

U. S. Department of Justice  
Division of Investigation  
224 Federal Building  
Oklahoma City, Okla.  
October 26, 1933

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Hon. C. F. Colcord  
1203 Colcord Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Colcord:

I observe in the daily papers that your committee expects to shortly take action in regard to the payment of rewards offered in the Urschel kidnaping case and that you have stated that you would pay the same upon my recommendations.

Owing to the fact that certain of the claimants have made allegations that I was prejudiced against their claims and would not give them a square deal, I most respectfully decline to make any recommendations whatever in the matter as I can not afford to have it said that I have been unfair to anyone.

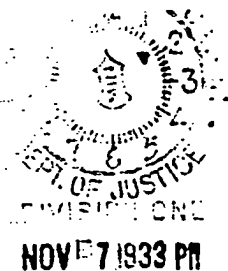
I know your committee will want all the facts in the case and to that end would request you to write Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice Washington, D.C., in whose possession are all of the reports from the various offices on this case, and which reports contain all the facts relative to the parts taken by the various informants who furnished information or assisted in the apprehension of Kelly and his wife.

I am not attempting to evade a responsibility or duty but feel that the above procedure is best for all concerned.

Very truly yours,

(signed) R. H. Colvin  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1216 Smith Young Tower,  
San Antonio, Texas,  
November 3, 1933.

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

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GEORGE R. KELLY BARNES, w.a.  
et al - Kidnaping

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Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter of October 24, 1933,  
in the above captioned matter.

On October 18, 1933, [redacted] Chief of Police,  
Waco, Texas, advised the San Antonio Office that he had some  
information relative to subject Kelly having been in the vicinity of  
Neff Park, Coryell County, Texas, which is a short distance from  
McGregor, Texas; that Kelly had left a horse and saddle with a man  
named [redacted] and had stopped at a ranch known as the Baugh Ranch;  
that on this ranch there was a two story rock house with a basement  
and that the information he had was that some money had been buried  
in this basement.

Agent [redacted] being in the vicinity of Waco, Texas, proceeded  
immediately to Waco, Texas, and conferred with Chief of Police [redacted]  
and Chief of Detectives [redacted] Agent [redacted] in company  
with Chief of Detectives [redacted] Detective [redacted] of Waco  
Police Department, Waco, Texas, [redacted] Deputy Sheriff, Gainesville,  
Texas, and [redacted] City Marshal, Gainesville, Texas, proceeded  
to Neff Park where [redacted] owns and operates a filling station and  
small grocery store. [redacted] upon being interviewed stated that on  
September 8, 1933, his sisters [redacted] and [redacted] had  
sold eleven gallons of gasoline to a man driving a medium size black  
sedan, who was accompanied by a woman; that his sisters had told him  
that their descriptions answered those of Mr. and Mrs. George Kelly; that  
he, himself, did not see these parties.

[redacted] and [redacted] upon being interviewed, stated  
that on September 8, 1933, they sold a man and woman who were driving a  
medium size black sedan eleven gallons of gasoline; that this man when  
they started to fill his gasoline tank asked them if they were the only  
ones at the station and they advised him that they were; that he said he  
would do the work and pumped the gasoline for them; that several days

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later they noticed pictures of George Kelly and his wife in the newspapers and had told several parties that they believed that the parties they had waited on on September 8, 1933, were George Kelly and his wife; that this was sometime in the morning of September 8, 1933; that these parties inquired the way to Fort Worth, Texas, or to the highway leading to Fort Worth, Texas.

[redacted] was located near Winston, Coryell County, Texas, a short distance from the home of [redacted]. He advised that he had heard rumors that he had been harboring George Kelly and his wife; that this was not true; that he did not know Kelly and had never seen Kelly or his wife; that the only person who was at his house was [redacted] of Dallas, Texas, who worked for the Lowe-Campbell Sporting Goods Store, Dallas, Texas, and that he was at present in the house.

Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted]. His physical description is somewhat similar to that of Kelly. [redacted] advised that he was visiting [redacted] for a few weeks; that he was formerly employed by the Lowe-Campbell Sporting Goods Store of Dallas, Texas, but was being transferred to their store at Kansas City, Missouri. [redacted] is positively not Verne Miller.

[redacted] on being questioned as to whether or not someone had left a saddle at his ranch, advised that they had; that they also left a horse; that the party's name was [redacted] of Waco, Texas, who came to his ranch on week ends with a lady and that they rode horseback around the place. Detective [redacted] asked to see this saddle and identified same as having been stolen. He advised [redacted] that he had previously arrested [redacted] for the theft of two saddles and that he is wanted at Glen Rose, Texas. [redacted] was a former Special Texas Ranger and upon being arrested for theft lost his commission.

Agent [redacted] and the above mentioned officers visited the old Baugh Ranch where the rock house and basement were found and interviewed [redacted]. [redacted] advised that he had been living on the old Baugh Ranch for a number of years and that no one answering the description of Kelly and his wife visited his place, although he had heard this rumor and that same came from the [redacted] and [redacted]. A thorough search of this old house was made but nothing was found of interest. Detective [redacted] took possession of the saddle which was a new one and brought same back to Waco, Texas, and advised Agent [redacted] that he was going to re-arrest [redacted] and charge him with the theft of this saddle as he had reason to believe that it was one of the saddles stolen by [redacted] at Glen Rose, Texas; that he had previously recovered two saddles from [redacted] when there were three reported stolen by [redacted].

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b7C The above information was obtained from memorandum submitted by Agent [REDACTED] on his return to the San Antonio Office. As there was nothing to this matter no report was made on same.

Very truly yours,

C. R. Davis,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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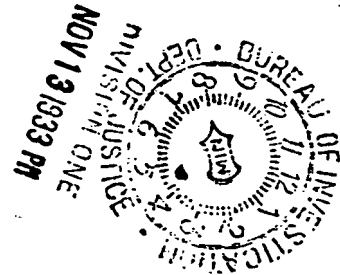
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U. S. Department of Justice  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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224 Federal Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
November 4, 1933

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

Dear Sir :

In Re: George Kelly, et al  
Kidnaping

In compliance with the instructions contained in the Division's letter dated October 25, 1933, the following criminal record of George Kelly has been secured from the Police Department at Tulsa, Oklahoma :

As George Kelly, #5787, arrested July 24, 1927;  
charge-Vagrancy; jury trial demanded July 27, 1927;  
jury trial waived October 7, 1927; trial by the  
Court; case dismissed.

As George Kelly, #6124, arrested July 10, 1927;  
charge-Vagrancy; jury trial demanded July 11, 1927;  
jury trial waived August 10, 1927; case tried by the  
Court and dismissed.

As George Kelly, #6125, arrested August 11, 1927;  
charge-Careless Driving; tried, convicted, fined  
\$14.00 and costs (\$1.00).

As George Kelly, #6126, arrested August 11, 1927;  
charge-Speeding (violation Section 1420 City Ordinance);  
case dismissed August 11, 1927.

One extra copy of this letter is being furnished to the Division to be used as a disposition sheet in posting the above data on Kelly's finger print record.

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Very truly yours,

C. G. SCHENKEN, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

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

November 4, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: CHART IN URSCHER KIDNAPING CASE.

It is suggested that, as soon as the cases against the three remaining subjects in the Urschel case are disposed of in Chicago, a large chart should be prepared containing the pictures of all subjects convicted in this case with the sentence that each receives stated under his or her respective picture. Fifteen individuals have been convicted in this case to date.

In addition it is suggested that a short summary of the Division's activities in this case should be included near the center of the chart, also a concise legend showing the total number of convictions and length of sentences meted out in this particular case.

It is believed that such a chart will prove to be the most interesting one the Division has yet prepared.

Respectfully,

*W. H. D. Lester*  
W. H. D. Lester.

*Very good.*  
*J. E. H.*

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W. H. D. Lester

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224 Federal Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
November 2, 1933

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
320 Post Office Building  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the original copy of a letter received by Mr. Charles F. Urschel from one [redacted] a/o Peoples Cafe, Jackson, Mississippi, dated October 29, 1933, wherein [redacted] states that he received information in a bookmaking and gambling joint at New Orleans which would be of great importance to Mr. Urschel.

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It is respectfully requested that your office interview [redacted] and secure from him the information which he desires to furnish in this case.

Upon completion of your inquiry the original letter, which is enclosed, should be returned to this office.

Very truly yours,

Encl.  
cc-Division ✓

C. G. Schenken, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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EDWARDS HOTEL

Edwards House Co. Propr.

John L. Ware,

Manager

Edwards Hotel

Mo. Co. Mo.

Mr. Chas. F. Urschel  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Mr. Urschel -

Please don't think when you read this that it is the work of some crank or other curious person as I am sure that the nature of it will not be so easy to understand but at the same time it may mean a lot and prove to be very important to you.

I am ex-motion picture machine operator but haven't worked for two years but was in New Orleans a few days ago looking for work and I happened into a bookmaking and gambling joint one night and just got to talking to a man that I had never seen before.

I learned a few things from him that should be of great interest to you. I would tell you in this letter but I had rather talk to you personally and another thing - I wouldn't care to be mixed up in any thing of this sort.

I am broke and cant come to Oklahoma City any other way than at your expense but would be glad to if you think my information would be worth a round trip ticket from here there and I am sure that you wouldn't regret spending around fifty dollars for something that may prove to be worth that many thousand if there is anything to a conversation that I listened to in New Orleans.

I dont want you to send me any money Mr. Urschel but if you want to take any chance on something that sounded very serious to me you can wire me a round trip to Oklahoma City and I can leave here any day at 2:40 P.M. and arrive on the Rock Island the next day at 10:15 A.M.

If you think this to be the work of some curious or inquisitive person I can furnish a letter of recommendation as to my truthfulness from the Chief of Police and also one from the Captain of Detectives if you desire.

If you are interested in this Mr. Fredal please wire as soon as you receive this and I can leave here at once.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Peoples Cafe  
Jackson, Miss.

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411 U. S. Court House  
Portland, Oregon

November 3, 1933.

[REDACTED] b7C  
Deputy U. S. Marshal  
Ketchikan, Alaska

Geo. R. Kelly, et al  
Chas. F. Urschel (Victim)  
Kidnaping

Dear Mr. Caswell:

Reference is made to your letter of October 25, 1933, regarding Albert L. Bates.

I am enclosing herewith a photograph, front view, of Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, who is described as follows:

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

Age - 39  
Height - 5'11"  
Weight - 170 lbs.  
Build - Slender  
Hair - Light  
Eyes - Blue  
Wounded in shoulder - has a silver plate therein  
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Bates with George Kelly was identified as the kidnaper of Charles F. Urschel at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He is now serving a life sentence at Leavenworth Penitentiary, he having been convicted for that offense. Bates, in addition to being closely affiliated with George Kelly, is also very friendly with Ed and Ted Bentz, well known police characters. Ed Bentz, Bates and Kelly were implicated in the robbery of the First Savings and Trust Bank, Colfax, Washington, September 21, 1932, the three of them having been identified as the parties making away with approximately \$10,000.00 in cash. Attached hereto is the criminal record of Bates.

