

1216 Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas.
July 18, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 2118,
Detroit, Mich.

GEORGE KELLY BARNES ET AL
Chas. F. Urschel, Victim
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

At the time of the trial of George and Katherine Kelly at Oklahoma City for the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, Katherine Kelly accused Mrs. Luther Arnold of stealing some of her personal belongings among which were a watch and necklace that had been left in the furnished house occupied by Katherine Kelly and Mrs. Arnold at 160 Mahmeke Court, San Antonio, Texas. Mrs. Arnold vehemently denied stealing these articles and I understand stated that she did not recall that Katherine Kelly ever left a necklace in the house.

This house was placed under surveillance by Acting Agent in Charge C. R. Davis, aided by Sheriff [redacted] and four or five of his deputies, on the night of September 14th, and on the morning of September 15th the officers entered the premises and found Mrs. Luther Arnold there. It developed that George and Katherine Kelly had left San Antonio 48 hours before the raid.

Mrs. Luther Arnold was brought to the Division office in San Antonio for questioning by Agent [redacted] who left members of the Sheriff's force to guard the house for the possible appearance of George and Katherine Kelly.

Since the statement made by Katherine Kelly that Mrs. Arnold stole a watch and necklace from her that she left in the house at the Mahmeke Court address at the time she left San Antonio, a sharp lookout has been maintained among the pawn shops and jewelry stores in San Antonio, with the result that [redacted] an employee of Shaw's Jewelry Company, San Antonio, Texas, advised Special Agent [redacted] that [redacted] one of the Deputy Sheriffs who aided in the raid on the Mahmeke Court house, had left an old Gruen watch at the jewelry store to be repaired and a crystal placed in same and that [redacted] had stated to [redacted] it was a souvenir from George Kelly. [redacted] was instructed to notify whoever called for the watch to get in touch with the San Antonio office before the watch could be obtained. Results were that Deputy Sheriff [redacted] got in touch

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with Special Agent [redacted] and advised him that he had left the watch at Shaw's Jewelry Company; that he had picked it up at the Mahmeke Court house among what he considered a lot of discarded articles and had taken the watch simply as a souvenir of the raid on account of the notorious character of George and Katherine Kelly; that the watch was not in running condition, had no crystal in it and appeared to be a part of junk that had been discarded.

Special Agent [redacted] brought Deputy Sheriff [redacted] to the San Antonio where he repeated his story to the writer. In addition he stated he did not want the watch and would instruct the Shaw Jewelry Company to turn it over to the San Antonio Division office; that he realized that he had made a fool of himself and would probably be accused of stealing the watch when in reality his desire to have a souvenir in connection with the Kellys got the upper hand of his better judgment and he now realized that he was probably in a jam over the matter. [redacted] was interrogated very closely relative to the supposed-to-be missing necklace. He stated that he did not see a necklace and that the watch was all he took from the premises.

This matter was promptly reported to Sheriff [redacted] and Chief Deputy Sheriff [redacted] and they were furnished with all of the details including the admissions made by [redacted] Sheriff [redacted] discharged Deputy Sheriff [redacted] and he and Chief Deputy [redacted] severely grilled all Deputy Sheriffs that were on the raid at the Mahmeke Court house and have on several occasions assured me that they were not able to obtain any information or lead concerning whether or not a necklace may have been in the house and may have been appropriated by any of the deputies.

The watch in question was obtained from the Shaw Jewelry Company and Sheriff [redacted] and Deputy Sheriff [redacted] were advised that it would be retained at the San Antonio office for some time in case they desired to cause prosecutive action to be taken against [redacted] on a charge of misdemeanor theft. Both of these officers advised the writer that as the value of the watch was under \$50.00, [redacted] could only be prosecuted on a misdemeanor charge and as it would probably necessitate the appearance of George and Katherine Kelly in order to identify the watch no prosecutive action would be instituted.

I am enclosing by registered mail the watch in question and will ask that you exhibit it to Katherine Kelly and ascertain whether or not it is the watch she left at the Mahmeke Court house. The watch is a gold-filled wrist design, Case No. 2031477, 15 jewel movement, Works No. 1205788 and costs probably \$35.00 new. If this is the watch belonging to Katherine Kelly, I see no reason why, if agreeable to prison authorities, it should not be returned to her.

cc Okla. City

Very truly yours,
Cus T Jones

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Mr. Gus T. Jones,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1216 Smith-Young Tower Building,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Mr. Jones:

I have received your letter of July 18, 1934 outlining the circumstances surrounding the finding in a pawn shop in San Antonio of a watch which has been identified as having been stolen from the house formerly occupied by George and Kathryn Kelly.

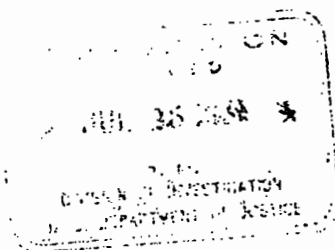
In view of the fact that Deputy Sheriff [redacted] admits taking this watch from these premises, it does not appear that there is anything further we can do in the matter, particularly since the Sheriff's office has already discharged [redacted]. It would, of course, be impracticable to attempt to prosecute [redacted] for petty larceny since this procedure would necessitate the return of Kathryn or George Kelly to San Antonio for the purpose of identifying the watch. I do not believe that we need concern ourselves further with this incident.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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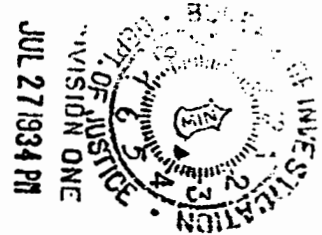


420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

July 24, 1934.

Mary B. Harris, Superintendent,
Federal Industrial Institution for Women,
Alderson, West Virginia.

Dear Madam:-




In reply to your letter of July 15, 1934 addressed to our Oklahoma City office; the criminal record of LOUISE MAGNESS, alias LOUISE SEATON - as disclosed by the records of the Identification Unit of the Division of Investigation, is as follows:

As Louise Seaton, Ft. Worth, Texas PD #2703,
arr. 4/24/23; investigation - shop-lifting.
As Louise Magness, Houston, Texas PD #7070,
arr. 5/25/27; burglary and felony theft.
As Esther Magness, Des Moines, Iowa PD #5956,
arr. 8/1/27; investigation.
As Louise Magness, San Antonio, Texas PE #5414,
arr. 7/13/29; burglary; aggravated assault. Transferred to Co.
As Louise Magness, Grand Rapids, Mich. PD #5326,
arr. 11/6/30; shoplifting.
Police Dept., San Antonio, Texas record:
As Louise Magness, San Antonio PD #382h-A
arr. 2/12/27; chg. with assault to murder;
no prosecution.
As Louise Magness arr. 7/13/29, San Antonio
PD #5414; chg. with burglary and aggravated
assault - transferred to Co.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 26, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases,
ET AL
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

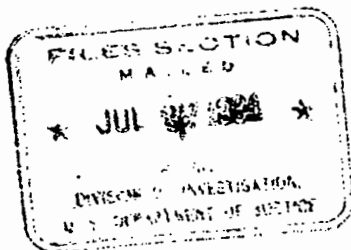
Reference is made to your letter dated July 17, 1934, in the above entitled case relative to the alleged payment due by this Division to [REDACTED] for services presumably rendered in connection with the investigation relative to the escape of Harvey Bailey from the Dallas County jail.

The Division does not believe that [REDACTED] is entitled to any compensation inasmuch as there was no agreement entered into by the Division and [REDACTED] relative to the payment of money for services which [REDACTED] agreed to render. Accordingly, I am writing [REDACTED] advising him that the Division does not deem it advisable to compensate him for services allegedly rendered and that any arrangement made between [REDACTED] and the United States Attorney is a matter for [REDACTED] to take up with the United States Attorney.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
July 27, 1934

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1001 Vermont Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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

Yesterday, July 26th, [REDACTED] a reporter for the Daily Oklahoman and Oklahoma City Times, newspapers in Oklahoma City, called at this office and left a letter which was received by the said newspapers on July 24, 1934. The letter is as follows:

"Urchel you are a free man now as Dillenger was the man who Bailey & Bates paid the cash to see that you were washed out. Sure lucky for you Old Man that Dillenger didn't get to Oklahoma City."

I talked to Mr. Urschel about this, and he considers it a prank and as rather nauseating. [REDACTED] the reporter, states that he has no information in addition to the fact that the letter was received.

The envelope and the letter, as given to me, are transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. 7-8

REPORT MADE AT: Kansas City, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 7-27-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7-9 & 19-34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, ET AL CHARLES F. CURSCHEL - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri, is occupied by [REDACTED] who operates a liquor business at [REDACTED] of Cleveland Cleaners, [REDACTED] advises she saw a woman and a young man visit the home of [REDACTED] around the first of July. Could not identify picture of Clara Feldman. Has seen the woman once since with [REDACTED] and she appears to be her sister. Has noticed a new 1934 dark green Chevrolet Sedan visit at [REDACTED] on several occasions this month. Unable to give license number; has not seen car for over a week. 1934 Missouri license 437-900 issued to [REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri. [REDACTED] has been employed by the Skelly Motor Company for the last three years, and at present is their tire representative in Denver, Colorado.



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REFERENCE: Letter from the Denver Division Office dated June 26, 1934.

DETAILS:

Upon the receipt of reference letter Agent checked the address, [REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri, with the city directory and found that one [REDACTED] lives at this address. Neighborhood investigation showed that [REDACTED] operates a liquor business at [REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri.

[REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri, Agent contacted [REDACTED] the Cleveland Cleaners, and inquired if

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1317 UNITED STATES JUL 30 1934 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: [REDACTED] FILE [REDACTED]	RECORDED AND INDEXED JUL 30 1934 CHECKED OFF: [REDACTED] JACKETED: [REDACTED]
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she was acquainted with the occupants of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] replied that she is well acquainted with the [REDACTED] family, having previously done their cleaning work. She advised [REDACTED] was known in the community to have been a bootlegger during the prohibition period and that since the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment he has been operating a liquor establishment at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised she does not visit the [REDACTED] family socially and that she would be very glad to furnish any information she could concerning their activities. On being questioned about the visitors at this address she advised that she has noticed on several occasions during the month of July a new 1934 Chevrolet car, dark green in color, and that a woman appearing to be about the age of 35 and a dark complexioned young man, whom she would say was in his early 20's, came in this car to visit the [REDACTED] family. [REDACTED] said she did not pay any particular attention to these visitors; that she had noticed them when she passed the address, [REDACTED], on her way to lunch at 11:30 A.M. On this occasion [REDACTED] said she would keep a watch over the address, [REDACTED] and would report any unusual activity on their part as well as try to secure the license number of the car that she has seen visit them. This interview was had on July 9, 1934.

On July 19, 1934, Agent interviewed [REDACTED] again by telephone and she advised that the woman of whom she spoke was seen talking to [REDACTED] in front of her place of business; that a close study of her revealed that she appeared to be [REDACTED] sister. The car was seen on one occasion between the 9th and 19th and she was unable to secure the license number. Her personal opinion is that this is the car of the woman who looks to her to be [REDACTED] sister.

Reference letter also requested that this office advise as to the owner of Chevrolet automobile bearing 1934 Missouri license number 437-900. A letter was addressed to Mr. Dwight H. Brown, Secretary of the State of Missouri, who advised on the 18th of July 1934, that this license plate was issued to [REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri.

The City Directory, Kansas City, Missouri, reveals that [REDACTED] is employed by the Skelly Oil Company, in Kansas City, Missouri. Agent called the General Office of the Skelly Motor Company by telephone and spoke to [REDACTED] Personnel Clerk, who advised that [REDACTED] has been employed by their company in Kansas City, Missouri, for approximately three years; that for the last three or four months he has been made tire representative of their company and is now working in Denver, Colorado. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] can be reached through the office of the Skelly Motor Company in that city.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE DENVER DIVISION OFFICE will conduct appropriate investigation into the activities of [REDACTED] who can be reached through the Skelly Motor Company, Denver, Colorado.

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit, Michigan
July 27, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1217 Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of July 18, 1934, which transmitted a Gruen wrist watch, please be advised that under date of July 25, 1934, while Special Agent [REDACTED] was at the United States Detention Farm at Milan, Michigan, on other matters, Kathryn Kelly was interviewed concerning this watch, and she immediately described it to Agent [REDACTED] in detail as the one which she alleged Mrs. Luther Arnold had stolen.

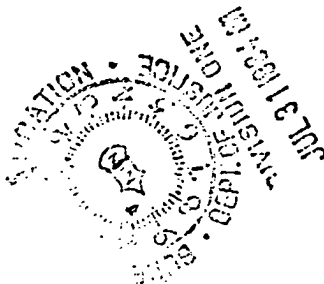
In the presence of Superintendent John J. Ryan, Kathryn Kelly executed a receipt to Agent [REDACTED] for this watch and the same was turned over to Superintendent Ryan for safe keeping with other personal effects of Kathryn Kelly. One copy of the receipt obtained by Agent [REDACTED] is being transmitted herewith to the San Antonio office and the other is being retained in the file of this office.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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Laboratory Report

July 27, 1934.

