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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Thank you for yours of Oct. 16 referring to our co-operation in maintaining as confidential certain information in connection with the Bailey and other recent developments. I assure you it was a pleasure thus to co-operate and, I believe, entirely in keeping with the principles of The Associated Press.

It did become a bit onerous when it became known that some others had not adhered to the confidential status of the information and that we faced the condition of having to be behind with the news because we did not violate a confidence. I think we more than made up for that difference later, however.

Mr. Blake here always can count on us for the fullest co-operation along that line.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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as Mr. Blake.
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 75-136

REPORT MADE AT: DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-21-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-20-33	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: [REDACTED]			CHARACTER OF CASE: BONDSMEN and SURETIES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Ten Thousand dollar bond offered by R. G. Shannon apparently insufficient. Only five of the sixty sureties have any property which could be reached by execution and they apparently are insufficient. Real estate records and tax assessors records checked, and reliable persons interviewed.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from the Oklahoma City Division, dated October 12, 1933.

DETAILS:

AT DECATUR, TEXAS.

[REDACTED], County Tax Assessor for Wise County, at Decatur, Texas, furnished Agent with inventories of property, both real and personal, rendered by [REDACTED] of Boyd, Texas, as well as those rendered by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and others. Copies of the inventories of property rendered for 1933 taxes were made by this Agent and are herewith furnished to the Oklahoma City Division Office.

[REDACTED] rendered for taxes for the year 1933 by inventory sworn to on February 1, 1933, the following property:

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. J. Brady</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-415-992	RECORDED AND INDEXED: OCT 24 1933 OCT 26 1933
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REAL ESTATE.

<u>Original Grantee</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Value</u>
[REDACTED]	77	\$ 450.00
	160	900.00
	20	120.00

CITY OR TOWN PROPERTY.

<u>City or Town</u>	<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Block No.</u>	<u>Value</u>
Paradise, Texas	10-17	24 (House burned)	20.00
Boyd, Texas	8 to 12	51	300.00
Boyd, Texas	5	25	10.00

Total value of land	\$1810.00
Total value of personal property	30.00
Total value of all property	<u>\$1840.00</u>

The inventory of property rendered by [REDACTED] and wife, Paradise, Texas, for taxes for the year 1933, is as follows:

<u>Original Grantee</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Value</u>
Van Zandt County	100	\$ 700.00
" " "	100	900.00
Matagorda County	80	400.00
[REDACTED]	80	520.00
Matagorda County	101	500.00
Van Zandt County	10	50.00

(Homestead Below)

(Van Zandt County	110
" " "	100)

NOTE: The homestead is to be subtracted from the above listed number of acres.

The inventory shows that under Personal Property [REDACTED] refused to render cattle, but later was assessed for four mules and horses, of the value of \$100.00 and 30 head of cattle at \$300.00, and \$20.00 worth of implements, making a total of \$420.00 personal property rendered. This inventory is not sworn to. That fact will be commented upon later in this report.

This inventory shows taxes rendered of the following value:

Total Value of Land	\$3070.00
Total value of personal property	420.00
Total value of all property	<u>\$3490.00</u>

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_____ and wife rendered for 1933 taxes the following property:

<u>Original Grantee</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Value</u>
Van Zandt County	253	\$ 2250.00
" " "	200	2000.00
(Homestead)		
Total value of land		\$ 4250.00

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

		<u>Value</u>
Horses and Mules	3	150.00
Cattle	12	180.00
Hogs	1	5.00

Total value of Land \$4250.00
Total value Personal prop. 250.00

Grand Total of all
Property \$4500.00

This inventory was sworn to by _____ on March 1, 1933.

_____ and wife rendered for 1933 taxes the following property:

<u>Original Grantee</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Value</u>
Matagorda County	120	\$ 600.00
" "	80	650.00
" "	200	1400.00
(Homestead)		

	<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>	<u>Value</u>
Horses and mules	4	40.00
Cattle	20	220.00
Jacks and Jennets	1	10.00
Total		\$ 270.00

Total value of land \$2650.00
Total Value of Personal Property 250.00
Total value of all property \$2920.00

This rendition was sworn to by _____ on February 23, 1933.

The rendition furnished for 1933 taxes by the following persons whose names are annexed to the R. G. SHANNON bond as sureties, set out the following property, or lack of property:

_____ rendered no property and his inventory shows only two
Foll Tax;

assessed one yearling, valued at \$5.00;

nothing;

27 acres, valued \$140.00 (Homestead);

Personal property \$190.00;

Personal Property - \$100.00;

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Agent then conferred with [redacted] formerly in the banking business at Decatur, and with the County Clerk of Wise County. [redacted] of that precinct. [redacted] stated that [redacted] and [redacted] are the strongest persons, financially, whose names appear on the bond; that [redacted] has nothing of value, and the bank had to charge off a \$400.00 note owed by him. [redacted] and the County Clerk of Wise County went over the entire list of persons whose names are subscribed to the bond as sureties and stated as to each:

That he has nothing, except the following persons:

[redacted] has a little grocery store and possibly has a thousand dollar stock; that

[redacted] may own a stock of groceries of the value of \$1000.00; that

[redacted] owns a homestead of 190 acres and some two or three hundred additional acres. The County Clerk then stated that just recently [redacted] had conveyed all of his land except his homestead to his children; that

[redacted] has a one-fifth undivided interest in an estate; that he might be worth one or two thousand above his exemptions; that

[redacted] owns 20 acres of land and is married; that

[redacted] owns 50 acres of land but that his son executed a note at the Bank [redacted] and [redacted] endorsed the note; that that was a year or two ago and that the note still is unpaid and that [redacted] has told him that he could not meet the payments. (Note: [redacted] name appears to have been signed to this bond by himself. However, it is a well established fact that [redacted] can neither read nor write his own name. Evidently some other person signed his name to this bond, either with or without his authority.)

[redacted] lives on [redacted] farm and stated to [redacted] a few days ago that unless he obtained work he would be unable to clothe and feed his family during the coming winter.

[redacted] of Wise County and now [redacted] of the First National Bank of Decatur, stated that [redacted] signed a number of criminal bail bonds while he [redacted] but that none of these bonds were

ever forfeited. He commented as follows on the following persons whose names are signed to the bond as sureties:

[REDACTED] owes a Decatur Bank a past due note;

[REDACTED] is a tenant farmer residing on the Boss Shannon farm and is receiving aid from the R. F. C.;

[REDACTED] has an undivided interest in an estate, and now owes the Bank an \$800.00 note, which is past due; that

[REDACTED] is taking up a note made by his son upon which he is endorser, and by small payments made at irregular intervals has reduced the \$120.00 note now to \$90.00; that

[REDACTED] has nothing of value, - and his father is receiving some assistance from the R. F. C.;

The Tax Assessors records show that [REDACTED] rendered nothing for taxation except in the name of [REDACTED] rendered 260 acres in Wise County, at a total value of \$1470.00, 200 acres of which is claimed as a homestead.

[REDACTED] rendered 186 acres, total value \$3500.00 for himself and wife, all of which is claimed as homestead. The Deed Records of Wise County, Vol. 127, page 120, disclose that [REDACTED] conveyed, on September 16, 1933, to his children 264 acres less 37.8 out of the A. Robinson Survey.

The Deed of Trust and Mortgage Records for Wise County disclose that on January 1, 1933 [REDACTED] executed a mortgage and deed of trust in favor of the Peoples State Bank of Paradise, Texas for \$1150.00; there is no release of this instrument of record. However, there is another deed of trust and mortgage of record, dated March 23, 1927 by [REDACTED] in favor of the same bank. Both of these instruments encumber the land set out in [REDACTED] qualification on the above bond and there is no release of record.

[REDACTED] purchased 80 acres of his land from [REDACTED] in December, 1930, and the deed recites a cash consideration of \$1850.00, - and [REDACTED] stated that the 80 acres he sold [REDACTED] are as good as [REDACTED] other land; and that he took some trade in the deal and did not get actual cash from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] County Tax Collector at Decatur, Texas, checked the tax rolls and neither [REDACTED] nor [REDACTED] are delinquent for taxes.

[redacted] and [redacted] - the latter an abstractor of land titles at Beattur, for more than forty years, - stated that the average fair value of land around Boyd and Paradise, Texas is from \$15.00 to \$15.00 per acre. [redacted] stated that he does not know the [redacted] land. Each of these persons stated that in their opinion the sureties who have signed this bond, nor any one of them, could pay a judgment of \$10,000.00.

Agent makes this observation: Under the Texas laws neither a husband nor the wife, without being joined by the other, can either convey or encumber real estate acquired during coverture and it is possible that in case of forfeiture of bond whereon a married man is surety, not joined by his wife, the wife could successfully intervene and stop the sale of land and prevent judgment.

The bond which was forwarded to the Dallas Division Office with the referenced letter is herewith returned to the Oklahoma City Division Office.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,

LA FILE NO. 7-18

REPORT MADE AT: Los Angeles, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-20-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8/18, 22, 24 9/7, 12, 15, 20/33	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] b7C
TITLE: GEORGE R. KELLEY, with aliases, et al CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

All banks in Los Angeles district circularized relative ransom money without result. Police officers and Federal Agencies, Los Angeles District, circularized without result.

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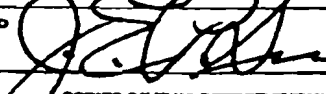
REFERENCE:

Letter from the Dallas Division office dated August 19th; letter from Oklahoma City office dated August 21st; letters from Division dated August 13th and 15th; telegram from Division dated August 14th, 1933.

DETAILS:

All banks in the Los Angeles district were circularized relative to the URSCHEL ransom money without result. All Police and Sheriffs' offices and Federal Agencies were circularized in the Los Angeles district and furnished descriptions of Subjects without result.

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Agent, accompanied by [REDACTED] Fugitive Detail, Los Angeles Police Department, contacted [REDACTED] Los Angeles, who advised that [REDACTED] Mrs. CLARA FRIEDMAN, a widow, aged 44 years, with three children, [REDACTED] EDIE, 19 [REDACTED] married name unknown, 22 years - all of whom reside in Tacoma, Washington; that [REDACTED] CLARA, formerly kept company with ED BENTZ, Tacoma, Washington [REDACTED] WILLIAM FREDERICK HURTER, resides at Monte Park, South Tacoma, Washington; that [REDACTED] living in Tacoma - [REDACTED] Denver, Colorado, address unknown. [REDACTED] advised she has an unmarried sister living in Portland, whose name she would not disclose; that she last heard from [REDACTED] CLARA FRIEDMAN in November, 1932, when CLARA called from the Southern Pacific Station, advising that she was going through on her way to Portland in company with her boy friend; that she went to the Station to see [REDACTED] CLARA, and saw her with the man whose name she did not remember, but whose description is about as follows:

45 years; 5'9" tall; 175 lbs.; medium brown hair; medium complexion; quiet manner.

She advised that CLARA informed her that ED BENTZ and his eighteen-year old wife were visiting BENTZ' sister somewhere in Los Angeles.

[REDACTED] denied knowing the whereabouts of [REDACTED] CLARA, and advised that the only time she had heard from her subsequent to said visit was when she received a Christmas package postmarked Denver, Colorado.

A cover was placed on the mail of [REDACTED] by Post Office Inspectors [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for a period of six weeks without result.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice

735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
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Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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October 23, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith editorial from the Philadelphia "Public Ledger", October 23, 1933, edition, concerning the Urschel kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,

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

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Philadelphia Public Ledger

TWO MORE GUILTY

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ONE more step has been completed in the clean-up of the Urschel kidnapping case. Langford Ramsay and John Tichenor have been tried and quickly convicted of conspiring to harbor and harboring George Kelly and his wife. The Kellys were captured at Tichenor's home in Memphis.

This raises to eleven the number of persons tried and convicted of having some part in the kidnapping and what followed. Every suspect arrested in the case and brought to trial has been convicted. And all within less than three months after the night Mr. Urschel was taken from his home by the kidnapers.

This case is going down in the criminal records as one of the most striking examples ever made of what can be done and what will be done to put an end to this sort of organized crime. Seldom before has any gang been so swiftly and so inevitably swept into jail as the Bailey-Kelly outfit.

Phila Ledger 10-23-33

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Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
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*Memorandum 10/13/33
transfer of Nathan Kelly*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

October 13, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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

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

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

*Noted
10/13/33*

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS
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THE DALLAS NEWS

TELEGRAPH AND NEWS DEPARTMENT

October 20, 1933.