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In the event you are able to develop information concerning Bates through your questioning of [REDACTED] it will be greatly appreciated if you will furnish the same to this office.

Very truly yours,

H. A. King, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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RE: Geo. R. Kelly,  
Chas. F. Urschel - Victim  
Kidnaping.

CITY DETECTIVE SHREVEPORT TELEPHONED URSCHER LAST NIGHT THAT HE  
KNOWS UNDERWORLD CHARACTER WHO CAN RECOVER RANSOM MONEY AND UNCOVER HEAD MAN  
INTERVIEW

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Laboratory Report

Case: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al, Kidnaping. Number: 7-115  
Specimen: 13 letters and postal card addressed to Kathryn Kelly and  
3 letters written by her to be mailed out.

Examination requested by: Mr. Hughes.

Date received: October 31, 1933.  
Examination desired: General.

Date of Report: November 4, 1933.  
Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A.Appel.

There appeared to be nothing about this correspondence which would enable any additional examination of letters or other exhibits in the Kelly Case. The entire correspondence was examined and each specimen was tested with the ultra-violet light for invisible messages without result.

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Laboratory Report

Case: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al, Kidnaping. Number: 7-115  
Specimen: Handwriting of the following: Ted Bentz, Ed Bentz, [REDACTED]

Examination requested by: Portland office. b7C

Date received: November 2, 1933.

Examination desired: Compare with threatening anonymous letter addressed to Mr. Keenan from Seattle.

Date of Report: November 6, 1933.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appel

November 4, 1933. The signature specimens of the handwriting of these individuals are not similar to the handwriting in the threatening letter and there is no reason from the signature alone to think that any of them wrote it.

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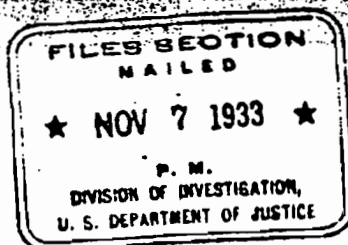
Mr. Don E. Jones,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1216 Smith-Young Tower Bldg.,  
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Mr. Jones:-

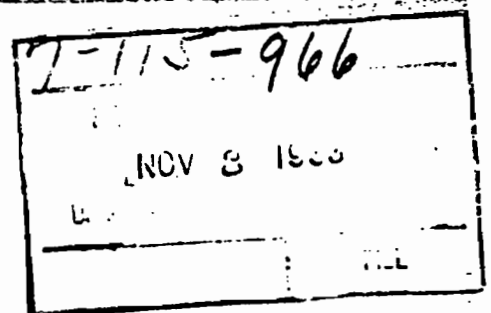
This will remind you of the request made  
by Mr. Tolson that you forward to the Division as soon  
as possible the wig used by Kathryn Kelly at the time of  
her apprehension at Memphis, Tennessee.

Very truly yours,

Director



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ST: [redacted]

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November 7, 1933.

Mr. J. E. Colburn,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
24 Federal Building,  
Washington 25, D. C.

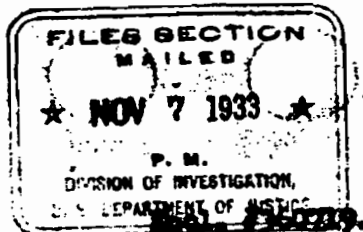
Dear Mr. Colburn:-

This will remind you of the request made  
by Mr. Tolson recently that you transmit to the Division  
the automatic pistol taken from George "Machine Gun" Kelly  
at Memphis, Tennessee; the thermos jug and tin bucket in  
which the Bremer ransom money was found; the chain with  
which Mr. Bremer was chained at the time of his confine-  
ment, and the automatic rifle taken from Harvey Kelley.

There is enclosed herewith Government Bill  
of Lading Number J-51733 for your use in transmitting this  
material to the Division. Steps should be taken to prepare  
the material so that it will not be damaged in shipment.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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1002 Post Office and Court House Bldg.,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

September 2, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Agent [redacted] of the Boston Office of the U. S. Secret Service informed this office that [redacted] a teller at the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston, was holding a \$20. Federal Reserve note which was part of the Lindbergh ransom money.

[redacted] of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston was contacted by Special Agent [redacted] of this office and [redacted] advised that on October 24, 1933 a deposit of \$40,000 was received at the Federal Reserve Bank at Boston from the Springfield National Bank of Springfield, Mass. and contained in the above deposit was a bundle consisting of \$1,000, among which was a \$20 Federal Reserve note # 634194894, which was one of the \$20 notes paid in the Urzschal kidnapping case, and that the band around the \$1,000 showed that it had been put up by No. 3 or No. 8, and bore initials which appeared to be H.A.C.

[redacted] of the Springfield National Bank was contacted by telephone and he advised that there are twelve tellers in his bank and that all bills taken in by these tellers are turned over to the head teller, where some of them are prepared for shipment to the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston, but that he would endeavor to ascertain the source from which the above \$20 note was obtained.

Later, [redacted] advised this office by telephone that it would be impossible to trace this note through his bank.

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The above note is at the present time in possession of [REDACTED] of the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston, who advised that he will retain same a reasonable length of time.

This information is being furnished the Division for whatever action is deemed necessary in the premises.

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Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]  
J. A. MURPHY, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

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201 Liberty National Life Bldg.,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
November 7, 1933.

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Glavin.....  
Mr. Ladd.....  
Mr. Nichols.....  
Mr. Rosen.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Mr. Carson.....  
Mr. Egan.....  
Mr. Gurnea.....  
Mr. Harbo.....  
Mr. Hendon.....  
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Mr. Lester.....  
Mr. Quinn.....  
Mr. Nease.....  
Mr. Tamm.....

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated November 2, 1933, requesting that the sub-machine gun believed to have been found in possession of George Kelly at Memphis, Tennessee when the latter was arrested at that place, be forwarded to the Division.

For the information of the Division, no machine gun was found in Kelly's possession at the time of his arrest. There was found, however, a 45 cal. Colt Automatic Pistol, and a pepper-box pistol, the latter gun having been returned to its lawful owner at the request of the U. S. Attorney in Memphis. The Colt Automatic was forwarded to the Oklahoma City Office for use in connection with the trial, and it is undoubtedly in possession of that office, along with the wig that Kathryn Kelly had been wearing.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Oklahoma City Office, in order that it may transmit to the Division these articles, as well as any other articles taken from Kelly, and which might be of public interest.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Rorer*  
W. A. RORER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Oklahoma City

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

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NOV 11 1933

Dear Sir :

In the returning of the various machine guns which were assembled at this office during the trial of George R. Kelly and others, kidnapping, the carrying case, the case for the 50 capacity drum, and the spare parts kit, all belonging to the Birmingham office have apparently been returned to the wrong office. It was thought that this equipment might have been erroneously sent to the New Orleans office inasmuch as that gun was received here without the said equipment and was returned there fully equipped. The New Orleans office has reported by letter dated October 28, 1933 that when its gun was originally taken from New Orleans to Dallas by Agent [redacted] that all of the equipment was sent with the gun. Inasmuch as this equipment was not received at this office, it is probable that the same was left at Dallas. It is accordingly requested that your office endeavor to locate the missing equipment and forward the same to the Birmingham office.

Very truly yours,

R. H. COLVIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division ✓  
Birmingham, Ala.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE	
Mr. Tolson	Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin	Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols	Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy	Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan	Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Hendon	Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn	Mr. Nease
Mr. Nease	Mr. Gandy

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.  
November 9, 1933.

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called Mr. Nathan on the late afternoon of the 8th. instant and read to him the letters which had been prepared addressed to the Dallas and Birmingham offices enclosing the correspondence relative to the reward offered by Mr. Colcord in the Urschel case. Mr. Nathan stated he thought that this was a very proper action on the part of the Division and that the letters were all right and he thought it advisable that the matter be handled confidentially by the Agents in Charge. The letters are attached hereto.

Mr. Nathan also stated that he had been talking to William Hamm, Jr., and that he was disgusted with Hamm's attitude; that he seemed to be more uncertain at this time than he had ever been before and that he, Mr. Nathan, was suspicious of the entire matter, believing that Hamm had been dealing with the gangster element in distributing his beer. This morning Mr. Nathan called and stated that Hamm's attitude had improved considerably and they were drawing a jury, which process would probably require the complete day.

Respectfully,

*[Handwritten signature]*

V. W. Hughes.

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November 19, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

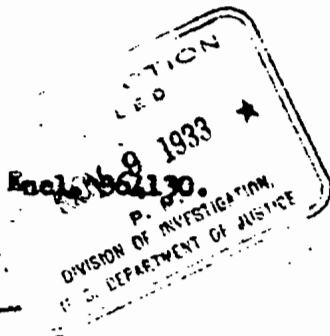
I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter dated October 30, which the Division received from Mr. Charles F. Colcord, of Oklahoma City, who offered the reward for the apprehension of the Kellys in connection with the Wrechal kidnaping. I am also enclosing a copy of the Division's reply to Mr. Colcord, dated November 4, and I believe in view of the newspaper despatches to the effect that Mr. Colcord has announced that he proposes to withdraw his offer of the reward of \$25,000, the interested officers in your district, both at Dallas and Fort Worth, should be fully advised of the Division's attitude in this matter.

I wish, therefore, that you would take occasion to indicate to those police officers in your district the fact that the Division has taken absolutely no action which would cause Mr. Colcord to withdraw his offer. The Division stands ready to furnish Mr. Colcord, or any interested person or committee, with the facts in so far as they are known to the Division, concerning the part played by each claimant for the reward, and I thought in justice to the Division and to the police officers interested they should be fully informed of all of the facts. Please take occasion to confidentially so inform them.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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November 9, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter dated October 30, which the Division received from Mr. Charles F. Colcord, of Oklahoma City, who offered the reward for the apprehension of the Kellys in connection with the Urshel kidnaping. I am also enclosing a copy of the Division's reply to Mr. Colcord, dated November 4, and I believe in view of the newspaper dispatches to the effect that Mr. Colcord has announced that he proposes to withdraw his offer of the reward of \$15,000, the interested police officers in your district, at Memphis, Tennessee, should be fully advised of the Division's attitude in this matter.

I wish, therefore, that you would take occasion to indicate to those police officers the fact that the Division has taken absolutely no action which would cause Mr. Colcord to withdraw his offer. The Division stands ready to furnish Mr. Colcord, or any interested person or committee, with the facts in so far as they are known to the Division, concerning the part played by each claimant for the reward, and I thought in justice to the Division and to the police officers interested they should be fully informed of all of the facts. Please take occasion to confidentially so inform them.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 364131.

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WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS

Wednesday,  
November 1, 1933.

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

### Reward for Kelly's Capture Not Likely to Be Paid Anyone

By United Press

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — No one will be paid the \$25,000 reward offered for the capture of George (Machine Gun) and Kathryn Kelly unless his conclusion that Justice Department agents were solely responsible is disapproved, Charles F. Colcord said today.

