

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 6, 1934.

Mr. NATHAN ✓  
Mr. TOLSON ✓  
Mr. CLEGG  
Mr. COWLEY  
Mr. EDWARDS  
Mr. EGAN  
Mr. QUINN  
Mr. LESTER  
CHIEF CLERK  
Mr. RORER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

[redacted] of Oklahoma City, called on the telephone and stated that Mr. Urschel and himself contemplated proceeding to Kansas City tomorrow and what they would like to do would be to see Albert Bates and offer him a proposition to give him a certain percentage of the \$100,000.00 ransom money which Bates is presumed to be concealing, say a percentage of 5%, 10% or 15% of "good" money in exchange for said ransom money. They wanted to know whether they had permission to do so. I told him this was not an investigative matter and would have to be put up to the Department. I have prepared the attached memorandum to Mr. Keenan for your signature, if approved. [redacted] particularly wanted a wire sometime today.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

All b7c

*I think such an agreement  
to be beyond the pale.  
J. E. H.*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 3, 1934.

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MR. NATHAN ✓  
MR. TOLSON .....  
MR. CLEGG .....  
MR. COWLEY ✓  
MR. EDWARDS .....  
MR. SOAN .....  
MR. QUINN .....  
MR. LESTER .....  
MR. LOCKE .....  
MR. RORER .....

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

While talking to Mr. Purvis concerning other matters, he indicated he had received a letter from the attorneys of George and Kathryn Kelly; the letter was sarcastic and referred to the "great Government" and further referred to the fact that the clothing and personal effects of George and Kathryn Kelly which had been found in their automobile were still being held in the Division. Mr. Purvis stated that this clothing was available in his office and inquired as to whether the clothing should be sent to the attorneys.

I suggested to Mr. Purvis that Special Agent [redacted] was to personally interview Kathryn Kelly during the coming week and I felt it would be preferable to have Special Agent [redacted] determine from Kathryn Kelly what disposition should be made of her personal effects and for a Special Agent of the Kansas City office to determine from George Kelly similar information as to his personal belongings; that we had not received authorization from them to turn the goods over to an attorney and, in fact, the two prisoners might be more cooperative in the event the contact is made with them personally by our Special Agents.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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RE:

March 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENE.

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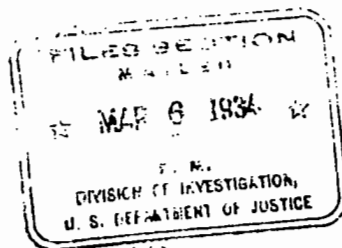
[REDACTED] telephoned today from Oklahoma City and stated that he and Mr. Charles F. Urschel were contemplating proceeding to Kansas City tomorrow; that while there they would like to proceed to Leavenworth and talk to Albert Bates and to offer Bates a certain percentage of "good" money, 5%, 10% or 15%, in return for information to be afforded by him which would result in the recovery of the \$100,000.00 ransom money which Bates is presumed to have concealed. He was told that this was not an investigative matter and would have to be decided by the Department. He particularly requested that he be wired some time today whether the Department had any objection and if the permission to see Bates could be given them. I told him that I would transmit the request immediately.

Very truly yours,

Director.

*All 67C*

*Ray E. Thomas*



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March 5, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 709,  
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

There is attached hereto a copy of a letter dated February 2, 1934, addressed to the Department by Mr. Henry Clay Agnew, Attorney-at-Law, 1815 Smith Tower Building, Seattle, Washington.

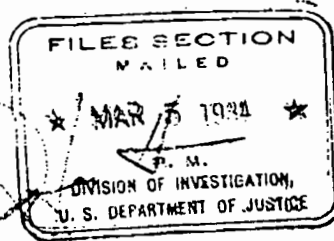
Mr. Agnew has requested permission to have prisoner Alfred Bates, now confined in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, interviewed concerning a hold-up of the Railway Express Agency at Tacoma, Washington, on March 26, 1932.

There is also inclosed herewith a copy of the Department's reply to Mr. Agnew. The inclosures are submitted for your information in the event Mr. Agnew should submit a complaint concerning a Federal violation to your office.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. 691320.



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

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 28, 1934

MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. DOWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. HAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LEECH  
MR. LOGAN  
MR. ROSEN

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER.

Please write letter in line  
with your suggestion.

*William Stanley*  
William Stanley

Encls.

*Lt. Agnew 3/1/34*  
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March 5, 1934.

7-115-1126

Mr. Henry Clay Rogers,  
Attorney-at-Law,  
1815 Smith Tower Building,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 2, 1934, in which you request authorization for representatives of a private detective agency to interview Alfred Bates, a Federal prisoner now confined in the Leavenworth Penitentiary.

In view of the fact that the purpose of this interview, as shown by your communication, is to obtain information relative to a hold-up of the Railway Express Agency at Tacoma, Washington, on March 26, 1932, you are advised that in the event the violation in question is one which relates to theft from interstate shipments of the express company and in the event the information is made known to the Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, the Special Agents will conduct an official investigation of this matter, during which they will of necessity personally interview Bates.

This Department feels that it can not go beyond the limits of this provision with reference to an interview with this prisoner. The experience of the Department heretofore with reference to investigations of individuals who are confined in a penitentiary has shown that there are times when a prisoner already confined for a substantial period of time will assume responsibility for violations which he did not commit for the benefit of individuals who have not been convicted. Therefore, it will be necessary to adhere to the policy of the Department in this regard.

In the event you have information concerning a Federal violation which would warrant an interview with prisoner Bates by Special Agents of this Department, you may communicate the basic information relative thereto to Mr. C. C. Spears, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 411 United States Court House Building, Portland, Oregon.

Very truly yours,

The Assistant to the Attorney General.

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

March 7, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Under instructions from Assistant Director Clegg, while interviewing Kathryn Kelly at the Federal Detention Farm near Milan, Michigan, yesterday, I asked her what disposition she wanted made of her personal property. She informed me that she would appreciate having her personal effects sent to her daughter, Pauline Frye, c/o [REDACTED] Asher, Oklahoma.

Today, while conversing with Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis here at Chicago, he asked me what disposition Mrs. Kelly wanted made of her effects, and I informed him of her desire. For his record, the Chicago office is being furnished with a copy of this communication.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]  
Special Agent

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# U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

March 8, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

There is attached, hereto, a copy of a letter dated February 27, 1934, received from Mr. James H. Mathers, who claims to be the attorney for George and Kathryn Kelly. During a recent telephone conversation with Mr. Clegg in Washington, I mentioned the receipt of this letter to him, at which time he advised me that Special Agent [REDACTED] was proceeding to interview Kathryn Kelly, where she is now incarcerated, and at that time Mr. [REDACTED] would be instructed to inquire of Kathryn Kelly as to where she desired her personal effects sent.

[REDACTED] passed through Chicago yesterday, as will be noted in his letter of March 7, 1934, addressed to you, a copy of which was furnished me. It will be noted that Kathryn Kelly informed [REDACTED] that she would appreciate having her personal effects sent to her daughter, Pauline Frye, care [REDACTED] Asher, Oklahoma. I am, therefore, arranging to have the articles listed in the letter of the Chicago Office, of December 16, 1933, to the Oklahoma City Office, and which are also listed in the letter of the Oklahoma City Office, dated December 28, 1933, to attorneys Mathers & Mathers, Oklahoma City, shipped by Railway Express, collect, to the address given by Kathryn Kelly.

I am also acknowledging receipt of the letter received by me from Mr. James H. Mathers, informing him that these articles have been so shipped.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Oklahoma City

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1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

March 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box #1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

There is attached, hereto, copy of a letter dated February 27, 1934, received from Mr. James H. Mathers, Oklahoma City, together with a copy of my reply to him and copy of my letter to the Director, dated March 8, 1934, from which letters you will note that the articles listed in your letter of December 28, 1933, have been shipped to Pauline Frye, care of [REDACTED] Asher, Oklahoma.

It is suggested that you advise Pauline Frye or Mr. Hopkins of this, in order that they may receive them from the Railway Express Agency.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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[REDACTED]  
CC Division ✓

Enc.

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1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

March 8, 1934.

Mr. James H. Mathers,  
c/o Mathers & Mathers,  
Attorneys at Law,  
Equity Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of February 27, 1934,  
concerning articles and personal effects of George R. and Kathryn  
Kelly, I desire to inform you that Kathryn Kelly has requested that  
these articles be shipped to Pauline Frye, c/o of [REDACTED]  
Asher, Oklahoma, and in view of this fact, these articles have been  
transmitted in accordance with her request.

Very truly yours,

M. H. FURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Division ✓  
CC Oklahoma City

7-115-1128

MATHERS & MATHERS  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
EQUITY BUILDING

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Tel. Office 3-8435  
Res. 7-1053

Feby. 27, 1934.

Dear Mr. Purvis:

I am certainly surprised that "our Great Government" wants the old clothing and blankets and personal effects of George R. and Mathryn Kelly.

The department here wrote me several weeks ago, these things would be shipped to me, upon demand. As I understand their letter.

I see no legal, moral or any other reason why this Great Government or its agents, want these humble things. If you do - keep them - if you don't express them, collect to us, and we will deliver them.

This case is on appeal, and I think the Court should know these things.

Yours truly,

(Signed) James H. Mathers  
Atty. Geo. & K. Kelly.

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RE: [REDACTED]

March 9, 1934.

[REDACTED]  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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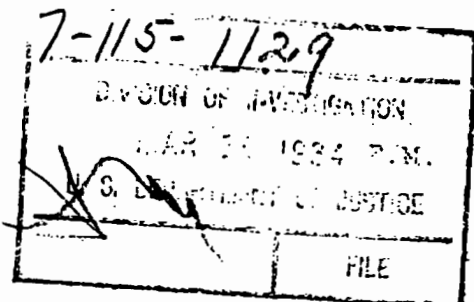
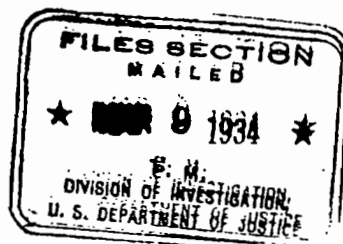
Dear [REDACTED]

With reference to the subject matter of your telephonic communication of the 6th. instant, I beg to state that I immediately forwarded a record thereof to Assistant Attorney General Keenan, explaining to him that you desired, if possible, a telegraphic communication that afternoon with regard to the request on behalf of Mr. Urschel and yourself to see Albert Bates at Leavenworth.

With expressions of my best wishes and highest esteem,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.



DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
1900 Bankers Building,

CHARGE

Chicago, Illinois, March 1, 1934 2:30

E. E. CONROY,  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Suite "L", Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri

b7C [REDACTED] MAIL TRACING SHOWS LETTER FROM STATE SAVINGS BANK TOPEKA KANSAS  
TO JOHN KARPAVICZ FATHER OF KARPIS CHICAGO INVESTIGATE

PURVIS

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[REDACTED] ✓  
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DOMESTIC	FOREIGN
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LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
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IF LETTER	WEEK-END CABLE LETTER
RADIOGRAM	RADIOGRAM

Should check class of service desired, otherwise will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

# Postal Telegraph

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Commercial  
Cables



All America  
Cables

Mackay

Radio

RECEIVER'S NUMBER
CHECK
TIME FILED
STANDARD TIME

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

Form 2

March 1, 1934

*an*  
D. M. Ladd  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
801 Title Guaranty Building  
St. Louis, Missouri

GEORGE KELLY <sup>8</sup>BARNES ETAL KIDNAPING REFERENCE CHICAGO REPORT OF [REDACTED] *b7c*  
FEBRUARY TWELFTH EXPEDITE SEARCH FOR RECORD REGISTRATION CHEVROLET  
CABRIOLET DESCRIBED WIRE RESULTS

SPEARS

off bus govt rate  
chg. Div. Invest. 411 U S Court House  
cc-Division ✓  
Oklahoma City

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St. Louis, Mo.,  
March 2, 1934

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C. C. SPEARS  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
411 UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE  
PORTLAND, OREGON.

GEORGE KELLY BARNES ETAL KIDNAPING NO RECORD REGISTRATION CHEVROLET CABRIOLET  
STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THIRTY FOUR UNDER EITHER MOTOR NUMBER OR NAMES

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REP: [redacted]  
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P. O. Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
March 8, 1934.

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

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al.  
Charles F. Urschel - Victim.  
Kidnaping - Birmingham file 7-10.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of February 13, 1934, in which you advise that George Kelly Barnes, alias Machine Gun Kelly, had requested that his former wife, [redacted] Memphis, Tennessee, be advised that he appreciated her thoughtfulness and kindness in sending him Christmas presents, please be advised that Special Agent [redacted] of this office contacted [redacted] and [redacted] former mother-in-law and sister-in-law of Kelley, and they advised that [redacted] former wife of Kelly, is now living in Boston, Massachusetts with her husband. They advised, however, that [redacted] was living at the [redacted] home in Memphis during Christmas of 1933, and that they are certain that neither she nor any other member of the [redacted] family sent any Christmas presents to Kelly, and they were at a loss to explain why Kelly would make such a statement.