Case: George Kelly Barnes with aliases et al;
Charles F. Urschel - Victim

Number:

Specimens: Two pages of handwriting specimens by [REDACTED]

Examination requested by: Nashville Office

Date received: July 14, 1934.

Examination requested: Handwriting comparison

Result of examination:

Examination by:

C. A. Appel

July 25. There are a number of similarities between the handwriting of [REDACTED] and the questioned letter. However, the handwriting specimens of [REDACTED] are not really comparable with the questioned letter for the reason that he used the upper case forms where lower case forms were used in the questioned documents and vice versa. Whether this was deliberate or not cannot be told from the specimens. The Special Agent should procure a large number of additional specimens from [REDACTED] in which all words appearing in the letter are written a number of different times in both the upper and lower case forms. Of course the examiner has no means of knowing whether it will be possible to secure such additional specimens and it may be that those at hand are all which will be available. In such an event no conclusive decision may be made and it can only be said that as there are some similarities and no inconsistencies at present apparent [REDACTED] could have written the letter.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Nashville, Tennessee.

July 28, 1934.

RE: **GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases**
et al; Charles F. Urschel, Victim.

Dear Sir:

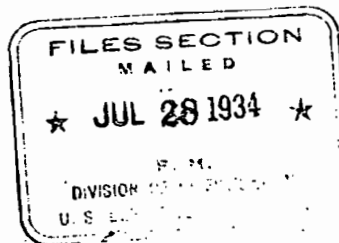
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division July 14, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

Enclosure: 515543



for [signature]

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
July 27, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

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

Mr. Charles F. Urschel of Oklahoma City, the victim in this case, has turned over to me a letter recently received by him from H. W. Steinman, 827 South 7th Street, Waco, Texas, in which the latter indicates that he can assist Urschel in finding that part of the ransom money unrecovered. The letter is as follows:

Waco Texas July 17 1934
"Charles Urschel Tulsa Oklahoma
Dear Mr. Urschel excuse for writing you but I believe I can find the money you have paid Kelley whin you where kidnapped and which bilieve is hiddin in Coriel County as Kelley have bin seen their and if you feel like comming down to Waco and let me know when I will be glad to go with you and find the money hoping to hear from you
With Respect yours

H. W. Steinman
827 So 7 Street
Waco Texas"

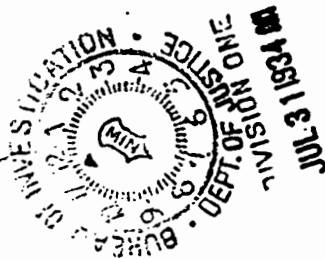
The original of the letter is transmitted herewith to the San Antonio office. It is requested that when next an Agent is at Waco that Steinman be interviewed.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 2344,
Boston, Mass.

July 31, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

While Agents of this Office were interviewing Theodore Bantz, in Portland, Maine, he exhibited to them the August, 1934, issue of the American Detective Magazine and turned to a page in this magazine entitled "Calling All Cars". He pointed out the enclosed picture of I. C. Chapman, alias Charlie Chapman, reported wanted by the Sheriff at Camden, Arkansas, and stated that this individual is a very close friend and associate of George "Machine Gun" Kelly and that the two of them have pulled several jobs together.

As the Urschel file in this Office is very meager, this information is furnished you with the hope that your file might contain a reference to this individual, and if other offices are interested you can communicate the contents of this letter to them.

Very truly yours,

J. D. McKean,
Special Agent in Charge.

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BIRMINGHAM DIVISION OFFICE

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Date 4-10-34

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which
fingerprints have been mailed to the United States Bureau of
Investigation:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
Memphis, Tenn. P.D.#15597	JOHN CALVERT TICHENOR Alias "Tich"	On 3-26-34 in U.S.D.C., Memphis, Tenn., placed on two years probation in lieu of two years sentence imposed in same court 9-26-33, charge conspiracy to harbor a fugitive from justice.

Very truly yours,

H. HANSON, Acting Special Agent in Charge.

(Official Title) U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Post Office Box 419,
Nashville, Tennessee,
August 1, 1934.

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

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING;
HARBORING A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE.

Dear Sir:

All leads having been completed in the Nashville district, this case is being considered referred upon completion to the office of origin.

It is not believed advisable to further investigate the letters [REDACTED] claims to have received concerning some hidden loot.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box #709
Portland, Oregon

July 30, 1934



Postmistress
Jacksonville,
Oregon.

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases,
Charles F. Urschell - Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Madam:

It is requested that a thirty day mail cover be placed on all mail delivered to A. H. Scott and anyone by the name of Hurtienne. Please forward to this office all tracings so made. A supply of thin paper is enclosed for your convenience in making the mail tracings of handwriting appearing on envelopes of all mail received. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Laboratory Report

Case: George Kelly Barnes, with aliases, et al.
Charles F. Urshel - Victim.

Number: 7-115-1316

Specimens: One typewritten note beginning, "Urshel you are a free man now
as Dillenger was the man*****.
One envelope addressed to The Dailey Oklahoman & Times 4th &
bwdy St. Oklahoma City, Okla.

Examination requested by: Okla. City Div. Off.

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Date received: July 31, 1934

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by:

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Dallas FILE NO. 7-7-

REPORT MADE AT: DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE: 7/30/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7/7-12/34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; Et Al. CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING. 91164

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Sheriff [REDACTED] Aspermont, Texas, states that he is closely watching Rich Clark and endeavoring to secure additional information regarding Urschel ransom money. [REDACTED] Paducah, Texas, advises that he and [REDACTED] went to [REDACTED] place at Elk City, Oklahoma for a load of liquor and were told by one of the boys on the place that [REDACTED] had on his person between \$10,000 and \$15,000 of Urschel ransom money.

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REFERENCE:

Reports of Special Agents [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas dated 6/19/34, and of [REDACTED] El Paso, Texas dated 7/11/34.

DETAILS:

At Aspermont, Texas, the writer interviewed [REDACTED] Sheriff, who stated that he has been closely watching Rich Clark, [REDACTED] that Rich Clark lives on a farm 25 miles North-west of Aspermont, and comes to Aspermont every few days, and he (Sheriff [REDACTED]) is endeavoring in a discreet manner to learn, if possible, if Rich Clark is in possession of or handling any of the Urschel ransom money. In this connection Sheriff [REDACTED] stated that he is in a better position than anyone to get this information. In the event of any further developments, the Dallas Division office will be promptly notified.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>F. J. Beane</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1321	RECORDED AND INDEXED: AUG - 3 1934
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At the First National Bank, Aspermont, Texas, the writer interviewed [REDACTED] who advised that the Cashier's Check for \$500.00, made payable to "Rich N. Clark" was endorsed by Rich N. Clark, and cashed at the First State Bank, Jayton, Texas on June 13, 1934 by Rich Clark. [REDACTED] stated that he is keeping close watch for any additional Urschel ransom money.

At Paducah, Texas, the writer interviewed Sheriff [REDACTED]. He stated that he did not know Rich Clark, but was well acquainted with [REDACTED] of Elk City, Oklahoma who he stated is a notorious bootlegger and friend of underworld characters and criminals. Sheriff [REDACTED] stated that some time ago he heard that [REDACTED] was handling some of the Urschel ransom - his information coming from one [REDACTED] of Paducah who visited [REDACTED] place - but [REDACTED] had no definite information except what he heard while at [REDACTED] place.

[REDACTED] who operates a junk-yard at Paducah, Texas, was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that in the beginning of the year (1934) he left Paducah, Texas with one [REDACTED], a bootlegger, in a 1929 Chevrolet car owned by [REDACTED] brother, and went to [REDACTED] place at Elk City, Oklahoma where they got a load of liquor; that while at [REDACTED] place there were two boys working there named [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], formerly of Paducah, informed [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] was handling some of the Urschel ransom money and that [REDACTED] bragged about it. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] at the time was carrying on his person between \$10,000 and \$15,000 of the ransom money. [REDACTED] stated that he does not know [REDACTED] and never saw him, nor did he see any of the Urschel ransom money. He further stated that [REDACTED] is now at Ardmore, Oklahoma, where he is well-known; that if [REDACTED] will talk, he probably knows whether [REDACTED] is handling the ransom money as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are good friends and deal together in whiskey transactions. [REDACTED] is originally from Childress, Texas where his wife now operates a bootleg "Joint", and caters to underworld characters.

While at Amarillo, Texas the writer ran across [REDACTED] Chief Deputy Sheriff of Gray County, in which McLean, Texas is located. He stated that the only gambling place at McLean was operated on a small scale by a barber; that this place was closed down some time ago. Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are unknown to him and to his knowledge they never operated or were interested in gambling places at McLean, Texas or anywhere in Gray County. According to Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] the principal gambling houses are now located at Belco (Gray County), Texas and Kellarville (Wheeler County), Texas, two recent oil-boom towns. Only recently the gambling houses at Belco were closed although Kellarville is said to be "wide open". Belco and Kellarville are a short distance from McLean, Texas.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

DALLAS DIVISION OFFICE: When next an Agent is at McLean, Belco, and Kellarville Texas, discreet inquiries will be made with a view to ascertaining whether any of the Urschel ransom money is being passed at these places. Also, the Banks at McLean, and Pampa, Texas will be interviewed. (Belco and Kellarville, Texas have no Banks and money is handled either at Pampa or McLean.)

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE: Endeavor to locate [REDACTED] at Ardmore, Oklahoma and interview him for any information he might have regarding [REDACTED] handling some of the Urschel ransom money, having in mind his trip from Paducah, Texas to Elk City, Oklahoma with [REDACTED]

At Elk City, Oklahoma, if deemed advisable, conduct any other necessary investigation.

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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

July 30, 1934.

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

RE: Alvin Karpis, with aliases-
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218;
Arthur R. Barker, with aliases-
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1219; et al.
[REDACTED] Victim.
KIDNAPING.

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Dear Sir:-

A woman, giving the name of [REDACTED] who said she resides at [REDACTED] in Dallas, called at the Dallas Division office in company with [REDACTED] a Special State Ranger - whose duties are mostly confined to investigations for the Texas Medical Society.

This woman said she had about \$72,000.00 in currency which she believed to be a portion of the Urschel kidnaping ransom. When asked how long she had been in possession of the money she said she obtained it about 6 months before 2/1/34. She was very indefinite and evasive as to the details surrounding the receipt of the alleged money, but finally said that she obtained it from HARVEY BAILEY, and added that she is the wife of Harvey Bailey and has one child nine years of age by him.

She said she was driving her Chrysler sedan last summer in the vicinity of Bridgeport, Texas (this is near the Shannon farm) and that Harvey Bailey put the money in her car and told her to keep it for him. She could not even approximate the date of this occurrence. (The Urschel ransom was paid in Kansas City about 7/29/33 and Bailey apprehended at the Shannon farm 8/12/33, and just prior thereto was known to have been in Oklahoma). She claims she has not been in possession of this money the entire intervening time and is very mysterious and vague as to where the money was during the period it was not in her possession.

She claims to be madly in love with Harvey Bailey and in one breath she says she will deliver this money if Harvey Bailey is released from solitary confinement, and when she forgets her sentimental emotions she says she wants a reward for turning up the money.



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I asked her the denomination and issue of this currency and she said there were a few \$20.00 bills, but it was mostly fives and tens. She agreed to furnish me with the serial numbers of the money and they are as follows:

\$5.00 bills:

No.	Bank
81087	Muskogee Natl. Bank, Muskogee, Okla.
44834	"
52611	"
82861	"
99795	"
200304	"
423755	"
56	"
57	"
58	"
59	"
60	"
61	"
62	"
63	"
64	"
65	"
66	"
67	"
68	"
69	"
70	"
71	"
72	"
73	"
74	"
75	"
76	"
77	"
78	"
79	"
80	"
81	"
656415	Wichita Natl. Bank, Wichita, Kans.
917654	Muskogee Natl. Bank, Muskogee, Okla.
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\$10.00 bills:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Bank</u>
18745	First Natl. Bank, Choctaw, Okla.
55829	"
62728	"
224972	"
362511	"
406273	"
730811	"
812427	"
A 44279	"
798241	Muskogee Natl. Bank, Muskogee, Okla.
42	"
43	"
44	"
45	"
46	"
47	"
48	"
49	"
50	"
51	"
52	"
53	"
54	"
55	"
3921424	First Natl. Bank, Holdenville, Okla.