Colcord, millionaire civic leader, and other wealthy friends of Charles F. Urschel, for whose kidnaping the Kellys and others were convicted, offered the reward when Kelly terrorized principals in the first kidnaping trial.

Justice Department agents can not accept rewards.

Colcord added, however, that the reward would be paid to others if Federal authorities

This is very bad, please  
look into it.

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Dallas J. E. H.  
Birmingham  
11/1/33  
W.H.

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THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF CHICAGO  
FRANK M. PADDEN, JUDGE  
In Chambers

October 31, 1933.

Hon. Jos. B. Keenan,  
Assistant Attorney General,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Keenan:

I am enclosing letter received  
by me in the mail today which the writer  
probably thinks is a "hot tip." I suppose you  
get a great number of them. I am sending it  
along to you as I, of course, had nothing to  
do with the case the letter mentions.

Very truly yours,

FRANK M. PADDEN  
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Chicago

see 62-29100

Charles H. Venable

Kalamazoo Mich

Oct 30, 1935

Chicago

Ill

Dear Sir:-

I understand there is a man by the name of Jim O Donell mixed up in that Orshel Kid-napping case. My husbands name was James H O'Donell sometimes spelled O'Donnell. He disappeared from home over 7 years ago, and I would not be surprised at any trouble he might get in as he drank gambled and ran with bad women so I left him over 8 years ago. But I have some life insurance on him and have tried always in vain to find him. Now he would be about 42 years old. Sandy beard when not shaven brown hair blue eyes short in stature. When left home weighed about 142 lbs. Top of head was all bald. On one fore arm was tattooed a nude woman. I often think fowl play has overtaken him. If he is guilty in this case Lynch him. He deserves it. And if you can send me his picture. And I can be of any service to you I will be glad to help out. He has a police record in South Bend Ind. But not Federal as I know of. He is an Army deserter but went under a fake name in the service. And was never caught. Please could you send me a picture or does this description tally with any of the C. Gangsters. Please let me hear from you soon.

Mrs. Ida Belle O'Donell

R. R. 7 Kalamazoo Mich  
Phone 6852

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November 9, 1933.

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

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Dear Sir:

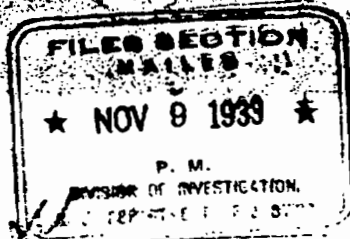
There are inclosed herewith copies of a letter dated October 30, 1933, addressed to Judge Frank M. Padden of the Municipal Court of Chicago, by Mrs. Ida Belle O'Donnell, Rural Route 7, Kalamazoo, Michigan, concerning one Jim O'Donnell.

It is requested that when an Agent of the Chicago Office is next in the vicinity of Kalamazoo that he interview the writer of this letter for any information which she may have to the effect that Jim O'Donnell is involved in the Urschel kidnaping case, or any other Federal violation.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Inclosure No. 679765.



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November 9, 1933.

Mr. Frank E. Padden, Judge,  
The Municipal Court of Chicago,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Sir:

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Kindly be advised that your letter of October 31, 1933, transmitting a letter from Mrs. Ida Belle O'Donnell, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, has been referred to me for attention, and I am instructing Mr. M. E. Purvis, Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Office, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers' Building, to interview the writer of this letter for any information she may have.

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

Very truly yours,

Director.

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326½ Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.  
November 9, 1933.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram of November 6, 1933, relative to the above entitled case, which advised that City Detective [redacted] Shreveport, Louisiana, had communicated on the previous evening by long distance telephone with Mr. Urschel at Oklahoma City and advised him that he, [redacted] was in possession of information indicating the whereabouts of the remainder of the ransom money and the identity of other parties involved in the kidnaping.

Reference is also made to our telephone conversation of November 7, 1933, regarding this matter.

There are attached hereto four copies of a memorandum of Special Agent [redacted] dated Shreveport, Louisiana, November 8, 1933, setting forth result of his contact with City Detective [redacted] and the informant at Shreveport. In the event any further information is received relative to this matter it will be furnished to you promptly, and in the meantime no further action is being taken pending instructions.

Very truly yours,

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R. Whitley, Division of Investigation  
Special Agent in Charge. 33

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SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA,  
November 8, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C. WHITLEY:

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

On the afternoon and evening of November 7, 1933, I made several efforts to locate [redacted] City Detective, contacting him in the evening. This officer always has cooperated with the Division and, generally, is above the average in intelligence. He had no first-hand information and advised that he had received his information from a confidential informant. Agent impressed upon [redacted] the necessity of a personal interview and that any information would be treated in strict confidence. I also advised him along the lines you suggested in our conversation. He fully understands the Division's attitude in these cases.

Sometime after midnight, [redacted] brought the informant to the hotel. This man, it later developed, is [redacted] principally a gambler, (when times are good, on a large scale) and whisky runner. At one time, several years ago, he was a defendant in an action in New Orleans, Louisiana, which, as I understand, was investigated by [redacted] of the Secret Service Division, and the latter is supposed to know considerable concerning [redacted] [redacted] also spoke to [redacted] as to instant matter. The informant also is known to [redacted] formerly of the Secret Service at New Orleans. The man is a drifter at present but may be reached at any time through [redacted] The latter states the informant is not given to "overstretching things."

He stated he had known Kathryn Kelly for sixteen years. Some sixteen years ago, Kathryn came to Fort Worth, Texas, and soon came under the wing of one, Louise Bryant, alias Louise Smith, and other aliases unknown. The latter's original home is at Milburn, Oklahoma, where her mother, a Mrs. Smith, resides, as does a child of Louise Bryant, a boy about twelve or fourteen years old. Louise is now about thirty-eight years old, black hair, weight 125 pounds, height 5' 4 1/2", half Indian. This woman, as the informant described her, is "100% criminal." She has been arrested at Dallas, Fort Worth, in the latter city with Kathryn, and the arrest was made by one, [redacted] or, [redacted] now a Federal officer at Tyler, Texas. [redacted] police at Houston, Texas, has arrested Louise in company with one, Jack Smith, with whom she lived until late in 1928 when Smith was killed by officers in Oklahoma City after tying up some people in a hotel. Louise, Jack, and one, [redacted] about six or seven years ago, robbed a branch bank on Canal Street in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the police caught [redacted] who

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is now serving a fifteen years sentence at Angola. The officers missed Louise and Jack Smith at an apartment across from the DeSoto Hotel. In fact, as the officers broke into the apartment, the two had just poured coffee and it was steaming. They made their get-away out the back door. This information is all given to furnish a background. After Smith's demise, Louise drifted to Detroit and probably under the name of Louise Smith, her maiden name, was sent to State Prison for Women in Michigan charged with highway robbery. She is said to have received a five years sentence. It should be stated that before her departure from Oklahoma she also shot a deputy sheriff at San Antonio, Texas. The informant is advised that Louise has bought a cottage on the Rasin River, near Monroe, Michigan, and also twenty acres of land in connection. This is said to be a summer resort. What name she is using at present is difficult to say - probably Smith. She is well known to [redacted] the Huron Club, which is located in the rear of Commodore Parry Hotel in Toledo, Ohio. She is a very good friend of [redacted] wife. [redacted] is a racketeer and this club is a rendezvous for high-class crooks. [redacted] a Toledo product, used to hang out there. [redacted] partner, [redacted], is reported to be serving a twenty-five years sentence at the Federal Reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio, charge train robbery, interfering with the mails, etc. Louise makes frequent trips to Toledo. The informant advises that Kathryn Kelly and Bates are the only persons, other than a man I will name later, who know the whereabouts of the remainder of Urschel's money; that Bates will die in prison before he talks, as will probably Kathryn; but that Kathryn always has trusted Louise and if there is any person who can get her confidence, it is Louise Smith. The latter is money crazy. The informant claims that he believes Louise would go and talk to Kathryn if he gave the word. Louise is said to know all the gang, Bailey, Kelly, etc.

The above information is furnished by the informant as a possible lead to locate the money through Louise Smith.

Concerning the "finger war" in the kidnaping, the informant names [redacted] for many years a leading but unscrupulous attorney of Oklahoma City. He is known as a "fixer" who has afforded protection to gambling in Oklahoma City for years and who has defended, in past years, many of Oklahoma's outlaws. He is said to "run the town" and while clothed with the mantle of respectability, has become wealthy through his underworld connections. He has defended the informant but at the present time the two are bitter enemies and the word is passed out for [redacted] to "stay out of Oklahoma City." The trouble arose over a woman. Late in 1928 or 1929, while [redacted] was a prosperous gambler in Florida, at [redacted] behest, he brought up a machine gun and delivered it to [redacted]. It was used in one of the gambling clubs and the informant can identify it by a bent sight. [redacted] is said to still have this weapon. Some months ago, [redacted] was caught in a bank in Shawnee,



Oklahoma, with some \$37,000.00 in stolen securities. A [redacted] of the Bank. About this same time, one, [redacted] was arrested as he alighted from a plane in Los Angeles, California, in possession of \$100,000.00 in stolen securities. The source of these is unknown. [redacted] is said to have served ninety days in the Los Angeles County Jail. It is well to state at this point that while [redacted] was in Florida in the "boom" days, he met [redacted] (what surname she is using at present is unknown) a sister of [redacted]. [redacted] became intimate with [redacted] or [redacted] and a few months ago met her in Kilgore, Texas, at which time she was "sporting" a new black Chevrolet Sedan, with Oklahoma licenses, the numbers of which the informant will secure, and thereby aid in identifying the woman, a large diamond ring, and other valuable presents. She informed him, and he has received the same information from other sources, that she was engaged to marry [redacted]. The informant asked if [redacted] was still in Oklahoma City and the woman advised, in a secretive manner, that [redacted] thought "it best to get out of the City while all this kidnaping investigation was going on." She informed that he had gone to New Mexico and there paid cash for a ranch consisting of twenty-six sections located eighteen miles from Magdalena, New Mexico, not far from Silver City, New Mexico. [redacted] stated he felt it strange that [redacted] not a cattle man, should leave Oklahoma City so suddenly, breaking off connections of a life time to go to New Mexico. [redacted] home town, where her mother resides, "is the first small town on the other side of Denison, Oklahoma, after crossing the Red River bridge, going toward Durant, Oklahoma." Here she spends a great part of her time and sometimes drives to Kilgore, Texas, and there visits [redacted] who is living with one, [redacted], "a punk," and to reach their home, one proceeds from Kilgore one and one-half miles toward Longview, Texas, and after passing a new high school, go two hundred yards, and take the right fork of the road. The house is located in an isolated spot and "Pretty Boy" often visits there, as did Bailey and Bates. [redacted] also has a new Chevrolet Sedan, black in color, Texas plates.

