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**SUBJECT: GEORGE BARNES
(AKA "MACHINE GUN KELLY")**

FILE: 7-115

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

FILE NO. **7-8**

REPORT MADE AT: Kansas City, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-19-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9-17-34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, ET AL CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS of FACTS:

Edward Doll, prisoner, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, advises Frank Hayes, Chicago, received \$640.00 of Urschel ransom money from Albert Bates by registered mail from Denver shortly before Bates was arrested. Claims Hayes knew money received was Urschel ransom money.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from Kansas City Office to Division dated August 8, 1934, in case entitled "EDWARD DOLL, with aliases - NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT".

DETAILS:

Edward Doll, alias LaRue, alias Foley, register number 44730, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, was interviewed by the writer on September 17, 1934. He stated that sometime prior to the Urschel kidnaping Albert Bates turned over to Frank Hayes, at Chicago, a number of "hot" Liberty Bonds for disposal, receiving a fraction of their face value. It appears that Frank Hayes had some difficulty in disposing of the bonds in question, and as a result thereof suffered a loss of \$640.00. Hayes later called this to Bates' attention and the latter agreed to make good the loss.

DETAILS:

Doll stated that for a period of time after the Urschel ransom money was paid he was in Chicago and in daily contact with Frank Hayes. While there on one occasion before Bates was arrested in Denver Hayes received a telegram from Bates signed "Thompson", sent, he believes, over the Western Union Telegraph Company from Denver, Colorado. The wire made reference to a Special Delivery registered letter which Bates was sending to Hayes. Although Doll read the telegram he did not remember the contents. A day or two later, according to Doll, a registered letter was received by Hayes in his presence at the Hayes Hotel, 745 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois. This letter

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was from Bates and contained \$640.00 in twenty dollar bills. Bates wrote that he had been in on the "biggest touch" in his career, and indicated to Hayes that the \$640.00 was Urschel ransom money. Hayes endeavored to enlist the services of Doll in disposing of the money but Doll declined in view of the small amount involved and the risk he would run in disposing of it. Hayes then had, according to Doll, some hangers-on at the Hayes Hotel change the twenty dollar bills for "clean money".

Doll has expressed his willingness to testify against Hayes should he be prosecuted for receiving the ransom money but was unable to furnish any corroboration other than that indicated above.

No leads are being set out for the Chicago or Denver offices, it being left to the discretion of the office of origin as to whether this angle of the case should be further developed.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

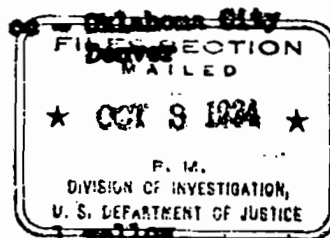
Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to the report of
Special Agent [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri,
dated September 19, 1934, in which it is related that
Frank Hayes received \$640 of the Urschel ransom money
from Albert Bates by registered mail from Denver,
Colorado shortly before the latter was arrested.

It is desired that efforts be made to verify
the above information, which was furnished by Edward Doll,
a prisoner in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth,
Kansas.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**FILE NO. **7-8**

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-18-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9-12-34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: 6 Kidnaping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] interviewed at Springer, Okla. states that he has no knowledge of the passing of the Urschel ransom money by one **[REDACTED]** of Elk City, Oklahoma.

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REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agents **[REDACTED]** Oklahoma City, Okla., 8-17-34 and **[REDACTED]** Dallas, Texas, 7-30-34.

DETAILS:

Through Postmaster **[REDACTED]** Springer, Oklahoma, it was learned that **[REDACTED]** had been seen recently in that vicinity and that he had been staying at the home of **[REDACTED]**, brother-in-law, living in Springer. **[REDACTED]** advised Agent that **[REDACTED]** would likely be found at the home of **[REDACTED]** on the Woodford Road west of Springer, sister of **[REDACTED]**.

[REDACTED] was located at the home of his sister and questioned by Agent concerning his connections with **[REDACTED]** at Elk City, Oklahoma and any knowledge he might have relative to the passing of the Urschel ransom money by **[REDACTED]**.