Very truly yours,

D. O. SMITH, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Division *✓*

*All b7C*

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625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan  
March 9, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases,  
CHARLES F. URSCHKE - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the above entitled matter and to your letter dated March 2, 1934, in which you request that it be ascertained from the Michigan Automobile Registration Bureau if Chevrolet Cabriolet, motor #3126905, serial #6 BA 0314291, was registered under the name of Ruth Johnson or Axel C. Johnson.

In that connection, kindly be informed that an appropriate letter was addressed to the Title Division, Secretary of State's Office, State of Michigan, Lansing, Michigan, requesting a check concerning the above described car and the two named individuals and this office is now in receipt of a letter from the Title Division in which they inform that their records fail to disclose that the Chevrolet Cabriolet in question has ever been registered within the State of Michigan.

Very truly yours,

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E. W. Meekins, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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Oklahoma City

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From  
**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN**  
 To  
**OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK**

The Attorney General \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Solicitor General \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assistant to Attorney General Stanley \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assistant Attorney General Wideman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assistant Attorney General Stephens \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assistant Attorney General Sweeney \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assistant Solicitor General MacLean \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Stewart \_\_\_\_\_ ✓  
 Director, Division of Investigation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Bates, Director, Bureau of Prisons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Division of Accounts \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chief Clerk \_\_\_\_\_  
 Appointment Clerk \_\_\_\_\_  
 Division of Supplies \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mail and Files \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Finch, Pardon Attorney \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Parrish \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Key \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ridgely \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Wixson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Fisher \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ramsey \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Brabner Smith \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Morrison \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Kiefer \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Norris \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Gottshall \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Brookley \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Broomhead \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMORANDUM**

*alright*  
 I believe that it is alright  
 for Mr. [REDACTED] <sup>b7C</sup> who is  
 a few more and Mr.  
~~Ward~~ <sup>Ward</sup> to see  
 Bates. but we could  
 not <sup>approve</sup> give any place to  
 give Bates part of the  
 money or any reward for  
 its return - <sup>subject</sup> subject to  
 this <sup>contribution</sup> contribution I think  
 that the <sup>privilege</sup> privilege <sup>request</sup> request  
 should be granted.

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NATHAN

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MR. NATHAN	✓
MR. TOLSON	
MR. CLEGG	
MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS	
MR. EGAN	
MR. GINN	
MR. LESTER	
MR. LOCKE	
MR. RORER	

This is a matter for  
 Sanford Bates to handle  
 matters.

2/7/34

E.H.

Mr. Bates

See memo to Keenan dated 3/6/34.

March 9, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS.

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I am transmitting, attached hereto, a copy of a memorandum addressed by me to Assistant Attorney General Keenan, under date of March 6, together with a copy of a memorandum transmitted to me by Mr. Keenan in reply thereto.

These refer, it will be noted, to the desire of [redacted] and Mr. Charles F. Urschel to see Albert Bates in the Leavenworth Penitentiary in the matter of certain negotiations which they propose to initiate with him. This, of course, is a matter entirely without the jurisdiction of this Division and I am forwarding both memoranda to you for whatever action may be deemed appropriate by you.

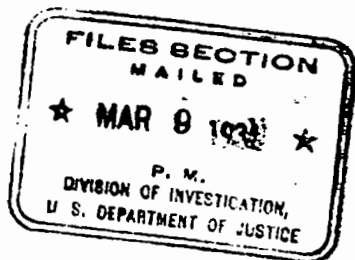
Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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P. O. Box 1876  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
March 12, 1934

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MAR 16 1934 AM

U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE



Miss Pauline Frye,  
c/o H. T. Hopkins,  
Asher, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

I beg to inform you that the Chicago office of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, has informed me that at the request of your mother, Mrs. Kathryn Kelly, certain of her personal effects have been shipped to you, in care of [REDACTED] Asher, Oklahoma via. the Railway Express Agency.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division ✓  
Chicago

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TRUST ESTATES OF  
THOMAS B. SLICK

TULSA  
OKLAHOMA

MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. FOWLE  
MR. EDWARD  
MR. EGAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. HOBBS

March 10, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing a book on the Urschel kidnaping case; I have the consent and cooperation of the Urschel family. Will you kindly send me photostatic copies of the different letters and data which are of prime interest in the case including the letters from the kidnapers to John Catlett and myself and letters of instruction from the kidnapers to myself? Also the threatening letters from Katherine and George Kelly to the Urschel family and to Joseph Keenan?

Should there be clauses in any letters which you would desire not be published you can mark them and I will delete them. Practically all the things I desire have been in the newspapers but I would like to have photostatic copies of the originals for this book. May I also have one of your photographs?

You of course know of the high regard I hold for your bureau and I think the things that I shall say in the book will apprise the public more thoroughly of the efficiency of your organization.

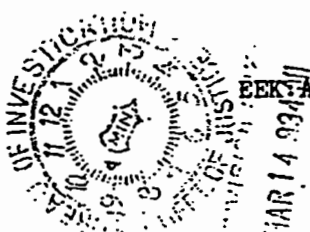
May I have an immediate reply?

Very truly yours,

E. E. Patrick  
E. E. Patrick  
403 First National Bank Building  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Chas. S. H. Urschel

John Catlett

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March 20, 1934

Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick,  
403 First National Bank Building,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 10, 1934 in which you inform me that you are writing a book dealing with the Urschel kidnaping case, and I shall await its publication with keen anticipation.

I am enclosing a copy of the Division's write-up of this case entitled "Kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel" which, I believe, will prove extremely helpful to you in the preparation of your book, in view of the fact that it probably contains information which you will not be able to obtain from other sources. Relative to your request for photostatic copies of ransom notes and of the threatening letters from Katherine and George Kelly to the Urschel family and to Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan, I would much prefer that facsimile reproductions of these notes and letters should not be made public at this time.

You will note that one of the ransom notes is reproduced verbatim in the write-up of the Urschel case enclosed, and I will be pleased to furnish you with typewritten copies of the remaining ones should you desire them for your book. I feel sure that you will appreciate my position in this matter in not desiring their reproduction in facsimile form at this time.

In accordance with the request in the second paragraph of your letter, you will find enclosed a copy of my photograph.

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Permit me to take this opportunity of thanking you for your kind references to the Division of Investigation and to express my appreciation of your high regard for the Division.

Expressing the hope that you will not hesitate to call upon me if I can be of further service in this matter, and with expressions of my best personal regards, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director.

Enclosure 682993

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Room 422.

3/17 1934.

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nathan  
 ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tolson  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Edwards  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Clegg  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Egan  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Harbo  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Renneberger  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Gandy  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Finnell  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Beahm  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Sheaffer  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Chief, Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Files Section  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor, Steno. Pool  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Cowley advises  
that Kirkpatrick was  
the "contact man" &  
thoroughly reputable,  
but not, according  
a business associate  
of Woodard, that a  
close friend

W. H. D. Lester.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Dallas**

S. A. FILE NO. **62-946**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>San Antonio, Tex.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3/10/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/8-9/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> <b>b7C</b>
TITLE: <b>CHANGED</b> <b>LOUISE MAGNESS with aliases: LOUISE SEATON, LOUISE BRYANT, LOUISE CARPENTER, MRS. J. D. DAHMER, ESTHER MAGNESS, MRS. GEO. MAGNESS, MRS. E. P. MILLER, MRS. R. L. SEATON</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>HARBORING FUGITIVES</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject has long criminal record showing various aliases and arrests at San Antonio, Tex. Records of State District Attorney's office, San Antonio, disclose that six indictments were dismissed against her at San Antonio, Tex. Records at Houston, Texas, disclose that the burglary and theft cases were dismissed. Photographs of subject, San Antonio Police #5414 and Houston Police #7070 being furnished Dallas Office. R.U.C.

Reference: Report of Special Agent , Dallas, Tex. 2/28/34.

**DETAILS:**

The records of the Police Department, Houston, Texas, disclose that subject was arrested at Houston, Texas, as Louise Magness, Houston Police #7070, on May 25, 1927, charged with 2 cases of burglary and felony theft. Records of State Criminal District Clerk's office at Houston reflect that cases #29961, #2996 and #29963, for burglary and theft, were dismissed at Houston, Texas, on October 2 1928.

**DETAILS:** The records of the Police Department at San Antonio, Texas, were checked which disclose that subject:

As Louise Magness, San Antonio Police #3821-A, arrested by Police Department on 2/12/27 charged with assault to murder - no prosecution.

As Louise Magness arrested San Antonio Police, #5414, on 7/13/29 charged with burglary and aggravated assault - transferred to County.

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The County Attorney's records, San Antonio, disclose that:

State of Texas vs. Louise Magness, theft under \$50, case #36132 filed July 29, 1929, was dismissed 2/1/30.

State of Texas vs. Louise Magness, case #35213, filed February 16, 1929, charge aggravated assault, was dismissed 1/30/30.

The State District Attorney's office, San Antonio, discloses that on June 29, 1928, subject as Louise Magness was not billed on indictments #2012 and #20128, each charging receiving and concealing stolen property. Further discloses that:

Indictment #36719 charging robbery and assault by firearms returned 1/5/30 was dismissed November 17, 1932.

Indictments #36722 and #36727 returned 1/21/30 - both indictments dismissed November 17, 1932.

Indictment #36725 charging burglary, returned 1/21/30, and Indictment #36726, charging theft over \$50, returned 1/21/30 - dismissed November 17, 1932.

Indictment #38431 charging theft and theft by bailee over \$50 returned June 24, 1931, was dismissed October 21, 1931.

No doubt one of the indictments as set out above disposed of the arrests shown by the Police Department on 7/13/29, charging burglary and aggravated assault, as there are no criminal cases found of record pending against subject at Houston or San Antonio at the present time.

The San Antonio Police records on San Antonio Police #5414 disclose subject has also been arrested at San Antonio on ten misdemeanor counts which have all been disposed of.

Photographs of subject, Houston Police #7070 and San Antonio Police #5414 are being furnished the Dallas Office. On San Antonio Police #3821-A photograph is available.

There was no further record found at the Police Department at San Antonio than that which is set out in the reference report showing various arrests at other places.

Disposition sheet attached.  
Referred upon completion.

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.**

FILE NO. **7-10**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Salt Lake City, Utah.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-8-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/8/34 - 3/2,3/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases et al. CHARLES F. URSCHKE - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Results of mail cover placed on Box 2565 Denver, set out. Said box rented in name of [REDACTED] Unable to locate members of [REDACTED] family to date. [REDACTED] has 1933 Chevrolet Sedan bearing 1934 Colorado License Plates 1-18605. His whereabouts unknown.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent C.C. Spears, Portland, Oregon 2-1-34.  
Letter of Portland Office dated January 31, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

**AT DENVER, COLORADO.**

Through the courtesy of [REDACTED] Superintendent of Mails, it was ascertained that Post Office Box 2565 was rented on April 16, 1927 by [REDACTED] who gave as her address at that time [REDACTED] This is the last address available in the Post Office files and investigation has disclosed that the [REDACTED] family moved from that address over three years ago. The box is still rented in the same name.

**DETAILS:**

From the City Directory it was noted that [REDACTED] was living at [REDACTED], Denver. Investigation at that address revealed that the family was no longer living there. [REDACTED] landlord of [REDACTED] and who has a grocery store at [REDACTED], advised that the [REDACTED] family moved away from his house in the summer of 1932, that he has been unable to locate them since, although he has made inquiries about the neighborhood inasmuch as [REDACTED] owed rent when she moved away. He advised

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that [REDACTED] died a short time before [REDACTED] moved and that the family consisted as far as he knows of [REDACTED] and one daughter.

Inquiry at the following places failed to reveal information indicating the location of the [REDACTED] family:- General Delivery Post Office, Post Office records regarding removal notices, The Denver Gas & Light Company, the Denver County Water records, County Assessors Office, State Automobile Registration Records.

It was ascertained through [REDACTED] of the Gas and Light Company that the lights were shut off at [REDACTED] on 7-19-32, and the account of [REDACTED] closed and no new account has since been opened.

At the County Assessors Office, it was noted that [REDACTED] was assessed in 1933 for a 1929 Dodge Sedan which bore Colorado License plates 1933, Number 26309. His address was shown as [REDACTED], at which address Agent Zimmer has made investigation which revealed the address to be vacant.

[REDACTED] of the State Auto Registration Bureau advised from his records that [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] was issued on January 6, 1934, License plates Numbers 1-18805 (1934) for a 1933 Chevrolet Sedan which he had purchased through the Viner Motor Company on July 18, 1933, but which company had transferred the mortgage amounting to about \$400.00 to the Atlas Finance Company located in the Equitable Building, Denver. [REDACTED] in 1933 was issued Operators license Number 1-114822 and on said license the following description appears.