The informant is impressed by the fact that [redacted] who comes from poor people in Oklahoma, since the kidnaping, has shown evidence of wealth and while [redacted] probably had some ready cash, he does not believe he had enough to pay cash for such a large ranch.

The informant will keep in touch with [redacted] and endeavor to learn what he can though he doubts if [redacted] takes her into his confidence at present.

That [redacted] is involved is mere conjecture on [redacted] part but he claims to have named the "snatchers" after he read of the kidnaping and so far he has "guessed" right. He states that, in his opinion, [redacted] and Bates, also possibly Kelly, planned the job and that Bailey only was used to guard Urschel for which he received \$1,000.00.

The informant advises that he knows Mr. Urschal, who will remember him as he delivered him some wine one time and had quite a talk with him on his back porch.

As to [REDACTED] the informant knows him as [REDACTED] man." He does his bidding and while the two were in Oklahoma City, [REDACTED] was about the offices all the time and arranged the bonds, etc. [REDACTED] is said to have two fingers off his right hand. The informant states that [REDACTED] is deathly afraid of [REDACTED], as is the informant for that matter. [REDACTED], it seems, was a power in Oklahoma City. The informant believes that the [REDACTED] ranch is now a rendezvous for fugitives and that the money will be found near where [REDACTED] is, as the latter never used the banks in Oklahoma City but carried Cashier's checks.

I might add that [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] (phonetic spelling) a former law partner of [REDACTED] defended Bailey.

[REDACTED] is said to drive a large mouse colored Lincoln car, while [REDACTED] drives the same colored car but a Cadillac.

Should additional information be received I will transmit it to you promptly.

[REDACTED]  
Special Agent.

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1420 Enquirer Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. H. K. Rice .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Locke .....  
.....

October 31, 1935

WFO:  
#7-14

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

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

Dear Sir:

[redacted] of the Cincinnati Work House, where Kathryn Kelly Barnes is now incarcerated, called at the Cincinnati Division Office and discussed with me certain information which was coming direct to him as to the activities of this woman, and it has been indicated by an informant that she was going to have some woman of loose character picked up on the street and incarcerated in the Work House here, and that she would thereafter make arrangements to get information out of the prison, through this woman, if it was desired to effect her escape. At this time, there was confidentially discussed with [redacted] the fact that she had already been able to get a communication out of this place apparently and he could not account for how she made this arrangement. [redacted] was of the opinion that possibly if he could get somebody who was absolutely reliable to be placed in the prison in order to cultivate the friendship of Kathryn Kelly Barnes, he might be able to determine her possible contemplated activities, she having made some kind of a statement to some of the inmates to the effect that Verne Miller might blow the front of the place out if he desired to effect her escape. She has also indicated to [redacted] that if the Government would allow her to escape under an arrangement whereby she would not be watched, she would very readily locate Verne Miller.

She is today in receipt of a post card from someplace in Oklahoma, the postmark being illegible, addressed to Mrs. Kathryn Kelley, 3208 Carline Avenue, Work House, Cincinnati, Ohio, signed [redacted] and indicating [redacted] says "hello".

It is also noted in this connection, that her attorney in writing to her uses the address Mrs. Kathryn Thorne Kelly, 3208 Carline Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, which apparently is intended for 3208 Carline Avenue. It is not known how these people obtained the address as to how they should write to her.

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Her Attorney, James H. Mathers, Equity Building, Oklahoma City, has communicated with her enclosing copy of a letter he has also addressed to George Kelly Barnes at Leavenworth, Kansas, indicating that the son of this Attorney had made the trip to Chicago to get the Cadillac, saying that the Federal Officers checked up very thoroughly, but the Cadillac people would not make any offer on the car, but agreed to sell same for \$1,800.00 to \$1,500.00; that all the tools, blankets, etc., had been taken out of the car and stating, "I don't know whether the Federal Officers got this stuff or not, but if they did we have asked them to send same to the Oklahoma City Office of the Department".

In a second letter he also refers to the possibility of Pauline, the daughter, being rejected as to the stage contract, but indicating that another proposition was being considered whereby he, Mathers, and his wife would travel with Pauline in connection with some stage contract which they were trying to arrange.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Dallas  
Oklahoma City  
Chicago

U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

November 9, 1933.

Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate Date Fingerprints for- warded Bureau of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classifica- tion.
<i>11/13/33</i> Abe Caplan alias Harry Carper	U. S. Marshal, Chicago, Ill. No. 11885	10/16/33	
Charles Caplan alias Charles Coplan	U. S. Marshal, Chicago, Ill. No. 11885	10/14/33	
Joseph Bergl	U. S. Marshal, Chicago, Ill. No. 11885	10/14/33	

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Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS

Special Agent in Charge.

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November 16, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1000 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: GEORGE KELLY HANSEN, with aliases,  
et al.,  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim,  
KIDNAPPING.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of November 9, 1933,  
regarding ABE CAPLAN, et al., please be advised that the  
following is the criminal record of CHARLES CAPLAN, as  
reflected by the Division's fingerprint files:

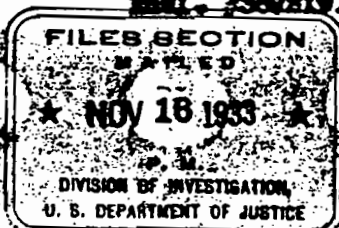
Subject as Charles Caplan, alias, arrested by United  
States Marshal, Chicago, Illinois, October 14, 1933,  
charge violation of Sections 245-246 and Section 88.

There are transmitted herewith copies of the  
criminal records of ABE CAPLAN and JOSEPH BERGL.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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

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October 20, 1933

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

J. E. Hoover, Director				
Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
PD, New Orleans, La.	Abe Miller, #14846	11-9-30	1436 - racketeering-fugitive from Philadelphia and Chicago	
PD, Chicago, Ill.	Harry Harper, #C-48394	8-2-33	suspicious person	
USM, Chicago, Ill.	Abe Kaplan, #11885	10-16-33	viol. Sec. 88 - 246 Title 18, U.S. Code	
#77302, Abe Kaplan, 11-5-19, not guilty, receiving stolen property. (Per information received from PD, Chicago, Ill.).				

\* Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints

For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear





JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

CT: [REDACTED]

October 31, 1933.

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

[REDACTED] of Memphis, Tennessee,  
Special Agent applicant, referred from your office. [REDACTED]  
is 34 years of age and has had only one year of college work.  
He has had experience in clerical work and related work. I  
explained to him the requirements for appointment as a Special  
Agent.

[REDACTED] stated he wanted to advise the Division  
that he believes two men in Memphis may be in possession of some  
information concerning the Urschel ransom money. He states that  
he believes he saw Kathryn Kelly in the Peabody Hotel the day  
before she was arrested with [REDACTED] a night club operator,  
and his partner, [REDACTED] is  
of the opinion that these men know something of the whereabouts  
of the Urschel money.

Respectfully,

Clyde Tolson.

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November 9, 1933.

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

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled GEORGE E. KIRK, with aliases, et al, Kidnaping.

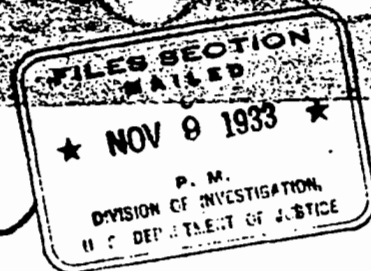
Recently one [redacted] of Memphis, Tennessee, called at the Division offices in Washington and advised that it is his opinion that two men in Memphis have information concerning the Urechel ransom money. He stated that he believes he saw Kathryn Kelly in the Peabody Hotel the day before she was arrested with [redacted] a night club operator, and his partner, [redacted] and that these two men know the whereabouts of the Urechel ransom money. Accordingly, it is requested that these men be interviewed for any information they may have.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

cc - Oklahoma City.



U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

November 8, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to Division letter of October 9, 1933, transmitting a copy of a letter from [redacted] Hereford, Texas, dated September 25, 1933, concerning a radio instrument which will locate a human being and will also show if a man is within a certain distance, etc., Special Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted] at Hereford, Texas, and was given a demonstration of the apparatus in question.

[redacted] explains that a close relative of the person to be located must be close at hand and his wrists are held by this relative, and the electrons from the body are transmitted into his body, thence to a wire held in his hand, from which it departs into the air picking up other electrons of the person to be located, causing the wire which he holds to point in the proper direction. The number of miles distant of the person to be located is determined according to the pull of the wire. The sponsor of this apparatus also states that it will locate oil or other minerals in the same manner. The apparatus consists of a 6-volt dry cell battery, one terminal of which is grounded, the test as given to [redacted] the terminal was grounded on a wooden door sill. From the other terminal of the 6-volt dry cell an insulated wire runs to a handle in which is the wire which points in the direction of the person to be located.

I can see no merit in this apparatus whatsoever.

Very truly yours,

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F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:

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# FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

MORNING EVENING SUNDAY

COMPLETE ASSOCIATED PRESS SERVICE

FORT WORTH TEXAS

Nov. 6, 1933.

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Edwards.....  
Mr. Egan.....  
Mr. Hurnes.....  
Mr. Quinn.....  
Mr. Lester.....  
Mr. Looke.....

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I trust you will not measure my appreciation of your good letter of October 16 by my tardiness in acknowledgment. The delay has been due to the absences of others from the organization and some outside activities.

However, while it is good to know that both you and Mr. Blake feel that we are deserving of your appreciation, we see nothing on our part that deserves it. The cooperation we gave appeared to us as an obligation. Not to have rendered it might have resulted in preventing capture and obstructing justice. Of course, we ran the risk of having some rival paper using it on us. We frequently are confronted with such problems; but there are times and circumstances that carry larger weight than publishing the news, and the risk mentioned is one that has to be taken.

I likewise am indebted to Mr. Blake, for during the course of this investigation he called me at my home one night to tip me off on the arrest of the two later sent to the penitentiary in Bailey's escape. He said he did it as evidence of his appreciation of the cooperation previously mentioned.

Your Department did an excellent job on this case, one that our newspapers commented on frequently and one we cited as an example worthy of emulation upon the part of state authorities and state courts. All who took part in it not only are entitled to congratulation but to public appreciation.

I assure you that you will always find us ready to cooperate with your Department and your men to the limit of consistency.

Yours very truly,

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ADDRESS REPLY TO  
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"  
AND REFER TO  
INITIALS AND NUMBER

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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

MEMORANDUM TO J. EDGAR HOOVER,  
Director, Department of Investigation



IN RE: b7C - letter attached

Do you wish to send the attached  
letter to Mr. Colvin.

*Joseph B. Keenan*

JOSEPH B. KEENAN  
Assistant Attorney General

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*Keenan  
Letter to Colvin  
11-10-33  
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9-50-33

Veterans Hospital  
Mustang, Okla.

Mr. W. E. Korman:  
City Okla.

Dear Sir:

I am here in the Veterans Hospital and have some information I would like to give your department in regard to the "Professional Man" in connection the Brechel Kidnaping Case.