[REDACTED] stated that he has known **[REDACTED]** for about six years and that he has completed numerous liquor transactions with him, most of which occurred prior to the time **[REDACTED]** was convicted on a liquor charge in Texas in 1930. He stated that he had not had many dealings with **[REDACTED]** since before 1930. He corroborated the statement of **[REDACTED]** set out in the report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** Dallas, Texas, July 30, 1934, in which **[REDACTED]** indicated that he and **[REDACTED]**

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Dwight Brumby
SPECIAL AGENT
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had made a trip from Paducah, Texas to [redacted] place at Elk City, Oklahoma for a load of liquor early in 1934. He denied having any knowledge of the Urschel ransom money mentioned in the statement of [redacted] however; and stated that to his knowledge [redacted] had no money other than the change in his pockets. [redacted] stated that his trip to [redacted] place was made in about April of 1934; that he and [redacted] left Paducah early in the morning and returned on the same day and that they were not at [redacted] place very long. He advised that the [redacted] mentioned by [redacted] as one of the fellows working at [redacted] place is his brother-in-law and that he is now at Childress, Texas. [redacted] stated that he does not know of the [redacted] mentioned by [redacted] 101212

[redacted] stated that he had been in Arkansas for several months and that he had returned to the vicinity of Ardmore and Springer, Oklahoma only a few days prior to the time he was interviewed by Agent. He indicated that he did not intend to have further dealings with [redacted] and that he proposes to stay in the vicinity of Springer with his sister for several weeks. He stated that should he pass through Elk City to see [redacted] when he goes to Paducah in October, 1934, that he would attempt to verify the statement that [redacted] is passing some of the Urschel ransom money and that he will notify the Oklahoma City office as to the results of his inquiry, whether they be positive or negative. He indicated that he had known [redacted] quite well when he was dealing with him regularly and that he had remained at [redacted] place for some thirty days at one time. He stated that he had seen [redacted] only twice since he had completed his sentence on the liquor charge in Texas during the latter part of 1931, one of which was during April of 1934 when he went there from Paducah with [redacted] and the other being in December of 1932.

Inasmuch as [redacted] stated that he would have no permanent address and did not know where he would be located in the future, no undeveloped lead is being set out to contact [redacted] and reliance will be placed upon his word to notify this office as to the results of his inquiry at [redacted] place in Elk City.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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S.A. FILE NO. 7-115-1352

REPORT MADE AT: San Antonio, Tex.	DATE WHEN MADE: Sept. 20 '34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9/12/34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al CHARLES F. URSCHAL, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

H. W. Steinman, 827 South 7th Street, Waco, interviewed and from statements made it is quite evident Mr. Steinman, who is 73 years of age, is in his dotage and could give no concrete information. R.U.C.

Reference: Letters from Oklahoma City office dated July 27, 1934, and August 24, 1934.


DETAILS:

At Waco, Texas, Agent accompanied by Captain of Detectives [REDACTED] called at 827 South 7th Street, where H. W. Steinman was interviewed.

Mr. Steinman stated that he knew that Mr. Urschel would send someone to Waco to talk with him; however, that he had rather talk to Mr. Urschel personally as he was positive that there was a great oil field around Waco and he desired to locate the money that had been hidden by the kidnapers and request Mr. Urschel to spend this money in developing the oil field around Waco. Mr. Steinman stated that he was a geologist; that he is 73 years of age; that he desired to locate some young man and educate him along the lines that he had been educated and turn this young man over to the Government so that he could be useful to the Government.

Mr. Steinman after swearing both [REDACTED] and this Agent to absolute secrecy led them out into the backyard where there was an old wooden shed, the door of which was locked with a Yale padlock. The door was opened and Mr. Steinman showed Agent and [REDACTED] two wires suspended from the rafters by other wires and several wires running zigzag across the rafters from these two wires. He then opened a long oblong box taking therefrom two long keen sticks with cloth wrapped

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around one end of each. He then raised a blotter on an old table where paper clips held the photographs of Mr. Urschal and his wife while attending the Kelly trial at Oklahoma City. He then stated that he could tell [redacted] and Agent whether Mr. and Mrs. Urschal were at home. After waving one of the keen sticks in a peculiar manner he stated that Mr. Urschal was in the oil fields in Oklahoma and Mrs. Urschal was at home. He then took the other stick and went through the same performance, stating that he would find where the money was buried; that it had been taken to a ranch in Coryell County and buried there by George Kelly. After waving this other stick or small rod for considerable time he stated that there were three chalky hills and that the money was buried between two of these hills somewhere in Coryell County and insisted that he go with Agent and endeavor to locate these hills. He stated further that he could locate the graves where Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker were buried through these rods and apparatus.