Age.	37.
Height.	5ft. 5in.
Weight.	140 lbs.
Eyes.	Blue.
Hair.	Light.

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[REDACTED] does not possess a record of the transfer of the 1929 Dodge Sedan and it is not registered for 1934 in [REDACTED] name and may have been transferred out of the State.

The Chevrolet Sedan which [REDACTED] is evidently driving at the present time bears motor Number 3715291.

[REDACTED] of the Atlas Finance Company 922 Equitable Building advised that he held a mortgage on the Chevrolet Sedan purchased by [REDACTED] from the Viner Motor Company. He stated that the same was paid up to date but he had experienced difficulty in obtaining the first payments on the contract due to the fact that

although he made trips at all hours of the day and night to [REDACTED] he was never able to locate any one there. He also stated that he has never seen [REDACTED] since the contract was made but that the payments are made by [REDACTED] who brings them to the office claiming that [REDACTED] sends the payments to him. The contract is paid to March 18, 1934. [REDACTED] advised that he will attempt to secure the address of [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] when he makes the next payment and also insist that [REDACTED] leave his address. This information will be furnished by [REDACTED] to Agent at Denver. It was noted on the application of [REDACTED] for instalment contract purchase of the 1933 Chevrolet Sedan that he gave his occupation as Mechanic and mentioned that he was a Member of the Elks Lodge at Kansas City, Missouri. He also gave the following references:

[REDACTED] Denver.

[REDACTED] Denver.

[REDACTED] South Tacoma Washington [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Denver [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that their representative in Tacoma, Washington, had made investigation before the contract was accepted but could not obtain very favorable information regarding [REDACTED] due to the fact that few people knew him. He stated that [REDACTED] had a brother named [REDACTED] who lived at South Tacoma, Washington, at one of the following addresses:-

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] furnished Agent with a sample of [REDACTED] signature which was taken from the contract. This specimen is being retained in the files of the Salt Lake City Division office at present.

The results of the mail cover which has been maintained on Box 2565 which is rented in the name of [REDACTED] (and not [REDACTED] as mentioned in report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Chicago, 9-21-33) thus far have resulted in the following tracings being received:

Letter dated Feb. 5, 1934, addressed to [REDACTED] #2565 Denver, Colo., from [REDACTED] Herrick, South Dakota.

Letter dated ----- addressed to [REDACTED] #2565 Denver, Colorado, from [REDACTED] Herrick, South Dakota.

Letter dated Feb. 22, 1934 addressed to [REDACTED] Denver, Colorado, from [REDACTED] Herrick, South Dakota.

Letter dated Feb. 13, 1934, addressed to [REDACTED] (P.O. Box 2565 Denver Colo., from [REDACTED] South Tacoma Washington (Address of [REDACTED])

Letter dated Feb. 16, 1934, addressed to [REDACTED] (P.O. Box 2565 Denver, Colo. from [REDACTED] South Tacoma, Washington.

Letter Postmarked Feb. 28, 1934, addressed to [REDACTED] (P.O. Box 2565 Denver, Colo. from [REDACTED] South Tacoma, Washington.

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Letter dated Feb. 5, 1934 addressed to [REDACTED] P.O. Box 2565  
Denver, Colo., Postmarked South Tacoma, Washington.

Printed Letter addressed to [REDACTED], P.O. Box 2565 Denver, Colo.,  
from B.P.O. Elks 7th and Grand Kansas City, Missouri.

Letter dated Mar. 1, 1934, addressed to [REDACTED] P.O. Box 2565  
Denver, Colo. No return address, Postmarked at Kansas City,  
Missouri.

Letter dated Feb. 17, 1934, addressed to [REDACTED] P.O. Box 2565,  
Denver, Colo., Postmarked Billings, Mont. Return address,  
[REDACTED] Denver, Colorado.

At [REDACTED] agent [REDACTED] was advised by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] that her daughter [REDACTED] was on the road with the Ted Mack shows  
at present at Logan, having made a circuit through Montana and Idaho, but  
that she would return to Denver about March 6, 1934, for a one weeks stay.  
She was unable to furnish the address of [REDACTED] who she stated must  
be an acquaintance of her daughter.

The mail tracings received thus far are being forwarded to  
the office of origin for what value they may have in locating [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] or Clara Feldman. The mail cover will be maintained on Box  
2565 for an additional period of 30 days.

For the information of the offices who have not received  
current reports in this case, it is the desire of the Division to locate  
Clara Feldman who as Mrs. G.L. Davis was living with Albert Bates prior  
to the time he was captured in Denver, it being believed that she may  
have in her possession the share of the ransom paid by Charles Urschel's  
release to Albert Bates, or at least knows the whereabouts of said money.  
[REDACTED] of Clara Feldman and it is thought that  
through him in a discreet manner or by mail cover that her whereabouts  
may be ascertained. It is suggested by Special Agent in Charge C.C.  
Spears of the Portland Office that in the event [REDACTED] is  
located that he be not openly interviewed.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The KANSAS CITY OFFICE: At KANSAS CITY, Will make inquiry  
through the Elks Lodge relative to the whereabouts of [REDACTED]  
it being noted that the Lodge directed a letter to him at Denver, care  
of Box 2565 which Box prior to the capture of Bates and Kelly was used  
by them. Will make other investigation seeking to locate him. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of [REDACTED] advised Agent [REDACTED] at Tacoma, Washington, that his son resided either in Denver or Kansas City. If [REDACTED] is located will seek in appropriate manner to locate Clara Feldman his sister.

ST. PAUL OFFICE: At HERRICK, SOUTH DAKOTA: Will attempt to secure from [REDACTED] the whereabouts of Clara Feldman alias Ruth Johnson, and [REDACTED] and if possible ascertain the street address of [REDACTED] with whom it will be noted from the body of this report [REDACTED] has frequently corresponded.

PORTLAND OFFICE: At SOUTH TACOMA, WASHINGTON: Will seek to locate [REDACTED] reported by [REDACTED] to be a [REDACTED]. Will also make additional inquiry at [REDACTED] the home of [REDACTED] to ascertain as much information as possible regarding the [REDACTED] family in Denver, with whom they correspond. Will likewise make arrangements to ascertain if [REDACTED] is visiting in Tacoma at present driving a 1933 Chevrolet Sedan bearing Colorado 1934 License plates 1-18605.

SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE: At DENVER, COLORADO: Will interview [REDACTED], relative to the address of [REDACTED] with whom she corresponds. Will continue investigation in locating the [REDACTED] family and continue the mail cover on Box 2565 for an additional period of 30 days.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

St. Louis FILE NO. 7-17

REPORT MADE AT: St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-12-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3-8-34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, etal CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: <input checked="" type="radio"/> KIDNAPING
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>Record of all cars together with pertinent information relative thereto, as registered by Axel C. Johnson, obtained from office of Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, and set forth herein.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R. U. C.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Report of Special Agent [REDACTED], dated 2-12-34 Chicago, Illinois.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>Agent checked the motor vehicle registration for 1933 and 1934 at the office of the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, with the assistance of [REDACTED]. Said check was made for the names of Axel C. Johnson, Ed Feldman, Clara Feldman and Ruth Johnson to determine what motor vehicles had been registered in the State of Illinois under these names in 1933 and 1934. The indices for 1934 show motor and serial numbers are not yet prepared and therefore could not be checked. The following information was obtained from the records of the Secretary of State relating to the above case:</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>Illinois 1933 license #1236347 was issued on August 22, 1933 to Axel C. Johnson, Garfield Arms Hotel, 3256 Maypole Street, Chicago, Illinois for a Pontiac Roadster, motor #P473376, serial #416440P. The application shows that this car was purchased by Johnson on August 21, 1933, and not previously registered in any State. The Notary who executed the jurat is Bessie Rohar, 1927 North Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.</p>			
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Illinois 1933 license #1236347 was transferred on September 13, 1933, upon application of Axel C. Johnson, 3307 Warren, Chicago, Illinois to Chevrolet coach, motor #2446168, serial #21AE28858, 1931 model, and the date of purchase of this car is indicated as September 1, 1933. This application for transfer of the license shows that Pontiac roadster, motor #P473376, was sold on September 1, 1933 to the Community Motors, 4949 Madison, Chicago, Ill. The jurat to this application was executed by E. W. Balfanz, 4949 Madison, Chicago, Illinois.

Illinois 1933 license 1236347 was transferred upon application of Axel C. Johnson, 4800 Kenmore Avenue, Chicago, Illinois to a Dodge two door sedan, motor #DP55800, serial 3629360, 1933 model, which was purchased on 10-10-33, the Chevrolet coach, motor #2446168, having been sold on 10-10-33 to James F. Goodwin Inc., Chicago, Illinois. The jurat to this application for transfer of license was executed by H. W. Martensen, 5725 Broadway, Chicago, Illinois.

No record was found of the registration in Illinois during 1933 and 1934 for Chevrolet cabriolet, motor #3126905. A stop order was placed against the Chevrolet Cabriolet, motor #3126905, and against Dodge sedan, motor #PD55800, in order that the St. Louis Office may be advised of the registration of these cars in Illinois at a later date. No additional record found of registrations by these parties.

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Form No. 1

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

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Oklahoma City, Okla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-10-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-8/9-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

A review of the file in this case discloses the fact that one "L. E. Lang" and "Ed" are probably the same person, and that this person is probably Edward Doll with aliases. Doll's admissions in St. Petersburg, Florida, and his connection with Barnes and Bates indicates that he may be implicated in the instant case. Several telegrams are quoted for the information of the Kansas City office as material for a further interview with Doll.

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REFERENCE: Letter from San Antonio office dated March 3, 1934; and reports of Special Agent [REDACTED] Jacksonville, Florida, dated February 23, 1934 and February 24, 1934; all in the case of EDWARD DOLL with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Identification Order No. 1214, in which case the St. Louis office is the office of origin.

## DETAILS:

A review of the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping case in Oklahoma City discloses that the only person referred to as "Potatoes" in the statement of Mr. Urschel is a name given to Armon Shannon. Mr. Urschel was consulted as to this matter and he stated that George Kelly addressed the younger person who guarded him as "Potatoes", and as it has been developed that Armon Shannon is the younger person who guarded him, Mr. Urschel feels sure that the only person who was called "Potatoes" in his presence is Armon Shannon, and it does not seem at all reasonable that the person called "Potatoes" in Mr. Urschel's hearing would be Homer Wilson who is referred to by Doll in his confession. Of course, Mr. Urschel was blindfolded, and he arrives at the conclusion mentioned above from deductive reasoning.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>7-115-1135</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION MAR 13 1934 A M DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ROUTED TO: <i>[Signature]</i>	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 13 1934 CHECKED OFF: MAR 16 1934 FILED:
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It is noted in the two reports of reference that Doll admits being very closely associated with George Kelly Barnes and Albert Bates in some kidnappings and bank robberies. It is further noted that he stated that he used the name of Lang several times when he registered at different hotels. There has been a complete review of the Urschel kidnaping file in the Oklahoma City office, and the following telegrams are quoted to show that Doll is, in all probability, the same person as "Ed" and as "L. E. Lang", and that he was very closely associated with both Bates and Kelly, which is further confirmation of his confession in this regard :

Wire sent from Denver, Colorado, January 24, 1933 :

"T. M. COLEMAN R #1 STRATFORD OKLA  
CLARA STILL SICK BUT WE ARE LOCATED AND I CAN COME IF NECESSARY  
NOTIFY GEORGE OR KATHARINE TO WIRE ME WESTERN UNION ADDRESS BELOW  
C O FELDMANN  
104 PENOLA APTS. 8:16 AM"

Wire sent from Clearwater, Florida, February 11, 1933 :

"D. RD. W 8  
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA 105 PM FEBRUARY 11, 1933  
  
R. G. SHANNON, HAS PHONE,  
PARADISE, TEXAS  
  
WILL CALL YOU AT 730 TONIGHT

L. E. LANG .... 1241 PM"

Wire sent from Kansas City, Missouri, February 14, 1933 :

"T. M. COLEMAN R #1 STRATFORD OKLA.  
NOTIFY GEORGE TO WRITE OR WIRE ME SOON TO P O BOX 4783 STATION  
E THIS CITY  
  
GEORGE L. DAVIS 8:10 A.M."