You may send some one up from the City of Mustang, if you have an agent staged here. I don't know that the information would be valuable or not, but it was given to me by one who thought that he knew something.

I am yours very truly

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled GEORGE R.  
KELLY, with aliases, ET AL, KIDNAPING.

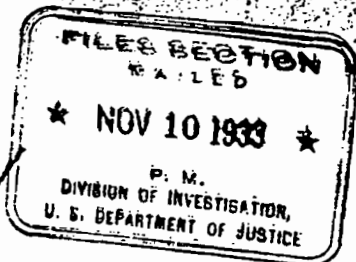
There are inclosed herewith copies of a letter  
dated September 30, 1933, addressed to the Honorable Joseph  
B. Keenan, Assistant Attorney General, by one [redacted] b7C  
Veterans Hospital, Muskogee, Oklahoma, in which it will be  
noted that the writer states that he has some information  
in regard to the "professional" man in connection with the  
Brechel Kidnaping Case.

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

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. #364488





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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEHRAN

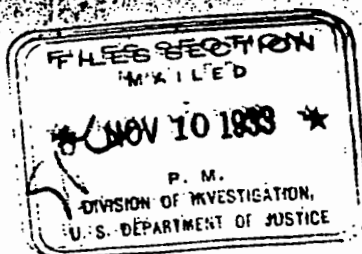
There is returned herewith the letter addressed to you, dated September 20, 1933, by [redacted] Veterans Hospital, Muskogee, Oklahoma, advising that he has information concerning the "professional" man in connection with the Urechel Kidnapping Case. **b7C**

Kindly be advised that this letter has been referred to Mr. R. E. Colvin, Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Office of this Division for appropriate attention.

Very truly yours, ,

Director.

Incl. #334429





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

Dear Sir:

There are inclosed herewith photostatic  
copies of a description made by Kathryn Kelly of a  
necklace and watch which she contends have been  
stolen from her.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Inclosure No. 679769  
cc-Cincinnati  
cc-Oklahoma City

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF PRISONS.

I wish to thank you for your memorandum of October 30, 1933, transmitting a description made by Kathryn Kelly of jewelry which she advises was stolen by the Arnolds.

I am returning herewith the letter addressed to you by [redacted] of the City Workhouse at Cincinnati.

Very truly yours,

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Director.

Inclosure No. 679768.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
**Bureau of Investigation**

411 U. S. Court House  
Portland, Oregon



November 8, 1933.

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

Re: George R. Kelley, with aliases  
Charles F. Urschel (Victim)  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 12, 1933, transmitting copies of laboratory report and photographs of the threatening letter mailed to Mr. Keenan, also reference to letter from this office dated October 26, 1933. Special Agent [redacted] conducted additional investigation at Seattle, Washington, with the following results:

Agent [redacted] ascertained that stationery identical with the photostatic copies furnished by the Division which was used in writing threatening letter to Mr. Keenan is handled by the McDougall & Southwick Department Store, also the Bon Marche Department Store. The above stores imported this stationery direct from J. Fuchs & Company, Vienna, Austria, during 1932, and is the finest stationery made. It comes in boxes containing twenty sheets of paper and twenty envelopes and retails for \$1.50 per box. Neither of the above stores has a box with the initial "K" at this time as they only have a few of the boxes left. Inquiry of the clerks in the stationery departments in the above stores fails to disclose any information as to whom this stationery containing the initial "K" was sold. At the McDougall & Southwick Department Store the clerks in the stationery department were positive that they had not had a box of this paper with the initial "K" for several months, and at the Bon Marche Department Store, where they only have eight or ten of these boxes of stationery left, they have no idea when they sold the last box of this paper containing the initial "K". It does not look reasonable that anyone would pay \$1.50 for a box of stationery to write one letter.

Agent [redacted] has interviewed various members of the Seattle Police Department who were familiar with members of the Bentz gang here in Seattle, but no one recalls any associates of this gang whose name commenced with the letter "K."

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Agent [redacted] also obtained specimens of the handwriting of the following additional persons: Mrs. Clara Feldman, alias Mrs. Albert L. Bates, her handwriting being obtained through Special Agent [redacted] of the Railway Express, marked Exhibit 1, 11-8-33; photograph with description and two specimens of the handwriting of [redacted] alias [redacted] alias [redacted] of Ed and Ted Bentz. The handwriting specimens of [redacted] are marked Exhibits 2 and 3, 11-8-33. There is also enclosed a letter received from [redacted] Tacoma, Washington, addressed to [redacted] General Delivery, Seattle, Washington, [redacted] being a very close friend of the Bentz brothers, particularly Ted Bentz. Agent [redacted] forwarded the letter with the thought that possibly [redacted] had written the threatening note to Mr. Keenan.

In view of the impossibility of checking the matter further through the Seattle department stores, it would appear that no further investigation can be conducted with regard to the threatening note in this district.

Very truly yours,



H. A. King, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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Laboratory Report

Case: *George P. Kelley* Number: *7-115-980*  
Specimen: *Handwriting Miss Clara Feldman*  
*Specimen of [REDACTED] b7C*  
Examination requested by: *Seattle office*  
Date received: *11/14/33*  
Examination desired: *Compare with threatening letter addressed to Mr. Kenan from Seattle.*  
Date of Report: *11/16/33* Examination by:  
Result of examination:

*Not the handwriting of any of above altho' disguised. Might be that of whoever wrote no code found among Bates ciphers and which bore name Clara Feldman on back. This not written by Clara as shown this examination.*

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SUITE 1 - FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

NOVEMBER 11, 1933

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Deputy Warden,  
United States Penitentiary Annex,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to arrangements previously authorized through the Director of the Division of Investigation by the Attorney General several witnesses are to be taken to Leavenworth to view George Kell, who is a prisoner confined in your custody.

is authorized, these witnesses are to be vouched for by me and it was originally intended that I personally accompany them when they are brought to the Penitentiary. However, official business calls me from Kansas City territory during the coming week, and I am assigning as my representatives, who will accompany these witnesses, any or all of the following Special Agents of the Division of Investigation:

Special Agent, [REDACTED]  
Special Agent, [REDACTED]  
Special Agent, [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONNELLEY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE



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Warden,  
United States Penitentiary,  
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

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Special Agent, [REDACTED]  
Special Agent, [REDACTED]  
Special Agent, [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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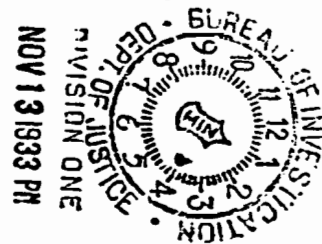
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900 Ezra Thompson Bldg.,

Salt Lake City, Utah,

November 8, 1933

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case of Albert L.  
Bates, et al, Kidnaping, Division File BP-82212.

Please be advised that communication was directed to the Sheriff at Brighton, Colo., on October 30, 1933, requesting the disposition of the arrest of Albert L. Bates as C. E. White at Brighton, Colorado, on May 13, 1921, on a charge of stealing auto tires. A reply was received from Sheriff [redacted] of Brighton, Colo. today, in which he has advised that subject Bates as C. E. White was arrested by his office on May 13, 1921, on a charge of stealing auto tires; that Bates, alias White, was arraigned on May 19, 1921, trial set for May 21, 1921, and Bates was released, on June 18, 1921, by order of District Judge J. W. Johnson.

Very truly yours,

Val C. Zimmer

VAL C. ZIMMER, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM

Special Agent in Charge Frank Blake telephoned from Dallas. He stated that there have been negotiations between members of the Urschel estate in Oklahoma City and some man in Morris County relative to the return of the money. He stated that Mr. Kirkpatrick is coming in tonight, and they are going up there early tomorrow morning to see what they can do about the matter. I instructed him to check on the matter very carefully and to let me know of the results.

Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
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E  
Charles F. Urschel

November 9, 1933.

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

MEMORANDUM

Mr. Blake, Special Agent in Charge at Dallas, telephoned. He stated that the correspondent in Morris County, in connection with the Urschel case, is a man by the name of [REDACTED]. He advised that when he, together with Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Urschel and a Lieutenant arrived, [REDACTED] hesitated, but finally told them to follow and he would take them to the money. He led them through woods in the direction of a club house, but they became suspicious of ambush and returned. [REDACTED] finally told him that he had been lying. Mr. Blake stated he does not believe [REDACTED] has any connection with the Kelly gang; that he owes \$2750 on his farm, and he believed that [REDACTED] was trying to get Mr. Urschel in the vicinity, interest him in the fishing and hunting club, make him believe that he knew where the money was, and finally obtain enough money from him to pay off the mortgage on his farm.

Mr. Blake advised that they took [REDACTED] into Dallas; that the only Federal charge they can place upon him is using the mails to defraud. He stated, however, that there is no hint of extortion in the letter. Mr. Blake obtained an admission from [REDACTED] and will present the facts to the United States Attorney tomorrow morning.

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PARK A. FINDLEY  
CHIEF OF BUREAU

State of Iowa  
Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

Des Moines

EDWARD L. O'CONNOR  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

November 9th, 1933.

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Some time ago we wrote asking that you send  
us another of your circulars on Harvey J.  
Bailey, alias J. J. Brennan, alias John Brown,  
subject of your Identification Order No. 1189.

We have not yet received this circular, and  
as the one which we had in our files has been  
loaned to someone, we are without a copy of  
this man's fingerprints.

Kindly send us another circular at your conven-  
ience.

Very truly yours,

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*Park A. Findley*  
Park A. Findley, Chief.

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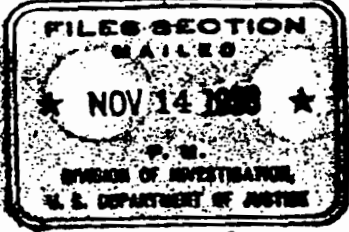
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Mr. Jack A. Fanning,  
Chief of Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice, State of Iowa,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of November 8, 1933, I am enclosing herewith two copies of the Identification Order you requested with two copies of the Apprehension Order issued on this subject.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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PARK A. FINDLEY  
CHIEF OF BUREAU

State of Iowa  
Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation  
Des Moines

EDWARD L. O'CONNOR  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

September 25, 1933.

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,  
Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please send us another circular on Harvey J.  
Bailey, alias J. J. Brennan, alias John  
Brown, subject of your Identification Order  
No. 1189.

Thanking you, we are

Very truly yours,

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*Park A. Findley*

Park A. Findley, Chief.