\$20.00 bills:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Bank</u>
M1139421	Guaranty State Bank, Ardmore, Okla.
22	"
23	"
24	"
25	"
26	"
27	"
28	"
29	"
30	"
31	"
32	"
33	"
34	"
35	"
36	"
37	"
38	"
39	"
40	"

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\$20.00 bills (continued)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Bank</u>
11139441	Guaranty State Bank, Ardmore, Okla.
42	"
43	"
44	"
45	"
46	"
47	"
48	"
49	"
50	"
51	"
52	"
53	"
54	"
55	"
56	"
57	"
58	"
59	"
60	"
61	"
114622	"
38412	"
264178	"
79	"
80	"
81	"
82	"
84	"
85	"
86	"
87	"
89	"
90	"
91	"
93	"
97	"
98	"
41522	"
83	"
84	"
85	"
86	"
87	"
88	"

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\$20.00 bills (continued)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Bank</u>
K116921	Guaranty State Bank, Ardmore, Okla.
22	"
23	"
24	"
25	"
26	"
27	"
28	"
29	"
30	"
31	"
32	"
33	"
34	"
35	"
36	"
37	"

\$50.00 bill:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Bank</u>
34780	Coffeyville Natl. Bank, Coffeyville, Kans

She steadfastly declined to permit me to inspect the money or tell me where it was. At one time she said it was in a safety deposit box and later said that was untrue. She promised to return to the office for further interview, but has not done so, sending the serial numbers by [REDACTED]

She claims to know [REDACTED] but had not heard of HARKER or KARPIS.

She said that JAMES MATHERS was the person who arranged the delivery of Harvey Bailey from the Dallas County Jail, and that TOM MANION and GROVER BEVILL were innocent of the charges for which convicted - (Bevill on a plea of guilty). She said that she had arranged to have a fast car planted for Harvey Bailey at Argyle, Texas (about 10 miles Southwest of Denton in which Bailey was to make his escape. She inferred that jailer [REDACTED] was involved, knowingly, in the escape - as were other Dallas County officials, whom she did not name and about whose connection she would give no definite information. She said she could go to Oklahoma City and get the information that would convict Mathers, and when asked for details as to how she would do this, said that Mathers would admit the fact to her.

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Oklahoma City.

If this woman does not come to the office shortly I will endeavor to contact her for further information, although I am highly skeptical of what she has said and her motive for saying it.

At times she appears to be a dope fiend, but I understand she is very fond of gin and whiskey.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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August 14, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 30, 1934 addressed to the Oklahoma City Office, wherein it is stated that one [redacted] residing at [redacted] Dallas, Texas, furnished information to the effect that she was in possession of \$72,000.00 in currency which is supposedly part of the ransom money paid in the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping case.

The Division is desirous of ascertaining more definite information concerning the background of [redacted] and it is believed that [redacted] the Special State Ranger who accompanied [redacted] to the Dallas, Texas Office would be in a position to furnish this information.

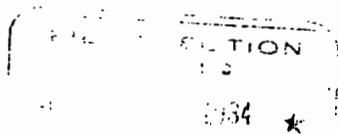
In addition to this the Division desires to be advised the reason for the reference letter being captioned with the title of the [redacted] kidnaping case, inasmuch as it appears that all the information contained in your letter pertains to the Urschel kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

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Clyde Tolson,
Assistant Director.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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Special Agent in Charge,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

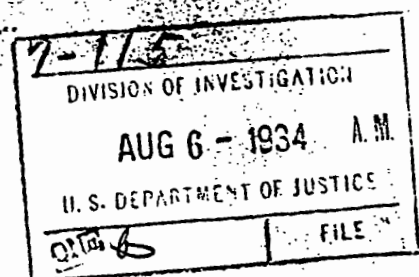
Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases,
et al.
Charles F. Urschel - Victim
KIDNAPING.

Replying to your letter of July 31, 1934 in the
above-captioned case wherein is mentioned the name of I. C.
Chapman, alias Charlie Chapman, please be advised that this
subject is a fugitive from one of the Federal Judicial dis-
tricts in the State of Louisiana on a National Motor Vehicle
Theft Act charge. Efforts to effect his apprehension are
being made by this and other offices.

Very truly yours,

DEIGHT BRANLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division ✓
New Orleans
San Antonio
Little Rock



P. O.Box #709
Portland, Oregon

August 3, 1934

Postmaster
Medford
Oregon

Re: Geo. Kelley Barnes, et al
Chas. Urschell (Victim)
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is kindly requested that you place a thirty-day mail cover on all mail addressed to Route 1, Box 107. It is desired that tracings be made of all first class mail and forwarded to this office. In forwarding these tracings please refer to our file No. 7-2.

Very truly yours,

C. C. Spears
Special Agent in Charge

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Laboratory Report
August 3, 1934.

Case: George Kelly Barnes with aliases et al
Charles F. Urschel - Victim

Number: 7-115-1316

Specimens: One typewritten note beginning "Urschel you are a free man now as
Dillinger was the man ***".
One envelope addressed to The Dailey Oklahoman & Times 4th &
bwdy St. Oklahoma City, Okla.

Examination requested by: Oklahoma City Division Office

Date received: July 31, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint

Result of examination: Examination by: C. A. Appel
August 1. There is no watermark in the envelope or in the letter paper. The
message was written with an Underwood typewriter equipped with Pica type.

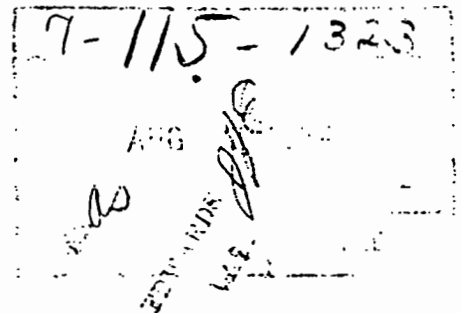
A report on the fingerprints will be submitted separately.

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.

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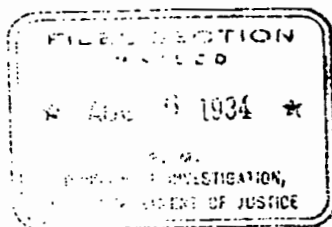
Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases
et al - Charles F. Urschel, Victim

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division July 31, 1934.

Very truly yours,



Director.

Enclosure: #667640

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August 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 27, 1934,
in connection with your case entitled George Kelly Barnes,
with aliases, et al; Charles F. Urachel - Victim; Kidnaping.

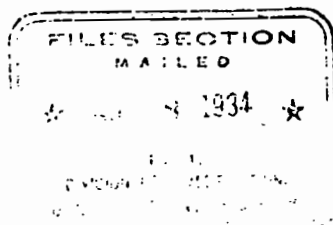
The letter addressed to the Daily Oklahoman and
Times and left in your office by a reporter of these
newspapers has been examined for latent fingerprints
but none have been developed thereon.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
AUGUST 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

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RE: GEORGE Y LLY BARNES, with aliases, ET AL
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

On July 29, 1934, Special Agent [redacted] of the Frisco Railway, Kansas City, Missouri, telephoned the Division Office at Kansas City from Pittsburg, Kansas, and requested that an Agent immediately interview one [redacted] Hotel Operator at Pittsburg, relative to a case of paramount importance to the Government.

Under instructions from Acting Special Agent in Charge Spear, an interview was had with [redacted] of the Stilwell Hotel, at Pittsburg, the same day. [redacted] stated that he is well acquainted with a former nurse, Mrs. W. H. Whitescarver, of Pittsburg, who confidentially gave him information to the effect that she knew where the unrecovered portion of the ransom money might be located. In substance she told him as follows:

In February of 1934, one [redacted] of Miami, Oklahoma, returned to her former home at Pittsburg for a facial operation. She being an old friend of Mrs. Whitescarver requested the latter to be present during and after the operation. While coming out of the anesthetic [redacted] appeared very restless and made continuous mention of a pail she had in the attic of her home. This aroused the interest of Mrs. Whitescarver but nothing further was said about the matter until some time later.

About two weeks after the above incident [redacted] returned to Pittsburg for a facial treatment and while there looked up her friend, informant Whitescarver. She was questioned by the latter in reference to the remarks she had made about a pail in her attic and then broke down and told a story to the effect that she had the unrecovered portion of the Urschel kidnaping money in a pail in her attic. She related that this money had been turned over to her by Harvey Bailey, with whom she was well acquainted and who had threatened to kill her should she divulge the information or dispose of the money. [redacted] at that time stated she had concealed Harvey Bailey in the attic of her home unbeknown to her husband for about three days after he had escaped from the Lansing

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Penitentiary in the Memorial Day break.

In addition to the foregoing she told Mrs. Whitescarver that she had a bracelet worth hundreds of thousands of dollars which had been left with her by Bailey and which had been stolen in New York City from the daughter of Woolworth of 5 and 10 fame. [REDACTED] furnished additional information to Mrs. Whitescarver at that time, the details of which were not remembered by Mrs. Whitescarver.

[REDACTED] was requested to place Agent [REDACTED] in contact with Mrs. Whitescarver in order to obtain first hand information from her. He stated that he could not do so at that time as the information had been given to him in confidence but promised to endeavor to induce her to talk directly to a Division Agent at a later date. It might be noted that [REDACTED] appeared very anxious to make a trip to Miami, Oklahoma, to make an investigation of the information set forth above. His suggestion in that respect naturally was disregarded and no further action was taken.

[REDACTED] telephoned the Kansas City Office on August 1, 1934, and requested that Agent [REDACTED] immediately proceed to Pittsburg for final solution of the case. He was questioned as to whether Mrs. Whitescarver would consent to an interview and he said that she would.

Agent [REDACTED] on the same day, contacted [REDACTED] at Pittsburg and asked that he be introduced to the informant, Mrs. Whitescarver. [REDACTED] then said that he would like to have Agent meet a [REDACTED] before talking to the nurse. Accordingly, Agent [REDACTED] in company with [REDACTED] called on [REDACTED] Pittsburg, Kansas, who stated that she was well acquainted with Mrs. Whitescarver. She said that Mrs. Whitescarver had furnished her information concerning the statements made by [REDACTED] in reference to the Urschel ransom money. In substance she related substantially the same information which had been furnished by [REDACTED].

When questioned she confessed that she had turned her information over to a gentleman friend of her's, who in turn had furnished same to [REDACTED] knowing that he was a Special Deputy Sheriff, interested in crime detection. When asked when she had received the information she stated it had been furnished to her something like a month before the interview. She was asked if she would accompany Agent to Mrs. Whitescarver's home but declined to do so saying she did not want her name to become involved in the investigation.

Agent [REDACTED] then asked [REDACTED] to accompany him to the Whitescarver residence but the latter said that he would rather not do so

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as he had never talked to Mrs. Whitescarver direct about the case, admitting that his information had come to him first from the gentleman friend of [REDACTED] and later from [REDACTED] herself. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] suggested that it might be best for Agent [REDACTED] to interview Mrs. Whitescarver alone.

While the information heretofore outlined indicated very strongly that it was of little worth in connection with the investigation, Agent [REDACTED] deemed it advisable to contact Mrs. Whitescarver for such information as she might have and be willing to furnish. It was felt that this procedure might eliminate the necessity of further contacts with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Accordingly, Agent [REDACTED] interviewed Mrs. Whitescarver, who resides with her husband at 508 West Euclid Street, Pittsburg, Kansas. Mrs. Whitescarver is a middle aged woman and, according to her own statements, is drawing a pension from the Government, having been a nurse overseas during the World War. She was asked if she had any information with reference to the Urschel ransom money and emphatically stated she had none whatsoever. She was asked if she had ever heard any person make any remark as to where the Urschel money was hidden. She again replied in the negative. She was asked if she was acquainted with [REDACTED] of Miami, Oklahoma and she stated she was very friendly with this woman, who had formerly lived in Pittsburg.

Mrs. Whitescarver related that sometime in February of this year [REDACTED] had an operation performed on her face in a hospital at Pittsburg, and that she, as a friend, attended [REDACTED]. She was asked if [REDACTED] had made any remarks when coming out of the anesthetic and said she had heard her make some mention of her attic and a pail there. She said that knowing the mental condition of persons under anesthesia she had paid no attention to the mutterings of the patient whatsoever. She was asked if [REDACTED] had made any remark to the effect that she knew where the Urschel money was cached. Mrs. Whitescarver emphatically denied that any such statement had ever been made to her or that she, in turn, had ever relayed any such information to anyone else. She appeared at a loss as to how such information might have gotten into circulation.

Mrs. Whitescarver was very friendly during the interview and stated she would willingly assist the Government if she were in a position to do so, but that she did not have any information concerning this case. It was learned from Mrs. Whitescarver that [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] Miami, Oklahoma, which is next door to a hospital. [REDACTED] husband is in the jewelry business and works for the Jones Brothers Jewelry Store at Miami.

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It being noted from what has been set forth above that there is small probability that any information of value concerning the Urschel money can be obtained from the sources indicated above at Pittsburg, Kansas, no further action will be taken with respect thereto by the Kansas City Office, unless subsequent developments should justify such action. The information, however, has been furnished your office for your information and such action as you may deem advisable at Miami, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
AUGUST 8, 1934.

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1001 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

While at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas recently, Edward Doll, Register number 44730, inquired of Agent [REDACTED] what the Government would be willing to do for him in the event he furnished information which would convict Frank Hayes, notorious contact man for bank robbers at Chicago, Illinois. Agent [REDACTED] informed him that he was not in a position to make any promises but would gladly relay any information received to the Division for its consideration.