Wire sent from Kansas City, Missouri, February 20, 1933 :

"T. M. COLEMAN R #1 STRATFORD OKLA.  
HEARD FROM FRANK AND UNDERSTAND ED IS ON WAY TO SEE YOU ALSO  
THAT IT WAS OK FOR DEWEY TO JOIN US WIRE YOUR OPINION AND  
ADVISE WHEN AND WHERE TO SEE YOU  
  
GEORGE BOX 4783 STATION E"

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Wire sent from Kansas City, Missouri, March 3, 1933 :

"T. M. COLEMAN R #1 STRATFORD OKLA  
YOUR MESSAGE FEBRUARY 27 JUST RECEIVED ACCOUNT NEGLIGENCE APT  
MANAGER JUST RETURNED FROM TRIP ANSWERED PREVIOUSLY TO BLACK  
HOTEL WILL SEE YOU MONDAY MARCH FIFTH BLACK HOTEL  
GEORGE 1:29 P M"

Wire sent from Stratford, Oklahoma, March 13, 1933 :

"MR GEO L DAVIS WILL CALL WU 31ST AND TROOST K C MO  
EXPECT TO LEAVE TUESDAY WILL WIRE TOMORROW NIGHT  
R G SHANNON"

Wire sent from Kansas City, Missouri, March 26, 1933 :

"T. M. COLEMAN R #1 STRATFORD OKLA  
SEEN ED AND HE WISHES TO LOOK OVER LEASES IN ARK SO WILL LEAVE  
HERE WITH HIM MONDAY MORNING MEET YOU AT FARM  
GEORGE 8:23 AM"

Wire sent from Hot Springs, Arkansas, March 31, 1933 :

"T. M. COLEMAN R #1 STRATFORD OKLA  
CALL LANG ROOM 558 COMO HOTEL SOON AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT FAIL  
ED 8:22 AM"

Wire sent from DeQueen, Arkansas, April 2, 1933 :

"T. M. COLEMAN R #1 STRATFORD OKLA  
MEET ME HUCKINS HOTEL OKLA CITY MONDAY EVENING  
ED 8:16 AM"

Wire sent from Denver, Colorado, May 13, 1933 :

"DENVER COLO 944 AM 5-13-33  
R. G. SHANNON  
WILL CALL  
DECATUR, TEXAS  
WILL MEET YOU MARCHEMAN HOTEL WICHITA FALLS TUESDAY NIGHT  
GEORGE 1129 AM"

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Wire sent from Paradise, Texas, May 15, 1933 :

"PARADISE, TEXAS 3 PM MAY 15, 1933  
L. E. LANG,  
STATS HOTEL  
KANSAS CITY, MO.

WILL CALL TUESDAY NIGHT AT EIGHT THIRTY AFTER SEEING DAVIS  
SHANNON"

Wire sent from Denver, Colorado, June 15, 1933 :

"D. RD. W. 35  
DENVER COLO 325 PM JUNE 15, 1933  
R. G. SHANNON RFD PHONE 1606 F 11  
PARADISE, TEXAS

MESSAGE JUST RECEIVED DELAYED ACCOUNT ADDRESS IMPOSSIBLE FOR  
ME TO MAKE TRIP AT ONCE ANYWAY AWAITING WORD FROM CHICAGO RE-  
GARDING FINANCES WRITE ME SAME ADDRESS GIVE FULL PARTICULARS  
IF AND WHEN DRILLING IS TO START

GEORGE 440 PM"

Wire sent from Chicago, Illinois, July 19, 1933 :

"R. RD. W. 3  
CHICAGO ILL 1155 AM JULY 19, 1933

R. G. SHANNON  
PARADISE, TEXAS

WAITING FOR CALL

LANG 1242 PM"

Wire sent from Chicago, Illinois, July 19, 1933:

D. RD. W SERVICE  
PARADISE TEXAS

OUR 19 R. G. SHANNON SIGNED LANG CQA

N. C. CHICAGO ILL 1257 PM"

Regarding the above message, report of Special Agent D. L. McCormack,  
Dallas, Texas, dated 8-7-33, states that [REDACTED] telegraph operator and  
Agent for the Chicago, R. I. and Gulf Railroad at Paradise, Texas, advised McCormack  
that this message was asking for a quick reply to the message Lang had sent Shannon  
on this same date. [REDACTED] said that he called on Shannon and then sent the follow-

ing message:

Wire sent from Paradise, Texas, July 19, 1933 :

"MC CHICAGO ILL JULY 19 1933  
YOURS 19TH DATE RGSHANNON SIGNED LANG CALLED ON SHANNON FOR  
QA PROMISED ANSWER AS SOON AS HE CAN GET DETAILS  
PARADISE TEXAS"

Wire sent from Chicago, Illinois, July 19, 1933 :

"D. RD W. 9 XC JULY 19 1933 1159 AM  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

RG SHANNON PARADISE TEXAS  
DETAILS BY AIRMAIL SOUVENIRS BY EXPRESS AT ONCE  
LANG 1247 PM"

It is observed that the telegram Lang sent R. G. Shannon July 19, 1933 regarding "Details by airmail souvenirs by express at once", as reflected in a memorandum submitted by Special Agent [REDACTED] dated August 2, 1933, shows that this telegram was sent June 19, 1933. It is also noted that it was sent from Chicago four minutes after the one which was sent by Lang to Shannon in which he said, "Waiting for call", and it is, therefore, thought that it is possible that this wire which was sent from Chicago at 11:59 A.M. and received at Paradise, Texas at 12:47 P.M. may have been sent June 19, 1933 instead of in July. b7C

During the first part of the investigation in the Urschal case, it was thought that "L. E. Lang" was Bates, and later it was thought that he was probably Ed Bentz. An extensive investigation has been made by both the Chicago and Kansas City offices to establish the identity of Lang but without success. As stated above, Doll admits being closely associated with Kelly and Bates in the two reports of reference, and that he sometimes used the name of Lang. It is felt from the admissions made in these two reports of reference that he will likely admit that he is the person who sent and received these telegrams in the names of "Lang" and "Ed".

Attention is hereby called to the telegram dated April 2, 1933 to T. M. Coleman and signed "Ed", directing Coleman who, of course, is George Kelly Barnes to meet him at the Huckins Hotel in Oklahoma City Monday evening. From the records of the Huckins Hotel, we find that the next day, April 3, 1933, that "R. G. Shannon and wife, New Orleans, Louisiana," registered there at 10:48 P. M., occupying room 931. On that same date, at 11:56 A. M., "L. E. Lang, 114 Elm St., Dallas, Texas", registered at this same Hotel and occupied room 904. He either

sent or received a telegram for which he was charged sixty-three cents, on April 3. The next day, April 4, 1933, R. G. Shannon and wife who, of course, are George Kelly and wife checked out of the Huckins Hotel at 9:32 A. M. The same date, at exactly the same time, L. E. Lang checked out of this same Hotel. This will indicate almost conclusively that "Ed" is the same as "L. E. Lang".

On May 9, 1933, "G. L. Davis" registered at the Huckins Hotel, Oklahoma City, and it has been proved and admitted by him that this person was Albert Bates.

On May 19, 1933, "L. E. Lang, New Orleans, Louisiana" registered at the Huckins Hotel, Oklahoma City, occupied room 519 and departed on May 20, 1933. The handwriting of "L. E. Lang" is not the handwriting of "G. L. Davis" on the registration card. The handwriting of "L. E. Lang" on this registration card and also on the one mentioned above bears a striking resemblance to the name of "Edward Doll" on his Identification Order No. 1214 and also to the handwriting on the telegram sent by Lang from Chicago, Illinois to R. G. Shannon at Paradise, Texas, July 19, 1933, a photostat of which is in the Oklahoma City file.

This will show not only a confirmation of Doll's statements of his close association with Bates and George Kelly Barnes, but it is a logical conclusion that the persons mentioned in the telegrams quoted above as "Ed" and "L. E. Lang" are none other than Doll. The telegram sent from Chicago, Illinois to Kelly as "R. G. Shannon" at Paradise, Texas, July 19, 1933, indicates that Lang was extremely anxious to get in touch with Kelly. It will be remembered that Mr. Urschel was kidnaped on the evening of July 22, 1933, and it is reasonable to assume that George Kelly Barnes was devoting his sole efforts and attentions to the plans for this kidnaping. It, therefore, seems a reasonable conclusion that one of his close associates in crime who was so anxious to get in touch with him three days before this kidnaping was likely in on the kidnaping himself. It might be observed here that one of Doll's make-up may have been used as one of the "cover men" to follow the actual kidnapers out of town after Mr. Urschel was abducted. It might also be observed here that Mr. Kirkpatrick, who paid the \$200,000.00 ransom to Barnes on Linwood Boulevard in Kansas City, Missouri, observed several men sitting in two automobiles, and it is Kirkpatrick's opinion that they were covering that spot while the money was being turned over by Kirkpatrick. It is not definitely known the exact amount or the cut which Kelly and Bates received, but it has been generally felt that the money was not divided equally between them. The most definite information along this line is that about \$75,000.00 of this ransom money was found on Cass Coleman's farm in Texas, which was either Kelly's share or a part of his share of this ransom. It has been suggested that Doll and some others who may be implicated as "cover men" at different periods in this case, and who took much less chance of being identified as the kidnapers, may have received a comparatively small cut.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

DETROIT OFFICE will interview Katherine Thorne Kelly for all informa-

tion that it is able to obtain from her regarding the purpose of any or all of the above quoted telegrams; obtain information as to the positive identity of "Lang" and "Ed". Special effort should be made to ascertain why Lang was so anxious to contact Kelly July 19, 1933, three days before the Urschel kidnaping. A special effort should also be made to obtain from Mrs. Kelly whether or not Lang, or Doll, was implicated in this kidnaping.

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KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Leavenworth, Kansas will interview Edward Doll and ascertain in a discreet manner if he is not the same person who sent the above telegrams to George Kelly Barnes under the aliases of Shannon and Coleman as "Lang" and "Ed". An effort should then be made to ascertain from Doll why he was so extremely anxious to contact Kelly July 19, 1933, three days before the Urschel kidnaping; obtain from Doll what, if any, connection he had with the Urschel kidnaping. It is noted in the two reports of reference that Special Agent [REDACTED] obtained many of the admissions from Doll while he was incarcerated at St. Petersburg, Florida, and as a result of the confidential relationship and friendly feeling toward [REDACTED] by Doll, it may be possible that Agent [REDACTED] will be able to obtain from Doll an admission of the part he played in the Urschel kidnaping.

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

**St. Paul** FILE NO. **7-8**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minn.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-10-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-10-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>Werner Hanni</b>
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, etal CHARLES F. DURSCHEL, Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No record of registration Chevrolet Cabriolet, motor #3,126,905 in states covered by St. Paul office and no record of RUTH JOHNSON or AXEL C. JOHNSON.

RUC.

REFERENCE:

Letter of S.A.C., C.C. Spears, Portland, Oregon, March 2, 1934.

DETAILS:

The Secretaries of State, Motor Vehicle Division, Madison, Wisconsin; St. Paul, Minnesota; Bismarck, North Dakota; and Pierre, South Dakota, inform that Chevrolet Cabriolet, motor number 3,126,905, is not registered in their state and that a stop order against said number has been placed and no record of the names of RUTH JOHNSON or AXEL C. JOHNSON is found.

DETAILS:

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Laboratory Report

March 12, 1934.

Case: **Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al, [REDACTED]**  
**[REDACTED] Victim; Kidnaping.**

Number: 7-576  
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Specimens: 1 envelope and letter addressed to Mr. [REDACTED] written on the stationery of the St. Regis Hotel, Winnipeg, Canada, 2-7-34. (Letter consists of five handwritten pages).

1 envelope and letter enclosed addressed to The Manager, Jacob Schmidt Brewing Co. written on the same stationery on 2-7-34.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: March 3, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

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

March 3. The handwriting on the letters written from the St. Regis Hotel, Winnipeg, Canada, is identical. This was compared with the handwriting in the anonymous letter to Judge Vaught in the Urshel extortion case and it was found not to be identical.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

- 4 - Director (1 copy for Urshel file).  
2 - Agent Rorer, St. Paul.  
2 - Laboratory (1 copy for Urshel file).

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Dallas, Texas**

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FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Kansas City</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-12-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-6-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE: <b>LOUISE SEATON, with aliases</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>HARBORING FUGITIVES</b>

**SYNOPSIS of FACTS:**

Louise Seaton as Esther Magness arrested Des Moines, Ia. 8-1-27 with one Jack Smith who was charged with carrying a concealed weapon. Smith released on bond, which he forfeited, and was later killed at San Antonio, Texas. Louise Seaton released. Disposition sheet submitted herewith.

*All b7C*

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** Dallas, Texas dated 2-28-34.

**DETAILS:** Agent ascertained from **[REDACTED]** Identification Bureau, Police Department, Des Moines, Iowa that Louise Seaton as Esther Magness #5956, had been arrested by the Des Moines Police on August 1, 1927, together with one Jack Smith #5955, who was charged with carrying a concealed weapon. Smith was released on bond, which was later forfeited, and disappeared. He was later killed at San Antonio, Texas where he was caught prowling hotel rooms. Esther Magness was held by the Des Moines Police for investigation and was later released. Disposition sheet submitted herewith.