DALLAS, TEXAS

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Edward
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Hughes
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Locke

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

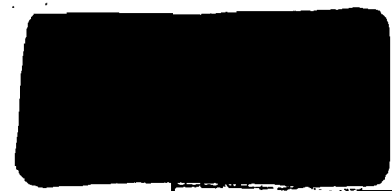
Dear Mr. Hoover:

I want to thank you for your letter of October 16,
and to say that it always affords us pleasure to
cooperate with the law enforcement officers by
withholding publication of news stories when such
publication might hinder the officers in their work.

We had knowledge of the raid on the Shannon farm, and
after discussing the situation with your agent, Mr. Blake,
we agreed to withhold publication in cooperation with
the federal officers although we were reasonably sure
at the time that our paper would be beaten on the story.
In this supposition we were correct. The afternoon papers
next day carried the story. Yet, even though we were
beaten on the story, I repeat that we are glad at all
times to cooperate with the law enforcement officers.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,



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ATTENTION MR HUGHES REFERENCE EMPLOYMENT

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BODYGUARD FOR JUDGE VAUGHT US MARSHAL HAS NOT YET RECEIVED

TELEGRAPHIC AUTHORITY STOP ENTERED ON DUTY

SIXTEENTH INSTANT PLEASE SEE THAT AUTHORITY IS WIRED

TO US MARSHAL NOW AT LAWTON OKLAHOMA

- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Edwards.....
- Mr. Egan.....
- Mr. Hughes.....
- Mr. Quinn.....
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THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

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October 23, 1933.

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MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED]
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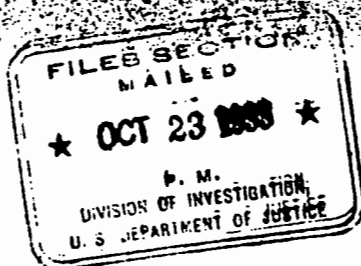
ATTENTION: Mr. McGuire.

Confirming telephonic conversations between Mr. Hughes and yourself on October 14 and 16, and later memorandum advising of the request of Judge Vaughn, of Oklahoma City, that arrangements be made to re-employ [REDACTED] as bodyguard for Judge Vaughn, there is attached hereto, for your information, a copy of a telegram which has been received from Agent in Charge Calvin, of the Oklahoma City office of this Division, under date of October 21. Agent in Charge Calvin has been advised that you have taken the matter up with the United States Marshal and that if any further requests are made of him he should advise that the matter should be taken up by the Marshal with the Department.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT HAS TELEGRAPHICALLY ADVISED UNITED STATES MARSHAL OKLAHOMA CITY IT
HAS RECEIVED NO REQUEST FROM MARSHAL OR JUDGE FOR CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT
IF FURTHER REQUEST MADE OF YOU ADVISE THAT MATTER SHOULD BE TAKEN UP BY MARSHAL
WITH DEPARTMENT

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Mr. Nathan.....
 Mr. Tolson.....
 Mr. Clegg.....
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 Mr. Ladd.....
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Re: [illegible]

Chas. C. [illegible]

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 17, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

I am just in receipt of information from San Angelo, Texas, to the effect that Charlie Earl Coleman (Case Coleman) was sentenced to a year and a day and Will Casey was sentenced to two years imprisonment after having been found guilty of harboring George Kelly, recently sent to Leavenworth in the trucked kidnaping case.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

noted
by H. H.

U. S. Department of Justice
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
Bureau of Investigation

224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 21, 1933

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

Personal and Confidential

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 18, 1933 censuring me for my failure to investigate the reputed offer by Kathryn Kelly of \$15,000.00 to the night jailer at Oklahoma City to assist in her escape.

In justice to myself, I want to state that this alleged offer did not come to light until we were putting Kathryn Kelly on the train to be transported to the Cincinnati Workhouse and the newspaper article appeared after that. It would have, therefore, been impossible for me to have carried out the plan you suggest in letting Kathryn Kelly place the telephone call. The first I knew of the offer was, as stated, when we were placing Kathryn on the train and this Deputy Sheriff was "shooting off his head" about the lost opportunity to make \$15,000.00.

If the matter had been reported to me when it happened, I would, of course, have given it some attention.

Very truly yours,

RH Colvin

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

AIR MAIL

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Unit One

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Memo to
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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 16, 1933.

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 \$73,250.00 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,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you most sincerely for your
kind letter of October 16. It is particularly
satisfying to E.J. Kiest, publisher of The Times
Herald for more than thirty years. He has always
stressed to his employees the importance of being
fair to all and keeping faith. Your acknowledg-
ment, therefore, is keenly appreciated by him and
by all of us on the editorial staff.

Permit me to congratulate you and
your organization on the notable work done to end
the kidnaping menace. The record of your achieve-
ments should be an inspiration to many of our less
efficient law-enforcement agencies. More power to
you! I am happy to pledge the support and coopera-
tion of The Times Herald in your work.

Cordially yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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I am in receipt of advice from Memphis, Tennessee, that on Saturday night a jury in the United States District Court returned verdicts of guilty against Langford Ransay, brother-in-law of George E. Kelly and a practicing attorney at Memphis, and John C. Tichenor, at whose home Kelly was apprehended, and they were immediately sentenced each to six months' imprisonment in the Shelby County Jail at Memphis, on a charge of harboring the fugitive from justice, George E. Kelly, and two years in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta on a charge of conspiracy to harbor a fugitive, the sentences to run consecutively.

The case against Seymour E. Travis, who was in the house at which Kelly was apprehended at the time of the apprehension, was nolle prossed.

I thought you would be interested in this information in view of the fact that it is a further prosecution in connection with the kidnaping of Charles E. Urschel and the apprehension of the persons responsible for the kidnaping.

Respectfully,

Director.

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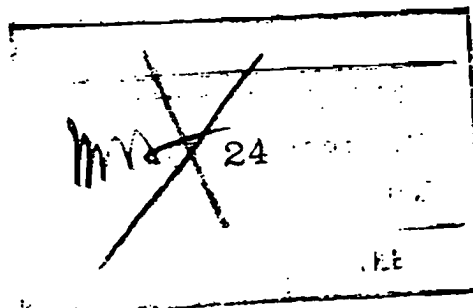
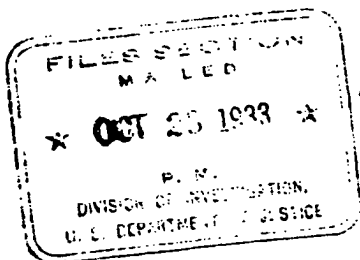
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT M. GATES,
PUBLICITY OFFICER.

There is transmitted, attached hereto, a copy of a memorandum for the Attorney General advising of the sentences imposed on Langford Ramsey and John C. Mahanor, for harboring and conspiracy to harbor the fugitive from justice, George R. Kelly, in connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel

Very truly yours,

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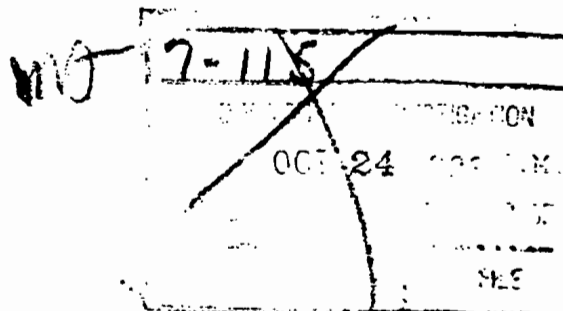
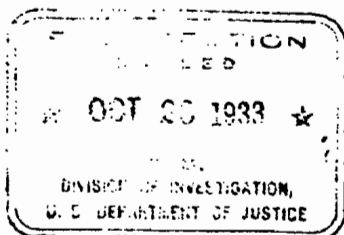
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM STANLEY,
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

There is transmitted, attached hereto, a copy of a memorandum for the Attorney General advising of the sentences imposed on Langford Ramsey and John C. Tichenor, for harboring and conspiracy to harbor the fugitive from justice, George R. Kelly, in connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. 630635.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 23, 1933.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Frank Blake called from Dallas and stated that the newspapers there had heard that the Arnold child had returned to Dallas and they were very anxious to locate and interview her. Blake said he did not feel that he should withhold the information and saw no reason why they might not interview her at this time. I told him, however, to do nothing until he heard from you; that I would call him back, you would call him back or we would send a telegram within the next half hour.

Respectfully,

V. W. Hughes

V. W. Hughes.

Blake later advised A.K.

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October 21, 1933.

MEMORANDUM

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Mr. Tracy	
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Mr. Tamm	

In telephone conversation with Mr. Nathan at New York today, I advised him that Mr. Keenan had been in to see me, having with him two letters - one written by Mrs. Shannon from Memphis to Katherine Kelly telling what a delightful place she was in, having absolute freedom, visitors, etc., and the other letter written by Katherine Kelly to Mrs. Shannon, telling of the delightful conditions in the Cincinnati workhouse. I advised Mr. Nathan that Mr. Sanford Bates is sending a woman inspector to Memphis to find out the condition there, and that they were very much exercised about the liberty and freedom accorded Mrs. Shannon and Mrs. Kelly. I suggested to Mr. Nathan that it might be well to use Agents [redacted] and Coulter on the activities of the Kelly case around Chicago and St. Paul; that while in Chicago he should go over the case with [redacted]; and that after the Hamm case is over [redacted] may be assigned to Chicago and leave Mr. Coulter to handle the case at St. Paul.

I told Mr. Nathan that Mr. Keith had informed me that in returning from the West Coast he stopped in Dallas and talked to the Arnold girl. He learned from her that she, with Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, went to 1150 Michigan Boulevard in a taxicab on Friday morning, September 22. This place was presumably under surveillance by Division Agents at that time. Mr. Nathan was under the impression that the Kellys left Chicago on Thursday of that week.

I also told Mr. Nathan I had been informed by Mr. Purvis that Agent [redacted] looked for a Cadillac car at a certain agency in the name of Verne Miller instead of Mr. Kelly.

I advised Mr. Nathan of information given me by Mr. Keith to the effect that the first letter addressed from Oklahoma City to 1150 Michigan Boulevard had been taken to this address by the postman before our men who were supposed to cover it at the post office had arrived.

I instructed Mr. Nathan to look into these three matters very carefully while he is in Chicago and ascertain the facts.

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TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases; et al MRS. C. J. JOHNSON - FUGITIVE Charles F. Urschel - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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At the Myers Hotel, Hoboken, N.J., it was ascertained that Lehmeyer made no phone calls of interest. Lehmeyer visited by unknown party, who closely resembled the description of Verne Miller. The American Kennel Club will continue to advise the New York Division Office should any litter of Ching A Wee be sold or registered.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent New York City, 10/3/33.

DETAILS: Agent interviewed the at the Myers Hotel, Hoboken, N.J., on October 11, 1933, and he advised, after an examination of his records, that J.A. Lehmeyer had registered on September 12, 1933 at 11:10 P.M. and had been assigned to Room 309. The clerk advised that his records indicated that Lehmeyer stopped but one night at the hotel. The clerk advised that Lehmeyer had 95¢ worth of calls, and upon examining the records ascertained that this 95¢ was a charge for a telegram sent to Minneapolis, Minn., the night of his registering at the hotel. advised agent that he believed he had a copy of the telegram which he personally phoned for Lehmeyer to Western Union. Copy of the telegram was obtained, and the same upon examination

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revealed that it was a telegram addressed to Mrs. Lehmeyer in Minneapolis, advising her that he had arrived safely at Hoboken, that the trip to Chicago by plane had been much more agreeable than from Chicago to Newark, stating that he had visited at [REDACTED] and would probably call on the rest of the relatives soon, further advising that he would write her the next day. [REDACTED] stated that he was not the [REDACTED] that the [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] New York City.

[REDACTED] of the Hoboken Police Department was present during agent's interview with the [REDACTED] and he advised agent that [REDACTED] was a very brilliant young man, and in his opinion, without doubt, would recall all the details concerning the registration of Lehmeyer, and if any persons had called upon Lehmeyer at the hotel, he believed that [REDACTED] would recall the same. [REDACTED] stated that he believed it would be best to interview [REDACTED] at the New York Division Office.

