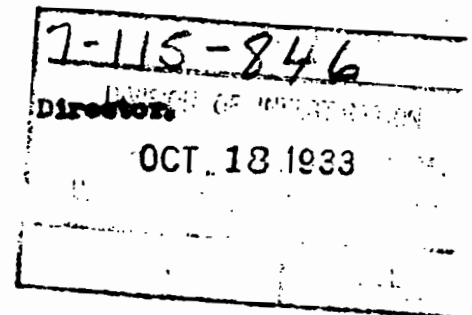
You are advised that the chartering of these planes was imperative due to the fact that the Division was in receipt of information that George Kelly and Kathryn Kelly, wanted in connection with the Orschel Kidnapping Case, then on trial at Oklahoma City, were in Memphis, Tennessee, and the successful apprehension of these individuals was dependent upon the availability of an augmented force of Special Agents of this Division.

In view of this fact, I telephonically instructed the above Agents to proceed to Memphis without any delay, and inasmuch as it was after midnight on the morning of September 28th and the contemplated apprehension was to take place at dawn of the same day, the only possible means of reaching Memphis in sufficient time was by chartered planes which could proceed directly to that city. The delays incident to travel by any other means would have made it impossible for these Agents to arrive in Memphis on time, and the successful completion of this apprehension would have been defeated. Furthermore, there were no other Agents of this Division available, who could have been used for this work.



Very truly yours,

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Chicago, Illinois  
October 16, 1933

F. J. BLAKE  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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DALLAS TEXAS

CHARLES F URSICEL KIDNAPING NECESSARY HAVE MRS LUTHER ARNOLD  
AND GERALDINE ARNOLD HERE GRAND JURY THURSDAY OCTOBER  
NINETEENTH SUBPOENAS TO FOLLOW HAVE US MARSHAL ADVANCE  
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KATHRYN KELLY ARRIVED CINCINNATI NINE TWENTY PM AND SAFE

IN CUSTODY CINCINNATI WORKHOUSE=

CONNELLEY.

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
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Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
224 Federal Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

On October 4, 1933, [REDACTED] of the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, called the Kansas City office by telephone, stating that he had some information concerning an attorney at Houston, Texas, who might be implicated in the Urschel kidnaping.

On October 8, 1933, [REDACTED] was interviewed and furnished an Agent of the Kansas City office with information that one [REDACTED] a former inmate of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, who is now practicing law at [REDACTED] and who resides at [REDACTED] is possibly the "brains" of the kidnaping. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was committed to Leavenworth from Indianapolis, Indiana, where [REDACTED] had practiced law and was committed for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

[REDACTED] stated that during [REDACTED] incarceration in Leavenworth he was assigned to the record office and worked with George Kelly during which time it is reported that [REDACTED] and Kelly laid plans for kidnapings. [REDACTED] stated that after [REDACTED] release from Leavenworth he returned to Indianapolis and went immediately to Houston, Texas, after changing his name from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] and has been practicing law at Houston, Texas.

[REDACTED] further stated that one [REDACTED] residence [REDACTED] Indianapolis, Indiana, might possibly be connected as one of the ringleaders in kidnaping cases.

[REDACTED] stated that he is not in a position to furnish the name of his informant, but was submitting this information for whatever


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value it may have.

This information is being furnished to the Oklahoma City office with carbon copies designated for Cincinnati and San Antonio for whatever investigative activity the Oklahoma City office sees fit to conduct.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division ✓  
Cincinnati  
San Antonio

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GEORGE KELLY BARNES ETAL KIDNAPING REFER REPORT AGENT

SIXTH INSTANT AND WIRE ME IMMEDIATELY WHETHER

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TICHENOR AND TRAVIS AND UNSIGNED STATEMENT OF RAMSEY

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Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tolsen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Edwards \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
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October 16, 1933

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
International News Service,  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Mr. Blake, my Agent in Charge at Dallas, has advised me of the excellent cooperation which you afforded to him and to this Division through your maintaining as confidential certain information which had been received by you concerning not only the raid on the Shannon farm, when Harvey J. Bailey and others were taken into custody in connection with the Urschel kidnaping, but also with reference to other important developments in that investigation.

It is most gratifying to me to learn of this action on the part of your agency, and I appreciate it the more because of the ever present possibility, which we all know exists, of some rival agency releasing such information. I wanted you to know of my deep appreciation of this kind action on your part and on the part of your agency, as I value the assistance of the press and consider that it is one of the greatest potential aids to law enforcement.

With expressions of my kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Director.