Doll then stated that he would be in a position to furnish evidence which would convict Frank Hayes of knowingly receiving a portion of the ransom money paid by Urschel. Doll was told that it would be necessary to prove that Hayes received the money knowing that it was in fact ransom money, and that it would be necessary to identify same in order to make a case stand in court. While declining to furnish complete data he remarked that he was in Frank Hayes' lodging house in Chicago when Hayes received \$500 of the Urschel money from someone, whose name he refused to disclose at the time of the interview. He indicated, however, that there was no question but that Hayes knew he was receiving the Urschel money.

Doll said that if offered proper inducement he would testify for the Government against Hayes, and would put the Division in a position where they could locate written evidence which could be used in the trial of Hayes. He declined to furnish any other information until his proposition had been acted upon.

When asked just what he expected the Division to do, Doll said that he felt that arrangements could be made whereby he will not have to go to Alcatraz Island, where he understands he is to be sent. He further stated that in the event he is assured that his brother will not be prosecuted for running the hideout where [REDACTED] who was kidnaped at South Bend, Indiana, was held, he would be willing to take any action the Government might desire, intimating that he would testify in any case in which he has heretofore participated.

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He even remarked that he would "take the rap" on the Kansas City Massacre even though he had nothing to do with it if he could protect his brother from arrest and prosecution in connection with the [REDACTED] kidnaping. He gave as his reason that he did not want his brother's children to grow up thinking their father was a criminal and convict.

The above information is furnished to the Division for such action as it deems advisable, with the request that this office be advised in the premises.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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August 7, 1934

John Herbert Dillinger (known) with aliases,
et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and Fugitive.
Case: Harvey Bailey with aliases, et al, Charles F. Hynkel -
Victim.

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7-115-1326

Specimens: One message picked up from outlaw radio station.
(Above message quoted in cover letter).
One postal card addressed to Mr. Harvey Bailey Fort Lawrence
Kansas City, Kansas, and postmarked Uniontown, Pa., July 4,
1934, 1 PM.

Indianapolis Office and Unit One.

Examination requested by:
July 25 and 26, 1934.

Date received:

Decode message.

Examination requested:

C.A. Appel.

August 2, examination of message has been discovered in the investigation of
the radio message picked up by the Indiana Bell Telephone Company. It is
possible, of course, that this is simply a hoax. Nevertheless, copies of this
message are being forwarded to the Signal Corps in order that the cipher experts
there may also examine it.

With reference to the postal card addressed to Mr. Harvey Bailey,
the examination also results in no deciphered message. There used to be a Mr.
Denton who was an attorney attached to the Department of Justice headquarters
in Washington. The examiner remembers this man but has no information whether
he is still in the Department or where he is located. Copies of this message
also are being forwarded to the Signal Corps of the Army.

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August 8, 1934.

--Special Agent in Charge,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Re: John Herbert Dillinger (Deceased),
with aliases, et al, National Motor
Vehicle Theft Act and Fugitive.
Harvey Bailey with aliases, et al,
Charles F. Urschel - Victim.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in
the Division July 25 and 26, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
Director.

Enclosure: #667646.

CC - Kansas City.
Chicago.
St. Louis

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-7**

REPORT MADE AT: Denver, Colo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-8-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7-25, 31, 8-4-34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al CHARLES F. MURSCHEL - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] taxi-driver, Colorado Springs, Colorado, unable to identify the photographs of Clara Feldman and her son, Ed Feldman, and states he has not transported any woman in his taxi from Colorado Springs to Denver during the present year. **[REDACTED]** employed by Skelly-Masters Service, Denver, not acquainted with Clara Feldman or son.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** Denver, Colo., July 14, 1934, and report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** Kansas City, Missouri, 7-27-34.

DETAILS: AT COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

[REDACTED] residence, Elwood Hotel, 311½ North Tejon Street, stated he had been a taxi-driver at Colorado Springs for twenty-five years; that he had not transported in his taxi any woman from Colorado Springs to Denver, or from Denver to Colorado Springs, during the present calendar year. **[REDACTED]** was unable to identify the photographs of Mrs. Clara Feldman and her son, Ed Feldman, as being the likenesses of anyone seen by him.

AT DENVER, COLORADO

[REDACTED] who is a representative of the Skelly-Masters Service, 13th & Lincoln, Denver, called at the Denver Division office

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay S. Newman</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1327	RECORDED AND INDEXED: AUG 14 1934
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on July 31, 1954, in response to telephonic request of Special Agent in Charge Jay C. Newman. [REDACTED] advised that he came to Denver several months ago from Kansas City, Missouri and has been residing at the Franconia Apartments, 930 Downing Street. It will be noted in the letter from the Denver office to the Kansas City office under date of June 26, 1954, that informant [REDACTED] observed what he believed to be a suspicious car, bearing 1934 Missouri license 437900, parked in front of this address. [REDACTED] explained that his Chevrolet automobile bears the above mentioned number and that he has parked his car considerably of the time in front of his residence.

[REDACTED] was shown photographs of Clara Feldman and her son, but stated he had never seen or heard of these persons.

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August 9, 1934

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[REDACTED]
Dallas, Texas.

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Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated August 2, 1934, relative to compensation allegedly due you for services presumably rendered to this Division.

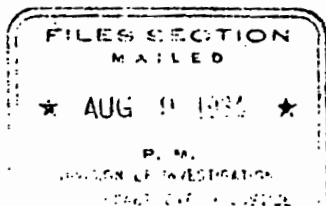
As explained to you in my letter dated July 26, 1934, Mr. F. J. Blake, Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas Office of this Division, advised me that neither he nor any Special Agent of this Division entered into an agreement with you relative to the payment of compensation for services to be rendered in connection with the investigation of the escape of Harvey Bailey from the Dallas County Jail. In view of that fact, this Division will be unable to compensate you for the services which you alleged you rendered.

Relative to your inquiry concerning a position in this Division, I enclose herewith a pamphlet which cites the duties and qualifications necessary for appointment as a Special Agent of this Division. If you possess the necessary qualifications, an application blank will be forwarded to you upon request.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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Dallas Tex

Aug 17 1934

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director,
 Dept. of Justice,
 Washington, D. C.



Your letter of July 26th. was received and I will reply to the last paragraph first. No agreement was entered into between the United States Dist. Atty and myself - I doubt if the Atty. ever heard of me until Mr. Dowd had a subpoena issued for me. Mr. Dowd had the subpoena issued. I did not meet any of the Atty's until after the trial and nothing was said about my employment. Mr. Blake sat in the court room and heard me testify that I had carried on my investigations at the instance of Mr. Dowd. The facts are that I was employed by your dept and not by the Atty Gen. Dept. The employment was in three steps - first assigned to investigate Harvey Bailey's cell to find out if he had not crawled thru the ceiling after it had been cut. second on Sept. 11th. I was employed by Mr. Dowd for a seventeen (17) day assignment. Mr. Dowd made his own proposition, went into Mr. Blake's office and told him, stating it had his approval and if my memory serves me

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Mr. Nathan was in Mr. Blake's office at the time. If I was not employed on that date why did Mr. Doud have me make my daily report? The next morning I was assigned to running down the source of Bailey's back saw blades. Altho I had been employed for seventeen days (17) I was discharged that afternoon by Mr. Doud with the statement that your office had wired that it would not allow my salary. Will you kindly tell me at this time if you ever sent such a telegram on Aug 11 or 12th? The 12th should be the exact date. The third employment was when I was subpoenaed by Mr. Doud.

Without reference to the first and the employment, I will answer the second paragraph of your letter and say that a positive agreement was entered into between your dept and myself. This is well known to Mr. Doud and I have every reason to believe that Mr. Blake knows it to be a fact. Mr. Doud has gone into Mr. Blake's office to return with a confirmation of the proposition he had made me.

Now, if your dept does not owe me for my services why did Mr. Doud while I was waiting for your letter and after you had written Mr. Blake, the street thru one of our greatest traffic jams to stop me to discuss your letter?

Now, you have a letter from me and I
 ask that you kindly allow me
 the \$2500 not the fee of \$175
 as offered by Mr. Doud in behalf
 of Mr. Blake but the full amount.
 But if you still feel that this matter
 should be placed before the Atty Gen
 you will kindly place it before him
 that he may know - in that instance please
 place before him it is your responsibility
 with the request that he
 want a set of carbon copies that I
 may be able to see it is before him and
 then in the doing discuss the matter
 with him.

I am the kind of person that I hope
 you will not get a debt on without paying for
 it. If you would like to come
 to Berlin for a position in go-
 vernment I have had some little experience
 there before - a little - dated Berlin,
 Dec. 19-13 - This being the
 first letter that starting the letter
 on the way to Berlin. I also worked in
 the - I was at home for twenty years - The pu-
 rpose of this was to bring the country in
 its present condition - Therefore I am a man
 of some little experience and I am sure
 if you would like to give me the opportunity
 to serve you, I can assure you that I
 have to go outside to get men to help me
 when I start on an assignment.

Yours very truly, B7C

3951 Navy Building,
Washington, D. C.

August 13, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge, RE: George Kelly Barnes with
Nashville, Tennessee. aliases, et al, Charles
W. Urschel, Victim. Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter to your
Office dated July 17, 1934, copy of which was furnished
this Office, in the above entitled case.

Special Agent [redacted] of this Office has
ascertained from [redacted] of the Division of Classifi-
cation, Post Office Department that Ithaca, New York, post-
age permit #1 was issued on May 3, 1927 to the Associate
Gas and Electric System in that City. [redacted] further
advised that meter No. 2397 is of no importance inasmuch as
meters are frequently exchanged and are turned in but that
the permit number is issued to a person or concern and as
long as that person or concern is in business they will con-
tinue to have that number.

[redacted] advised that if necessary the Postmaster
at Ithaca, New York could furnish the latest information as
to meter #2397 as no records are kept in Washington on the
meter numbers.

Inasmuch as [redacted] stated that the meter number
is of no importance, no lead is being set out for the Buffalo
Office for investigation relative to meter #2397.

Very truly yours,

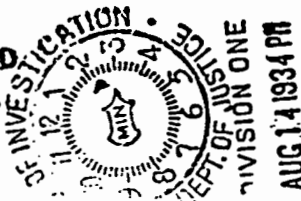
L. R. PENNINGTON, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge.

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

St. Paul FILE NO. 7-8

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minnesota	DATE WHEN MADE: 8-14-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8/11/34	REPORT MADE BY: R. O. Coulter
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al. CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

A. M. Carey, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Attorney, denies attempting to collect any money for Barnes from anyone in Twin Cities, stating he would not put himself in a position where he might have to embarrass anyone.

R.U.C.

REFERENCE:

Letter from Kansas City, Missouri, Division office, dated May 5, 1934.


DETAILS:

At Minneapolis, Minnesota.

A. M. Carey, Attorney, 306 Andrus Building, who is commonly known as **Archie Carey**, was contacted at his office and asked if he had not been requested and had collected some money from an individual in St. Paul for **GEORGE KELLY**. He stated that he did not wish to say whether he had received such a request from **James Mathers** or anyone else, but if he had, that was as far as the matter would have gone, as he had been practising law in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for twenty-five years, and intended to continue and that he was never associated with Mathers, not even in the trial of the case at Oklahoma City, and that he would not consent to act as an office boy for Mathers or anyone else. He stated as a matter of fact Mathers did call on him in Minneapolis on one occasion and attempted to sell him the sixteen cylinder Cadillac Sedan belonging to **KELLY**, which

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he declined to purchase, as he had always made it a practice not to accept stolen property, not even a shirt or necktie.

Carey stated further that he had never put himself in a position and did not intend to, where he might have to embarrass someone by telling the details of any transaction that he might have taken part in; that the only way such information might come to his attention would be as counsel, in which event the communication was privileged, which would be the same to him as he did not know it. He stated that Tom Banks, his client, was accused of having some of KELLY's money, but that Banks had told him, and also Assistant Director Nathan, that he did not possess any of the KELLYS' money and that he knew nothing about their affairs. He further stated that if it were a fact that KELLY had some money out up here, he would be foolish to think that he could get it back after the trial at Oklahoma City had financially ruined the men from the Twin Cities who were tried. In conclusion, Carey stated that the Government need not worry about him handling any money that belonged to KELLY as KELLY was never his client and in so far as he was concerned the case was concluded, except the pending appeal as to Skelly and Berman.

All leads in this case in the St. Paul Division office territory have been completed.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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Dallas, Tex.

Aug. 10 1934

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director

Dept. of Justice

Washington D.C.

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Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 9th. was just received. In reference to the second paragraph I will have to correct whatever statement Mr. Blake has made to you. I was employed by your dept and Mr. Blake knows this to be fact. On the morning of Sept. 7th. Mr. David [redacted] called me to Mr. Blake and he instructed me to take me to Bailey's cell. David and [redacted] took me to the jail via the City Police Headquarters and Mr. Blake appeared in front of Bailey's cell while I was making the examinations for him. I then invited to him later in the day. Mr. Blake mentions it to be a fact that I was employed and I will state that it was then that I started a record of his attitude toward me. I got all the evidence, not a part of it, from Mr. David. I do not know if Mr. David was employed by Mr. Blake or Mr. David was not. Mr. Blake told me that he was in an effort to get me to accept 17 days at \$6.00 per day and later an even \$100.00 in addition.