On October 12, 1933 upon request of agent, [REDACTED] called at the New York Division Office for interview. There were shown to him the photographs of Miller, Kelly, Louis Buckhouse, Bernard Phillips, and a number of other gangsters with whom it is believed Miller might possibly be associated. [REDACTED] stated that at the time Lehmeyer registered he came to the desk from the bar and he was accompanied at that time by [REDACTED]; that [REDACTED] stated "This is [REDACTED] uncle from Minneapolis, fix him up with a room, please". [REDACTED] states that as he recalls, Lehmeyer registered, and had with him a brown bag; that a man whom he describes as being 40 years of age, 5'9" tall, weight about 175 lbs., hair reddish or sandy, foreign appearance, probably the Scandinavian type, was with Lehmeyer. [REDACTED] stated that this individual did not speak at all while in the lobby but accompanied him and Lehmeyer to the room as Lehmeyer was being shown to it. [REDACTED] stated that this man stayed in Lehmeyer's room, he believes, approximately twenty minutes and then left and that this individual was around again the next morning early. [REDACTED] stated that he was pretty familiar with most of the men in Hoboken who usually called at the hotel and that this party who accompanied Lehmeyer was not [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] Lehmeyer's nephew. [REDACTED] stated that this man was a stranger in Hoboken. [REDACTED] stated that shortly

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after he had taken Lehmeyer to his room, he was requested to send the telegram already referred to in this report, and that he went to Lehmeyer's room to get this message which was in Lehmeyer's handwriting, and later forwarded it to the Western Union in New York as the Western Union Office in Hoboken, N.J. closes at 11: P.M. [REDACTED] stated that this individual, he believes, at this time was still in Lehmeyer's room. [REDACTED] was again requested to examine the photograph of Miller, but stated that he could not recall any likeness between the photograph of Miller and an individual who visited Lehmeyer's room, with the exception that the photograph of Miller would indicate to him that he was of the Scandinavian type, and the individual who accompanied Lehmeyer on that night was also of the Scandinavian type. Agent tested [REDACTED] in his description asking him how he recalled Joseph Lehmeyer. [REDACTED] in agent's opinion, described Mr. Lehmeyer perfectly, agent having also observed Lehmeyer during his stop in the east.

[REDACTED] stated further that [REDACTED] of Myers Hotel, Hoboken, N.J., might possibly have met this individual in the bar, and stated that it would be well to interview him. Agent requested [REDACTED] to discuss the entire facts in the matter with [REDACTED] before agent's visit with him, so that should he have any remembrance of the matter at all, it would be clear to him before agent's visit, and he would have had time to think the matter over.

On October 14, 1933, agent called on [REDACTED] of the Myers Hotel, Hoboken, N.J., and he advised agent that he had discussed the entire matter with [REDACTED] but that he was able to recall only the fact that at the time Lehmeyer first came to the Myers Hotel bar he was accompanied by [REDACTED] Lehmeyer's nephew, who is a reporter on a local newspaper in Hoboken; that Lehmeyer and [REDACTED] left the bar that evening and that later Lehmeyer returned alone. [REDACTED] stated that he was unable to recall any individual who was with Lehmeyer in the bar shortly before going to his room. [REDACTED] stated that it was his recollection that he had brought Lehmeyer into the hotel while [REDACTED] was in the bar, and that Lehmeyer had at that time registered but did not go to his room, waiting until later in the evening to go to his room.

There has been no indication as yet from the St. Paul Division Office as to how authentic the information concerning Lehmeyer's possession

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of Urschel ransom money, was, and should the information be considered good, it is believed that Lehmeier should be questioned as to who the individual was who visited with him in his room the night he registered at the Myers Hotel.

On October 12, 1933, [redacted] of the American Kennel Club, New York City, called agent by telephone and advised that [redacted] of Bethany, Mo. had sold an offspring of Ching A Wee, to one [redacted] New York City. [redacted] stated that he would report the sale of every dog having a connection with Ching A Wee, to the New York Division Office.

Agent examined the telephone and city directories for two years prior to now, and it appears that [redacted] continually appears therein as having a phone and also as residing at [redacted]. In view of this fact, it was believed it was unnecessary to conduct any inquiry at that address.

There being no further investigation in this district at this time, the case is

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U. S. Department of Justice
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224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Okla.,
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Mr. John Edgar Hoover,
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Dear Sir:

OCT 25 1933

I have your letter of October 15, 1933, relative to a letter recently received by the Division from Mr. Barney Finn, 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, and desiring explanation from me concerning the contact with these police officers when they called on me at Oklahoma City.

This controversy arose over the following incident: On the evening of September 25th I intercepted a telegram addressed to Luther W. Arnold, whose part as contact man and informer in the Urschel case is well known to you and who was under constant surveillance by this office. This telegram had been sent from Fort Worth, Texas, by Arnold's daughter and immediately upon its receipt I telephoned Agent in Charge Blake, at I think about seven o'clock in the evening, to trace this telegram with view to ascertaining the facts surrounding its having been sent. We knew the telegram was from Geraldine Arnold to her father and suspected that either Kelly or Kathryn Kelly might have been in Fort Worth with her at the time it was sent. Agent Blake, I understand, called the Ft. Worth Police Department by telephone, asking them to trace the sending of the wire and according to information given me by Mr. Blake, City Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] of the Ft. Worth Police Department, went to the Western Union Telegraph Company and secured certain information to the effect that this telegram had been filed by a small girl, accompanied by a man about twenty-five years of age, and that at the same time these officers had discovered another telegram filed at the same time by the same parties and addressed to J. R. Tichenor, Central Garage, Memphis, Tenn., signed "Lane", which requested the addressee to reply by Western Union to Gainesville, Texas. In the meantime, Geraldine Arnold had arrived at my apartment in Oklahoma City and had revealed to Mr. Nathan and myself the whereabouts of Kelly and his wife in Memphis, although she was unable at that time to give us the name of the owner of the house, which was Tichenor. While we were

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talking to her the telephone message from Mr. Blake came in furnishing the name of Tichenor as revealed by the telegram discovered by Police Officers [redacted] and [redacted] and immediately upon mentioning that name to Geraldine Arnold she recalled it and stated that he was popularly known as "Tich". She had already given us sufficient description of the place where he lived, of his business, and of his physical deformities to have enabled the Birmingham office to have quickly located him at Memphis. We then called the Birmingham office, giving them the information furnished by Geraldine Arnold, supplemented by the address of Tichenor at the Central Garage, as disclosed in the telegram sent from Ft. Worth to Memphis. The result was the apprehension of the Kellys on the morning of the 26th.

On the morning of September 26th, Agent in Charge Jones and myself proceeded to Dallas, where we picked up Agent Blake, proceeding thence to the Coleman farm, where we dug up a portion of the ransom money, as heretofore disclosed. At that time Agent Blake informed us that [redacted] and [redacted] were going to claim the reward, and upon my return to Oklahoma City on the 27th, Police Officer [redacted] of the Ft. Worth Police Department, who had all along been assisting the Dallas office, with his partner [redacted] were at Oklahoma City, accompanied by either [redacted] or [redacted], I believe. They immediately jumped me about a reward and had already filed a claim for it with Mr. Colcord, of the Citizens Committee. They were quite positive they were entitled to the reward, apparently wanting all of it and alleged it was their information alone which led to the apprehension of the Kellys. I did not like their attitude and perhaps was brusque with them. I informed them at that time that in my opinion the Arnold girl was the one who would probably receive the big end of the reward. They did not talk to Agent Jones at all so far as I know, and any insinuations made by them as to having been treated brusquely by him are unfounded. Detective [redacted] appeared to think that he also was entitled to a cut-in on the reward, and I informed him that of course the reward was offered for the apprehension of Kelly and Kathryn Kelly and for information leading to their apprehension and had no bearing on information and assistance furnished in the beginning of this investigation, as the reward was offered and posted subsequent to the raids at the Shannon farm in Texas and subsequent to the indictment of the persons in this case. [redacted] and his partner [redacted] although they had assisted willingly and wholeheartedly in the primary stages of this investigation, did not furnish one iota of the information which finally led to the apprehension of the Kellys, as that information was developed entirely independent of them. As a matter of fact, the connection of [redacted] and [redacted] with the Kellys has been very sinister and testimony was offered on the stand at the trial of this case to the effect that the Kellys had paid money

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to certain Ft. Worth police officers, by inference [redacted] and [redacted]. A further sinister aspect of their connection with the case is their request to the United States Attorney not to be placed on the stand. It was evident they feared cross-examination.

I was perhaps lacking in tact in tones I used in conversation with these officers, but I was very much displeased with their attitude and their immediate rush to Oklahoma City the next day after the episode to lay claim to the reward, especially since the information which they, [redacted] and [redacted], developed was not on their own initiative but due to the fact they were sent to the telegraph office by Agent Blake to search for the telegrams. I consider Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] entirely avaricious and I have grave doubts as to their integrity. Mr. Nathan is fully conversant with all of these facts and I wish you would discuss the matter with him.

It has been announced here in the papers that Mr. Colcord, who underwrote the reward, would pay the same upon recommendations of the writer. If and when he calls upon me I shall decline to discuss the matter with him at all and shall refer him to the Division in Washington, which is in possession of all the facts. I have been so instructed by Mr. Nathan.

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Very truly yours,



R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

October 23, 1933.

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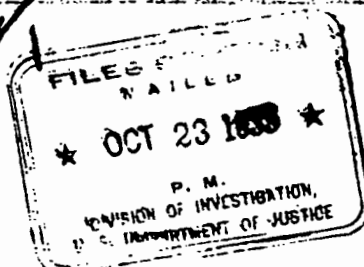
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Dear [REDACTED]

I have read with interest the editorial in The Washington Times of October 19, 1933, under the caption "These Chains Are Heavy and the Handcuffs Are Strong", in which you discuss the outcome of the Herschel kidnapping case, and I wish to take this opportunity of commending you upon this editorial and the object lesson which it, together with the accompanying photograph, must impress upon the minds of your readers, as so aptly and succinctly expressed in the last four words of the editorial that "Crime does not pay".

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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These Chains Are Heavy And the Handcuffs Are Heavy



"MACHINE GUN" KELLY, STARTING FOR LIFE IMPRISONMENT

This is printed to make young gentlemen who believe in "easy money," even criminal money, do a little quiet thinking.

The man in the center, with the chains on legs and wrists and the handcuffs fastening his hands together, is the bandit called "Machine Gun" Kelly. He and his wife have been sentenced to life imprisonment in connection with the Urschel kidnapping.

Kelly, not very happy now, after all his boasting, declared that no prison could hold him and nobody could get him if he didn't want to be got.

He wrote to the Court that was trying others of the Urschel kidnapers, threatening the Court and Urschel with death, and impudently added his fingerprints to his signature to show that he was really the writer of the letter.

United States Government workers got him, while asleep, from "Machine Gun" Kelly's apartment building, arrested him, and didn't try to use the gun at his head, but got up and took him away easily.

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October 24, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Room 1202, Postoffice Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

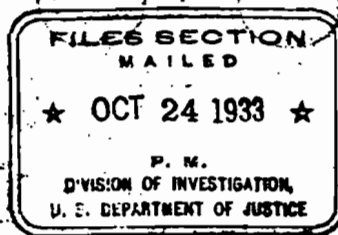
With reference to the case of ALBERT L. BATES, ET AL.,
KIDNAPING, it is desired your office obtain the
disposition of the following arrests:

Notation: Was Albert L. Bates, alias James
O'Neil, arrested in Chicago about 5 years
ago on charge of drunkenness, per
information received from State Bureau,
East Lansing, Michigan, December 21, 1931.*

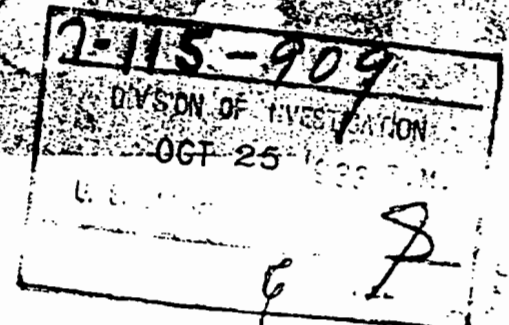
This information should be submitted to the Division as
soon as possible and reference made to file HP-62212.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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October 24, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite 1,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the case of HARVEY J. BAILEY, ET AL., KIDNAPING,
it is desired that your office obtain the dispositions of the
following arrests:

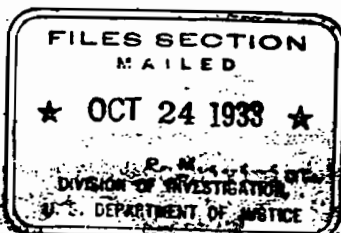
As Harvey J. Bailey, #6570, arrested Police Department,
Omaha, Nebraska, March 28, 1932, charge investigation
(Hi-jacking and burglary).