**DETAILS:**

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <i>E.E. Conroy</i>  <small>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</small> </div>	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <b>7-115-1138</b>  <b>MAR 15 1934</b> </div>
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DISPOSITION SHEET

318 Hewes Building  
San Francisco, California.

REV: **b7C**  
Refer file  
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March 12, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

In reply to your letter of March 2, 1934, please be advised contact has been had with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, who advised that Chevrolet Cabriolet, motor #3126905, serial #6 BA 0314291, is not registered in the State of California, nor is there any registration of an automobile under the names of Ruth Johnson or Axel C. Johnson.

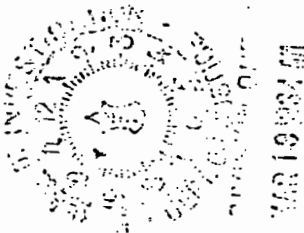
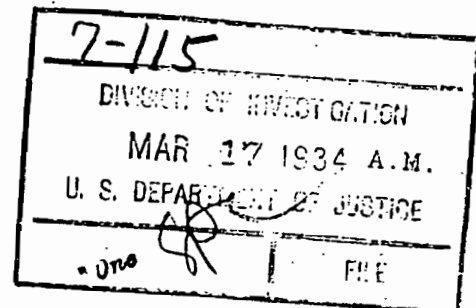
The records for 1934 are not complete. However, they are placing a "stop" in their files, and will hold our letter in the open file, and in the event any information is received by them, they will immediately advise this office.

Accordingly, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin with this letter.

Very truly yours,

cc. Division.  
cc. Oklahoma City.  
cc. St. Louis.  
cc. Chicago.  
cc. Kansas City.

R. E. VETTERLI,  
Special Agent in Charge.



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March 12, 1934.

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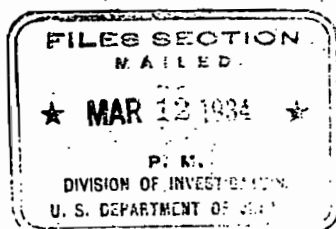
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

I am quoting the following from a letter which I have just received from Special Agent in Charge Jones of the San Antonio Office:

"I have just received Agent [redacted] report from Jacksonville relative to statements made by Edward Dall. He mentions using the name of L. E. Lang. I recall several telegrams we obtained in the Urschel case passing between Kelly, using the name of Shannon and L. E. Lang. We were never able to identify Lang. The messages were indicative that Kelly and Lang had a meeting planned a few days before the Urschel kidnaping. I have written the Division a letter suggesting that the Urschel file be reviewed and that in any subsequent interview with Dall this be cleared up.

"Matters of this kind very forcibly indicate that in any major matter such as a major kidnaping or the Kansas City shooting each Bureau office should be furnished with all detail reports. I have to refer to the Lang matter by memory as I do not have copies of the Urschel reports here. In following out leads in this district relative to the Karpis-Barker gang it is noticed references to other reports and letters which we do not have. I realize this suggestion would entail considerable clerical work; however, in my opinion it would be well worth it, as in a major case, such as some I have mentioned, some office may have, or develop information at any time."

Will you please give the matters referred to in the above excerpts careful and close attention. In regard to the second suggestion which Mr. Jones offers, namely, the furnishing of field offices with detailed reports, I was of the impression that steps were being taken along this line. Will you please inform me as to this angle.



Very truly yours,

Director.

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March 15, 1934.

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

Kathryn Kelly, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Urschel kidnaping case and who has been denied the privileges usually extended to prisoners, has indicated a willingness to cooperate with this Division by submitting information concerning a number of criminals and their activities. She has submitted some very valuable information and has indicated that she might be able to submit further information to the Division in connection with the Kansas City massacre case, if she were placed in the same cell with [REDACTED] a close associate of Vernon C. Miller, who was recently murdered in Detroit, Michigan and who, it is known, was connected with the Kansas City killing.

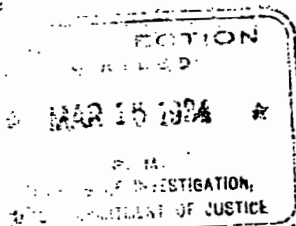
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I have had this matter discussed with Mr. Bates and he has stated that he would have [REDACTED] transferred to Milan, Michigan and placed in the same cell as Kathryn Kelly in order that Kathryn Kelly may obtain information from her concerning this case and then, in turn, give it to Agents of this Division. In view of Kathryn Kelly's attitude of cooperation, I believe it advisable to allow her to correspond with her daughter and to enjoy the same radio privileges as other prisoners. It is entirely possible that, if these considerations are extended to Mrs. Kelly, she will be able and willing to assist the Division considerably in this and other major investigations.

This question was discussed with Mr. Bates who stated that these privileges had been denied Kathryn Kelly at your request but that he would be glad to have them restored to her if such authority was granted by you. Accordingly, it is respectfully suggested, if you have no objections to doing so, that you authorize Mr. Bates to permit Kathryn Kelly to correspond with her daughter and to be given the same radio privileges as other prisoners.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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March 14, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Agent in Charge Fay at New York advised me by telephone today that Walter Winchell called him and informed him of a letter he had received from an anonymous source, the substance being that a certain Mid-western Mayor had portions of the Urschel kidnaping money and had been unable to spend it. Mr. Fay stated Mr. Winchell was sending the letter to him, and I instructed Mr. Fay to send it on here for transmittal to Mr. Eorer. He was of the opinion it had been mailed in Minneapolis.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Charles H. Winchell

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

RAA: [REDACTED]

March 15, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, et al  
Charles F. Urschel, Victim  
KIDNAPING

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 12, 1934, referring to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, dated March 10, 1934, in above-entitled case, and to the report which Agent [REDACTED] refers to, being that of Special Agent [REDACTED] Jacksonville, dated February 24, 1934, in the case of EDWARD DOLL with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

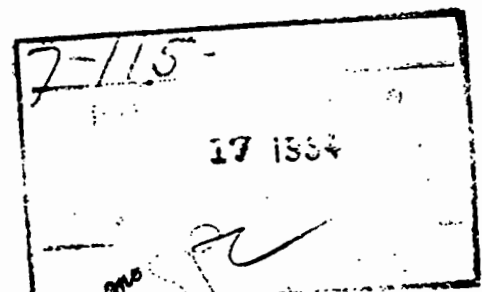
Pursuant to your request, I am enclosing a copy of the reference report of Agent [REDACTED] dated February 24, 1934.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Enclosure  
cc Division ✓  
Oklahoma City  
St. Louis





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Mar. 14, 1934.

MR. NATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. CHASE  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. Egan  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
MR. LOCKE  
MR. RORER

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 9th. I appreciate your taking up with Mr. Keenan the subject matter of my telephonic communications with Mr. Nathan. We did not know what department we should communicate with, otherwise I would have 'phoned Mr. Keenan direct.

I have not heard anything from Mr. Keenan and if we do not hear anything within the next few days I will take it up again with him, direct.

Thanking you and with kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

All b7c



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1816 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Texas.  
March 18, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Suite L, Federal Bldg.,  
Jacksonville, Fla.

GEORGE KELLY BARNES et al  
Charles F. Urschel, Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to report of Special Agent [redacted], Oklahoma City, for March 10, 1934, entitled George Kelly Barnes et al, Charles F. Urschel, Victim, Kidnaping.

In this report reference is made to report of Agent [redacted] of your office for Feb. 24, 1934, entitled Edward Doll with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

In view of the fact that there were several instances mentioned in report of Agent [redacted] for February 23, 1934, which were directly connected with the Urschel case, I would appreciate it very much to have a copy of the report of Agent [redacted] for Feb. 24, 1934.

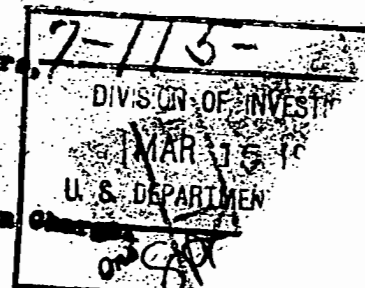
In view of the extensive operations admitted by Eddie Doll, I should think it would be a good idea to furnish all of the offices with copies of reports covering his admissions, especially those offices that have been interested in the operations of George Kelly Barnes, Albert Bates, Harvey Bailey, and others. These offices have an accumulation of information that had not heretofore been furnished your office and consequently there might be some parts of Doll's admissions that could be directly connected up with some of the information already recorded in the files of these offices.

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cc Division ✓  
cc Oklahoma City

Very truly yours,

Cas T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge



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1331 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,  
El Paso, Texas,  
March 16, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: GEO. KELLY BARNES, with aliases,  
et al.  
Charles F. Urschel, Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Having reference to my letter of February 23, 1934  
with which was transmitted one copy of the modus operandi  
and solution report in the above entitled case, it is re-  
quested that I be advised whether photostatic copies of  
this report have as yet been made and furnished the various  
Division offices.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RHC: b7C ✓  
cc Division.

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420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

March 16, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

b7c In response to Division letter of March 13, 1934, with reference to one [redacted] of Gainesville, Texas furnishing machine guns to George Kelly and other gangsters, you are informed that on August 30, 1933, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] interviewed [redacted] at Gainesville, Texas, who had requested Chief of Police Loving to put him in touch with an agent of the Division. [redacted] was known to both Agents [redacted] and [redacted] as he was in 1920 to about 1922 [redacted] at El Paso, Texas. His reputation for truth, veracity and honesty was questionable.

b7c At that time [redacted] stated to Agents that on August 26, 1933, George and Kathryn Kelly called at his house in Gainesville and attempted to purchase a Thompson Machine Gun from him but he did not have one and did not sell one to them; that he first became acquainted with George Kelly through Wolff & Klar of Ft. Worth, Texas, who sent Kelly to him to purchase two machine guns. He at that time stated also that he had never sold a machine gun to anyone except police organizations, and at the time he made the sales he was a representative of the Auto Ordnance Company of New York.

b7c He also at that time stated that Kelly was implicated in the kidnaping of the Lindbergh Baby, and had told him [redacted] that he had kidnaped a man in St. Bend, Indiana; that this victim was watering his lawn when kidnaped. He also stated that Kelly and one Hendricks were implicated in the Kansas City Massacre; that he obtained this information through deduction.

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b7C [redacted] at that time informed the Agents that if they did not believe his information was on the level to just check telephone number 4-2150 - Ft. Worth, which telephone number was formerly in the name of Kathryn Kelly in Ft. Worth.

b7C This matter is set out in detail in report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Dallas, Texas, 9-14-33.

b7C On September 5, 1933, Agent [redacted] at Gainesville, Texas, interviewed [redacted], gunsmith at that place, who stated that during the preceding winter two men who gave their names as Kelly and Hendricks, stayed around Gainesville for several days; that Kelly came into his shop once and asked if he knew how he could get in touch with [redacted] that [redacted] had at one time kept a Thompson Machine Gun in his [redacted] Shop, but that had been a year or two ago; that about two months before the raid was made on the Shannon Farm at Paradise, Texas, (August 12, 1933,) George Kelly with a woman and a young girl came to his place in a Ford, Model A, Sport Roadster, and had him make a switch key for the car; that at that time Kelly asked if he [redacted] had a 30-bullet drum or a 20-bullet clip for Thompson Machine Guns; that at that time he also asked where he could find [redacted] that about one month before the raid on the Shannon Farm was made - exact date he could not fix - Kelly alone came by his shop and stated, "The key you made worked all right," then asked if [redacted] was around; that the time George Kelly was in his shop with Kathryn and the little girl, Kelly engaged him in conversation and asked if he had machine guns for sale, and remarked, "We could sell a lot of them between here and Kansas."

b7C Thereafter, in response to letter from the New York City Division Office dated October 2, 1933, requesting that inquiry as to [redacted] be made at Gainesville, Texas, to whom Thompson Sub-Machine Gun No. 4685 had been sold on January 21, 1927, which gun was found in the personal effects of Albert L. Bates at Denver, Colorado, Agent [redacted] again interviewed [redacted] at Gainesville, Texas, the results of which interview are set out in report by Special Agent [redacted] dated at Dallas, 10-13-33.

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b7c According to Chief of Police Sid Loving at Cainesville, Texas, the only machine gun that he knows of which was ever in the possession of [REDACTED], is the one [REDACTED] attempted to sell to the City Police Department at Cainesville. That probably is the gun which was seized in Albert Bates' effects in Denver, Colorado. However, the records of the Auto Ordnance Company may disclose further sales to [REDACTED] of Machine Guns, or may disclose that they were shipped to other consignees by his direction as a representative of that organization.

Very truly yours,

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

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

March 15, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

Special Agent [REDACTED] and myself are in receipt of letters from E.E. Kirkpatrick, Tulsa, Oklahoma - as follows:

"I am writing the story of the Urschel kidnaping in book form. I don't know just how many photographs the publishers will let me use in the book but I would like to have a photograph of you so that if possible I can use it."