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to the 75th offered me, the Atty
Dept. ? Why did Dowd then tell me he
is I quoted his proposition to Dowd
that he would have to do it ?
In my last letter I asked you if you
could kindly advise me if you had
exchanged letters with your
Labos office in regards to my emplo-
ment & the dates should be Sept 11-12
instead of Aug 11 or 2 - Will you then
answer this question at this time
Will you say or have Mr. Nathan say
that he was not present in Blake's
office when Dowd got to Blake's office
of my employment on Sept 11 or 12
I was not the only man employed
referred to a [redacted] in my last
letter [redacted] of the Southwest
Laboratories was sent for the same
in which I was in the outer office
and he told me today of the work he
did for Mr. Blake and that he did not
[redacted] that is it. [redacted] b7C
employed and had many conferences
with Mr. Blake, but I don't know
if it true Mr. Hoover said that [redacted]
and told Mr. Blake to [redacted] about
Harvey Lowery gun and will let
you know that I do not believe
your version ever saw the gun
the gun was at 704 1/2 from [redacted]
June, July and August and I felt
that I was offering to see it even
to have the [redacted] [redacted] never
saw the gun. no [redacted]

Getting evidence to show that on more
 than one thing but if I work on
 case I am going to get the evidence
 to convict the guilty man. With
 reference to the last paragraph of your
 first letter in which you suggested
 that I call on Mr. Blake in reference
 recovery of Mr. ~~W. W.~~ Ursoch's money
 I did not call on Mr. Blake for the
 reason that I felt his attitude would
 be the same as it was regarding
 the gun - but I did propose to Mr.
 Bond that we recover the money
 and be told "Old Keenion
 has ordered the case closed."
 I am suggesting and requesting
 that you send a man to
 Dallas to investigate the Harvey
 Keenion will break and that you can
 get the guilty - You have Perill - if
 could be traced on Marion, the
 man who paid for the job - if
 handled right it might be as easy
 to get Perill to ~~the man~~ paid for
 the job so it was for him to know
 Marion with it. If you were
 to send a competent man to Dallas into
 of justice he should be able to
 report Marion and innocent man
 and at the same time convict
 the man who paid for the job
 deliver. You have Perill why don't
 the law

I will repeat that Mr. Blain knows all
about my employment at the time of your
his offer at the time I was in
and covered the question of my
donate my fee to the Government.
I will quote from an unanswered
paragraph of my last letter -
"But it is your still felt that this matter
should be placed before the Attorney General
you will kindly place it before him
in the proper manner. In that case
please place before him again your
correspondence in duplicate with
the request that he inform
what that he send me one set of
carbon copies that I may know who
is before him and then I will gladly
discuss the matter with him."
Will you kindly advise me if you
will comply with my request?
Will you also advise me as to
the question of my salary - I did
receive a telegram from your
Dallas Office with reference to my
employment on or about Sept. 17 or 18
now Mr. Hoover will you kindly meet
the issue in fairness, make a report
to me again that Mr. Blake was a part
to my employment and that Mr. Blake
tried to get me to accept the price
wanted to place on it.

- August 23, 1934

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[REDACTED]
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated August 16 and 18, 1934, relative to compensation allegedly due you for services presumably rendered to this Division.

Your attention is invited to your letter dated April 1, 1934, in which you stated that you performed certain work on September 7 and 8, 1933, and again on September 11, 1933, on which date you further stated that you were dismissed with the statement that no money was available to compensate you for your services. You also stated in this same letter that "However, as an individual I continued my search".

In view of the fact that the files of this Division further reflect that arrangements were made whereby you were tendered the sum of \$75 as an expert witness fee by the United States Attorney, this Division is unable to compensate you for services which you allege to have rendered.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc Dallas (with encl. - copies of letters
dated 8/13/34 and 8/18/34 from [REDACTED])

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Dallas, Tex.
Aug. 13, 1934.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director,
Dept. of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 9th inst. just received. In reference to the second paragraph I will have to correct whatever statement Mr. Blake has made to you. I was employed by your dept. and Mr. Blake knows this to be a fact. On the morning of Sept. 7th, Mr. Dowd presented me to Mr. Blake and he instructed Mr. Dowd to take me to Bailey's cell. Dowd and [redacted] took me to the jail via the City Police headquarters and Mr. Blake appeared in front of Bailey's cell while I was making the examinations for him. I then reported to him later in the day. Mr. Blake knows it to be a fact that I was employed and I will state that it was then that I started a study of his attitude toward my findings. I got all the evidence, not a part of it. Quoting Mr. Dowd, if I was not employed by Mr. Blake or Mr. Dowd, why did Mr. Blake send Mr. Dowd to me in an effort to get me to accept 17 days at \$6.00 per day and later an even \$100.00 in addition to the \$75.00 offered me by the Atty's Dept.? Why did Dowd then tell me that if I quoted his proposition to you that he would have to deny it? In my last letter I asked you if you would kindly advise me if you exchanged telegrams with your Dallas office in regards to my employment. The dates should be Sept 11-12 instead of Aug. 11 or 12. Will you kindly answer this question at this time? Will you say or have Mr. Nathan say that he was not present in Blake's office when Dowd got Blake's approval of my employment on Sept. 11 or 12th? I was not the only man employed, I referred to a [redacted] in my last letter. [redacted] (?) of the South-western Laboratories was sent for, he came in while I was in the outer office and he told me today of the work he did for Mr. Blake and that he did not receive any pay for it. [redacted] was employed and had many conferences with Mr. Blake.

It is true Mr. Hoover, I feel that I knew and told Mr. Blake to much about Harvey Baileys gun and I will tell you now that I do not believe Tom Monion ever saw the gun. The gun was at 704 1/2 Main St. for June, July and August and I felt Mr. Blake out offering to secure evidence to prove that Tom Monion never saw the gun. Getting evidence to convict an innocent man

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is one thing but if I work on a case I am going to get the evidence to convict the guilty man. With reference to the last paragraph of your first letter in which you suggested that I call on Mr. Blake in reference to recovery of Mr. Urschel's money. I did not call on Mr. Blake for the reason that I felt his attitude would be the same as it was regarding the gun - but I did propose to Mr. Dowd that we recover the money only to be told "Old Keemon had ordered the case closed." It is my suggestion and request as a citizen that you send a man to Dallas to investigate the Harvey Baily jail break and that you convict the guilty - You have Bevill - if he could tell so much on Monion, he knows who paid for the job - If handled right it would be as easy to get Bevill to tell who paid for the job as it was for him to connect Monion with it - If you were to send a competent man to Dallas in behalf of justice he should be able to report Monion and innocent man and at the same time convict the man who paid for the jail delivery - You have Bevill why don't you let him name the lawyer? I will repeat that Mr. Blake knows all about my employment - It was given his approval - If he will prosecute and convict the guilty man I will donate my fee to the Government. I will quote from an unanswered paragraph of my last letter - "But if you still feel that this matter should be placed before the Atty Gen you will kindly place it before him in the proper manner - In that instance please place before him copies of our correspondence no duplicate with the request that he ~~I may know what~~ that he send me one set of carbon copies that I may know what is before him and then I will gladly discuss the matter with him." Will you kindly advise me if you will comply with my request? Will you also advise me as to another question asked before - Did you receive a telegram from your Dallas office with reference to my employment on or about Sept. 11 or 12? Now, Mr. Hoover will you kindly meet this issue in fairness, when I repeat to you again that Mr. Blake was a part to my employment and thru Mr. Dowd tried to get me to accept the price he wanted to place on it.

Yours truly

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Dallas, Texas.
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date May 1, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which
fingerprints have been mailed to the Bureau of Investiga-
tion:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
	<i>8/17/c</i>	
Ft. Worth, Texas, PD #2703.	✓ Louise Magness, alias ✓ Louise Seaton, alias X Louise Clark, alias	In Federal Court at San Angelo, Texas, on 4-30-34, sentenced to serve 1 year & 1
F.P.C.:	✓ Mrs. H.E. Campbell, alias O Miss G. Robinson.	day in Federal Ind. Instituti for Women, Alderson, W. Va., on charge of Harboring Fugitives.
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This form to be submitted to the Bureau of Investi-
gation to report dispositions of cases in which prints were
forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information
as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, discharges
from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Beck
Special Agent in Charge
(Official Title)

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U. S. AGENTS GET
KIDNAP PICTURES
Montana Standard 8-14-34

A layout of 15 photographs and a brief history of the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, wealthy Oklahoma oil man, was received yesterday by D. H. Dickason, agent in charge, and is on display at the department of justice, bureau of investigation, office in the federal building.

Photographs are those of 15 persons, including the notorious "Ma chine Gun" Kelly and his wife. They have been tried, convicted and are now serving long prison sentences for their part in the affair. It is said that \$200,000 was paid for the release of Urschel.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 14, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

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

United States District Judge Edgar S. Vaught called me today and stated that he desired to discuss with me a matter of importance. I went to Judge Vaught's office and there was introduced to [REDACTED] a practicing attorney with offices at [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. [REDACTED] related to me that a [REDACTED] has been a client of his for several years and recently was in his office and informed him that she had been traveling and living with a man who was using the name of S. F. Cook, which is the name of her deceased husband; that the correct name of this man is supposed to be Scott, first name unknown; that Scott was in jail at Canton, Texas on charges of forgery and it was desired that [REDACTED] represent him. [REDACTED] informed me that after the departure of [REDACTED] from Oklahoma City, he received two or more letters from the said S. F. Cook, asking him to come down and represent him and arrange bond for him.

[REDACTED] states that he had occasion to be in Dallas a few days ago and decided that he would go to Canton and see this man, which he did. [REDACTED] had a limited conversation with Cook, the nature of which indicates that Cook feels that he is not guilty of the charge filed against him in Canton; that he wants to get out, and informed [REDACTED] that he is aware of the place where the unrecovered portion of the Urschel ransom money is located, and importuned [REDACTED] to see Mr. Urschel in connection with this matter, which [REDACTED] declined to do. Instead of reporting the matter to Mr. Urschel, [REDACTED] went directly to Judge Vaught whom he has known for twenty years or more. [REDACTED] states that there are very few attaches in the jail at Canton, for which reason, his conversation with Cook was cut short and he did not go into the details of this matter as he would have desired. He states

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that, of course, he does not know how much credence to put in the remarks of Cook, but considered it his duty to report it to Federal officials, which he has done.

It is requested that at the very earliest practicable time, Cook be interviewed at the jail at Canton for any and all information that he may possess concerning the Urschel ransom money or any connection with said case.

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It is [REDACTED] request that his name be not mentioned in connection with the interview that you will conduct with Cook.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division ✓

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

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 15, 1934

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1001 Vermont Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to Division letter of July 10, 1934
in the case of George Kelly Barnes, with aliases, et
al.; Charles F. Urschel - Victim; Kidnaping, please
be advised that I have obtained the fingerprints of
Mr. Urschel, and the same are transmitted herewith to
be made a matter of record in the Division.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Laboratory Report

Case: George Kelly Barnes with aliases, et al.;
Charles F. Urschel - Victim

Number: 7-115-1333

Specimens: One set of fingerprints for Charles F. Urschel - elimination.

Examination requested by: Okla. City Div. Office.

Date received: Aug. 21, 1934

Examination requested: Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: *f*

*Fingerprint identified with Urschel to
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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Okla.

FILE NO. 7-6

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 8/17/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8/9-13/34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [REDACTED] Sayre, Oklahoma, states that he knows [REDACTED] very well and has an informant who he believes can secure information relative to whether or not [REDACTED] is passing any of the Urschel ransom money. Efforts to locate [REDACTED] unsuccessful to date.</p> <p>P.</p> <p>- Reference: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Okla., 7/19/34, and report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas, 7/30/34.</p> <p>Details: [REDACTED], Undersheriff, Beckham County, Sayre, Oklahoma, stated that he had no information to offer regarding [REDACTED] passing some of the Urschel ransom money since interviewed by the writer. He stated that shortly after Agent's last visit, his informant left Sayre and had not returned and as a consequence, he was unable to have this informant secure the desired information. He stated, however, that he had another informant by the name of [REDACTED] who is a bootlegger at Sayre and who is an enemy of [REDACTED] and who he believes would cooperate in securing information as to whether or not [REDACTED] is passing some of the Urschel ransom money.</p> <p>DETAILS: [REDACTED] Sayre, Oklahoma, was interviewed in the presence of Undersheriff [REDACTED] and stated that he knows [REDACTED] very well; that he and [REDACTED] are enemies and if he, [REDACTED] was not in fear that he would be caught, would kill [REDACTED] on sight as [REDACTED] gave him a raw deal at one time. He stated that he would be only too pleased to get [REDACTED] and he, [REDACTED] had an informant that lived in Roger Mills County, Oklahoma, who is a personal friend of his and who knows [REDACTED] very well, and if [REDACTED] is passing any of the</p> <p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Wright Brantley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		7-115-1334 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AUG 20 1934 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
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Urachel ransom money, this informant would secure the information and would at once tell him, [REDACTED]. He stated that he would get in touch with this informant in about a week and whenever anything was learned of interest, he would immediately get in touch with Undersheriff [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] First National Bank, Elk City, Oklahoma, stated that he, as well as the employees of the said bank, kept a close watch on any money passed by [REDACTED] at the bank and was unable to identify it as some of the Urachel ransom money.