As John J. Brown, #26596, arrested Police Department,
Kansas City, Missouri, July 7, 1932, charge
investigation.

This information should be submitted to the Division as soon as
possible and reference made to file HP-312670.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hester
Director.



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Laboratory Report

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Joseph B. Keenan, Assistant
Case: Attorney General, Victim. Number:
Specimen: ~~Threatening~~ letter and envelope postmarked Minneapolis,
October 11.

Examination requested by: Unit One.

Date received: October 13, 1933.

Examination desired: General and fingerprints.

Date of Report: October 21, 1933.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C. A. Appel

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Communication

This note was written with pencil printing on paper known as 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 11 inches and has been torn on the long side to approximately 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. No water-mark is visible in the paper and it is of a rather cheap typewriter quality. The envelope measures 3.75 by 6.75 and is of the variety which may be purchased in the post office as it bears a three-cent stamp printed on the envelope and the water-mark U.S. 1929, characteristics of these envelopes. It also bears the return address printed on the envelope "After -----days, return to ----- Minneapolis, Minn." The postmark contains the work Minneapolis 5, 2 P.M., October 11, 1933.

Handwritten

The note is signed V.M. and is insulting in tone, stating that the writer will "get" Mr. Keenan. This pencil printing has been compared with the specimens of Verne Miller's signatures found on the fingerprint cards and no striking dissimilarities appear and the letter could have been written by Miller. There were observed no similarities between this letter and other anonymous letters received in the George Kelly case or the handwriting of individuals involved in that case.

The original is being retained for comparison with any other notes which may be received. Photographic copies are transmitted herewith with the copies of the report for Mr. Keenan.

The note was treated with iodine fumes and after locating a number of latent prints it was subsequently developed with silver nitrate, and in one instance where the print appeared over the writing, with powder, by [REDACTED] of the Technical Section of the Identification Unit.

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The result was two excellent latent impressions together with a number of smudges and fragmentary impressions. [REDACTED] obtained the fingerprint impressions of Mr. Cowley of the Division and of [REDACTED] and Mr. Smith of Mr. Keenan's office who were reported to have handled the note.

[REDACTED] of the Technical Section identified one latent print appearing in the top center of the face of the letter above and slightly to the right of the "N" in Keenan as being the finger impressions of the right thumb of Mr. Cowley. One latent print on the left side of the letter and one over the word "I'll" were found to be identical with each other and were also found to be identical with the left thumb impressions of [REDACTED] in Mr. Keenan's office. EM

Other fragmentary latent prints were compared with the fingerprint impressions of Verne Miller and were found not to be identical with any of the fingerprint impressions of this suspect. These remaining fragmentary prints are not susceptible of classification and were, therefore, not searched through the single fingerprint file.

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- 1 - Mr. Keenan.
- 2 - Oklahoma City.
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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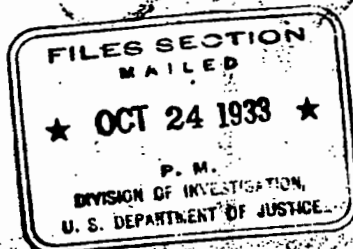
Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith two copies of the laboratory report and photostatic copies of the anonymous letter addressed to Mr. Keenan from Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 11, 1933.

You will note the possibility that Verne Miller is responsible for this letter or that it has a connection with the George Kelly case. Please endeavor to ascertain who is responsible.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOSEPH E. KENNEL
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

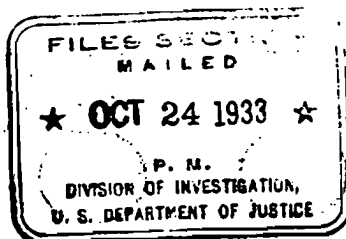
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With reference to the memorandum of Mr. J. W. Brahmner Smith of October 18, 1933, there are transmitted herewith a copy of the laboratory report and a copy of the anonymous letter postmarked Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 11, 1933, addressed to you.

The special agents are making an investigation.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
October 11, 1933.

HN [redacted]

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

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
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Dear Sir:

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I beg to acknowledge receipt of communication of October 9th with reference to and supplementing my telephonic conversation with Mr. Hughes on October 7, 1933, relative to the very apparent lack of co-operation afforded by [redacted] I beg to submit the following with the view to affording you the atmosphere existent at the time of the controversy on Saturday, October 7th.

all right

I desire to state that during the course of the first trial in the Urschel kidnaping case in connection with the prosecution of Bailey, Bates, and the Shannons, two machine-gunners were placed in front of the elevators on the ninth or Court floor of the Post Office Building. It should be noted that the elevators in the Federal Building are public elevators and anyone may enter and be taken to the floor for which he may call. It had been decided, in view of the open character of these elevators, that instructions should be issued so that the elevators in question should not be brought above the seventh floor, which would necessitate anyone after coming to the seventh floor to proceed to the stairway and thereafter use the stairs to the eighth and ninth floors. A machine-gun was placed at the top of the stairway at the eighth floor. The possibility was borne in mind that gangsters or persons inimically or dangerously inclined might enter the elevators and by a show of guns force the elevator operators to take them directly to the ninth floor, thus enabling them to enter the court room for any purpose whatsoever. Machine-gunners on guard in front of the elevators of the ninth floor were instructed that should the elevator dial indicators (there are two elevators) register that either of said two elevators were coming above the seventh floor, they should immediately get ready for action. On one of the days in question the machine-gun guard on the ninth floor reported to me that from time to time the elevators were coming to the eighth floor in spite of specific instructions relative thereto. This of course compelled these machine-gunners, in view of instructions, to immediately get ready for action, which upset the entire procedure theretofore existing. The responsibility of this is of course apparent. I immediately contacted [redacted] boys, who told me that they had been instructed to carry a

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attention. 10/14/33 J. C. N.

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Deputy Marshal to the eighth floor. The Marshal's office is on the eighth floor. I inquired who was in charge of the office and found that it was [redacted]. I want to him and of course courteously inquired of him as to the situation, suggesting the undesirability of upsetting the plan of not permitting any elevator to go above the eighth floor. The [redacted] said rather curtly that it was of course necessary for the Marshal's office to continue to carry on its regular business. I again endeavored to point out that the guards given an order to remain on the alert should not be compelled to undergo the demoralizing practice of having these orders set aside for any purpose whatsoever. [redacted] then curtly said "I don't want to get into any controversy with you, but I want you to understand that we (the Marshal's office) are going to guard this building." I said nothing further to [redacted] but spoke to Mr. Keenan, whom I found in the corridor on the ninth floor. Mr. Keenan said he would immediately talk to Mr. [redacted] the United States Marshal, and did so. The practice of bringing Deputy Marshals to the eighth floor immediately ceased. I might here point out that every person who has business in the court room, including Mr. Keenan, the writer, all of the Division Agents, and all others, has been getting off the elevators at the seventh floor and walking past the guard on the stairway to the eighth and ninth floors.

On the morning of October 7th, I, after conferring with you and receiving instructions as to the proper method of transporting Harvey Bailey and George Bates to Leavenworth, conferred with United States Marshal [redacted] at the City Jail and told him of the desires of the Department in connection therewith, i.e., that a Ford tri-motor plane be engaged seating eleven persons and that five of the guards be Division men. I told him of the personnel I had selected for that purpose, consisting of four Division Agents and myself. [redacted] indicated this to be agreeable to him but suggested, in view of the fact he was not conversant with all the clerical details, I talk to [redacted]. I rather indicated that a previous contact I had had with [redacted] had been disagreeable, the extreme and I would rather not further contact the gentleman, but in view of the fact [redacted] was busy at the jail I would do so. I then proceeded to the Marshal's office on the eighth floor in the Federal Building and saw [redacted]. I repeated to him instructions I had received from Washington, telling him we were to go in a Ford tri-motor plane and leave at 6:00 A.M. on Sunday morning. (This conversation took place Saturday morning). I told him five of the Division's men would go as guards, that there would be two prisoners and that four of the remaining guards would be designated by the Marshal. He immediately wanted to know why five of the Division's men were to go. I indicated sharply they were to go because they had been selected by me upon

instructions of the Department at Washington. He then remarked curtly that the Marshal's office was in charge of all matters of this kind. I then told him in an extremely curt manner that I did not care to hear anything further from him in connection therewith; that the plan I outlined was the plan that had been approved from Washington and would be put into effect regardless of his views or opinions in connection therewith. He then terminated the interview by saying "I will speak to the Marshal". I immediately left the Marshal's office and left word that I desired to see the Marshal in his office immediately upon his return thereto. I was notified when he did so and spoke to the Marshal in his office, at which time [redacted] was present. In [redacted] presence I told the Marshal of my conversation with [redacted] and stated that under no circumstances would I have further dealings with him; that this was my second disagreeable experience with this gentleman and the orders I had received came from Washington and would be carried out under any and all circumstances and in spite of any criticism or desires to the contrary from any source. The question then arose as to who the United States Marshal should designate as the four men from his office to accompany the prisoners. [redacted] suggested that perhaps he had better not go. I promptly stated I thought that would be a good idea as representatives of this Division would not tolerate any further nonsense from him enroute, but that the question as to who should go in the Marshal's party was one which the Marshal himself must decide; that [redacted] could go if the Marshal so decided. This terminated the incident. Later in the afternoon the Marshal himself inquired as to who would be paid for the plane and in what manner it was to be paid. I somewhat irritably indicated that I did not know or care, that I had ordered the plane to proceed from Kansas City to Oklahoma City and that the plane would leave with the prisoners for Leavenworth at 6:00 A.M. Sunday morning. I assume this later inquiry really came from [redacted] although I of course do not know. The inquiry was conveyed to me by Mr. Colvin of this office.

I might here state that the Marshal himself, [redacted] has impressed me as being an industrious intelligent official. He of course has been just recently designated to the position of United States Marshal and must rely to a great extent as yet upon his subordinates. He has been the one official here who has consistently averted publicity and I believe will make an excellent Marshal, possessing judgment, poise, good sense, and tact. His [redacted] however, I am informed, is disliked by the majority of those with whom he comes in contact. I am told he has held this position for twenty-five years, which would appear to me to be about twenty-four years too long. He has apparently reached the stage where he is dictatorial and brusque to the extent of being insulting. Mr. Hyde, the United States

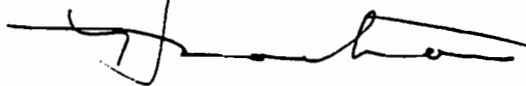
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Attorney, as well as [REDACTED] himself, have informed me of continued controversies between the [REDACTED] and the United States Attorney's office.

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'H. Nathan', written over a horizontal line.

H. Nathan,
Assistant Director.

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October 19, 1933.

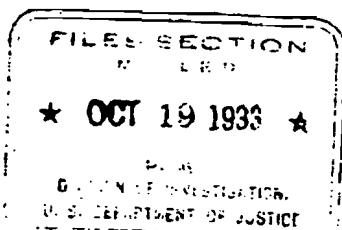
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**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM STANLEY,
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

In connection with the recent consummation of investigation and prosecution of the case involving the kidnaping of Charles F. Worchel, and supplementing a previous conference with you, I desire to submit the following reference to an apparent lack of cooperation afforded the representatives of this Division at Oklahoma City by Chief Deputy Marshal [redacted] there:

During the course of the first trial in the Worchel kidnaping case, in connection with the prosecution of Harvey J. Bailey, Albert L. Bates and Ora L. Shannon and R. G. Shannon, two machine-gunners were placed in front of the elevators on the ninth or court floor of the Post Office Building. It should be noted that the elevators in the Federal Building are public elevators and anyone may enter and be taken to the floor for which he may call. It had been decided, in view of the open character of these elevators, that instructions should be issued so that the elevators in question should not be brought above the seventh floor, which would necessitate anyone after coming to the seventh floor to proceed to the stairway and thereafter use the stairs to the eighth and ninth floors. The possibility was borne in mind that gangsters or persons inimically or dangerously inclined might enter the elevators and by a show of guns force the elevator operators to take them directly to the ninth floor, thus enabling them to enter the court room for any purpose whatsoever. Machine-gunners on guard in front of the elevators of the ninth floor were instructed that should the elevator dial indicators (there were two elevators) register that either of said two elevators were coming above the seventh floor, they should immediately get ready for action. On one of the days in question the machine gun guard on the ninth floor reported that even him to take the elevators were coming to the eighth floor in spite of specific instructions to the contrary. This, of course, compelled these machine-gunners, in view of instructions, to immediately get ready for action, which upset the entire procedure theretofore existing. The undesirability of this is of course apparent. Immediate contact was affected with the elevator boys, who said that they



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had been instructed to carry a Deputy Marshal to the eighth floor. The Marshal's office is on the eighth floor. Inquiry was made as to who was in charge of the office and it was found that [redacted] was in charge. Inquiry was made of him as to the situation and the undesirability of upsetting the plan of not permitting any elevators to go above the eighth floor was suggested. [redacted] said rather curtly that it was, of course, necessary for the Marshal's office to continue to carry on its regular business. An endeavor was again made to point out that the guards, given an order to remain on the alert, should not be compelled to undergo the demoralizing practice of having these orders set aside for any purpose whatsoever. [redacted] then curtly said "I don't want to get into any controversy with you, but I want you to understand that we (the Marshal's office) are going to guard this building". Nothing further was said to [redacted] but Mr. Keenan was consulted and he stated he would immediately talk to [redacted] the United States Marshal. He did so and the practice of bringing Deputy Marshals to the eighth floor immediately ceased. It might be here pointed out that every person who had business in the court room, including Mr. Keenan, all of the Division Agents, and all others, had been getting off the elevators at the seventh floor and walking past the guard on the stairway to the eighth and ninth floors.