Among the photographs seen in the collection of Mr. Steinman were members of the Karpis gang, members of the Dillinger gang, Blackie Thompson and Raymond Hamilton. He proceeded to wave the magic wand after placing his finger on each member of the gang who is now a fugitive and stated that he knew he could locate them if he was accompanied by this Agent and [redacted].

It was quite evident from Mr. Steinman's conversation that he is an old man in his dotage and locating hidden treasures and criminals by his magic method is one of his hobbies. Chief of Police [redacted] at Waco, Texas, stated that just about three weeks ago that he had a mysterious call from Mr. Steinman to call at his home, which he did, and Mr. Steinman went through the same performance with Chief [redacted]. Chief [redacted] stated that he is positive that Mr. Steinman is in his dotage and has no foundations to his beliefs.

Mr. Steinman also stated that through this magic wand and his apparatus he had located George Kelly at a ranch in Coryell County sometime in the months of August or September, 1933, where Kelly had left a horse and saddle. It will be borne in mind that Agent [redacted] after this office was advised by Chief of Detectives [redacted] on October 18, 1933, that he had information that subject Kelly had been in the vicinity of Heff Park, Coryell County and had visited what is known as the Baugh Ranch where some of this money was buried, covered this investigation thoroughly as shown in letter to the Dallas office dated November 3, 1933, which investigation developed that George Kelly was never at this ranch and that the saddle left at this ranch was left by [redacted] of Waco, Texas, and this saddle had been stolen at Waco, Tex.

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September 24, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

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Dear Sir:

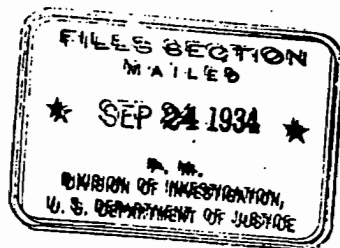
Your attention is invited to Division letter dated August 14, 1934, concerning the allegations made by one [redacted] to the effect that she was in possession of \$72,000 of the ransom money paid in the Charles F. Urschel Kidnaping case.

It is requested that this matter be given early attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

FILE NO. **7-1**

REPORT MADE AT: Nashville, Tenn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-26-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8/27, 28/34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al Charles F. Urschel - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Colt .45 Automatic pistol, U.S. Army model, serial #231-182, recovered from George Kelly Barnes at time of his apprehension, 9-26-33. This gun has been traced through possession by J.C. Tichenor, [REDACTED] to the possession of [REDACTED] who lives in Marshall County, Miss.

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DETAILS: This report is predicated upon Division instructions to trace all guns recovered during the course of an investigation back to the factory.

[REDACTED] Memphis, Tennessee, stated that he had sold J. C. Tichenor a Colt. .45 Army Model pistol that was recovered from Kelly at the time of his arrest the latter part of September, 1933; that he had gotten this gun in an automobile deal from one [REDACTED] colored, who works for the Clearpool Inn, near Oakville, Tennessee, July 29, 1934 in a trade for a Gardner Roadster.

[REDACTED] colored, was interviewed at Clearpool Inn, located about two miles south of Oakville, Tennessee, and stated that he had bought the gun from [REDACTED] address unknown, who had stolen the gun from [REDACTED] sometime during February, 1933; that he did not know the gun was stolen when he bought it; that he had traded it to [REDACTED] on a car.

[REDACTED] Germantown, Tennessee, Route #1, at Bankhead Tourist Camp, stated that he had borrowed the Colt Automatic in question from [REDACTED] and had lost it one night at a colored dance, or that it had been stolen from him. [REDACTED] did not know where [REDACTED] could be located, but referred agent to Hickory Hill, Tennessee, to inquire for the location of [REDACTED] since he had lived in that

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neighborhood, and local inquiry established that [REDACTED] was living at [REDACTED] Memphis, Tennessee.