Agent did not deem it advisable to make further investigation of this matter at Elk City at this time.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

On August 8, 1934, Agent interviewed Chief of Police [REDACTED] of Ardmore, Oklahoma, who stated that he did not know [REDACTED] but that he would endeavor to obtain some information about him. Later that day, he informed Agent that he had located an informant who would help locate [REDACTED]. Agent contacted this informant, [REDACTED], Ardmore, Oklahoma, who stated [REDACTED] had a first cousin by the name of [REDACTED] living in Springer, Oklahoma, who would know the whereabouts of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] accompanied Agent to Springer, Oklahoma, to locate [REDACTED] but it was learned there that [REDACTED] had departed for Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and would be found at the Moore Hotel, Reno and Robinson Streets. [REDACTED] also informed Agent that [REDACTED] has a sister-in-law by the name of [REDACTED] living in Wynnewood, Oklahoma, whose husband before his death a few months ago was manager of the ice company there. Agent interviewed [REDACTED] who stated that she had not seen [REDACTED] nor heard of him for more than a year, and that she would be glad to give information as to his whereabouts if she possessed it.

Agent interviewed [REDACTED] at the Moore Hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and he stated that he knew nothing of the whereabouts of [REDACTED] and that he had not seen nor heard of him for more than five years. [REDACTED] stated, however, that [REDACTED] has a sister, a [REDACTED] who lives about five miles west of Springer on the Woodford Road and that she knows his whereabouts. [REDACTED] as he heard her say a few weeks ago that she had received a letter from him. [REDACTED] stated that the last time he saw [REDACTED] was about five years ago in Kilgore, Texas, when he was working for [REDACTED] a son of [REDACTED] by a former marriage, who was engaged in the business of drilling contractor.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Ardmore, Oklahoma, will make appropriate investigation as suggested in report of reference of Agent [REDACTED]

At Sayre, Oklahoma, will keep in touch with Undersheriff [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for any information they may have as to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] passing any of the Urschel ransom money.

At Springer, Oklahoma, will interview [REDACTED], who lives
about five miles west of Springer on the Woodford Road, and who is a sister
of [REDACTED] as to his whereabouts.

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Dallas, Texas,
Aug 18 - 1934.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director,
Dept. of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

This follows my letter of Aug. 13th
for a more specific record.

In the morning of Sept. 7th, I ex-
-cised Harry Bailey's gun for Mr. Dowd
and at his request dictated a report
concerning same. After the report had been
typed Mr. Dowd presented me to Mr.
Blake, for advising me as an expert
with regard to the conditions that I be
employed by the State of Texas.
Harry Bailey's will. Mr. Blake's office
has advised me with regard to the
conditions and the work.

With the close of the record of 1335
and Mr. Dowd proposed that I come
on duty on full pay for my services as
an expert.

On Sept. 11th, Mr. Dowd proposed
that I serve the Government on a
special assignment on the basis
of \$50.00 per week until the Grand
jury convened and he could then
appear before that body. Mr.
Dowd went into Mr. Blake's office,
returned with his approval of the em-
-ployment but proposed \$6.00 per day for 17
days as a result of his conference with
Mr. Blake, instead of \$50.00 per week.

I finished out that day and a part of
the next day to be discharged for the
only reason as stated that your office

Mr. Blake. Mr. Dowd went on to tell me how Mr. Blake was disturbed over the letters that I had written you, stating that Mr. Blake had asked him to come to see if I would accept a settlement on a basis of being allowed seventy-five (75) dollars @ \$6.00 per day. That Mr. Blake had proposed that I accept that amount in addition to the \$75.00 so covered in the vouchers that I hold. When I told Mr. Dowd that I would accept \$250.00 as the full amount due me, he said that I was entitled to it and more, that he could never forget how I had done for him, that he wanted the Government to pay me, that he might want to use me again some day. When I told him that I should have held the evidence for a reward, he agreed with me, stating the reward I should have been for in excess of the \$250.00 due me. Then why did Mr. Dowd follow up his proposition a few nights later by making the offer an even \$100.00 in addition to the vouchers that I hold for 75.00? Later he told me that he and Mr. Blake had written you recommending that I be paid in full and that I should hear from you within about 5 days.

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does not mean any more reasons to believe that Mr. Doug had heard from him. His response was in keeping with what I thought you had written him - so it became necessary for me to tell him that I would have to quote his previous statements to you and I will quote his statement in his exact words.

"If you do, I will have to deny it. I only have this to say Mr. Hoover, if he denies it he will deny the truth."

You may ask yourself these questions. Why didn't your dept take experts in the jail to examine the cell before Sept 7th when Bailey walked out on Sept 4th? And then after I examined the cell on the 7th and forso again on the 8th, why did your dept spend hours telephoning different shops for experts? To my knowledge their calls brought a Mr. Taddis and a Mr. Horn to the office. These men found nothing. I had found all that was to be found. Mr. Doug had said he dismissed Horn after having him examine the cuffing point on the wrench. The point found on the wrench was not there from the manner in which your men brought the wrench in contact with the point.

had wired that the Government would not appropriate my salary. Will you kindly have Mr. Nathan say that he was or was not present at the conference between Mr. Blake and Mr. Dowd and if my statement is or is not correct?

Then I was subpoenaed and held three days.

As the matter stands, quoting Mr. Dowd, Mr. Blake has recently proposed paying me for 17 days @ \$6.00 per day. And if I understand the way you have treated Mr. Blake, I will ask if it isn't a case of where when I do not agree to Mr. Blake's terms that he has told you that I was not even employed and that the Government does not owe me anything?

I do know that Mr. Dowd has told me that if I did quote him to you that he would have to deny it.

I sincerely trust that you will review this matter and have a check issued covering the full amount due me.

Yours truly,

[Redacted Signature]

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Dallas, Texas.
Aug. 18, 1934.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director,
Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This follows my letter of Aug. 13th. for a more specific record. On the morning of Sept. 7th, I examined Harvey Bailey's gun for Mr. Dowd and at his request dictated a report covering same. After the report had been typed Mr. Dowd presented me to Mr. Blake, qualifying me as an expert with recommendations that I be assigned to the duty of examining Harvey Bailey's cell. Mr. Blake approved Mr. Dowd's recommendations and I was assigned to the work.

With the close of the second day's work, Mr. Dowd proposed that I could render my bill for my services at any time.

On Sept. 11th, Mr. Dowd proposed that I serve the Government on a special assignment on the basis of \$50.00 per week until the Grand Jury convened and he could have me appear before that body. Mr. Dowd went into Mr. Blake's office, returned with his approval of the employment, but proposed \$6.00 per day for 17 days as a result of his conference with Mr. Blake, instead of \$50.00 per week. I finished out that day and apart of the next day to be discharged for the only reason as stated that your office had wired that the Government would not appropriate my salary. Will you kindly have Mr. Nathan say that he was or was not present at the conference between Mr. Blake and Mr. Dowd and if my statement is or is not correct?

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I do know that Mr. Dowd has told me that if I did quote him to you that he would have to deny it.

I sincerely trust that you will review this matter and have a voucher issued covering the full amount due me.

Yours truly,

[Redacted Signature]

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P. O. Box 709
Portland, Oregon

August 27, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases
CHARLES F. DORSCHER - Victim
Kidnaping

In reference to the above entitled case, this office received a mail tracing from Medford, Oregon, addressed to [REDACTED] of Clara Feldman, [REDACTED] Medford, Oregon. This letter was from [REDACTED] Los Angeles, mailed from Los Angeles on August 15, 1934.

[REDACTED] should be discreetly questioned relative to his communication with [REDACTED] with the view of ascertaining whether he knows the whereabouts of Clara Feldman.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

FAG [REDACTED]
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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 24, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

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

Mr. Charles F. Urschel has transmitted to this office a letter from H. W. Steinman, 827 South 7th Street, Waco, Texas which relates to his desire in assisting Mr. Urschel in recovering part of the ransom money in this case. The letter is as follows:

"Mr. Urschel I have written you before about money but not having heard from you I am taking the privilege in writing you one more and as I understand your circumstances as you these days cannot trust no one but do not fear come to Waco and go to the Cort house and ask the 3 district Judges and Clerk Sheriff or Bankers here who I am. I am what you may call an Oil Geologist and have one of the best oil field in the state and if we can find your money I want you to drill this field I would kindly ask you if if you come to bring J. B. Eunon and H. K. Hyde with you as I believe I can show them the place to find the Dilinger gang."

Yours truly,

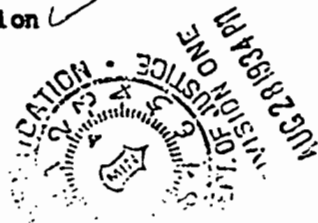
(Signed) H. W. Steinman
827 So 7 Street
Waco Texas

Will you, when next an Agent is in Waco, have Steinman interviewed. It will be noted that I wrote you on July 27th concerning Steinman.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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August 30, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

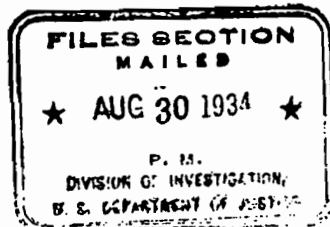
With reference to your letter of August 21, 1934, you are advised that Special Agent [REDACTED] may claim reimbursement for the \$20.00 Grachel ransom note of which he took possession at Aspermont, Texas, by submitting a bill therefor in his next expense account.

The note, if of no evidentiary value at your office, should be forwarded to the Division for disposition.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

T. D. Quinn,
Acting Assistant Director.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

August 21, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1001 Vermont Ave., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

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

Dear Sir:-

At Aspermont, Texas Special Agent [REDACTED] took possession of a \$20.00 Federal Reserve note which was one of the ransom notes in the instant case - which note is now in the safe in the Dallas office.

The Division is requested to advise what disposition should be made of this note and in what manner Special Agent [REDACTED] may be reimbursed for the amount paid out by him for the note.

Very truly yours,

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

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August 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 15, 1934, in connection with your case entitled George Kelly Barnes, with aliases, et al; Charles F. Urschel - Victim; Kidnaping.

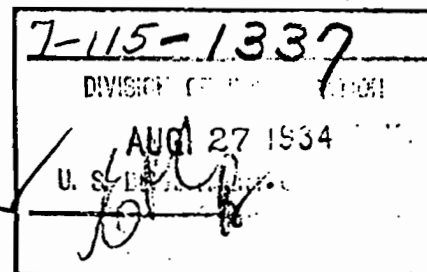
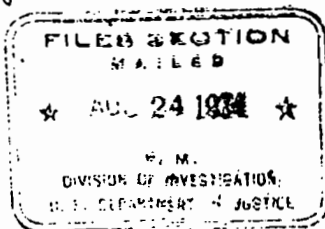
Upon comparison of the latent impressions previously developed on the threatening letter addressed to Charles F. Urschel postmarked Bridgeport, Texas, January 22, 1934, with the fingerprints of Charles F. Urschel transmitted with your letter it was found that five latent impressions were identical with those of the victim, as follows: one identical with the right middle finger, two identical with the left thumb and two identical with the left index finger.

The remaining latent impressions are too fragmentary and indistinct to permit any further comparisons.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA. 7-7

REPORT MADE AT:

DALLAS, TEXAS.

DATE WHEN MADE:

8-24-34

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:

8-22-34

REPORT MADE BY:

TITLE:

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, w.a.; et al.
Charles F. Urschel (Victim)

CHARACTER OF CASE:

KIDNAPING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No indication that any of Urschel ransom money being dispensed at McLean, Bellico or Kellerville, Texas.

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REFERENCE:

Report Special Agent [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas, dated 7-30-34.

DETAILS:

In company with [REDACTED], Texas State Highway Patrol, the writer visited Bellico and Kellerville, Texas. Both are two recent oil boom towns. Bellico is located just across the county line in Gray County, while Kellerville is located about two miles of Bellico in Wheeler County.

Discreet inquiries were made regarding gambling houses. It was ascertained that due to inactivity, no gambling goes on at Bellico at the present time. At Kellerville, Texas, which was considered quite lively, about two months ago and appears to be still active, the only known gambling place there is operated by [REDACTED], partner of [REDACTED], a brother of [REDACTED] of Wheeler County, Texas. A dice game, roulette wheel and black jack game are the principal attractions. The play however is said to be very small, there being very few players who bet \$5.00 or over at a time. The minimum is \$1.00, and the money used in the games is played with silver dollars. For two nights prior to the writer's visit to Kellerville, Texas, [REDACTED] Texas Highway Patrolman, was at Kellerville, Texas, and observed players and the amount played, and at that time did not notice any twenty dollar bills being changed for silver dollars. It was ascertained that merchants and others at Kellerville, Texas, deposit money with the American National Bank at McLean, Texas, which is ten miles South and three miles West of Bellico and Kellerville, Texas.