On the morning of October 7, you will recall that it was decided to transport Harvey Bailey and Albert Bates to Leavenworth by plane in order to avoid any undesirable incident enroute. A representative of this Division in Oklahoma City was thereupon instructed of Departmental desires in connection therewith and arrangements were made to engage a Ford tri-motor plane seating eleven persons. Instructions were also issued that five of the guards be Division men. The Division's representative in Oklahoma City communicated with United States Marshal [redacted] who indicated this would be agreeable to him but suggested, in view of his ignorance of clerical details, that a conference be had with [redacted]. In accordance with the Marshal's desires the Division's representative at Oklahoma City communicated with [redacted] and repeated to him the instructions he had received from Washington as to the engaging of a plane and the number of Division guards to be placed thereon. [redacted] immediately wanted to know why five of the Division's men were to go and was told rather sharply that they had been selected upon Departmental instructions. [redacted] then remarked curtly that the Marshal's office was in charge of all matters of this kind and was told in reply that whether he approved or otherwise, Departmental instructions would be carried out. [redacted] then terminated the interview by indicating that he would speak to the Marshal. A further conference was held by the representative of this Division with the Marshal in [redacted] presence, in which the Marshal was informed that the representative of this Division would have no further dealings with [redacted] inasmuch as this was the second disagreeable experience incurred with this gentleman.

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The Marshal was also informed that the orders received from the Department at Washington would be carried out under any and all circumstances and in spite of any criticisms or desires to the contrary from any source. This terminated the incident.

I am informed that the Marshal himself, [REDACTED] appears to be an industrious and intelligent official. He has just recently been designated and must rely to a great extent as yet upon his subordinates; however, he possesses judgment, poise, good sense and tact. His [REDACTED] however, [REDACTED] appears to be disliked by the majority of those with whom he comes in contact. I am further informed that he has held this position for twenty-five years and has apparently reached the stage where he is dictatorial and brusque, to an entirely undesirable degree. It is reported that continual controversies occur between this [REDACTED] and the personnel of the United States Attorney's office.

I thought that you would desire to be informed as to the foregoing, in view of the seeming necessity for disciplinary action in connection with this Departmental employee.

Very truly yours,

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Director.

HN: [REDACTED]

October 23, 1933.

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[REDACTED]
United States Marshal,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

The Department has taken cognizance of the apparent lack of cooperation afforded by [REDACTED] of your office recently in his relations with the representatives of the Division of Investigation at Oklahoma City in connection with the case involving the kidnapping of Charles F. Bruchel.

The Department is informed that friction developed in connection with a report made to [REDACTED] that specific instructions to the effect that the Federal Building elevators should not proceed above the seventh floor during the course of the Bruchel trial were being violated; that [REDACTED] indicated that this was being done in order that the office of the United States Marshal might pursue its regular course of business, and that it was necessary to report this matter to Special Assistant to the Attorney General Keenan who conferred with you, whereupon the situation was remedied.

The Department is also advised that further friction developed when the representative of the Division of Investigation advised [REDACTED] of the Department's desire that five Special Agents of that Division were to accompany Harvey Bailey and Albert Bates upon the aeroplane chartered for the taking of these prisoners to the Leavenworth Penitentiary Annex. It is understood that some question was raised by [REDACTED] as to the authority of these Special Agents of the Division of Investigation to function thereat. The Department had insisted that the movements of these prisoners be made under the guidance of the members of the Division of Investigation at Oklahoma City, who were to be fully responsible therefor. It would appear manifest that in an important case of this kind, the fullest cooperation should be exhibited by all Governmental agencies. More particularly is this true with reference to the United States Marshals' offices, who are directly concerned with the care and transportation of prisoners. It would appear unnecessary to indicate that this case was of unusual importance and the raising of any petty technicalities and the exhibition of any personal feeling should have been studiously avoided.

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The Department desires that you instruct [REDACTED]
to submit any explanation he may care to make relative to this
apparently undesirable attitude on his part.

Very truly yours,

The Assistant to the Attorney General.

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Okla.**FILE NO. **7-6**

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-23-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-7-17-33	REPORT MADE BY: R. H. Colvin
THE GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases; KATHRYN KELLY BARNES with aliases; HARVEY J. BAILEY with aliases; ALBERT L. BATES with aliases; R. G. SHANNON; ORA L. SHANNON; ARMON C. SHANNON; EDWARD BARNEY BERMAN; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: CLIFFORD SKELLY; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p>10-7-33 at Oklahoma City, Okla., Subjects Harvey J. Bailey, Albert L. Bates, R. G. Shannon and Ora L. Shannon sentenced to life imprisonment in U. S. Penitentiary; Armon C. Shannon sentenced to ten years probation and paroled into custody of his attorney, M. W. Burch; Subjects Berman and Skelly sentenced to five years each in U.S. Penitentiary, filed notice of appeal and allowed freedom on continuing bond. R. G. Shannon granted stay of execution for 60 days with bond fixed at \$10,000., so far not furnished. Ora L. Shannon granted 10 days stay of execution without bond. George Kelly Barnes and Kathryn Kelly Barnes again pleaded not guilty 10-7-33, went to trial 10-9-33, Jury returned verdict of guilty 10-12-33 and both immediately sentenced to life imprisonment in U.S. Penitentiary. Bates and Bailey delivered to Annex, U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, 10-8-33. George Kelly Barnes delivered to U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, 12:05 A.M., 10-14-33. Ora L. Shannon delivered to Memphis Workhouse, 10-17-33, and Kathryn Kelly Barnes delivered to Cincinnati Workhouse same day. Disposition sheets attached. Parole reports with criminal records of Subjects will be prepared as soon as possible.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Gus T. Jones, Oklahoma City, Okla., 10-5-33.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>On October 7, 1933, Subjects Harvey J. Bailey, Albert L. Bates, R. G.</p>			
DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES			
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Shannon, Ora L. Shannon, Armon C. Shannon, Edward Barney Berman and Clifford Skelly were arraigned in U.S. District Court at Oklahoma City for sentence. The following sentences were passed:

Bailey, Bates, R. G. Shannon and Ora L. Shannon were each sentenced to imprisonment for life in a United States Penitentiary. Armon C. Shannon was given a sentence of ten years, placed on probation and paroled into the custody of his attorney, M. W. Burch, being required to make reports semi-annually. Edward Barney Berman and Clifford Skelly were each sentenced to five years in a United States Penitentiary. They filed notice of appeal and were allowed liberty on a continuing bond.

George Kelly Barnes and Kathryn Kelly Barnes were in Court on this date and entered pleas of not guilty.

On October 9, 1933 the last two named went on trial in the U. S. District Court at Oklahoma City, case going to the Jury about 5:30 P.M., October 11, 1933. The Jury reached a verdict about 9:30 P.M. the same day, which was sealed and opened in open Court, October 12, 1933, the Jury finding both defendants guilty as charged and the Court immediately sentencing each to life imprisonment in a United States Penitentiary and ordering their immediate commitment.

On October 8, 1933 the U. S. Marshal at Oklahoma City by airplane conveyed Subjects Harvey J. Bailey and Albert L. Bates to Leavenworth, Kansas, where they were delivered to the Annex of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth. Assistant Director Nathan, accompanied by the writer and other Division Agents, assisted in the transfer of these prisoners and their delivery to the Penitentiary.

On October 13, 1933 the U. S. Marshal, accompanied by Assistant Director Nathan and Division Agents, transported George Kelly Barnes to the main prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, where he was checked in at 12:05 A.M., October 14, 1933.

On October 16, 1933 the U.S. Marshal at Oklahoma City transported Ora L. Shannon and Kathryn Kelly Barnes en route to prison, Ora L. Shannon being delivered to the Shelby County Penal Farm, Memphis, Tennessee, on the morning of October 17, 1933, and Kathryn Kelly Barnes being delivered to the Cincinnati Workhouse, Cincinnati, Ohio, on the night of October 17, 1933. The Marshal was assisted in transporting these prisoners by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Disposition Sheets are attached.

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Parole reports as to all Subjects convicted and sentenced will be prepared as soon as possible.

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October 25, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Room 504, Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

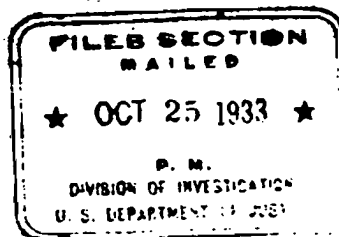
Dear Sir:

With reference to the case of GEORGE KELLY, ET AL.,
KIDNAPING, it is desired your office obtain the
disposition of the charge of state vagrancy placed
against Kelly by the Police Department, Tulsa,
Oklahoma, July 24, 1933, subsequent to his release
under \$200.00 bond.

This information should be submitted to the Division
as soon as possible and reference made to file
NY-128441.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
Director.



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

Dear Sir:

With reference to the case of ALBERT L. BATES, ET AL.,
KIDNAPING, it is desired your office obtain the dispo-
sition of the following arrests:

As G. H. White, Jr., arrested Sheriff's Office,
Brighton, Colorado, May 15, 1931, charge stealing
auto tires.

Notations: "As Albert Bates, Leadville, Colorado,
October 2, 1933, charge safe burglary."

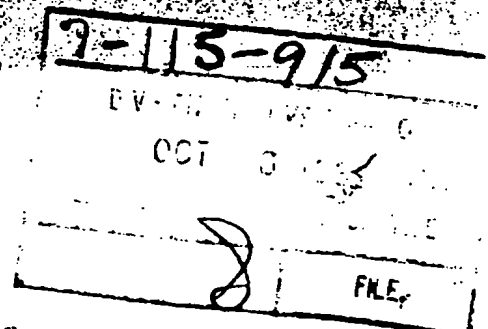
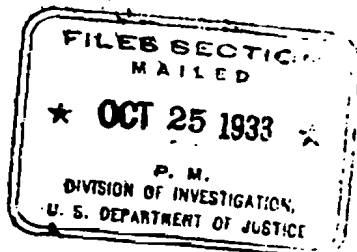
This information should be submitted to the Division as
soon as possible and reference made to file 7-52212.

Very truly yours,

Director

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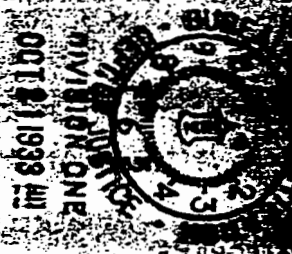
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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

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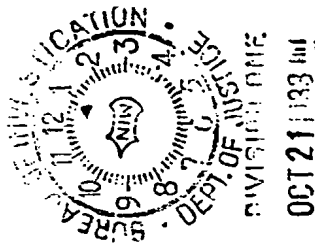
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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

480 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

October 24, 1933.



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

Dear Sir:-

In reply to Division letter of 10/18/33 relative to the failure to receive at the Division photographs of WILL CASEY and CASSIE EARL COLEMAN, arrested by the Sheriff's Department at Coleman, Texas - charged with OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE:

The Division is advised that the Sheriff's Department at Coleman is not equipped for photographing, and it will be necessary to secure these photographs from the Leavenworth Penitentiary.

I am enclosing herewith the photograph of GROVER C. ONEVILL, arrested by the U.S. Marshal's office at Dallas, Texas 9/15/33 - charged with AIDING A FEDERAL PRISONER TO ESCAPE.