I seriously question the propriety of me furnishing a photograph for the purpose desired, and unless the Division is of a contrary opinion I will respectfully decline to comply with the request.

Very truly yours,

*F.J. Blake*

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB: [REDACTED]

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Mr. F. J. Blake,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Mr. Blake:-

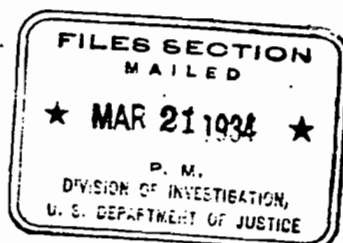
I have your letter of March 15th in which you advise that Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has requested photographs from you and Special Agent [REDACTED] for possible use in connection with a book which he is preparing on the Urschel kidnaping case.

I agree with you that it is not a good policy for photographs of our employees to appear in publications of this kind.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

March 17, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Special Agent R. C. Coulter and I have received letters from E. E. Kirkpatrick, requesting that our photographs be furnished him for possible use in a book which he is writing on the URSCHEL Kidnaping Case.

Please advise me whether it is the Division's desire that these photographs be furnished.

Very truly yours,

  
W. A. RORER,  
Inspector.

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

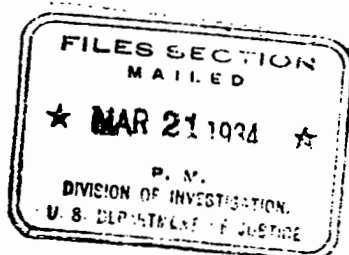
Dear Mr. Rorer:-

I have your letter of March 17th in which you advise that you and Special Agent Coulter have received communications from Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick requesting photographs for possible publication in a book which Mr. Kirkpatrick is writing on the Urachel kidnaping case.

The Division feels that it is not desirable for photographs of its employees to appear in books dealing with work performed by the Division.

Sincerely yours,

Director.



# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.**

N.Y. FILE NO. **7-19**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3/19/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/19/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; margin: 0;"></div>
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Automobile registration bureaus in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut have no record of 1934 registration of the Chevrolet car in question by Ruth or Axel C. Johnson.



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**REFERENCE:** Letter from Portland Division office dated 3/2/34.

**DETAILS:** Communications were directed by this office to the Automobile Registration Bureaus of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut and replies have been received advising there is no record at these places of the registration of Chevrolet cabriolet, motor #3126905, by Ruth or Axel C. Johnson.

**DETAILS:**

These organizations indicate that the filing of registrations for the year 1934 has not been completed and that this office will be advised should any information be received at a future date.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div style="text-align: center;"><i>J. X. Day</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</div>	7-115-1146	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>MAR 20 1934</b>
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March 16, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

From the information submitted by your office relative to telephone taps that have been installed by Special Agents of the Chicago Office, it is observed that in the following instances no prior authority of the Director was obtained relative to the installation of the taps:

<u>Titles of Case</u>	<u>Telephone on which Tap Maintained</u>	<u>Date Tap Installed</u>	<u>Date Tap Discontinued</u>
Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased), et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner	[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, [REDACTED]	June 25, 1933	"Few days thereafter"
(Same as above)	[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, [REDACTED]	July 1, 1933	July 17, 1933
(Same as above)	O. P. Inn, Melrose Park, Illinois, Melrose Park 645	July 3, 1933	July 12, 1933
(Same as above)	[REDACTED] Street, Chicago, Illinois, [REDACTED]	July 7, 1933	"For several days thereafter"

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Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased), et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner	[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, [REDACTED]	September 23, 1933	October 9, 1933
(Same as above)	[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, [REDACTED]	September 27, 1933	"Approximately one week thereafter"
(Same as above)	[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, [REDACTED]	September 27, 1933	"Approximately one week thereafter"
(Same as above)	(Same as above)	October 29, 1933	Not indicated
(Same as above)	[REDACTED] Sherone Apartments, 4423 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois, Telephone number not indicated	November 1, 1933	Not indicated
(Same as above)	[REDACTED] Sherone Apartments, 4423 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois, No telephone number indicated	November 2, 1933	November 5, 1933
George Kelly Barnes, with aliases, et al, Charles F. Orschel, Victim, Kidnaping	[REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, [REDACTED]	October 7, 1933	October 16, 1933
(Same as above)	Michigan Avenue Tavern, Morris Kaplan, 1150 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Webster 3397	October 7, 1933	October 16, 1933

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<u>Title of Case</u>	<u>Telephone on which Tap maintained</u>	<u>Date Tap Installed</u>	<u>Date Tap Discontinued</u>
Unknown Subjects, [REDACTED] Victim, Kidnaping	[REDACTED] River Forest, Illinois, Telephone not indicated	October 15, 1933	October 17, 1933
[REDACTED] with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act	[REDACTED] Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, [REDACTED]	November 17, 1933	November 22, 1933

The Manual of Rules and Regulations specifically requires that the Director's authorization be obtained, and it is desired in all instances that this instruction be strictly followed. The only exception will be when, in my absence, an employee in Washington has been designated to act authoritatively on this question. It is desired that this specific authorization be obtained from Washington, D. C. in the above described manner in every instance.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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March 16, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

From the information submitted by your office relative to telephone taps that have been installed by Special Agents of the Oklahoma City Office, it is observed that in the following instances no prior authority of the Director was obtained relative to the installation of the taps:

<u>Title of Case</u>	<u>Telephones on which Tap Maintained</u>	<u>Date Tap Installed</u>	<u>Date Tap Discontinued</u>
George <sup>0</sup> Kelly Barnes, Alpine Rooms, with aliases, et al, 126 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> West Reno, Charles F. <sup>0</sup> Urschel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Victim, Kidnaping	Telephone not indicated	Not given	Not given

The Manual of Rules and Regulations specifically requires that the Director's authorization be obtained, and it is desired in all instances that this instruction be strictly followed. The only exception will be when, in my absence, an employee in Washington has been designated to act authoritatively on this question. It is desired that this specific authorization be obtained from Washington, D. C. in the above described manner in every instance.

Very truly yours,

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625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan

March 17, 1934

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 report of Special Agent [redacted] your office, dated 3/10/34, in which an undeveloped lead is set out for this office to interview Katherine Kelly Barnes at Milan, Michigan to determine the identity of Lang and to ascertain if he was involved in the Urschel kidnaping.

I am transmitting herewith copies of my letters dated January 23 and February 9, 1934, directed to the St. Paul office under the caption "Unknown Subjects, [redacted] Victim, Kidnaping", in which it will be noted that Lang is an alias used by Edward Doll, alias La Rue, and it will be further observed that Mrs. Kelly states that Doll discussed the Urschel kidnaping with Kelly and planned to take part in same, but that, as he failed to arrive in Texas at a designated time, he was left out and the kidnaping was carried out by Bates and Kelly.

Very truly yours,

WM. LARSON,  
Special Agent in Charge.

WL/ [redacted]  
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P. O. BOX # 987,  
PITTSBURGH, PA.

March 19, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box # 709,  
Portland, Oregon.

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases;  
CHARLES F. MURSCHEI - Victim.  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the request contained in your letter of March 2, 1934, the records in the office of the Automobile Bureau, West Virginia State Road Commission, were searched and it was ascertained that no persons by the names of Clara Feldman, Albert Bates, Mr. or Mrs. George L. Davis, Ruth Johnson, Ed Feldman, or Axel C. Johnson, had ever registered a Chevrolet automobile in the State of West Virginia; and further, that Chevrolet Cabriolet, motor # 3126905, serial # 6BA0314291, had not been registered in the State of West Virginia.

Very truly yours,

E. A. TAMM.  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana,  
March 19, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 709,  
Portland, Oregon.

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim  
Kidnapping

Dear Sir:

Upon receipt of your letter of March 2, 1934, in the above-entitled case, this office immediately communicated with the Registrar of Motor Vehicles at Deer Lodge, Montana, and the Commissioner of Law Enforcement at Boise, Idaho, requesting that this office be advised whether there is a record of a registration for Chevrolet Cabriolet, Motor No. 3126905, in either state; also requesting information as to whether this car or any car is registered in Montana or Idaho to Ruth Johnson, Axel C. Johnson, Clara Feldman, or Ed Feldman. Letters were received from these officers advising that no record of the registration of the Chevrolet Cabriolet or of any car to the names of those persons above referred to is on file in Montana or Idaho. Both offices advise that stop cards have been placed in their files for this car and these persons and this office will be advised should either of these registrations be applied for.

Very truly yours,

D. H. Dickason  
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Director ✓  
Chicago

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1831 First National Bank Bldg.,  
El Paso, Texas.

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, w.a.  
et al; CHAS. F. UNSCHL,  
Victim; Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 16, 1934, we overlooked notifying you on the date your Modus Operandi Report was re-produced at this office.

Due to the expense involved and the shortage of the photostatic paper, this report was mimeographed at this office and copy furnished each of the Division offices, on Feb. 28, 1934.

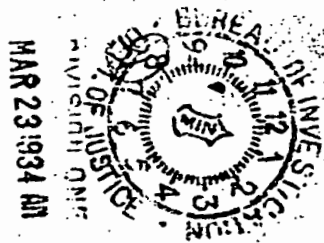
I am attaching hereto one of the mimeographed copies referred to.

Very truly yours,

cc Division ✓

Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

March 19, 1934.

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

Re: LOUISE SEATON, with aliases.  
Harboring Fugitives.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from this office,  
dated February 22, 1934.

It is requested that an endeavor be made to  
locate and apprehend Louise Seaton at Wilburn, Oklahoma,  
and should she be taken into custody complete statement  
obtained as to her associations with George and Kathryn  
Kelly during their flight from justice as fugitives.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.**

FILE NO. **7-22.**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Boston, Mass.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-19-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-16-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; margin: 0;"></div>
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al., CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Kidnaping.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

since January, 1934, has been receiving one letter per week in care of General Delivery, Brockton, Massachusetts.  not listed in telephone or city directories and unknown to postal authorities. Arrangements perfected to ascertain her address.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Kansas City Office, dated January 4, 1934.

DETAILS: AT BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS:

Agent was advised by  Acting Postmaster, that since some time in January, 1934  has been receiving one letter a week in care of General Delivery, and that the letters did not arrive on the same day each week, which would make impracticable for an Agent to be present in order to trail  and thereby learn her address in Brockton.

A search of the telephone and city directories of Brockton failed to reveal any one listed under the name of  and she is unknown to the Postmaster and the Mail Carriers.

agreed to endeavor to ascertain  address.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div style="text-align: center;"></div>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">7-115-1150</div>	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">MAR 21 1934</div>
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: Division - 3. Oklahoma City - 2. Kansas City - 2. Boston - 1.		UNITED STATES <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">MAR 21 1934 A.M.</div> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <div style="display: inline-block; width: 50px; text-align: center;">JMK</div> FILE <div style="display: inline-block; width: 50px; text-align: center;">JMK</div>	CHECKED OFF: <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">MAR 22 1934</div> JACKETED:

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upon her next call at the General Delivery Window for her letter, and that he will immediately notify the Boston Office in order that investigation may be conducted to determine the relationship of [REDACTED] to Convict Albert L. Bates, an inmate of United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

[REDACTED] describes [REDACTED] as follows:

Age	-	20
Build	-	Slim
Height	-	5' 4"
Hair	-	Light.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

BOSTON OFFICE, at Brockton, Mass., will keep in touch with Acting Postmaster [REDACTED] in an effort to ascertain the residence of [REDACTED]

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Room 1403, 370 Lexington Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

March 15, 1934

Mr. NATHAN	_____
Mr. TOLSON	_____
Mr. CLEGG	_____
Mr. COWLEY	✓
Mr. EDWARDS	_____
Mr. EGAN	_____
Mr. QUINN	_____
Mr. LESTER	_____
Chief Clerk	_____
Mr. ROSEN	_____

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

With reference to my telephonic conversation of last evening, I am enclosing herewith the letter to which I referred as being received by Walter Winchell with reference to the matter of a certain Mayor of a Middle Western City holding some of the Urschel kidnaping money, unable to spend it because it is marked. This is being forwarded for its possible value to the Division.

Very truly yours,

*J. X. Fay*  
F.X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

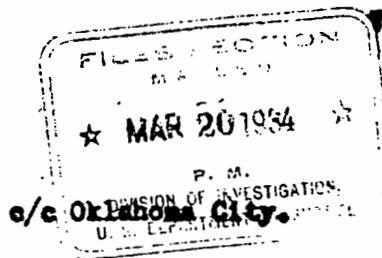
Reference is made to the case entitled GEORGE E. KELLY,  
with aliases, et al, CHARLES URSCHEL, VICTIM, KIDNAPING.

There are transmitted herewith photostatic copies of an  
anonymous letter mailed from Minneapolis on March 12, 1934, on  
the stationery of the Minneapolis Athletic Club, addressed to  
Mr. Walter Winchell, Daily Mirror, New York City.