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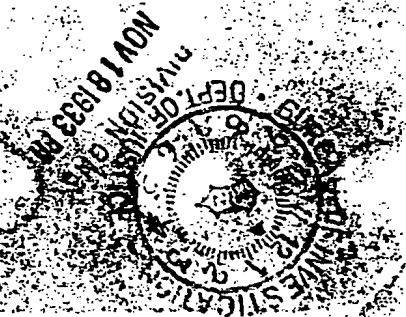
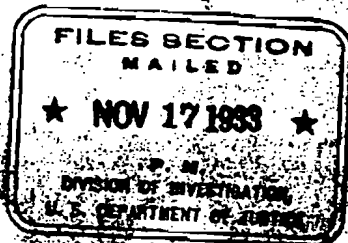
Mr. E. A. Tamm,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
221 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Colvin:

I recently requested Mr. Jones of the San Antonio office to forward to the Division the wig taken from Mrs. Kathryn Kelly at the time of her apprehension in Memphis, Tennessee, and he has advised me that the wig was forwarded to your office. In view thereof, will you kindly forward this article to the Division at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely yours,

Director.



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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1216 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Texas.  
November 11, 1933.

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

GEORGE R. KELLY et al  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of November 7, 1933, reminding me of the request made by Mr. Tolson that the wig used by Katherine Kelly be forwarded to the Division.

It is quite possible I did not make the matter entirely clear to Mr. Tolson, however, the fact is that the wig in question is in the Oklahoma City office, or at least I had occasion to observe it there during the trial of the Urschel case.

Very truly yours,

  
Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Oklahoma City

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Mr. E. E. Conroy,  
Division of Investigation,  
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Federal Building, Suite L,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

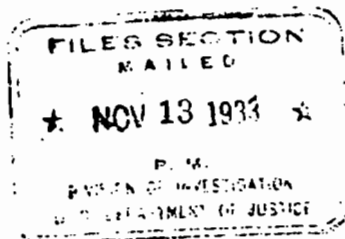
Dear Mr. Conroy:

I am inclosing herewith, for your information, a copy of a letter which I have directed to Mr. Nathan today, together with its inclosure, photostatic copy of a letter addressed to me by Kathryn Kelly. I wanted you to know about this in order that you might have at hand all developments in the event it is necessary for you to interview Kathryn Kelly.

Sincerely yours,

N - *[Signature]* Director.

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Mr. Harold Nathan,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Nathan:

For your information, I am inclosing herewith a photostatic copy of a communication addressed to me under date of November 4, 1933, by Kathryn Kelly. The contents are self-explanatory.

Confidentially, I have been advised by Mr. Bates that he is making arrangements to transfer Kathryn Kelly and her mother to the Milan Jail in Michigan, which he thinks will be better for both and insure their safe-keeping.

In connection with the inclosed letter, it might be well for you to consider the advisability of either stopping off and seeing Kathryn on your way back to Washington, or possibly having Agent in Charge Conroy interview her since he is now marshalling up the "odds and ends" in connection with Verne Miller, Wilbur Underhill, and other phases of that case.

Sincerely,

*N - M*

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From: UNIT #1  
Room 418

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To:

\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_ Mr. Nathan  
\_\_\_ Mr. Tolson  
\_\_\_ Mr. Clegg  
\_\_\_ Mr. Edwards  
\_\_\_ Unit Two  
\_\_\_ Unit Four  
\_\_\_ Files Section  
\_\_\_ Personnel Files Section  
\_\_\_ Equipment Section  
\_\_\_ Chief Clerk's Office  
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\_\_\_ Mr. Cowley  
\_\_\_ Mr. Kelliher  
\_\_\_ Mr. Little  
\_\_\_ Mr. Newby  
\_\_\_ Mr. Stapleton  
\_\_\_ Miss Gandy  
\_\_\_ Washington Field Office  
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\_\_\_ Correct  
\_\_\_ Re-write  
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*This was among  
the letters sent to  
from Mrs Kelly to the  
Dir. by Mr. Bates*

V. W. Hughes  
Room 418.

Cincinnati, Ohio

Nov 4-33

J. Edgar Hoover,  
Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D.C.

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Dear Sir 7-115-985

after a careful analysis  
of the situation, I have  
come to the conclusion  
that with the cooperation  
of your department,  
with a plan I have  
in mind, I am positive  
that I can aid you  
very much, with the  
apprehension of several  
criminals, also with  
the recovery of the  
remains which

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has "planted," This will  
be a very difficult  
proposition, as the  
wanted people are not  
only dangerous, but  
clever, but after  
a careful study from  
every angle, I am  
sure my plan  
cannot fail, if you  
desire to assist me  
I know these people,  
I know their ways,  
and I know just how  
cautious they are,  
I will not do anything  
for the government  
in the hopes of  
obtaining leniency  
for myself, for I

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are just doing fine.  
my life doesn't matter  
much anyway, but  
I do pray, that my  
mother, and father are  
given some consideration  
they are not criminals  
but honest, good citizens  
loving our government,  
and Kelly is responsible  
for their imprisonment  
you people know that,  
but you don't realize  
how good, and honest,  
mother and Daddy are  
and to give them a  
sentence like Kelly,  
and Bates is unfair.  
They would be an asset  
to society if released

instead of a menace,  
and my little daughter  
needs mother so badly  
now.

I know you are doing all  
you can to rid the Country  
of the Criminal element  
and if some of the "big  
shots" were convicted, it  
would cause so much  
fear among the smaller  
 fry, they might turn  
to a legitimate method  
of earning a livelihood.  
I am awfully square  
Mr. Hoover, everyone  
that know me can  
vouch for that, I don't  
double any body, and  
my promise, is sacred

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with me. This terrible  
notoriety from the press,  
paints me quite a  
different person, but  
most of that source of  
publicity was lies.

I have no desire to  
escape prison only  
honorably. My people  
mean more to me than  
all of the world. I would  
gladly sit in the electric  
chair to free them  
any time.

I live at now, among  
my close acquaintances  
Miller, Phillips, La Rue,  
Bentz, and probably  
a dozen more, in  
the twin cities, and



Chicago, and I will devote  
my entire time and  
aiding you, if I can  
be sure of talking  
to the right parties,  
from your office,  
and my plan is it a  
parole. You they would  
suspect that instantly  
and my worries would  
be over. I do, desire  
to co-operate with you  
in every way possible  
hoping I may aid my  
parents, and if you  
are interested, you  
may talk with me  
or send some one  
you have confidence  
in. Yours truly  
Kathryn Kells

J. Edgar Hoover,  
Bureau of Investigation  
Dept. of Justice,  
Washington D.C.

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Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Jono  
Mr. Clark  
Mr. Deane  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. H. P. L.  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Losko.

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**Re: George and Kathryn Kelly**

On September 9, 1933 I was visiting in the hotel room of a lawyer from Enid, Okla. by the name of [REDACTED]. He had with him at that time a man by the name of Arnold. I do not drink liquor but these two men were drinking. I listened to their conversation for a long time and learned that this man Arnold was the ~~contact~~ man that knew where George and Kathryn Kelly could be found. I then went to the United States Attorney's office and to Mr. Colvin's office and told them about what I knew. Mr. Colvin and Mr. Hyde requested me to go back up to the Skirvin Hotel and find out as much about the situation as I could. I did this from day to day until Arnold left for San Antonio, Texas. I told Hyde that he should have this man Arnold arrested along time before he was actually arrested by the police officers and by Mr. Colvin. Because of what I told Colvin and Hyde, Arnold was finally arrested as you know and later on Kelly and his wife were located in Memphis. All during the time that Arnold was out on bond in his case he was supposed to be working for the Government, I knew that, but I kept in touch with him daily and made reports to Colvin, Kennan and Hyde. Now all three of these men, that is Mr. Colvin, Mr. Kennan and Mr. Hyde all know of the work that I did to catch Kelly and his wife. I told Colvin and Hyde that this man Arnold was going to Ft. Worth and when he got there he would contact the Kellys in some way. As you know later on he did contact the Kellys in San Antonio and did this by going to the general delivery window at Ft. Worth that told him where to go to. I knew all of this and told Colvin and Hyde about it.

Now I have filed a statement about my activities in catching Kelly and his wife with Mr. Chas. F. Colcord here in Oklahoma City who is going to distribute the \$15,000 reward within a short time. I went up to see Hyde and he said he did not have anything to do with it and he understood that Mr. ~~Salvin~~ Colcord would look to Mr. Hoover's office and find out from you who is entitled to share in this reward. If you do not think the facts I have given you are correct, would you mind talking to Mr. Kennan about it or writing Mr. Hyde or Mr. Colvin about the matter. They know that what I am telling you is the truth and I feel like I ought to have a part of this reward. I don't feel that I am entitled to all of it or anything like that but I do know that what I did was very valuable to the Government.

I want you to make an investigation about this and if you find that my statements are true, I have every reason to believe that you will see that I am treated fair and square in this matter.

Yours truly

**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

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

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November 13, 1933.

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Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 8th. instant, advising of your activities in connection with the efforts of this Division to bring about the apprehension of George and Kathryn Kelly in connection with the Erachel kidnaping case and, further, of the filing of your claim for a portion of the reward with Mr. Charles F. Colcord.

In reply to your inquiry I desire to advise that this Division will make no recommendation concerning the distribution of this reward money. However, if the Division is called upon by Mr. Colcord, or those in charge of the awarding of the money, to furnish such information as is contained in its files concerning the activities of any particular claimant it will endeavor to furnish the facts with regard to the part played by said claimant.

Very truly yours,

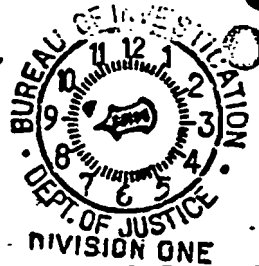
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Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Edwards	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Hughes	_____
Mr. Quinn	_____
Mr. Lester	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have your letter of October 26th, stating that my letter of October 15th, 1933, addressed to the Attorney General, has been referred to you for attention.

I note you make mention of my "deep affection for Harvey J. Bailey." That is true. It is a very, very deep affection. It is greater than any affection which could come through merely blood kin - greater than that between brother and sister - between father and daughter - between mother and son - greater than that which could come through any form of blood relationship, and it is the impelling urge of this great love that today brings this letter, with certain enclosures, to you. It comes as an effort to appeal to the highest that is within your own heart and soul - to try to get you to realize, if only mildly, through whatever manifestations of love your own soul is capable of experiencing, something of that great and impelling love which so desperately moves my heart and soul in Mr. Bailey's behalf. I do not want you to act from reason alone. Nothing is colder than reason, or logic, with no human pulse or heart beats to warm it, and as I write this letter I am holding the thought that you are one of the few men in the world whose soul is in his heart rather than in his head, in order that I may more freely plead my cause and plead the cause of him to whom my heart and soul turn as a tender plant turns to the sunshine for all that it is and is to become.

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No doubt what I am saying to you is at this moment shaking all the elements of your mind, but as I go forward, I believe you will come better to understand, through the activities of your own heart, that these words are nothing less than the outpouring of a heart filled with a love that is eternal - a love that is purer than a mother's love, a love that includes all loves - a love no less than an Infinite Love.

Do you know, Mr. Hoover, that mankind is bound together by a great spiritual magnetic influence of which they know little? As we unfold in spiritual life and become more and more sensitive to the Unseen and Invisible Radiations that are diffused from being to being, we come to understand something of this magnetic influence and to realize that we are ONE SOUL - bound together as ONE by the Great Infinite Spirit - the fundamental substance of the universe.