Very truly yours,

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

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201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama

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October 25, 1933.

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

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al
CHARLES F. PURSCHEL - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

The United States Attorney at Memphis, Tennessee, has indicated that the Browne, twenty-two caliber, four-barrel (pepper box) pistol, serial number 1289, which was found in the home of J. C. Tichenor at the time of the arrest of the Kellys, and which was subsequently delivered to the Oklahoma City Office by Special Agent in Charge J. M. Keith, should be returned to Mrs. J. C. Tichenor, the owner.

Consequently, it is desired that this pistol be forwarded directly to Special Agent [redacted] care United States Attorney, Memphis, Tennessee, in order that it may be returned to Mrs. Tichenor and a receipt taken.

Very truly yours,

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CC: Division

S. A. BOWEN
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
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203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

October 21, 1933.

DIVISION ONE
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1489 Enquirer Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
OCT 23 1933
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with
aliases, et al.
CHARLES FOURSCHER-Victim.
KIDNAPING-St. Paul file 7-8.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made in captioned case
to your letter of October 18, 1933 to the Director, a copy of
which was directed to the St. Paul Division Office.

From reading the letter it is quite
apparent that MRS. BARNES is informed regarding underworld
characters in the Twin Cities. It is the belief of this office
that a part of the FOURSCHER ransom was, in fact, delivered by
BARNES and/or BATES to Tom Banks of Minneapolis, Minnesota. As
the matter now stands, there is practically no evidence against
Banks. It is known that Banks on August 7, 1933, called [redacted]
[redacted] Teller, at the First National Bank of Minneapolis,
Minnesota, and asked what happened to Peter Valder; that he was
informed Valder had been arrested and that he, Subjects EDWARD
BARNEY BIERMAN, ISADOR BLUMENFELD, alias "Kid Can" and CLIFFORD
SKELLY immediately left the West Hotel, where they operate a
liquor syndicate, and went into hiding. BIERMAN, BLUMENFELD and
SKELLY tell a stereotype story about having obtained \$5,500. in
a liquor deal at Minneapolis on August 3, 1933 from a man by the
name of Collins from the South.

In order that you may be in a position
to talk intelligently with MRS. BARNES as to Banks' supposed con-
nections in Minneapolis, you are advised that several hundred people
were interviewed in the Twin Cities over an extended period of time
in connection with the efforts of this office to locate HOLDEN and
KEATING. Regarding captioned case, it is apparent that BARNES knew
he was dealing in contraband which prompted him to call the First
National Bank in Minneapolis to inquire for Valder after he had
sufficient time to return, he having gone to the bank at the tele-
phonic request of [redacted] Banks' supposed political connections
are probably correct. It is generally understood that he, JACK

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PFELFFER and other members of their organization contributed \$30,000. to the campaign funds of the present Mayor of Minneapolis. On August 8, 1933, it was absolutely necessary to secure the assistance of some Minneapolis Police Detectives. While the officers in question were known to be honest, Banks undoubtedly secured what little information available from Chief of Police Lehmyer, [redacted] and [redacted] Mr. Lehmyer has, on account of his interest on behalf of the defendants, been demoted to a detective.

It is desired that at the appropriate time, MRS. BARNES be re-interviewed and information secured as to where she and BARNES lived in Minneapolis after leaving the Francis Drake Hotel, Apartment #220, about September, 1930. It is understood they lived at the Senator Hotel, which is now known as the Admiral Hotel. What apartment they occupied in the Senator Hotel, and where else they lived in the Twin Cities? Where did HARVEY BAILEY live in Minneapolis? Did Tom Banks and Jack Pfeiffer live at the Senator Hotel during the time they lived there?

With reference to MRS. BARNES' statement on page three regarding the telephone call to them at the Sheridan Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, from Banks at Minneapolis, secure all possible details as to approximate date, time of day, names used and whether person to person or station to station call.

Banks still maintains a suite on the seventh floor of the Dyckman Hotel. Where MRS. BARNES makes reference to visiting Banks at Minneapolis last winter, determine where the BARNES' stayed while visiting Minneapolis and name each, if possible.

With reference to the bank messenger which MRS. BARNES believes Miller and Bernard Phillips held up recently somewhere in Wisconsin. This robbery is believed to have occurred at South St. Paul, Minnesota, August 30, 1933. \$30,000. was taken from the messenger; one police officer was killed and another permanently blinded. There apparently is very positive identification as to Miller's participation in this robbery. Determine if this is the robbery she had in mind.

I am attaching hereto copy of a letter from the Oklahoma City Division Office to this office dated October 18, 1933, which indicates Tom Banks has \$15,000. of her money, \$9,000. of which is believed to be a part of the UNSCHEL ransom. Secure from MRS. BARNES all possible details as to the circumstances regarding this money, when and where and who was present when she gave the money to Banks. In as much as this is a departure from the BARNES' mode of operation, assuming the money is good, determine why the money was left with Banks.

For your information, "Dutch" Weiner, referred to by MRS. BARNES is "Frisco Dutch", who is known by numerous other aliases, and who actually operates the gambling concession at the Plantation Inn, which is located about ten miles north of St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota. His past association with Miller is known to this office.

Determine if the call made by BARNES from Cleveland, Ohio August 8, 1933, was to Jack Pfeiffer at St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

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

ROC: [redacted]
Encl.
CC Division ✓
Oklahoma City
Dallas

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201 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama

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October 23, 1933

Mythurs & Mathews,
Equity Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 14, 1933, in which you request that this office forward all personal property seized or belonging to Katherine and George R. Kelly to the Special Agent in Charge of this Division at Oklahoma City.

The only property belonging to the Kellys which I at present have any knowledge of in this district is 1933 Chevrolet sedan. Any action on your part towards its recovery should be taken up with Mr. Wm. McClanahan, United States Attorney, Memphis, Tennessee. For your information, this Chevrolet sedan was not seized by the Federal Government to my knowledge, but was voluntarily turned over by Langford Ramsey at the time of his arrest, to [redacted] Memphis Police Department, who stored the car in the Joe Klans Garage, Memphis.

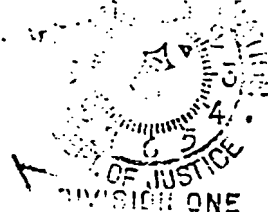
Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Division
Okl. City. (one)

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

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Birmingham, Alabama

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October 25, 1933.

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

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is a copy of letter which I received from Mathers and Mathers, attorneys at law, Oklahoma City, in connection with the personal property belonging to George and Katherine Kelly. I am calling the matter to your attention, in view of the fact that it is possible that Mr. Charles F. Urschel is also proceeding civilly against the Chevrolet sedan which is now at Memphis, Tennessee.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.

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MATHERS & MATHERS

**Attorneys at Law
Equity Bldg.**

Oklahoma City, Okla.

October 14, 1933.

**Special Agent, Department Justice,
Memphis, Tennessee.**

Sir:

Will you kindly forward all personal property seized or belonging to Kathry Thorne Kelly and Geo. R. Kelly to Hon. R. H. Colvon, special agent, department Justice at Oklahoma City.

We have filed suit in U. S. Court here for all her property. There were about \$600 jewelry and diamonds "lost" at San Antonion, Texas, when the Arnolds were arrested.

We would like to inquire what your attitude is about the Chevrolet automobile seized at Memphis. Mr. Colvin on yesterday delivered to us the Chevrolet seized in Oklahoma City.

If you do not care to send that automobile over and deposit it with Mr. Colvin, we will have to amend your process before Judge Vaught, Federal Judge here, and have same seixed under process of the U. S. courts here. We are trying to save all possible costs and trying to save enough wreckage to pay off the mortgage of approximately \$4,000 on the Ft. Worth home and save it for their small daughter, Pauline, 14 years.

Kindly advise us whether the Government asserts any title to this Chevrolet, so that we may govern ourselves accordingly, and know how to present the matter to Judge Vaught here.

C O P Y

(Signed)

Yours

Mathers and Mathers



CHARGE
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
BANKERS BUILDING
ROOM 1400
CHICAGO, ILL.

DIVISION ONE

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OCTOBER 20, 1933

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
202 LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE BLDG.
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

CHARLES F URSCHEL KIDNAPPING MRS LUTHER ARNOLD AND GERALDINE ARNOLD
UNDER SURETY LEFT CHICAGO SIX FIFTY FIVE PM ILLINOIS CENTRAL NUMBER THREE
OCCUPYING LOWER FOUR CAR ELEVEN ARRIVING MEMPHIS EIGHT THIRTY FIVE AM
SATURDAY NEXT TRAIN

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CC: DIVISION ✓

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224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Okla.,
Oct. 19, 1933.

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OCT 24 1933 AM
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
DIVISION OF ONE

[REDACTED]
First Nat'l Bank & Trust Co. of Minneapolis,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 16, 1933, directed to Mr. Herbert K. Hyde, United States Attorney at Oklahoma City, relative to the return to your bank of \$1,500.00 in Federal Reserve Notes used as evidence in the trial of the Urachel kidnaping case, has been referred to me for reply.

The money mentioned having served its purpose and it being desired to mutilate and retire the particular bills from circulation, please be advised that I have exchanged the actual currency for a draft drawn by The First National Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma City, No. 44816, on the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., Chicago, Illinois, payable to the First National Bank & Trust Company of Minneapolis in the sum of \$1,500.00, which I take pleasure in enclosing herewith, it being understood that \$1,000.00 of the money belongs to your affiliated bank, The Hennepin State Bank of Minneapolis.

I wish to thank you for your cooperation in this matter and will ask you to forward to me the receipts which you hold from Mr. Hyde.

Very truly yours,

Encl.
cc-Division
cc-St. Paul

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Okla.,
Oct. 19, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Ave., Room 1403,
New York City, N.Y.



Dear Sir:

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

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 11,
1933, requesting advice as to whether Mrs. E. L. Moore, 126½
Reno Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was an alias used by the
Arnolds. I beg to reply that the name "Mrs. E. L. Moore" is
an alias used by Mrs. Luther W. Arnold at the above address.

Very truly yours,

cc-Division.

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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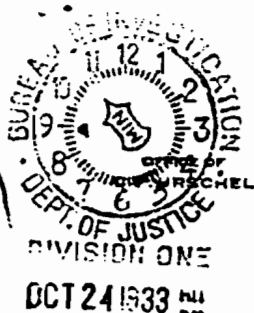
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TRUST ESTATES OF
THOMAS B. SLICK
P.O. BOX 1146
OKLAHOMA CITY

October 19, 1933.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Lester
Mr. Locke

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Please pardon the delay in my answering your letter of the 3rd inst. Since the close of the last trial I have been out of the city and just returned. 157C

As [REDACTED] has expressed to you over the telephone, we deeply appreciate the splendid service of your department in the handling of our case, and desire in particular to commend the services of Mr. Gus T. Jones, Mr. Nathan, and Mr. Colvin. It was through their persistent efforts that the Shannon place was located, and at least all of the principal members of the gang rounded up.

I expect to be in Washington the latter part of next week and want to meet you personally.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
Oct. 25, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: George Kelly Barnes, with aliases,
et al
Charles F. Urechal, Victim
Kidnaping.

There is attached hereto application of George L.
Davis, dated June 20, 1933, for Post Office box at Denver, Colo.
It is suggested that this application be returned to the
Post Office at Denver.

Very truly yours,

Encl.
cc-Division.

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
OCT 25 1933
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**

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REPORT MADE AT: Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-25-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-15/25-33	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] BIC
TITLE: JOHN CALVERT TICHENOR; LANGFORD RAMSEY			CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Signed statements secured from Geraldene Arnold and Cass Coleman were forwarded to the Birmingham Division Office. Original statement of Cass Coleman sent direct to United States Attorney, Memphis, Tennessee.

HUC.

REFERENCE:

Copy of letter from Birmingham Division Office dated October 13, 1933, directed to the Oklahoma City Division Office and telephone call from the latter office to the Dallas Division Office on October 15, 1933.

DETAILS:

Pursuant to a telephone call from the Oklahoma City Division Office to the Dallas Division Office with instructions to interview Geraldene Arnold and Cass Coleman, as requested in the referenced letter directed to the Oklahoma City Division Office, these persons were interviewed in the Dallas Division District and statements secured from them as follows:

DETAILS:

San Antonio, Texas
October 17, 1933.