It is requested that this letter be given immediate  
attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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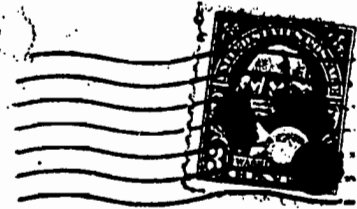
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WALTER WINCHELL  
DAILY MIRROR  
NEW YORK CITY,

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Post Office Box 4907  
Jacksonville, Florida

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March 20, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

RE: <sup>0</sup>GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases;  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

With reference to your letter of March 2, 1934, inquiry was made of the Motor Vehicle Commissioner at Tallahassee, Florida, to determine whether Mrs. Clara Feldman alias Ruth Johnson or her son, Ed Feldman alias ~~Johnson~~ Johnson, had made application for registration or title for any automobile; also requesting that the records be searched to determine whether Chevrolet cabriolet, motor number 3126905, serial number 6 BA 0314291, had been offered for registration for either title or tag and in the event such application was made the Jacksonville Office be advised.

The Motor Vehicle Commissioner has advised the Jacksonville Office that described automobile has not been registered for tag or title, neither have persons aforementioned made application to register any automobile. In the event such application is made, this office will be advised.

Very truly yours,

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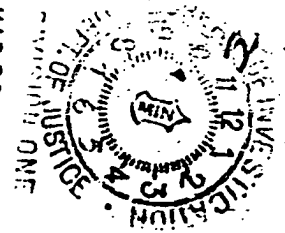
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1806 First National Bank Building  
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Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
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Post Office Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir: RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases;  
CHARLES F. <sup>0</sup>URSCHTEL - Victim  
Kidnaping

Reference is made to your letter of March 2,  
1934, in the above captioned case.

The State Automobile Registration Bureaus in  
North Carolina and South Carolina, have advised that their  
records reflect no information concerning the individuals  
named in your letter or the automobile described therein.  
These departments have advised that Wanted Notices have been  
posted in their files, and in the event any information  
concerning the automobiles or the individuals is obtained,  
this office will be notified accordingly, in which event you  
will be appropriately advised.

Very truly yours,

LBR <sup>b7C</sup>  
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L. B. REED, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DALLAS, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **62-1779**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3/20/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3/17/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div>
TITLE: <b>CHANGED: LOUISE MAGNESS with aliases: Louise Seaton, Louise Bryant, Louise Carpenter, Mrs. J. D. Dahmer, Esther Magness, Mrs. George Magness, Mrs. E. P. Miller, Mrs. R. L. Seaton, Jaqueline Logan, Louise Donovan, Genze</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>HARBORING FUGITIVES</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> <b>Magness</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Records of Grand Rapids Police Department, Grand Rapids, Michigan disclose subject as Louise Magness with aliases, arrested 11/6/30, Grand Rapids, Michigan, charged with shop lifting. Disposition, released to leave town. Photograph of subject, G. R. P. #5326 being furnished Dallas Office. Disposition sheet submitted herewith.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R.U.C.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div> Dallas, dated 2/28/34.</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em;">All b7C</p> <p>DETAILS: <b>AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN</b></p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> Inspection of the records of the Bureau of Identification, Grand Rapids Police Department, disclosed that Subject was arrested at Grand Rapids, Michigan, November 6, 1930, as Louise Magness, Grand Rapids Police Department #5326, charged with shoplifting and that Subject was released to leave town. The records further disclosed that Subject, as Louise Magness had used the aliases of Jaqueline Logan, Genze Magness, Louise Donovan and Louise Seaton. The title has been changed accordingly to record these aliases.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Photograph of Subject, Grand Rapids Police Department #5326 is being furnished the Dallas Office.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">M. H. Quinn</div>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: <b>② Division 3 Dallas (1 U. S. Atty, Ft. Worth) (enc) 1 San Antonio 1 Kansas City 1 Oklahoma City 2 Chicago</b>		<p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">7-115-1152</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UNITED STATES</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">MAR 22 1934 A M</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p> <p>ROUTED TO: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">JTC</div> FILE</p>	
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Disposition sheet attached.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

311 Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

March 21, 1934.



Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 709,  
Portland, Oregon.

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases  
CHARLES F. MORSCHER, Victim--  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 2,  
1934 relative to securing information concerning a Chevro-  
let Cabriolet, Motor No. 3,126,908, Serial No. 6 BA 0314291,  
which bore 1933 Oregon license plates, No. 101-555.

The records of Maryland, Virginia and the District  
of Columbia do not show that this car was either registered  
or licensed to operate during 1934.

Very truly yours,

L. R. PENNINGTON, Assistant  
Special Agent in Charge.

LEP: [redacted] b7c  
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Postoffice Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
March 21, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Postoffice Box 1457  
St. Louis, Mo.

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, W.A., et al  
Charles F. Urechel - Victim.  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that [redacted] Special Officer of the Frisco Railway Company in Birmingham, Alabama, has furnished information to the effect that while in Duquoin, Illinois recently he received information indicating that [redacted] of subject Albert L. Bates, with aliases, has recently purchased a new Plymouth or Chevrolet automobile, and has also purchased furniture for her home.

[redacted] stated that it was rumored around pool halls and such places that [redacted] family was displaying evidences of unusual prosperity, which indicate that they may have received part of the ransom money in this case. [redacted] is acquainted with [redacted], an employee of the Duquoin Packing Company, who resides at Main and Lowell Streets in Duquoin, and apparently is a man of moderate financial circumstances.

The interview with [redacted] developed that Bates has [redacted] exact name unknown, who resides in Chicago, Illinois; that he has [redacted], who resides at Highland, Illinois, and who is supposed to have forbidden Bates to visit his home several years ago.

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[redacted] stated that the above information was pool room talk he heard at Reed's Cigar Store, which is located in Duquoin, Ill. about half a block east of the Illinois Central passenger station. There is a pool hall and gambling room in the back of Reed's Cigar store. It was the opinion of [redacted] that discreet inquiry at this address would probably elicit further information relative to the rumors of unusual prosperity on the part of [redacted] and wife. [redacted] requested that his name not be divulged in the event any inquiries are made, as he desires that the matter be kept confidential.

In view of the fact that efforts are being made to locate

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the ransom money paid in this case, it is suggested that you cause appropriate investigation to be made at Duquoin, Illinois, with the view of obtaining any information of value indicating that [REDACTED] and wife may be in possession of an unusual amount of money.

Very truly yours,

D. O. SMITH, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division ✓  
Oklahoma City  
Chicago  
Portland.

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Okla.

FILE NO.

7-14

REPORT MADE AT: Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE: 3-22-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/8-15/34	REPORT MADE BY: N. B. Klein
TITLE: O GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al CHARLES F. OURSCHEL - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: O KIDNAPING

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records of the Motor Vehicle Bureaus at Indianapolis, Ind., Columbus, Ohio, and Frankfort, Ky., which are embodied in the territory allocated to the Cincinnati Division Office, advise they have no record of the registration of Chevrolet Cabriolet, motor #3126905. However, Motor Vehicle Bureau at Columbus, Ohio, advised they are establishing a new engine number file and further check will be made within the next thirty days.

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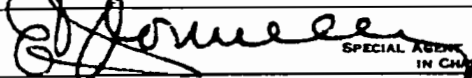
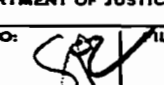
REFERENCE: Letter from the Portland Division Office dated 3-2-34.

DETAILS: AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

## DETAILS:

In connection with the Chevrolet Cabriolet bearing motor #3126905, serial #6 BA 0314291, and carrying 1933 Oregon license plates #101-555 for 1933, and which has previously been registered under the names of Ruth Johnson and Axel (or Alex) C. Johnson, communications have been addressed to the Motor Vehicle Divisions located at Columbus, Ohio, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Frankfort, Kentucky. The Cincinnati Division Office is in receipt of communications from these various state motor vehicle bureaus advising they have no record of the registration during 1934 of the Chevrolet car involved. However, the Motor Vehicle Bureau at Columbus, Ohio, advised that they are establishing a new engine number file and that about thirty days hence they will be glad to recheck their files with view of ascertaining whether or not this car has been registered in the state during 1934.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1153	RECORDED AND INDEXED: MAR 28 1934
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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CINCINNATI OFFICE at Columbus, Ohio. About April 15, 1934, will again check the records of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, Department of Highways, Columbus, with view of ascertaining whether or not the car in question is registered in the State of Ohio in the name Alex or Axel C. Johnson or Ruth Johnson.

PENDING

1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

March 22, 1934.

Postmaster  
Chicago, Illinois

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

Dear Sir:

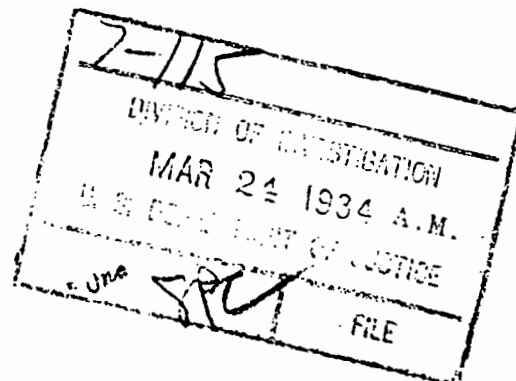
In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, will you kindly place a mail cover for a period of thirty days on all first class mail received for Mr. or Mrs. George Bentz, 7124 Belden Avenue; [redacted] and [redacted]

It will be appreciated if you will, in transmitting the tracings to this office, refer to our file No. 7-26.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 2344  
Boston, Massachusetts.

March 23, 1934.

Postmaster,  
Warwick  
Rhode Island.

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

Dear Sir:

This office is now making an effort to locate Ruth Johnson and Axel C. Johnson who registered Chevrolet Cabriolet motor #3126905, carrying 1933 Oregon license plates 101-555.

We have information that one Axel Conrad Johnson, who resides in your city, at [REDACTED] Hills Grove, registered a Ford 1925 Coach, motor #11335545, registration plates #39673.

It is respectfully requested that you furnish this office confidentially, with any information relative to Axel Conrad Johnson who lives at that address, particularly as to how long he has lived there and any other information that might be of value in the investigation that is now being conducted.

This information is requested for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not this Axel Johnson is in reality a man whom we know as Ed Feldman, who is traveling with his mother, Clara Feldman, and she in turn may possibly be using the name of Ruth Johnson.

Thanking you in advance for this courtesy, I am,

Very truly yours,

cc - Division.  
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[REDACTED]

C. D. McKean,  
Special Agent

7-115  
in Charge.  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
MAR 26 1934  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Post Office Box 2344  
Boston, Massachusetts.

March 23, 1934.

Postmaster,  
Manchester,  
New Hampshire.

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

Dear Sir:

This office is now making an effort to locate  
Ruth Johnson and Axel Johnson who registered Chevrolet Cabriolet  
motor #3126905, carrying 1933 Oregon license plates 101-555.

We have information that one Axel Johnson, who resides  
in your city, at [REDACTED] registered a 1930 Willys Sedan,  
registration 48-467, on January 11, 1934.

It is respectfully requested that you furnish this of-  
fice confidentially, with any information relative to Axel Johnson  
who lives at that address, particularly as to how long he has lived  
there and any other information that might be of value in the in-  
vestigation that is now being conducted.

This information is requested for the purpose of as-  
certaining whether or not this Axel Johnson is in reality a man whom  
we know as Ed Feldman, who is traveling with his mother, Clara Feldman,  
and she in turn may possibly be using the name of Ruth Johnson.

Thanking you in advance for this courtesy, I am,

Very truly yours,

cc - Division. ✓

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[REDACTED]

C. D. McKEAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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Post Office Box 2344  
Boston, Massachusetts.

March 23, 1934.

Postmaster,  
Berlin,  
New Hampshire.

Dear Sir:

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

This office is now making an effort to locate  
Ruth Johnson and Axel C. Johnson who registered Chevrolet Cabriolet  
motor #3126905, carrying 1933 Oregon license plates 101-555.

We have information that one Axel Johnson, who re-  
sides in your city, at [REDACTED] registered an Essex Coach,  
1926 model, motor #407839, on January 1, 1934.

It is respectfully requested that you furnish this  
office confidentially, with any information relative to Axel Johnson  
who lives at that address, particularly as to how long he has lived  
there and any other information that might be of value in the in-  
vestigation that is now being conducted.

This information is requested for the purpose of as-  
certaining whether or not this Axel Johnson is in reality a man whom  
we know as Ed Feldman, who is traveling with his mother, Clara  
Feldman, and she in turn may possibly be using the name of Ruth  
Johnson.

Thanking you in advance for this courtesy, I am,

Very truly yours,

cc - Division. ✓  
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[REDACTED]

C. D. McKEAN, 7-115  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Inc [Signature]



Post Office Box 2344  
Boston, Massachusetts.

March 23, 1934.

Postmaster,  
West Warwick,  
Rhode Island.