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This being true, you can well see that it is possible for some one life to enter into another's soul, and inspire it by a thousand rhythms and flames of fiery beauty, and when this takes place, a proper understanding and an infinite love enters into that inspired soul.

In every man, no matter what may be his outward acts, there dwells the Divinity, and no matter how bad a man may be said to be, in each human soul that Divinity manifests in some form or other, and when, due to certain awakenings, another soul, because of some sort of affinity, attunes itself to that Divinity, there comes forth a response that brings to the inspired one something of the knowledge, by actual realization, of God's love and sympathy and understanding for that kindred soul, and no matter what surface matters or manifestations may intervene, the soul which has realized that Divinity in another, can, by no power save that of the Supreme One, cease to realize the charm and glory of that Divine response, and from that moment love for that contacted soul become a worship, on whose golden altar the inspired one is happy to lay all his laurels, and then it is that he realizes as never before that to God no man has ever been half devout enough, and with it all comes the realization that after all there is but one requirement necessary to spiritual attainment, and that is love, for God is Love, and then with this great, overpowering love there automatically comes Wisdom and all the other necessary qualities to carry us forward towards the Christ Consciousness - that heritage of every living soul of today.

And so it was, having realized the above, I stated in my letter to the Attorney General, which letter was referred to you for attention:

" . . . . . and that is the way it would impress a person who has sympathy and understanding for and with his fellow-man, and who is able to feel, back of some possible errors which have crept to the surface of life during Mr. Bailey's life time, a great soul such as he possesses. 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 . . . . ."



That you may know something more of the great love which I feel for Mr. Bailey, and also for other reasons which I shall state later, I am enclosing a letter, dated of even date herewith, which I have written to him, also another letter, with an enclosure of my letter to Mr. Cummings, which I mailed to Mr. Bailey on the 22nd day of October, and which was returned to me with the statement by Mr. Robert H. Hudspeth, the Warden at the Penitentiary Annex at Ft. Leavenworth, that, "As Harvey J. Bailey will not be permitted to write or to receive letters, the enclosed correspondence is returned to your care."

Now, Mr. Hoover, I want to state, that Mr. Bailey's condition, together with this news, has brought to me the real agonies of Gethsemane, for my heart yearns and yearns to pour out to him who has inspired it, that which so desperately moves my soul, and my spirit equally yearns for the response which my words inspire. That response has come in the past. It is no delusion, nor is it mere belief; it is a realization. There shines a wonderful spiritual light back of whatever errors Mr. Bailey might have made in life. There is no power on earth that can take this realization from me. I realize it the same as I realize that at this moment the sun is shining upon me, and, through this realization, I have a perfect understanding of Mr. Bailey and his errors. So closely is my life attuned to his that it is mental and spiritual suffering - worse than slow death - to be thus cut off from a word to or from him. It renders life utterly futile. In the silence and darkness of this vast universe which now covers my soul, in vain does the sun shine - in vain do the flowers bloom, those tender creatures which have heretofore brought me so much happiness - in vain do the birds sing - in vain do the sweet subduing strains of music ring forth in the ether - in vain do the manifold beauties of nature send forth their tenderness and charm - in fact, in vain are all things in a world in which I can do nothing - not even send a word of cheer to a suffering one so dear to my heart. I feel like crying out to the world, "I want nothing you have to offer - I want nothing better than he has! I want nothing that he has not!"

Mr. Hoover, only the super-sensitive soul is capable of feeling this agony and need from a kindred soul, and it is difficult - all but impossible - to convey to another who has not experienced it, anything like the feeling. Day and night my spirit yearns to be free from that which, all around, cramps and binds it. I am worse off than if I were merely physically in prison, for I am spiritually imprisoned, and because of the futility of life under such circumstances, my thoughts seem every day to get farther and farther away from this life in contemplation of the far off worlds in space. Many, many a long and lonely night, while contemplating those shining orbs and thinking about him who languishes in a sunless prison cell, convicted on a charge of which he is innocent, and sentenced to life in prison, there involuntarily comes a prayer to my lips, that soon both he and I might be released from the conditions of this life, where there seems to be nothing left for either but mental repression and spiritual stagnation. Surely the soul, which has wings, cannot remain long within such narrow limits!



In my letter to Mr. Bailey, I am not letting him know that my feelings are different from what they were before he was sent to Leavenworth. I am trying to express to him, as near as I can, the feeling I would have were conditions different, for I want to do all in my power to bring him cheer in a condition where despair naturally sits as king.

Mr. Hoover, I am wondering if the day will ever come when the vision of Robert G. Ingersoll will be realized by mankind. He says:

"A vision of the future arises. I see a world where thrones have crumbled and where kings are dust. The aristocracy of idleness has perished from the earth. I see a world without a slave. Man at last is free. Nature's forces have by science been enslaved. Lightning and light, wind and waves, frost and flame, and all the subtle powers of the earth and air are the tireless toilers for the human race.

"I see a world at peace, adorned with every form of art, with music's myriad voices thrilled; where lips are rich with words of love and truth; a world in which no exile sighs, no prisoner mourns, a world on which the gibbets shadow does not fall; a world where labor reaps its full reward, where work and worth go hand in hand.

"I see a world without the beggar's outstretched palm, the miser's heartless, stony stare, the piteous wail of want, and livid lips of lies, the cruel eyes of scorn.

"I see a race without disease of flesh or brain - shapely and fair, married harmony of form and function--and, as I look, life lengthens, joy deepens, love canopies the earth; and over all in the great dome shines the eternal star of faith."

I cannot say whether this day is now actually dawning or not. It strikes me, and I sometimes wonder, if the world isn't getting more cruel. I wonder if we are not in the swing backwards. As we all know, civilizations rise and fall, but each one goes a sweep ahead of the one just before and does not fall back quite as far as that one. Let us hope that we are not now allowing ourselves to get into the fall. This, we must watch. The qualities of love and kindness and understanding only can prevent it. That is why I make mention in my letter to Mr. Cummings of my deep grief and profound disappointment in the spiritual life of our Nation. It seems that there has been so much useless cruelty and torture inflicted upon Mr. Bailey and the whole thing seems unjust and unfair. As you no doubt know, he who wishes to be a leader of the new race to come must think above the masses and must neither revert to, nor sanction, any of the cruelties which belong to civilizations which are already fallen. The excuse that it is necessary is no excuse at all. It is better to be a victim of cruelties than to contribute to cruelties. It is better to bear with dis-

advantages to society than through cruelties attempt to rid society of disadvantages. Two wrongs can never make a right, nor can such a course contribute anything to a higher civilization.

I stated above that I would give you my other reason later for enclosing the letter addressed to Mr. Bailey. Mr. Hoover, I know of no way I can get relief in this, the night of my life, for either myself or Mr. Bailey, except by setting forth in all fairness and frankness and in all seriousness the exact facts and conditions as I see and feel and know them to be. For this purpose I have also related, as best can be done in human language, my deep affection for Mr. Bailey. I have attempted to keep nothing under cover. I have nothing to fear; my life has been quiet, meditative and temperate, and my character and reputation will bear the strictest investigation. I feel that I can truthfully say, "He who walks in love walks safe and sacred."

In view of all that has been stated, I am asking that you please give my letter, addressed to Mr. Cummings, every possible consideration, and, if possible, grant my request that Mr. Bailey be not sent to the Almatraz Island Prison, and also I am kindly requesting that you make an exception in my case, if that is necessary, and request certain of your subordinates, even though it becomes necessary to send them a copy of my correspondence to you, together with the enclosures, to grant Mr. Bailey permission to receive and to answer letters from me, and kindly forward the enclosed letter on to Mr. Bailey, with all necessary instructions to your subordinate, or subordinates, whoever the proper person may be, or handle the matter through any routine you may think best. If there is any portion of my letters to Mr. Bailey which is objectionable, that portion of the letter can be cut away and the remaining parts pinned together, and that matter can be explained to him, and the cut away portion returned to me.

I am asking this kindness and favor, Mr. Hoover, that I may be saved the total despair and the spiritual stagnation which I am now undergoing and will continue to undergo as long as this condition exists. I am also asking that instructions be sent to Leavenworth that I be permitted to visit Mr. Bailey at some future time, or times, whenever I am in a position to make a trip up there.

Kindly let me know at an early date what you have done, and are willing to do, in each of these several matters, so that I may be relieved as quickly as possible from this anxiety and extreme unhappiness

I feel sure you will keep these matters as confidential as possible under the circumstances. If my letters must be seen by other eyes than your own to accomplish the purposes for which they are written, that course will be according to my wishes. The whole matter I leave in your hands, and hope and trust all will be well.

With my best wishes, and thanking you in advance for anything you may see cause to do for me in these several matters, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Mrs. Virginia Stapleton*  
Attorney-at-Law.

502 New Swann Bldg.,  
Tyler, Texas.

Tyler, Texas,  
November 2, 1933.

Dear Harvey,

This is such a lovely day in Texas. The white sunshine floods the world, and there is a serenity in the air that brings calm to the mind, and draws all that is near and dear to me close to my heart, and that is why I am writing you. It is so lovely to feel the power of your life. It gives meaning and spirit to the world and makes something more out of it than mere dust and clay. It is that dear being of yours about which I wrote you before you were taken to Leavenworth. I am sorry you have not that letter in your possession, and for that reason, am going to quote certain portions of it, so that you may have those words with you and read them in your lonely hours. You will remember I stated:

" . . . . , and as I make this explanation, I am raised above the material plane, and am talking, not with Harvey Bailey, the super-desperado, as some would unjustly call you, but with Harvey Bailey, a god in the making, a to be saint and Savior. I view your heart and soul, not with the eyes of the world, but with eyes no less than those of the Supreme Being."  
" . . . . , I can never see you with other than spiritual eyes nor feel for you with other than a Divine Heart."

You will remember I then related several realizations and a certain incident, and followed with the statement:

" . . . . and my heart was aflame with a light and a love born only from heaven - a sympathy and an understanding that was profound, and one that changed my view of quite a few things in life . . . . ."

"From that moment my conscience was aware there could be but one answer: 'Cast aside the demon of fear (fear of notoriety and public opinion), and pour out to him who has inspired it, that which so desperately moves your heart and soul - that which has made your life new. Under the circumstances it is proper and right he should know that which he is capable of inspiring . . . .'" I then proceeded to ask myself, 'Could any one among the earth's groping millions but Harvey Bailey have brought into my life this Divine Realization, which has strengthened me and brought me to the borderland where there remains but a thin veil between my soul and some glorious spiritual realm, and could anyone but Harvey Bailey have brought into my heart and soul something of the power, beauty and knowledge of God's love for his children? . . . . .'"