"I, CASSIE EARL COLEMAN, of Coleman, Texas, state that on the morning of September 25, 1933, just a short while before daylight, a man in a sedan automobile of some kind came to my house about 13 miles South of Coleman, Texas. This man was accompanied by a girl. The girl got out of the car and opened my pasture gate and the man drove his car up to the fence that runs along the North side of my

APPROVED AND
FORWARDED:

F. J. Pearson

SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE

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yard. I saw the car coming in and went out to the yard fence. The man did not get out of the car, but the girl as she was getting back in the car said, - 'Mr. Coleman, - about that time the man in the car said 'Are you Cass Coleman,' I said 'Yes.' He then said 'Well, I am contact man for George and Kathryn Kelly, my name is--' I told him 'I don't care anything about your name.' He said 'Well, Kathryn wanted me to arrange a safe meeting place for you to meet her.'

I stopped him by telling him I didn't want to meet her or George Kelly or to have anything more to do with them.

He said 'Will it be safe for me to take her furs with me,' I told him 'No,' it would not be safe to take anything out or bring anything in - you will be arrested before you get to that other road down there - the place is covered with laws and they are watching my place.' He (the man in the car) said 'Well, I am not hot.' I said 'Well you will be before you get far - they will tail you out of here.' The man seemed to be anxious to get away then and drove off.

I then took Kathryn's furs which she had left in my home on a visit she made there about August 16th, 1933, in a pillow slip, to my barn stuffed them in a bucket and buried them in the oats.

I believe I could identify the man who came to my house on the morning of Sept. 25th, 1933, who said he was a contact man for George and Kathryn Kelly, should I again see him.

I will testify to the above facts should I be called upon to do so in any Court of the United States.

The above statement is made by me voluntarily at San Angelo, Texas this 17th day of October, 1933, to Special Agent [REDACTED] Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, without promise of reward or immunity and without threat or fear of duress.

(Signed) CASS COLEMAN
CASSIE EARL COLEMAN

Witness:
[REDACTED] Special Agent
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Dept. of Justice, Dallas, Texas."

October 12, 1933.

67C I, Ceralene Arnold, make the following voluntary statement to
Special Agent, Division of Investigation, United States
Department of Justice:

As previously related, I first made the acquaintance of Kathryn Kelly with my parents on Labor Day, September 4, 1933 on the highway at Itasca, Texas, and later met George Kelly at Cass Coleman's place at Coleman, Texas, at which time I accompanied George and Kathryn Kelly to San Antonio, Texas, in a light Ford pickup truck. The three of us returned to a place, five or six miles of Santa Anna, Texas to visit Cass Coleman's daughter. At this place, we changed cars and from there the three of us proceeded to Chicago, Illinois in a model A Ford Coupe. After reaching Chicago, Kathryn and George rented an apartment which they gave up the same day going to the Astra Apartments, where we remained several days before going to see Joe Bangle, where Kelly obtained \$200., a bottle of whiskey and a new 1933 Chevrolet Sedan. George and Kathryn Kelly and myself left Chicago, Illinois in this car about 11:30 a.m. Friday, September 22, 1933, and arrived at Memphis, Tenn. about 1:00 a.m., September 23, 1933, going directly to John Tichenor's house on Rayner Street, Memphis, Tennessee. George Kelly called him 'Tich', and on the trip from Chicago George made fun of 'Tich'. He told Kathryn that Tich was a very funny looking man, ugly, and was crippled in one of his legs, and paralyzed on one side. George Kelly said he was a nice fellow and that was where the three of us were to stop after reaching Memphis. After getting to Tichenor's house, Kelly got out of the car and rapped on the door and getting no response he walked in the house. George Kelly returned and told Kathryn and myself to get out of the car and come into the house. Tichenor was in bed and did not get up. The same morning about 8:00 o'clock Tichenor went out of the house and returned shortly after with Langford Ramsey. I heard George Kelly tell Ramsey that he wanted him to drive to Cass Coleman's place at Coleman, Texas and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and to take me with him, as I knew the place at Cass Coleman's, and would act as identification for Ramsey. In the beginning Kelly said he would go with Ramsey to Coleman's and get out of the car about a mile from the place, where he would put on some old clothes and then go to the cotton patch and dig up the money he had buried there. After talking some more, Kelly said it might be better that he not go as the place might be surrounded with officers. Kathryn Kelly told Ramsey that Coleman had her furs and to get them, and also make inquiry for her little Pekinese dog, Sammie, and if located to take it along. Kathryn Kelly told me several times during the day that she was going to send me with Ramsey to her uncle, Cass Coleman. I told her I was not crazy about going, but agreed to accompany Ramsey. Kathryn told Ramsey that after visiting the Coleman farm, he was to go with me to the Ryan Rooms at 126 1/2 Reno Street, Oklahoma City.

and ask for my mother who was to be there under the name of Mrs. M. L. Brown, that if she was not there to see her father, Mr. Brown, and if he could not be located to go to a pay station telephone and call my father, L. E. Brown, who was supposed to be at the Mirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City, and arrange to meet him about the money. I left Memphis with Mr. Ramsey on Sunday morning about 6:00 o'clock in George Kelly's 1935 Chevrolet Sedan, which he got from Joe Berge at Chicago, Illinois. Before leaving George Kelly, Tishenor and Ramsey went out to the car and changed the Illinois license plates and replaced them with Arkansas license plates.

We reached Cass Coleman's place at 5 o'clock the next morning, Monday, September 25, 1935. I got out of the car and walked on the porch and pecked through the window to see if Cass Coleman was up. The lights were on. I noticed Cass Coleman coming around the end of the house. He recognized me, and said I know what you are after. He returned to the car with me. I got in the car and Cass Coleman then talked to Ramsey. Ramsey said he came after Katheryn's furs. Coleman said it was best that we did not take them. Ramsey told Coleman to get the buried money and take it to a place about a hundred miles from Coleman, Texas and there meet George Kelly on a certain night (unknown) at midnight, that if he could not get there that night, he was to continue going to the place every night thereafter until he met Kelly, that Coleman was to take some of his family along as a disguise. Coleman told Ramsey that it could not be done, because the place was surrounded by the law. Coleman told Ramsey to tell Katheryn and George to stay away from his place, because he did not want him and his family to get killed. Ramsey asked Coleman if he and I could stay at his place until daylight. Coleman said no, to go away quickly because just after we would leave the law would be up to see him, and question him about us. Ramsey then drove me to Fort Worth, Texas and he sent two telegrams. One to my father at Oklahoma City, and the other one to Tishenor. Ramsey wanted me to return with him to Memphis, Tenn, but I refused. He said it would cost too much money that he would take me in the car to Oklahoma City. I told him that I would pay my own way, out of \$20. that Katheryn had given to me. Ramsey bought me a ticket on the train to Oklahoma City, and he told me that he would drive the car to Oklahoma City. On arrival at Oklahoma City, I was met by my father and mother at the station, and with them went to Mr. Colvin's apartment in Oklahoma City where I gave him all the information regarding the trip.

As my father and mother and myself were leaving the room in the Wells Robert Hotel in Oklahoma City, I noticed Ramsey. He talked to my father a little bit and then left, and said he was going to drive to Memphis, Tenn. He asked me if I was going with him to Memphis and I said no, and my father told him that I could not go back with him.

While at Tichenor's house, I heard George Kelly, Langford Ramsey and John Tichenor speak about the kidnaping, while they were drinking some whiskey and gin. Tichnor told George that it was a good thing that he came when he did because had he and Kathryn come a few days later they would have found his wife there. I also saw Tichnor come to the house with a pistol for George Kelly. George Kelly gave him the money for the pistol and I heard Tichenor tell Kelly that there was a better pistol but that it cost more money. George Kelly took the pistol apart and examined it and said it would do.

I can read and write, and after reading this statement over consisting of two pages, each of which bears my signature, I say it is true.

Geralene Arnold.

This statement was made in the presence of
and witnessed by the parents of Geralene Arnold.
Mrs. L. W. Arnold L. W. Arnold."

The original and copy of signed statement secured from Geralene Arnold, and copy of signed statement of Cass Coleman, were forwarded to the Birmingham Division Office by letter. The original statement of Cass Coleman was sent direct by letter to the United States Attorney at Memphis, Tennessee.

Witnesses, Mrs. Luther Arnold and Geralene Arnold, returned from Memphis, Tennessee to Dallas, Texas on the evening of October 22, 1933 and at the present time are located in Dallas, Texas.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN,

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

October 26, 1933.

SPC: *b7C*

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

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Mr. Nathan called from Cincinnati and stated he had just talked to Kathryn^K Kelly; that she would not talk very much and it would take a long time for her reticence to wear off; that she remembers him as the one who put her on bread and water; that he believes she is still lying a little; that she stated she does not know a great deal of her own knowledge; that she got most of her information from George^K Kelly; that she finally admitted that she knew something about Tom^B Banks and that was the only thing she was keeping back; that she did not want to tell it at this time; that they agreed not to doublecross each other at this or any other time; that he told her he would see her again; that outside of the statement on Tom Banks she does not have anything so far as the Kansas City case is concerned; that she thinks it was Verne Miller, Wiseman and one other; that she stated she did not know anything about the U^rrschel kidnaping until it had occurred; that Bates and Kelly were going to kill U^rrschel but she prevented it.

Mr. Nathan stated that unless you objected he would leave today on the 2:35 P. M. B&O train from Cincinnati for Kansas City, via St. Louis. His reservation is seat #3, Car 38. This train will lay over in St. Louis for two hours.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
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Tyler, Texas.
October 15th, 1932

Hon. Cummings,
Attorney General of the United States,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Cummings:

I am writing you this letter in behalf of Mr. Harvey
Bailey, one of the defendants who was recently convicted in the Federal
Court in Oklahoma City in the Urchel kidnapping case

Now, Mr. Cummings, I understand that there is some talk
about Mr. Bailey being sent, along with other prisoners, to the
Alcatraz Island Prison, in San Francisco Bay. I trust that this is
not true as pertains to Mr. Bailey. I am greatly grieved at the
outcome of his case. I do not see how any fair-minded man, or body
of men, could possibly have found Mr. Bailey guilty of any conspiracy
whatever in this kidnapping case. Sufficient evidence to prove his
guilt was entirely lacking, and while the public mind was very much
inflamed against Mr. Bailey before the trial, since his trial has
ended and the Kelley trial has also been completed, sentiment as to
Mr. Bailey's guilt and punishment has changed considerably. People
generally now, in this part of the country, seem to feel sorry for
Mr. Bailey, and to feel that, under the circumstances, his punishment
is too severe. It is the general opinion, even among quite a few
attorneys, that he was convicted on "general principals" and by
inflamed minds, and not on the charge of which he was found guilty;
and, of course, we all know that is not fair. It is not fair to the
framers of our Constitution; it is not fair to those who love him;
it is not fair to his dear old Mother, who brought him into this
world, and who is now somewhere near eighty years of age; it is not
fair to fair-minded, right thinking people; it is not fair to those
who suffer because he suffers; and, most of all, it is not according
to God's great Plan and Purpose.

Mr. Bailey has, no doubt, committed wrongs during his
life time, but those who were against him had no positive proof of
the wrongs of which they accused him, and it was all merely talk and
very, very few facts. The human mind is prone to run away with
itself when it comes to criticism of a fellow-being who has made some
errors in life, and the newspapers and magazines play a great part in
helping to poison the public mind and adding to the flame of unfavorable
sentiment that soon literally sweeps the country, until a poor fellow

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has no chance whatever. Of course, Mr. Bailey realizes that he is innocent and he must feel very keenly the sting of injustice, and we all know that two wrongs can never make a right.

Now, I do not mean to make any positive accusation of injustice deliberately done, but I am compelled to state that it looks very much that way, and that is the way it would impress a person who has sympathy and understand for and with his fellow-man, and who is able to read a human heart and to feel a great soul such as Mr. Bailey possesses back of some errors which have crept to the surface during his life time. Any one who is capable of attuning himself to Mr. Bailey's heart and soul cannot fail to feel certain radiations of power and beauty and of manhood issuing from his being, and to those who can do this, Mr. Bailey's treatment while incarcerated, his conviction and the possibility of his being banished to a lonely prison island in the San Francisco Bay, far away from the world, cannot fail to come as a deep grief and a great disappointment in the spiritual life of our nation. It brings to my own soul a feeling of deep sadness and a disappointment that is profound, for I speak truthfully when I say that I, as perhaps no one else in the world, know the heart and soul of Harvey Bailey. I do not know him personally, yet I know him much better than if I knew him merely personally.