At [REDACTED] Memphis, Tennessee, it was ascertained that [REDACTED] worked for the Chicksaw Heading Company, about two blocks from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he had bought the gun from [REDACTED] who had since moved to Cooperville, Tennessee; that he had purchased this gun in the fall of 1930, had kept the gun about two years when he had loaned it to [REDACTED] who had lost it during the winter of 1932-33.

[REDACTED] Cooperville, Tennessee, Route #2, stated that he had the gun, a .45 Colt Army Model Automatic, but did not know the number of the gun, about four months and had sold it to [REDACTED]. That he had loaned a negro by the name of [REDACTED] \$10.00, when this negro came by in a car out of gas and no money; that the negro never came back for the gun so he had sold it, as stated above; that this was the last of June or the first part of July, 1930. [REDACTED] stated that this negro lived in Marshall County, Mississippi, exact place unknown, but that inquiry at Cayce, Mississippi, or Barton, Mississippi, would locate this negro. [REDACTED] that he was a bright yellow negro, about 35 or 40 years old; that he did not remember any other descriptive details of the man.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The BIRMINGHAM OFFICE, at MARSHALL COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, at Cayce, or Barton, will ascertain the location of [REDACTED] negro, and question him regarding his possession of a .45 Colt Automatic pistol, U. S. Army Model, serial #231182, determining where he got it, tracing ownership of same and, if the gun is traced out of that district, will set out appropriate leads. [REDACTED] borrowed \$10.00 on this gun the latter part of June, 1930, from Houston Beloit, near Hickory Hill, Tenn.

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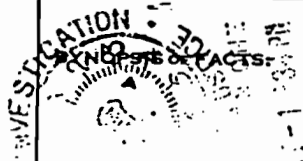
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City**

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

REPORT MADE AT: Los Angeles	DATE WHEN MADE: 9-27-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9/14 & 24/34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING



[REDACTED] states that she is only slightly acquainted with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and does not know CLARA FELDMAN.

R. U. C.

REFERENCE: Letter from the Portland Division Office dated August 27, 1934.

DETAILS:

Agent contacted [REDACTED] Los Angeles, Calif. She stated that she does not know CLARA FELDMAN and never heard the name before in her life.

She stated that she is fairly well acquainted with [REDACTED] Ventura, Calif., who is a [REDACTED] of Clara Feldman. She stated that she has met [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] in Ventura; that during the past summer she was on a vacation trip through the North, and having met [REDACTED] she stopped in Medford, Oregon, to call on [REDACTED] and that she was there only a short time during one day; that when she returned home she wrote [REDACTED] and that aside from this she knows nothing about these people and has no knowledge of the whereabouts of CLARA FELDMAN.

DETAILS:

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

September 39, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

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

Dear Sir:-

Referring to Division letter of 8/14/34 relative to [REDACTED] From the information in possession of Special Ranger [REDACTED] this woman has a mania for notoriety, claiming to be associating with big time criminals and thoroughly enjoying such attention she might receive by reason thereof.

Apparently she is the daughter of [REDACTED] is reputed to have at one time been the proprietress of a house of ill fame in El Paso, Texas. It is not known whether [REDACTED] was an inmate of this house, but her morals at this time are loose.

She was at one time the wife of [REDACTED] a Dallas minor bootlegger, but is divorced from him at this time and believed to be the wife of one [REDACTED] - now residing in Oakland, California, where [REDACTED] lived at one time. [REDACTED] has been the subject of investigations by Medical Associations by reason of his desire to practice medicine in the absence of qualifications. [REDACTED] mother lives in Dallas on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] resides with her.

[REDACTED] has been known in Dallas as far back as 1924, when she associated with former Prohibition Agent [REDACTED] and she is known to have recently acted as informant for Prohibition and Narcotic agents. She is said also to frequent the offices of an attorney [REDACTED] of Dallas and has said she receives money from him.

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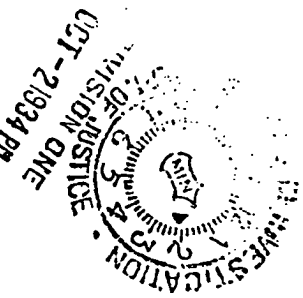
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F. J. Blake,
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 28, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

This will advise that on September 27, 1934
[redacted] advised the writer that [redacted] in
Mr. Keenan's office of the Department, had requested the
Division file pertaining to the Urschel kidnapping case,
inasmuch as he was expecting a visitor from the State
of Minnesota for the purpose of discussing this case.