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It is the power of this dear being of yours that I so keenly feel today, and my heart turns to the strength, power and beauty of your soul as a tender plant turns to the sunshine for all that makes it what it is and is to become. To know merely that you exist - that you are a living soul in this vast universe, is liquid light - the very essence of light. All through the years you have stirred in my being as something subtle and beautiful, and now I have come into full realization of you - have come to know your heart and soul as truly they are.

Then followed this statement:

"Yes, it is Harvey Bailey, the so-called super-desperado, who has inspired all these lovely feelings and motives and realizations. Then I thought, 'If this be true, might not we well ask certain of our Christian brothers, who would, by law, take, or commend the taking of your life, the questions: Does Harvey Bailey live in vain? Is not every man here by God's decree for a great, grand and noble purpose, whatever be his acts of error and wherever his abode?' And I am still thinking of questions to ask those bretheren."

Here again I want to confirm that statement, that no soul save the flow from your own could have made my life anew - could have inspired me with the grandest thoughts that every exalted my being. None save you has ever lifted the veil and caused me to stand face to face with the solemn loveliness of Love. None save you has ever filled me with a rapture for which earth and heaven seemed too narrow to afford a vent, and brought to me a love such that none of our poets, beautiful though their poems are, have shadowed forth in description. It is only before we love that we imagine that our poets have truly described the passion; the instant the sun rises, all the stars that had shown in his absence vanish into air. The poets exist only in the night of the heart; they are nothing to us when we feel the full glory of love.

And then after relating some other matters, I stated:

"Well, Harvey, if this letter gets out on me, I don't know what the world will say, so I am asking you to guard its contents carefully from all eyes save your own. It might be that the one who inspects mail coming to prisoners will read it before delivering it to you, but that I can't help under the circumstances. When God is in the soul with His great Love, His Voice is greater than all voices in the world combined into one great chorus, and it is in obedience to that Voice that we go forth in love, without fear. Nothing in the world matters to me so much as that you know what I feel for you and the many beautiful things you have brought to me, and if I can convey these thoughts to you and cause you to receive, feel and respond to them, I am willing to take whatever may come, even though the world should scoff and scorn and I should be compelled to flee to the wilderness and do as John the Baptist did - live on locust and wild honey."

Yes, Harvey, even though I were in the bloom of youth and rich, with the sunny pleasures of earth before me, I would willingly resign all to bring to you whatever happiness is possible in your condition. It is not the splendor of dazzling wealth, nor the glittering theatres, nor the noisy cities that bring happiness. Ambition for public favor, or for friends, or for reputation, or for fame, or for anything that the world might offer could furnish no counterpoise to my love for you. Over all my plans, love reigns supreme. All that the world might do to me could not shatter the flower of my love, which I dedicate to you. It blooms for you while you live, and it will be scattered over your grave when you are no more.

Then after some other statement, I quoted a poem, saying:

"The following poem expresses something of the meaning I am trying to convey:

'Like the tenth wave that offers to the shore  
Accumulated opulence and force,  
So does my heart, which thought it loved of yore,  
Convey increasing passion down the course  
Of time to proffer thee.

Oh, not the faint  
First ripple of the sea should be its pride,  
But the great climax of its unrestraint,  
Which culminates in one commanding tide.

The lesser billows of each crude emotion  
Break on life's strand, recede and then unite  
With love's large sea, and to some late devotion,  
Unrecognized, they bring their lost delight.  
So all the vanished fancies of my past  
Live yet in this one passion, grand and vast.'

After several more paragraphs, assuring you of my assistance throughout your entire life time, I closed with:

"I have given you, as stated above, only a part of the story. The rest I must leave to the language of the angels. I am going to close by assuring you that no matter where you may be, whether behind prison bars or in the tomb, your life will always be coiled within my own, and my spirit will be with you always - eternally. Prison walls, whether of iron or steel, cannot keep me from you. Many, many times day and night I am with you in that cruel cell, and let me say more, I, too am manacled and chained, and I, too, when Harvey Bailey was tried in Oklahoma, was on trial. My spirit was right there with you in that court room, and ever since you have been incarcerated, I have felt a thousandfold every pang that has crossed your dear breast. Know always, Harvey, that no man made law can tear you from my soul, nor can eternity do less than bring us together in beautiful harmony and love,

and, finally, an infinity of glories. All that I am saying to you is holy and sacred and are pearls that I do not wish cast before swine; so guard my letters as best you can, and know that all these words flow from a heart filled with Infinite Love."

So please do not think that I have forgotten you for a moment since you were taken to Leavenworth. I wrote you immediately, but the letter was returned by Mr. Hudspeth, the Warden, stating that you were not permitted to write or receive letters. Surely this will not always be - surely my heart will not be made to bleed through the years - surely the sun will not always be saddened. With hope still alive in my breast that through some means I will be permitted to write and receive letters from you, and finally pay you some visits, I am making one desperate effort to reach you by taking the matter up with authorities in Washington. I feel that Mr. Hudspeth cannot act in the matter until he is granted permission from higher authorities, and that is why I am not taking up ~~with~~ directly with him. I feel sure he would do what he could to favor me if he were in a position to do so and knew all the circumstances.

I am wondering what you are doing today. I think of you so much - nearly all the time. I trust that you are as happy as possible under the circumstances, and my greatest aim in life now is to get to where I can add to your comfort and happiness.

If you receive this letter, please let me hear from you at once, if possible.

With a heart full of love, I am

Lovingly yours,

*Virginia Stapler*

302 New Swann Bldg.,  
Tyler, Texas.

Tyler, Texas,  
October 22, 1933.

Dear Harvey,

Am so glad to know that my letters and messages were all read and delivered to you before you left Oklahoma, especially the long one which was read to you on Saturday before you left for Leavenworth on Sunday.

I want you to know at all times that everything stated to you in that letter will be my exact attitude and feelings towards you forever.

Am enclosing copy of a letter which I have written in your behalf to the Attorney General of the U. S. Of course, I realize that this letter will probably never be read by Mr. Cummings himself, and will probably receive very little, if any, consideration, but we can only act as the heart prompts and trust that it will be different from what we expect. I can see no possible harm that the letter might do you, and who can tell but what it might do some good. My heart yearns and yearns to do something for you, but it seems that there is so little I can do right at this time.

I want you to feel free to call on me at all times for anything you might need, and I assure you that anything that I might be able to do for you in a legal way is free to you for the rest of your life, and anything and everything I can do for your comfort and happiness, and that I can well do, will bring me a great deal of happiness, and you have only to call on me. I shall spare no time nor expense, if and when I get the money, in trying to help your Attorney secure for you executive clemency. Some fifteen years ago, I had <sup>friends who</sup> splendid political pull in Washington, where I lived at that time, as I had an Uncle in the U. S. Senate and lots of relatives who were politicians, and had met quite a few politicians through them and other means. Many of these people have passed on to another life and some have been defeated, but I know the sons of several of them, especially one who is high up in the political world and very close to the President, and I believe if I could get to Washington later on, I could get him to use his influence with the President in your behalf. Anyway, I want you to take new heart and know that everything will be done for you that I can possibly do throughout your entire life.

I am trying to get some word from the Warden there as to whether you are permitted to receive and write letters, and as soon as I have time to hear from him as to the rules, etc., which I do not wish to violate, I shall then write you a long letter telling you many things I still have in my heart. I trust he will grant you this privilege of receiving and writing letters, and if so, I shall be writing you again real soon. I feel that as soon as you are permitted to write, or are in a position to do so, I will hear from you. I want

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you to feel free to write at any time and regarding any matter on which you wish to express yourself. It will be such a relief and pleasure to hear from you since being so long in the dark about you, and it will help to lift some of the clouds which hang so heavily at this time.

Not being sure that you remember my address, I am placing it to this letter, and I want you to be sure to remember it and let me hear from you at once, if possible.

With a heart full of love, and hoping to see you at some near future date whenever I am in a position to make the trip up there, I am

Always your Friend,

*Miss Virginia Staphe,*

302 New Swann Bldg.



A C O P Y

Tyler, Texas,  
October 15th, 1933.

Hon. Homer S. 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 set, 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 principles" and by inflamed minds, and not on the charge of which he was found guilty; and, of course, we all know that it 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 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, if he really has committed errors in the past.

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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 feel, back of some possible errors which have crept to the surface during Mr. Bailey's life time, a great soul such as he possesses. 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, where he now is, to make him all that prison officials would have him to be, 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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Dear Madam:

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In reply to your letter of November 2, 1933,  
requesting certain corresponding and visiting privileges  
at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas,  
kindly be advised that requests of this nature should be  
directed to Mr. Sanford Bates, Director of the Bureau of  
Prisons, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Director,  
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated October 17,  
1933 concerning the machine gun carried by Special Agent [REDACTED]  
in travelling by air from Birmingham to Oklahoma City.

Attached hereto, in duplicate, is a statement dated  
November 11, 1933, from Special Agent [REDACTED] in this respect.

Very truly yours,

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

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I, [REDACTED] Special Agent, Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice, attached to the Birmingham Division Office, make  
this statement of facts concerning my travel from Birmingham, Alabama, to  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, carrying a machine gun.

On September 4, 1933, I received orders to proceed to  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for the purpose of assisting guard duty at that  
place. With the assistance of Special Agent J. H. Hanson, of the Birmingham,  
Office agent loaded the magazines with cartridges and placed the pieces in the  
cases provided therefor. They were wrapped into a package about 3'x9"x4".

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Since there was no plane service out of Birmingham, until  
the following morning I proceeded to Nashville, Tennessee, where there was a  
plane due to leave at 1:52 a.m. September 5th. This plane was delayed on  
account of heavy rain near Cincinnati, Ohio, and did not come through until  
the hour of 10 O'Clock in the morning. I checked my bag and parked the package  
containing the machine gun in my compartment with me standing same on end.  
On arrival at Memphis, Tennessee, I left the plane as requested while the plane  
was being refueled. I left the gun in the same place while off the plane. I  
had no conversation with anyone about what I was carrying at the Memphis Air-  
port. On my arrival at the Dallas Airport of the American Airways, one of the  
attendants asked me if I was expecting [REDACTED] and being informed that  
I did not, I asked this attendant who [REDACTED] was and he told me he was the  
United States Marshal at Dallas. I asked him what made him think I had any  
connection with [REDACTED] and he told me that their Memphis Airport had radio-  
ed that someone was carrying a machine gun out of Memphis for Dallas and they  
thought it might be someone of "Machine Gun" Kelly's gang; that they had been  
checking all parcels very closely since the papers were full of Kelly's escapades.  
He then asked me if I was a Government Agent and I told him that I was; that I  
had purchased my transportation with a Government Transportation Request and the  
ticket showed that it was so purchased. This attendant thereupon assisted me in  
wrapping the machine gun in a larger corrugated box for the remainder of the trip.  
In this instance I wish to say that I was the only passenger on the plane from  
Nashville, Tennessee to Dallas, Texas.

I hereby certify that this statement is absolutely true and  
correct in every respect.

[REDACTED]  
Special Agent

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