Dear Sir:

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

This office is now making an effort to locate one Ruth Johnson who registered Chevrolet Cabriolet, motor #3126905, carrying 1933 Oregon license plates 101-555.

We have information that one Ruth Johnson, who resides in your city, at [REDACTED] registered a Ford 1929 model Coupe, motor # 2018363.

It is respectfully requested that you furnish this office confidentially, with any information relative to Ruth Johnson who lives at that address, particularly as to how long she has lived there and any other information that might be of value in the investigation that is now being conducted.

This information is requested for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not this Ruth Johnson is in reality a woman whom we know as Clara Feldman, who is probably traveling with her son, Ed Feldman, and he in turn may possibly be using the name of Axel C. Johnson.

Thanking you in advance for this courtesy, I am,

Very truly yours,

cc - Division ✓  
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[REDACTED]

C. D. McKEAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 2344  
Boston, Massachusetts.

March 23, 1934.

Postmaster,  
Pontiac,  
Rhode Island.

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

Dear Sir:

This office is now making an effort to locate one  
Ruth Johnson who registered Chevrolet Cabriolet, motor #3126905,  
carrying 1933 Oregon license plates 101-555.

We have information that one [REDACTED] who  
resides at [REDACTED] in your city, registered a Ford 1932  
model Coupe, motor #143508, registration plates 42113.

It is respectfully requested that you furnish this  
office confidentially, with any information relative to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] who lives at that address, particularly as to how long she  
has lived there and any other information that might be of value  
in the investigation that is now being conducted.

This information is requested for the purpose of as-  
certaining whether or not this Ruth Johnson is in reality a woman  
whom we know as Clara Feldman, who is probably traveling with her  
son, Ed Feldman, and he in turn may possibly be using the name of  
Axel G. Johnson.

Thanking you in advance for this courtesy, I am,

Very truly yours,

C. D. McKEAN,  
Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED]

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Post Office Box 2544  
Boston, Massachusetts.

March 23, 1934.

Postmaster,  
Providence,  
Rhode Island.

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

Dear Sir:

This office is now making an effort to locate one  
Ruth Johnson who registered Chevrolet Cabriolet, motor #3126905,  
carrying 1933 Oregon license plates 101-655.

We have information that one [redacted] who re-  
sides in your city, a [redacted] registered a Ford 1930  
Coach, motor #A 3202077, registration plates 95116.

It is respectfully requested that you furnish this  
office confidentially, with any information relative to [redacted]  
[redacted] who lives at that address, particularly as to how long she  
has lived there and any other information that might be of value  
in the investigation that is now being conducted.

This information is requested for the purpose of as-  
certaining whether or not this Ruth Johnson is in reality a woman  
whom we know as Clara Feldman, who is probably traveling with her  
son, Ed Feldman, and he in turn may possibly be using the name of  
Axel C. Johnson.

Thanking you in advance for this courtesy, I am,

Very truly yours,

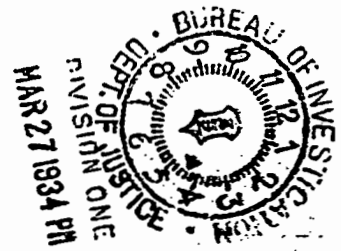
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C. D. McKEAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 536  
Los Angeles, California  
March 23, 1934.



[REDACTED]  
Postmaster,  
Ventura, California.

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases;  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:-

Re: L. A. File 7-19.

Confirming the request of Special Agent [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] of this office, will you kindly place a cover on all  
first class mail delivered to [REDACTED]  
Ventura, California, for a period of thirty days, and furnish  
this office with tracings?

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

[REDACTED]  
cc Division

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Post Office Box 2344  
Boston, Massachusetts.

March 23, 1934.

Postmaster,  
Pawtucket,  
Rhode Island.

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

Dear Sir:

This office is now making an effort to locate one  
Ruth Johnson who registered Chevrolet Cabriolet, motor #3126905,  
carrying 1933 Oregon license plates 101-555.

We have information that one [REDACTED] who re-  
sides in your city, at [REDACTED] registered a Chrysler  
1928 model 62 Sedan, motor #109955, registration plates 6912.

It is respectfully requested that you furnish this  
office confidentially, with any information relative to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] who lives at that address, particularly as to how long she  
has lived there and any other information that might be of value  
in the investigation that is now being conducted.

This information is requested for the purpose of as-  
certaining whether or not this Ruth M. Johnson is in reality a woman  
whom we know as Clara Feldman, who is probably traveling with her  
son, Ed Feldman, and he in turn may possibly be using the name of  
Axel C. Johnson.

Thanking you in advance for this courtesy, I am,

Very truly yours,

C. D. McKEAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

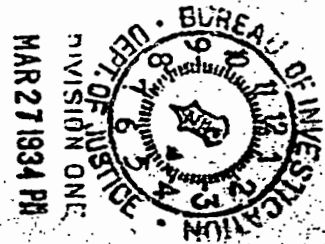
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P. O. Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
March 24, 1934

62-488  
[REDACTED]



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

Re: Louise Seaton, with aliases.  
Harboring Fugitives.

Dear Sir :

Referring to your letter dated February 22, 1934, advising that a Federal Grand Jury at Ft. Worth, Texas had returned an indictment against Louise Seaton, and requesting her apprehension and interview, please be advised that on March 17, Agent [REDACTED] at Milburn, Oklahoma contacted the mother of Louise Seaton who advised that Louise Seaton is now confined in the State Tubercular Hospital at Talihina, Oklahoma where she is being treated for tuberculosis; that she entered this institution on February 2, 1934.

Please refer this matter to the proper United States Attorney with the suggestion that he forward certified papers to the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma with the request that he file fugitive complaint against Louise Seaton and have her taken into custody and removed to the Dallas District on the pending indictment.

I will keep in touch with this matter, and when she is taken into custody, she will be interviewed by an Agent of this office.

Very truly yours,

All b7C

cc Division ✓

Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.**

FILE NO. **7-22,**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Boston, Mass.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-24, 1934.</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-20-1934</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al. CHARLES F. CURSCHIEL - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Kidnaping.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**[REDACTED] resides with her husband at [REDACTED] Brockton, Mass. Husband and wife both have criminal record.**

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** Boston, Massachusetts, dated March 19, 1934.

**DETAILS: AT BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS:**

On the morning of March 20th Agent was called on the telephone by **[REDACTED]** Acting Postmaster, Brockton, Mass., who stated that on the previous day **[REDACTED]** had called at the money order window of the Brockton Post Office and had dispatched a money order in the sum of \$1.20 to Halderman Julius Publishing Co., Girard, Kansas, and that the name she used in sending this money order was **[REDACTED]** and she gave as her address, **[REDACTED]**, Boston, Massachusetts.

**DETAILS:**

On receipt of this telephone message Agent proceeded to Brockton and interviewed **[REDACTED]** who stated that he had been advised by the clerk on duty at the money order window, that **[REDACTED]** had sent a money order and that she had also called at the General Delivery window to ascertain if she had received any mail that day, she asking for mail at the General Delivery window under the name of **[REDACTED]**

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	<b>7-115-1154</b> UNITED STATES <b>MAR 26 1934 A M</b> BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>[initials]</i> FILE	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>MAR 26 1934</b> CHECKED OFF: <b>MAR 28 1934</b> JACKETED:
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Agent examined the city directories and the poll tax books of the city of Brockton, and it was noted that [REDACTED] is a two-story house, the lower part being occupied by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], his wife.

Postal Carrier [REDACTED] whose route covers [REDACTED] was next interviewed and he stated that he had been delivering mail to the [REDACTED] family for several years, but that [REDACTED] would not receive letters there for several months at a time and then, all of a sudden, she would receive several letters a week. [REDACTED] further stated that he also delivered letters at that address to a man of Portuguese extraction, whose name he does not recall at the present time, but that his surname is [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised Agent that he will ascertain the full name of this man and will advise Agent.

[REDACTED] the clerk at the General Delivery window, Brockton Post Office, advised Agent that since January, 1934 she had given [REDACTED] about one letter a week, and that she would make tracings of all future letters in order to ascertain from what city these letters are being mailed.

Agent contacted [REDACTED] of the Detective Bureau of the Brockton Police Department, who searched the files in his office, which give the following police record on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] his wife:

[REDACTED]

Age	32
Height	5' 9"
Weight	150 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Teeth	Upper set crooked
Born	Detroit, Mich.
Occupation	Bootlegger and prostitute.

[REDACTED]

Age	- 31
Height	- 5' 3"
Weight	- 134 lbs.
Hair	- Black
Eyes	- Brown
Born	- Greece

The records show that both husband and wife were arrested on May 21, 1927 for exposing and keeping whiskey and they were fined \$100. On January 7, 1929 they were convicted of illicit sale of liquor and paid a fine of \$100.

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[REDACTED] of the Detective Bureau advised Agent that neither [REDACTED] are fingerprinted or photographed due to the fact that they were only convicted of a misdemeanor.

It was decided not to interview [REDACTED] at this time but to await the results of the cover put on her mail to be received at the General Delivery window, in order to ascertain, if possible, what party or parties she is corresponding with under the alias of [REDACTED]

If the Kansas City Office has any suggestions to make as to the method to be employed, it is requested that this office be advised as soon as possible as it is not known how long [REDACTED] will remain in Brockton.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

BOSTON OFFICE, at Brockton, Mass., will interview [REDACTED] alias [REDACTED] after further information has been developed from the cover put on her general delivery mail.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BIRMINGHAM**

**L.A.**

FILE NO. **62-1067**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Los Angeles</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-22-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-16-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE: <b>[REDACTED]</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>PROPOSAL FOR PARDON OF GEORGE KELLY - MAIL FRAUD</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

LINK ELLIS, attorney, is not known in Pasadena, and the State Bar of California has no record of such an attorney in the State.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]**  
Birmingham, 1-25-34.



**DETAILS:**

Agent made inquiry through the Post Office at Pasadena, and was advised that no such person as LINK ELLIS is receiving mail at General Delivery, through that Post Office, and that there is no record of such person receiving mail in Pasadena.

**DETAILS:**

Agent searched the city directory in Pasadena, but failed to find such a person listed, and inquiry was made of the State Bar of California, Rowan Building, Los Angeles, where Agent was advised that no such person as LINK ELLIS is listed as an attorney in the State of California.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.**

**L. A. FILE NO. 7-19-**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Los Angeles</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-23-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-7-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>Kidnaping.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**[REDACTED]** resides at **[REDACTED]** Ventura, California. Mr. Ristig is employed as a "roustabout" by the Associated Oil Company.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Portland Division office dated February 21, 1934; also report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** Los Angeles, California, dated October 20, 1933.

**DETAILS:**

**[REDACTED]** owner of the apartment court located at **[REDACTED]** Ventura, California, was interviewed on March 8, 1934, and informed that **[REDACTED]** formerly of Los Angeles, rented apartment on November 20, 1933. She stated that Mr. Ristig is employed by the Associated Oil Company of California, but works only on an average of four days a week. She further stated the Ristigs have a daughter named **[REDACTED]** age nine. She said she had not seen anyone visiting the Ristigs, and that the apartment would not accommodate any additional persons. However, she recalled that about Christmas time, 1933, **[REDACTED]** remarked that her "sunt" had been to see them.

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[redacted] advised that the Ristigs have property in Los Angeles and drive to the latter place frequently, taking with them plants, leaf mold, etc., indicating they intended to work on their place in Los Angeles. She further advised that on one occasion [redacted] stated she was reared in the Pacific Northwest, and that she and Mr. Ristig planned to return to that part of the country as soon as they could dispose of a vineyard near Los Angeles, which they owned.

[redacted] said [redacted] paid the rent in cash. She could not recall receiving any twenty-dollar bills, but said she would be on the lookout for any bills of this denomination. She made a note of the Los Angeles office address, and promised to advise this office if any of [redacted] relatives visited at the Ristig home.

[redacted] could not identify Clara Feldman's photograph.

On March 8, 1934, [redacted] advised the Los Angeles office by letter that Mr. Ristig is driving a black Ford Sedan with 1934 California license [redacted]

Inquiry at the Southern California Edison Company and the Southern Counties Gas Company revealed nothing additional concerning [redacted] except that the meter deposits had been made by [redacted]

The records of the Associated Oil Company, 165 West Santa Clara Street, Ventura, California, reflected that Charles Ristig has been employed by the company as a "roustabout" since April 15, 1926, and that he was transferred to Ventura from Culver City, California, on September 11, 1933; that he formerly resided at 1724 South Burlington Street, Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent [redacted], Los Angeles, California, dated Oct. 20, 1933, reflects that [redacted] was interviewed by agent [redacted] in Los Angeles.

A thirty-day cover has been placed upon all first class mail delivered to [redacted] Ventura, California.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE will report result of the cover placed upon mail delivered to [redacted] Ventura, California.

PENDING.

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