Mr. Cummings, this letter comes to you as a part of my mission in life, and I trust that you will take it in the spirit in which it is meant, and that you will be kind enough and that you are possessed of a sufficiently high sense of justice, to save Mr. Bailey this additional suffering of being banished to this lonely prison island, and that he may be permitted to continue his abode at Leavenworth. Mr. Bailey will soon become a model prisoner, and those who would make his life bearable and bring to him a few rays of sunshine, and who love him and believe in him will be better able to make him all that prison officials would have him to be where he now is, and thus fulfill God's great Purpose and Plan for one of his children here below.

Thanking you in advance for a deep consideration of this letter, and trusting that you may be able to feel for Mr. Bailey through the Heart which I feel for him - which is the Great Heart of the Universe - and that you will grant my request, or refer this letter to the persons who will, if you are not the proper person with whom to take the matter up, I am

Sincerely yours,

Attorney at Law

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Mr. Nathan	✓
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Mr. Egan	
Mr. H. H. H.	✓
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Lester	
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Mr Hoover -

Referred to you
by A. C. G.

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NATHAN
Box One

This is astounding. I never have
seen any manifestation of
"radiations of beauty from the
heart & soul" of Bailey.

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Attorney-at-Law,

Tyler, Iowa.

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Dear Madam:

Kindly be advised that your letter of October 15, 1933, addressed to the Attorney General, in which you express a deep affection for Harvey J. Bailey and request that he not be sent to the Alcatraz Island Prison in San Francisco Bay, has been referred to me for attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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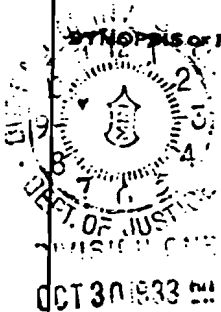
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

FILE NO. **62-432**

REPORT MADE AT: Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-24-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-11/22-33	REPORT MADE BY: <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> b7c
TITLE: JOE BERGLE, et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: HARBORING FUGITIVES WANTED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.



SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Geralene Arnold interviewed and information secured from her transmitted by letter to Chicago Division Office under date of October 11, 1933. Witnesses Mrs. Luther Arnold and Geralene Arnold departed from Dallas, Texas on October 16, 1933 via St. Louis for Chicago. St. Louis and Chicago Division Offices advised of their departure.

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DETAILS:

In response to telephonic instructions from Assistant Director, H. Nathan, who was at the time in the Chicago Division Office, Geralene Arnold was interviewed at Dallas, Texas and the information secured from her was transmitted by letter to the Chicago Division Office under date of October 11, 1933.

Pursuant to an exchange of telegrams between the Chicago and Dallas Division Offices, witnesses, Mrs. Luther Arnold and Geralene Arnold were served with subpoenas by United States Marshal, at Dallas, Texas and their travel funds were advanced to them. This Agent arranged for the purchase of railroad tickets for the witnesses and they departed from Dallas, Texas at 3:20 PM October 16, 1933 via St. Louis en route to Chicago, Illinois. The St. Louis and Chicago Division Offices were notified by wire of their departure with instructions to have an agent meet the train at St. Louis and Chicago upon arrival.

Mrs. Luther Arnold and Geralene Arnold returned to Dallas, Texas on the evening of October 22, 1933 and are at the present time located in Dallas, Texas.

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Los Angeles, California.

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Dear [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 17, 1933, in which you congratulate the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, upon the successful termination of the Urschel kidnaping case.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for your congratulations and kind expressions concerning the work of the Division.

Sincerely yours,

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October 17, 1933

Mr. Nathan.....
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Mr. Clegg.....
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Mr. Ladd.....
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Mr. Nease.....
Mr. Tamm.....

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

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Reference is made to the Harvey
Bailey - "Machine Gun" Kelly cases recently
concluded in Oklahoma City.

Permit me to express my most pro-
found congratulations to each and every man
involved in the solving, capture and conviction
of the participants in the case in question.

I consider that your men did a
splendid piece of work that should go down in
the annals of criminological history, and besides,
should do much to bolster the record in the eyes
of the American people, of the Division of In-
vestigation.

With best wishes for your continued
success, I am

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Respectfully yours,

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[REDACTED] Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 2, 1933.

Prosecuting Attorney,

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Noting the success you have had in bringing the kidnapping gang to justice, I have found in the printed picture of the elder Shannon a strong resemblance to a man named Shannon, alias Blanco and alias Hughes, that I caught at Rockford, Illinois, June 11th, 1890. He was a counterfeit^er, and was taken to Chicago by Capt. Thomas I. Porter, chief secret service operator and Frank Hitchcock, U. S. Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois.

At his trial he was sentenced to the State Prison at Joliet, for a term of one year and a day.

Should this happen to be the same man, I will appreciate being advised.

Congratulating you on your good work, I am,

Yours very truly,
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Division of Investigation

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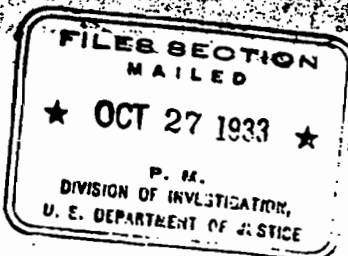
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Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter dated October 2, 1933 addressed to the Prosecuting Attorney, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, concerning E. G. Shannon convicted at Oklahoma City on a charge of kidnaping, kindly be advised that the records of this Division fail to disclose the arrest of this individual at Rockford, Illinois June 11, 1890, as indicated in your letter. It is possible, however, that the individual you refer to could be the same person as E. G. Shannon convicted at Oklahoma City but no fingerprints were received at the time of his arrest at Rockford in 1890, which would make it impossible for the Division to make a positive identification of same.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.**

S. A. FILE NO. 7-11

REPORT MADE AT: San Antonio, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE: Oct. 25, 1933	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-25-33	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] b7C
SUBJECT: GEORGE EDWARD BARNES, with aliases, et al CHARLES W. MURCHIE, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subjects having been apprehended, convicted, and sentenced and no further investigation this district, case is referred upon completion.

HUC

Reference: Report of Special Agent in Charge, R. E. Colvin, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 10-25-33.

Details:

Subjects in instant matter having been apprehended, convicted, and sentenced, and there being no further investigation in the San Antonio district, the case is being

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DETAILS:



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TITLE: GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases, I.O. #1203. KATHERYN GLEO KELLY, with alias - I.O. #1207, et al. CHARLES F. URSCHEL Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Check of banks, San Francisco District, revealed no information concerning renting of safe deposit boxes by any of Subjects involved in this investigation.

R.U.C.

REFERENCE:

Letter from Dallas Division Office, dated August 19, 1933.

DETAILS:

At San Francisco, Calif.

Circular letters were sent to all banks in the San Francisco district, requesting information concerning the renting of safe deposit boxes between the period July 22, 1933, and August 14, 1933, by persons whose true identity was questionable.

DETAILS:

All banks sending in information concerning such rentals were visited, and photographs of Subjects in this investigation were exhibited, including photographs of the Bentz brothers, and relatives.

No pertinent information was obtained.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Okla.**

FILE NO. **7-115-926**

REPORT MADE AT: Birmingham, Ala.	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-28-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-6/13, 21-23/33	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] b7C
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al, Charles F. Urschel - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping Harboring a Fugitive from Justice.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Tichenor, Travis and Ramsey indicted by U.S. Grand Jury at Jackson, Tenn. on 10-6-33. Tichenor charged with harboring a fugitive from justice and with conspiracy to harbor; Travis charged with Harboring and Ramsey with harboring, conspiracy to harbor, being an accessory after the fact, and with conspiracy to violate kidnaping statute. All were arraigned at Memphis, Tenn. 10-13-33, pleaded not guilty, and trial set for 10-21-33. On 10-21-33 case as to Travis continued and he was released on his own recognizance; Tichenor and Ramsey were tried on charge of harboring and conspiracy to harbor and verdict of guilty returned by jury as to both charges against both men. Both sentenced to serve six months in Shelby County Jail, Memphis, Tenn. on harboring charge, and to serve two years each in Atlanta Penitentiary on conspiracy charge, sentences to run consecutively. U.S. Attorney, Memphis, Tenn., advises case against Travis continued indefinitely, and that no action will be taken on two other indictments against Ramsey until a later date.

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REFERENCE: Report of Sp. Agt. **[REDACTED]** Birmingham, Ala., 10-6-33.

DETAILS:

The facts of this case as to Tichenor, Travis and Ramsey were presented to a U.S. Grand Jury at Jackson, Tenn. on October 6, 1933, and two indictments were returned against Tichenor charging him with harboring a fugitive from justice, knowing that a process had been issued for him, to-wit: George Kelly Barnes, with aliases, and the second charging him with a conspiracy to viol-

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see this statute. One indictment was returned as to Travis charging him with harboring George Kelly Barnes. Two indictments were returned as to Ramsey, charging him with harboring George Kelly Barnes, with conspiracy to harbor Barnes, with being an accessory after the fact of kidnaping, and with conspiracy to violate the kidnaping statutes.

All these men were arraigned in U. S. District Court at Memphis, Tenn. on October 13, 1933, and all entered plea of not guilty and trial was set for October 21, 1933.

On October 21, 1933 the case against Travis was continued indefinitely, and was released on his own recognizance. Tichenor and Ramsey were on this date given a trial in the U. S. District Court, Memphis, Tenn., on the charges of harboring a fugitive, and of conspiracy to harbor a fugitive, and were found guilty of both charges by a U. S. Petit Jury, and both were then sentenced by Federal Judge H. B. Anderson to serve six months in the Shelby County Jail, Memphis, Tenn. on the harboring conviction, and both to serve two years in the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga. on the conspiracy conviction, the sentences to run consecutively, the sentence to the Shelby County Jail to be served first.

Motions for a new trial by defense counsel were overruled and they then signified their intention of appealing the case. Federal Judge H.B. Anderson advised that he would be unable to have a hearing as to the fixing of appeal bonds until January 2, 1934. Tichenor and Ramsey were then committed to the Shelby County Jail.

U. S. Attorney William McCannahan advised that he does not intend to prosecute Travis and will ask for permission to enter a nolle prosequi in his case, but that he intends to hold the indictment against him until the cases of Tichenor and Ramsey have been finally settled. He advised that no action will be taken as to the other two indictments pending against Ramsey until the Court of Appeals has passed on the decision of Judge Vaught as to the conspiracy angle of this case.

Disposition sheets and parole reports are being forwarded to the Division with copies of this report.

The U.S. Marshal at Memphis has been advised by the Division that the records of the Division contain no former record for Travis, Tichenor or Ramsey.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

BIRMINGHAM OFFICE, at Memphis, Tenn., will keep in touch with the U. S. Attorney's office for further developments in this case.

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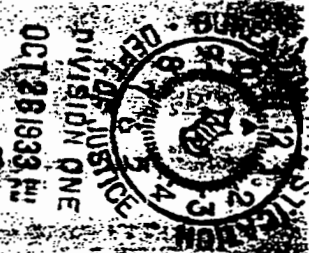
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DALLAS TEXAS OCTOBER 25 1933

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

ATTORNEY FOR R C SHANNON REQUESTS BOND BE RETURNED U S COMMISSIONER
FORT WORTH FOR ADDITIONAL SURETIES



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480 POST OFFICE BLDG DALLAS TEXAS

R G SHANNON BOND US ATTORNEY REQUESTS THAT SAME BE RETURNED TO US COMMISSIONER
FORT WORTH FOR ADDITIONAL SURETY AND THAT YOU MAKE APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION
AS TO SUCH ADDITIONAL SURETIES BEFORE BOND IS RETURNED HERE

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DEPARTMENT JUSTICE OKLA CITY

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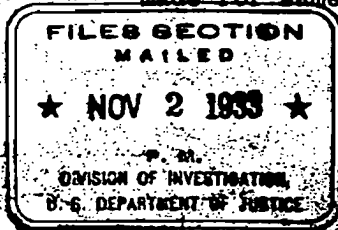
November 2, 1933.

Chairman, Parole Board,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith for your information
copies of a parole report on John Calvert Tichnor with alias,
who has received a sentence for a term of over one year for
violation of Kidnaping - Harboring a Fugitive from Justice.

As this Bureau has been instructed to furnish the
Director, Bureau of Prisons, a complete record of the criminal
history of every prisoner as soon as fingerprints are re-
ceived from Federal penitentiaries, it is presumed that if
this subject has a previous criminal record it is now in your
file. If you have reason to believe that this prisoner has a
previous criminal record which does not appear in your file,
and you will notify me, I will be glad to have a further search
made for same.



Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. # 36651

VWH by SPC

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