At the American National Bank, McLean, Texas, the writer interviewed [REDACTED] who stated that he has a few new accounts

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F. J. Beary

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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opened at Bellico and Kellerville, Texas; that to his knowledge there have been no twenty dollar bills deposited, nearly all of the money received from Bellico and Kellerville being in checks and in one or two instances silver dollars. [REDACTED] verified this, and stated that the bank has a list of serial numbers of the Urschel Ransom Money and should any of it be located in deposits at the bank, the Dallas Office will be immediately notified.

At the Post Office, McLean, Texas, the writer was informed that mail for Bellico and Kellerville, Texas, is dispensed through the McLean Post Office on the rural route delivery.

While at Pampa, Texas, the writer interviewed [REDACTED] Chief Deputy Sheriff. He stated that since his last interview with the writer as mentioned in reference report, he made discreet inquiries regarding the possibility of some of the Urschel Ransom Money finding its way into Bellico and Kellerville, Texas. He stated that he is satisfied that such is not the case, and should any of it be located through the banks at Pampa, Texas, he would be immediately notified.

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
AUGUST 22, 1934.

Warden
U. S. Penitentiary Annex
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.


Dear Sir:

In connection with an investigation now being conducted by this Division it is requested that you furnish us with three photographs of Albert Bates, together with descriptive data.

In replying please refer to file 26-3799.

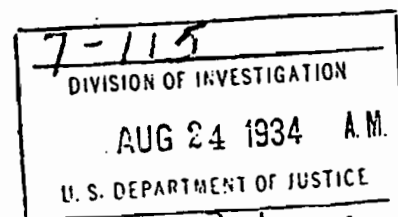
Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director,
Dept of Justice.
Washington, D.C.

Dallas, Texas
Aug - 27 - 1934

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Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of Aug 2
Please be so kind as to quote the paragraphs
in full from my letter of April 1st. to
you refer to in your letter.

I am reasonably sure in my letter of April
that I referred to an exchange of Telegram
between between your Dallas office and Wash-
ington. Will you kindly tell me if such
an exchange of Telegrams were made in
reference to my employment?

In my last letter I referred to Mr. Nath.
Will you kindly have Mr. Nathan write
me in response to the question asked
as to whether or not when Mr. Dow
secured Mr. Blake's approval of my emp-
ment?

Now Mr. Hoover want you please be
so kind as to extend to me the court
of answering my questions and will
you kindly let the same apply to
all of my letters? 7-115-1339

I will repeat that I was employed by
Government, rendered the services
was asked to render my bill and in
addition to the \$7500 referred to in
last paragraph of your letter, I was offered
from 1000/02 in addition by Mr. Dow
stated he was making the offer in behalf
of Mr. Blake. Please give me a reply at your
convenience. Yours truly

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Ans 9/3/34

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Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 27, 1934,
you are advised that it is my opinion that your
inquiries have been completely answered in prior
correspondence.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Suite 1616
Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.
August 31, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: GEO. G. KELLY BROTHERS, with aliases,
ET AL
CHARLES F. UNSCHUL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

As it appears there is no further investigation
pending in the above captioned case in this District, the same
is being referred upon completion for administrative purposes
with this letter.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NORMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-7**

REPORT MADE AT: Denver, Colo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 8-29-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8-8, 29-34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases et al CHARLES F. DURSCHEL--Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mail cover placed on P. O. Box #2565, Denver. Post Office employees advise Clara Feldman and Ed Feldman not identified as receiving mail. Confidential informant, Casper, Wyo., states Clara Feldman believed to be on the West Coast at present. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised George Hurtiene and Clara Feldman have not been in Denver for over a year.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Denver, 8-8-34.

DETAILS: AT DENVER, COLO.

On August 9, 1934, Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears of the Portland Division Office telephoned the Denver Office advising that the father of Clara Feldman had been questioned at Portland and after being questioned at considerable length he advised Agent [REDACTED] that Clara Feldman was receiving mail through P. O. Box #2565, Denver, Colorado, but that the father of Clara Feldman did not furnish any information relative to her present whereabouts.

DETAILS:

Accordingly, on August 10, 1934, a mail cover was placed on P. O. Box #2565, with request that tracings of all first class mail be forwarded to the Denver Division Office.

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As a result of the mail cover, a tracing of a letter was received, postmarked, Portland, Oregon, August 11, 1934, addressed to [REDACTED] P. O. Box 2565, bearing return address [REDACTED] Portland, Oregon, General Delivery.

Another tracing of letter dated August 20, 1934, addressed to [REDACTED] shows the sender as being [REDACTED] Portland, Oregon, General Delivery.

A Tracing was also received of a letter addressed to [REDACTED] which was postmarked, Portland, Oregon, August 24, 1934 bearing return address, Bill or Bell Feldman, Tacoma, Washington, 6232 S. Orchard.

These tracings are being forwarded to the Portland Office with copies of this report for investigation there.

AT CASPER, WYOMING

Special Agent [REDACTED] interviewed police officer [REDACTED] who advised that a confidential informant of his at Casper, stated that he knows Clara Feldman and her sister; that he believes Clara Feldman would be found on the West Coast; that he could locate her within thirty days. He stated, however, that he wanted a reward for information as to her whereabouts only in the event that he located her. He also advised that his informant was going to California for a few days.

[REDACTED] later advised the Denver Division Office that his informant had returned from California on August 21st and stated that he could produce the Feldman woman if the reward was suitable and substantial enough.

AT DENVER, COLO.

Special Agent [REDACTED] called on [REDACTED] foreman, Inquiry Section, Denver Post Office, where he secured information that P. O. Box 2565, in which was reported that Clara Feldman had been receiving mail, was rented by [REDACTED] on April 16, 1927; that the box is still in her custody and the rent on the box is paid until September, 1934. The address of [REDACTED] at present is [REDACTED]

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[redacted] advised that the following parties were listed on the application as the ones to receive mail through Box 2565, [redacted] and [redacted] both names relating to the same party, namely, [redacted] now married to George Hurtiene. [redacted] advised that George Hurtiene had also received mail in Box 2565.

He questioned several of the Post Office clerks, who work near Box 2565 and they could not recall any party other than the [redacted] recently taking mail from this box. Pictures of Clara Feldman and [redacted] Feldman were exhibited to these clerks but they did not recognize the pictures as being anyone they could recall. [redacted] stated that to the best of his knowledge no mail addressed to any parties other than the [redacted] and George Hurtiene had been placed in Box 2565 for sometime; that in order for Clara Feldman to receive mail in this box, it would be necessary that his, [redacted] permission be granted.

Special Agent in Charge Jay C. Newman and the writer interviewed [redacted] and [redacted]. They both advised that they had not seen George Hurtiene for over a year and had not seen Clara Feldman for approximately two years; that to the best of their knowledge George Hurtiene was at present in Tacoma, Washington, where they have sent mail to him at Route 5, Box 63.

[redacted] was questioned relative to the receipt of a letter addressed to Mrs. George Hurtiene from Bill or Bell Feldman, Tacoma, Washington (one of the tracings referred to above). She advised that she had received a letter; had opened it, and read as much of the letter as she could; that the handwriting was poor and she was unable to obtain the full import of the letter; that she had then torn up the same and destroyed it; that mail addressed to Mrs. George Hurtiene at her box was usually, if deemed important, forwarded to Tacoma, Washington. She stated that for the past four or five months she has been expecting George Hurtiene and his wife to visit them but has not received any communication to date indicating that they are planning to come to Denver in the near future. She stated that Clara Feldman had not been in Denver for the past two years as near as she could recall and has no idea where she might be located.

[redacted] advised that he had only seen Clara Feldman a few times in Denver, about two years ago. He has been on the road with an orchestra for a considerable period of time and has just recently returned to Denver. He stated that he believed George Hurtiene and his wife, who is his sister, are at present in Tacoma, Washington, Route 5, Box 63, and [redacted] is very much interested in securing a position as a detective, partly due to the fact that his father was a Pinkerton detective. He stated that he would attempt to secure the address of Clara Feldman. In the event he is successful he will communicate with the Denver Division Office. He has also promised that in the event any

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mail is received in Box 2565 which might relate to George Hurtiene or Clara Feldman, he will immediately advise this office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE PORTLAND OFFICE: At Tacoma, Washington, will make investigation at 6232 S. Orchard Street, which address is shown on the mail tracing as being the address of Bill or Bell Feldman, for the purpose of determining the identity of this individual who might be in close contact or relationship with Clara Feldman. Will also make suitable check at Route 5, Box 63 relative to the whereabouts of George Hurtiene, this being the address of George Hurtiene according to the [REDACTED]

At Portland, Oregon, will make suitable inquiry, if the same has not already been done, regarding information [REDACTED] may possess regarding George Hurtiene and Clara Feldman. [REDACTED] address according to the tracing secured at Denver, is General Delivery.

THE DENVER OFFICE: At Casper, Wyoming, will contact [REDACTED] police officer, and through him attempt to secure information from his confidential informant, who stated he could produce the Feldman woman within thirty days providing a substantial reward was offered.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

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REPORT MADE AT: DALLAS, TEXAS.	DATE WHEN MADE: 8-30-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8-20-34	REPORT MADE BY: D.L. McCORMACK.
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, w.a.; et al. Charles F. Urschel (Victim)			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

██████████ in jail Canton, Texas, states he knows where part of ransom money buried but will make no statement until authority is given him by his attorney ██████████ of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from Oklahoma City Office, dated Aug. 14, 1934.

DETAILS:

██████████ was interviewed in the jail at Canton, Texas, and he stated that although he was surprised anyone knew of the information he had concerning the ransom money of the Urschel Kidnaping Case, he does know where it is buried; that he is well acquainted with a woman now living in Kansas City, Missouri, and his description leads Agent to believe it is probably the woman who was living with Albert Bates in Denver, Colo. ██████████ states that the money is buried in Oklahoma and that he has been approached on a proposition to get the money changed to unlisted money that can be spent without detection. He absolutely refused to make any further statement concerning this matter until he has talked to his attorney, ██████████ of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He advised that if ██████████ should tell him to do so, he will give the Government all the information he has, on the promise that he will not be prosecuted by the Government.

██████████ is being held in Canton, Texas, on a charge of forgery. He states he is an oil well driller by occupation, 35 years old, 6 ft. 2 in. tall, weighs 220 pounds, black hair, blue eyes. He has a wife, ██████████ now residing in Des Moines, Iowa. At the time of his arrest he was working for ██████████ at Alvy, Texas, drilling a well. He, of course, denies that he is guilty on the forger charge.

From his conversation it is hard to make an accurate guess as to whether ██████████ really knows anything about the Urschel money or is stalling for time and probably favors in his present predicament.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA- CITY OFFICE is requested to take this matter up with [REDACTED] Attorney at Oklahoma City, and persuade him to authorize [REDACTED] to release his information to an Agent of the Dallas Division Office.

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REPORT MADE AT: Los Angeles	DATE WHEN MADE: 8-31-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8-23-34	REPORT MADE BY: <div style="background-color: black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Further interview with **HESSIE M. RISTIG** fails to develop further information of value.

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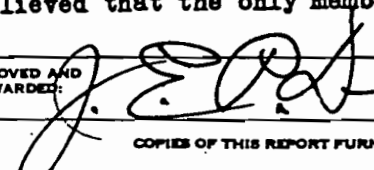
REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent
Los Angeles, 6-27-34, and report of Special Agent Denver, 7-14-34.

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DETAILS:

Agent interviewed **HESSIE M. RISTIG**, 1724 South Burlington Street, for further information, as indicated in first reference report. She stated that since her return from vacation, she has not contacted anyone in connection with this matter, except her
 Ventura, California, who told her that **THEODORE E. BENTZ** and have been apprehended at Portland, Maine, and she stated that advised that she knew nothing of **CLARA FELDMAN'S** whereabouts, and believed that the only members of the family with whom **CLARA FELDMAN** would communi-

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cate would be her brother, GEORGE HUERTIENNE, Manitou, near Tacoma, Washington, or with [REDACTED], who is now associated with and living with ALVIN H. SCOTT; that her information is that ALVIN H. SCOTT and [REDACTED] are living at Jacksonville, Alabama, where SCOTT is engaged in placer gold mining.

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

FILE NO. **7-26**

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 9/5/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9/4/34	REPORT MADE BY: VAL C. ZIMMER
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; et al. CHARLES F. DURSCHEL - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

United States Attorney, Chicago, advises date of trial of Subjects Kaplan will be set during September, 1934 term, U.S.D.C., Chicago; that no further investigative action is desired.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]
Chicago, Illinois, dated November 20, 1933.

DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Agent talked with Assistant United States District Attorney Warren Canady, at which time he advised that it was his intention to have the instant case set for trial of Subjects Kaplan during the September, 1934 term of the United States District Court at Chicago.

DETAILS:

Mr. Canady also advised that as far as he was concerned everything was ready for the trial, and that no further investigative action was desired by his office.

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

File No. 7-7

REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-4-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8-18-34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al. Charles F. Urschel - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: George Hurtienne and wife left Tacoma, Washington August 2, 1934 and returned to his home in Denver, Colorado, receiving mail through P. O. Box 2565, Denver. Clara Feldman reported communicating with family through above P. O. Box, Denver. William Hurtienne, father of Clara Feldman, Manatou, a suburb of Tacoma, admits Clara Feldman is furnishing money to the Scott family and George Hurtienne. William Hurtienne agrees to disclose Clara's whereabouts to this office as soon as he can ascertain same.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Portland, Oregon dated June 28, 1934.

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--- At Tacoma, Washington ---

DETAILS:

The writer, accompanied by Detective [REDACTED] of the Tacoma Police Department who has been cooperating with the writer for the past several months in an effort to locate and apprehend Clara Feldman, interviewed William Hurtienne, the father of Clara Feldman, who resides in Manatou, a suburb of Tacoma. Mr. Hurtienne advised that his son, George Hurtienne, and his wife, who had been visiting him for several months, left Tacoma on August 2, 1934 and returned to his home at Denver, Colorado and was receiving

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mail at P. O. Box #2565, Denver, Colorado, but that he did not know his street address in Denver.

Mr. Hurtienne upon being asked when he last saw his daughter, Clara Feldman, first stated that he had not seen her for about two years, but upon being pressed broke down and commenced crying and upon further questioning admitted that about three months ago he visited his daughter [REDACTED] who lived with Alvin H. Scott in Portland, Oregon; that while there Clara Feldman arrived and stayed at the Scott home about ten days, at which time she remained upstairs the entire time and her meals were carried upstairs to her as she was afraid to come down in fear she would be seen; that when she departed she did not say where she was going and that he returned to his home in Tacoma and had not seen her since. Mr. Hurtienne further admitted that Clara Feldman was furnishing money for the Scott family to live on and also giving George Hurtienne money. It was explained to Mr. Hurtienne that Clara Feldman would eventually be located and that he could possibly ascertain her present whereabouts and advise the writer. Mr. Hurtienne then advised that if his name was never known as the informant and if the writer would bring former Tacoma Chief of Police, [REDACTED] a lifelong friend of his, to his home he would arrange through former Chief [REDACTED] to ascertain and furnish the whereabouts of his daughter Clara.

Former Chief of Police [REDACTED] was immediately contacted and brought to the home of Mr. Hurtienne and arrangements were made whereby Mr. Hurtienne, as soon as he could ascertain the whereabouts of his daughter, Clara, that he would at once notify former Chief of Police [REDACTED] who will advise the writer immediately.

Mr. Hurtienne further advised that he was greatly worried over the trouble his daughter, Clara, was in, and that he was afraid she would commit suicide and if possible, when he found out just where she was, if former Chief of Police [REDACTED] could be present when she was apprehended, he did not believe she would try to kill herself, as Chief [REDACTED] was personally known to Clara and the entire family, as he formerly boarded at the home twenty-five years ago.

Former Chief of Police [REDACTED] advised the writer that he felt confident that Mr. Hurtienne would carry out his agreement in disclosing the whereabouts of Clara Feldman as soon as he could ascertain same; that he had known Mr. Hurtienne for more than thirty years and considered him absolutely reliable in every way.

Upon receipt of the information that George Hurtienne had left Tacoma and returned to Denver, Colorado and was receiving mail at P. O. Box #2565 at Denver, and that Clara Feldman was communicating with her family through above P. O. Box this information was furnished the Denver Division Office.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

DENVER DIVISION OFFICE: At Denver, Colorado is respectfully requested to cover all mail received through P. O. Box #2565, Denver, and if possible obtain the present address of George Hurtienne, brother of Clara Feldman, who is reported by the father as being furnished with money by Clara Feldman, as there is no question but what George Hurtienne is in communication with Clara Feldman at all times.

PORTLAND DIVISION OFFICE: At Tacoma, Washington will keep in close touch with former Chief of Police [REDACTED] for any information he may obtain through William Hurtienne, the father of Clara Feldman, that will lead to her apprehension.

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

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 9/10/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8/29/34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, ET AL CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: **[REDACTED]** Miami, Okla. deny knowledge of ransom money and acquaintance with any of Subjects. Past residences indicate impossibility of concealment alleged by informant.

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REFERENCE: Letter from the Kansas City, Missouri Office dated 8/8/34.

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DETAILS:

At Miami, Oklahoma.

[REDACTED] was interviewed and stated that she, her husband and young daughter, had moved to Miami, Oklahoma on June 15, 1933 coming from Tulsa; that they had formerly lived at the **[REDACTED]** Tulsa, from January, 1933 to June, 1933 and prior to that time had lived at Chickasha, Oklahoma; that **[REDACTED]** is a jeweler and watch maker by trade, his family having been in the jewelry business at Pittsburgh, Kansas for the last 45 years and under the firm name of **[REDACTED]** & Company; and that no one in their families have ever been involved in a criminal prosecution.

DETAILS:

[REDACTED] further advised that she is suffering from a cancer in the roof of her mouth and makes weekly trips to Pittsburgh, Kansas for treatments, her doctors being **[REDACTED]**

The writer had previously ascertained from the Sapp Investment Company that the **[REDACTED]** had moved into their house on June 16, 1933 and had never occupied

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another residence since their arrival in Miami. The purpose of the interview was then disclosed and after being joined by her husband both [REDACTED] stated that they had never heard of Harvey Bailey and could not recall his name in connection with this matter but did recall from reading the newspapers the name of "Machine Gun George Kelly". They denied that they had any part of the ransom money, denied that they had ever concealed Bailey and disclaimed any knowledge whatever of the bracelet mentioned in the reference letter.

[REDACTED] appeared upset during the interview, which might have been attributable to her illness, whereas her husband was unconcerned. They were willing for a search to be made of the premises but apparently the same was useless as the writer noticed that their residence is a one floor cottage with no attic and the only space that could be used to conceal matter was a space under the eaves but this space does not have a floor and anyone attempting to utilize this space would fall through the plaster of the first floor ceiling.

Both [REDACTED] appeared to be respectable citizens and her only explanation regarding this rumor was that once her friend, [REDACTED] of Pittsburgh, Kansas, had remarked to her in a joking way that she would soon be getting another man and she, [REDACTED] had replied that the next one she gets "will be a wild one like Machine Gun George Kelly".

The name of the informant was not disclosed and both [REDACTED] could offer no explanation as to who might start such a rumor.

It is to be noted that prior to moving to Miami, Oklahoma the [REDACTED] resided in an apartment at Tulsa, Oklahoma and obviously would not have an attic in their apartment. It is also apparent that the [REDACTED] did not occupy their present residence until June 16, 1933 whereas Bailey escaped from the penitentiary on Memorial Day, 1933 and his movements subsequent thereto have been, for most parts, accounted for.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

FILE NO. 7-6

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 9/11/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9/7/34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al Charles F. Urschel - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] Attorney, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, prepared a letter addressed to his client, [REDACTED] authorizing [REDACTED] to furnish any information he has concerning the whereabouts of part of the ransom money paid in this case to the Division of Investigation. This letter is being forwarded to the Dallas office of the Division for presentation to [REDACTED] who is in jail in Canton, Texas.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent D. L. McCormack, Dallas, Texas, 8/30/34.

DETAILS:

Agent interviewed [REDACTED] Attorney, Petroleum Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and requested [REDACTED] to authorize his client [REDACTED] to furnish any information that [REDACTED] possesses regarding the whereabouts of part of the ransom money paid in this case to the Division of Investigation. [REDACTED] prepared the following letter which he delivered to agent for presentation by an agent of the Dallas office of the Division to [REDACTED] who is in jail at Canton, Texas:

[REDACTED]
Attorney at Law
Petroleum Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

DETAILS:

September 7, 1934.

Canton, Texas.

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Dear Sir:

A Federal man was here to see me yesterday and I talked with him quite a while relative to the matter you and I talked about.

The proposition was put up to him, which had been before, and that is the reason for their calling on you to begin with. This man told me that you wanted my permission to talk to them. This I am giving you. Of course, you understand these investigators cannot grant you immunity. All they are after is the money and I can assure you this much that immunity will be granted when put up to the proper authorities. The investigators can tell you that immunity will be granted, but they do not have the final say so.

I would advise you, if you think best after reading this letter, to tell them all you know and if you have told the true state of affairs it will not only help you in that case, but in the one you have down there, at least I think it will.

I am giving this letter to the agent for the reason I don't want the authorities there to censor it, and he will present it to you in person. I am sure that all the Government is interested in is the money and you are putting a feather in your cap if you are able to disclose the whereabouts of same.

Trusting that you will do the right thing in this matter and give them any information that you have, I am,

Yours truly,

(Signed) _____

This letter is being forwarded to the Dallas office with copies of this report in order that that office may present the letter to _____ at Canton, Texas.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: DALLAS OFFICE at Canton, Texas will present the letter received from _____ addressed to _____ and will interview _____ concerning his knowledge of the whereabouts of part of ransom money paid in this case.

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

File No. 727

REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-10-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9-5,9-34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases et al Charles F. Urschel - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hurtienne receiving mail General Delivery, Portland from the return address P. O. Box 2565, Denver, Colorado. The Hurtiennes left Portland in Chevrolet Sedan, Colorado license #1-18605, stating at the time they left that they were going to Denver. Investigation at Medford, Oregon discloses that A. H. Scott and [REDACTED] are presently residing at [REDACTED] Medford.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Denver, Colorado, dated August 29, 1934.

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DETAILS: On receipt of reference report with enclosed mail tracing of letter addressed to [REDACTED] P. O. Box 2565, bearing return address [REDACTED] Portland, Oregon General Delivery, agent called at General Delivery window at the Postoffice on September 5, 1934 and was informed by the clerk that there was an airmail letter for Mr. George A. Hurtienne, General Delivery, Portland, Oregon with a return address of Box 2565, Denver, Colorado. Agent remained at the Postoffice and Mrs. George Hurtienne called for the letter. She left the Postoffice and joined her husband, who was waiting outside in an automobile. From here they proceeded to a municipal golf course where they

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played nine holes of golf, both playing a very good game.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hurtienne are described from Agent's observation as follows:

Name	George A. Hurtienne
Age	30 years
Height	5'8"
Weight	145 pounds
Build	Square
Hair	Blonde - curly
Complexion	Light

Name	Mrs. George A. Hurtienne
Age	28
Height	5'1"
Weight	115 pounds
Hair	Dark
Complexion	Dark
Nativity	Appears to be from either a Mexican or Indian descent.

Description of the Hurtienne car is as follows: 1933 fourdoor Chevrolet Sedan, color black, two tires in fender wells, large black trunk on rear and Colorado 1934 license #1-18605. The Oregon registration, which is pasted on the windshield, reveals that the car entered the state of Oregon at Huntington on February, 1934. The registration describes the car as a Chevrolet, Motor number 3755291, owned by George A. Hurtienne, 1755 Monican, (not sure of spelling) Denver, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurtienne on leaving the golf course went direct to the McKinney Apartments, 2125 N. W. Glisan Street, Portland, Oregon. [redacted] of the McKinney Apartments, upon being interviewed stated that Mr. and Mrs. Hurtienne arrived at the apartments September 1st; gave a five dollar deposit and stated at that time that they did not know how long they were going to stay. A surveillance was kept over the Hurtiennes until they left Portland. The following day, September 7, 1934 [redacted] stated that Mr. Hurtienne had informed him that he and his wife were leaving Portland that day and planned to go back to Colorado. Agent observed the Hurtiennes at the time they left the McKinney Apartments and followed them to Oregon City, Oregon. They continued south which lead Agent to the conclusion that they were proceeding to Medford, Oregon where they would contact [redacted] and A. H. Scott and family and possibly contact Clara Feldman.

Agent proceeded to Medford, arriving there at 12:00 midnight, September 7th, and remained in Medford until the afternoon of September 9th. Mr. and Mrs. Hurtienne did not appear and it was therefore concluded that they turned east at Eugene and proceeded to Colorado by way of central Oregon.

While Agent was at Medford a surveillance was kept over the house of A. H. Scott, who recently moved from Jacksonville to Route #1, Box 170, Medford, Oregon. In the rear of this house is parked a 1931 Ford Sedan, California license #7 A 4312. This car was parked in such a manner as to hide it from view of anyone passing in the Street.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DENVER DIVISION OFFICE: Will conduct proper investigation to ascertain the whereabouts of George A. Hurtienne with a view that he will possibly contact his sister, Clara Feldman.

THE SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION OFFICE: At Sacramento, California will contact the Automobile Registration Department and ascertain the owner of 1931 Ford Sedan, license #7 A 4312.

THE PORTLAND DIVISION OFFICE: Will continue investigation with a view of locating Clara Feldman.

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September 11, 1934

Agent in Charge,
City, Missouri.

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Dear Sir:

With further reference to your letter dated August 8, 1934 in connection with certain statements made by Edward Doll to the effect that he would furnish information which would convict Frank Hayes of knowingly receiving a portion of the Urschel ransom money, under certain conditions, you were advised on September 4, 1934, that the order for the transfer of Edward Doll from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas to Alcatraz Island was countermanded.

Information has now been received from the Chicago office to the effect that the State authorities have never been advised of Doll's statements in connection with the Melvarten case, and there is no indication that Harry Doll will be prosecuted in the State Court in this connection.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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