After conversation with you, [redacted]
was advised that this file was in the Oklahoma City
Office for further study and review.

Respectfully,

W. L. Listerman

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Form No. 1

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

St. Louis

FILE NO. **7-17**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-5-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9-29-34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al. Charles F. Urschel, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Banker, postmaster, Chief of Police and agent of Railway Express Agency, Inc., Highland, Ill., all advise [REDACTED], who for past 5 years has been operating 5¢ to \$1.00 Store, has been driving 1928 Dodge Sedan since arrival at Highland and has been barely existing from proceeds of his business.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, 5-18-34.

DETAILS:

On September 29, 1934 at Highland, Ill. this agent, accompanied by Agent [REDACTED] of the St. Louis office, called on Chief of Police [REDACTED] who advised he has known [REDACTED] for about five years; that since moving from Duquoin, Ill. to Highland, Ill. [REDACTED] has been conducting a 5¢ to \$1.00 Store, but has been doing a very small business and barely making a living. He stated that but a few days ago a representative of some company, he does not remember the name of the company, called on him relative to [REDACTED] indebtedness to his company; that he advised that person that [REDACTED] has been in poor financial straits for some time past. He stated that since [REDACTED] arrived at Duquoin, Ill. he has been driving a 1928 Dodge Sedan and on numerous occasions he remarked to him that he would like to make enough money to purchase a new car but his financial condition would not warrant it.

Chief [REDACTED] further stated that [REDACTED] is a married man, has a wife and one child, and he never at any time has known him to spend money to excess.

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[REDACTED] in charge of the Railway Express Agency, Inc., whose offices are just across the street from [REDACTED] 5¢ to \$1.00 Store, stated he is very well acquainted with [REDACTED]; that [REDACTED] has been continuously complaining about poor business and advised him on numerous recent occasions that he does not know what he will do if business does not pick up. He stated that [REDACTED] bears an excellent reputation in Highland and that he at no time spent any money other than his financial circumstances would permit.

[REDACTED] Farmers & Merchants Bank, Highland, Ill., stated he has known [REDACTED] for the past five years or since [REDACTED] came to Highland; that [REDACTED] has been doing business with his bank and has been carrying a balance of but from \$20.00 to \$25.00 daily. On recent occasions [REDACTED] has overdrawn his account and he was compelled to call his attention to same. He stated from his observation [REDACTED] is doing but a limited business and is undoubtedly in poor financial circumstances at the present time.

[REDACTED] Postmaster, upon interview stated that since [REDACTED] came to Highland some four or five years ago he has been operating a 5¢ to \$1.00 store; that [REDACTED] business has not been any too good and that he is having "tough sledding". He stated on several occasions during the past year or two, when collections would be taken up from merchants in Highland for different enterprises that [REDACTED] invariably would be unable to donate over \$1.00 whereas other merchants would donate many times that amount. He further stated that [REDACTED] bears an excellent reputation in Highland and it is his opinion [REDACTED] at no time has spent any money excessively.

As all leads have been exhausted in the St. Louis district in the instant case, same is being

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

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REPORT MADE AT: DALLAS, TEXAS.	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-5-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-5-34	REPORT MADE BY: D.L. McCORMACK.
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; et al. Charles F. Urschel (Victim)			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

██████████ states ██████████ an acquaintance in Oklahoma City, told him approximately where part of ransom money buried. Information not at all convincing.

R.J.C.

REFERENCE:

Report Special Agent ██████████ Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 9-11-34.

DETAILS:

AT CANTON, TEXAS, ██████████, who states his real name is ██████████ now incarcerated in the County Jail at Canton, stated he met ██████████ in Oklahoma City some time in 1929; that he saw her off and on in different towns for the next few years and that about the 1st of April, 1934, she asked him if he would be interested in changing a quantity of money for her which she advised was part of the Urschel Ransom Money. They took a drive out of Oklahoma City, south, to the fair grounds there, turned right on what he believes to be Robinson Street, drove down this street to about a quarter of a mile and turned left on a graded, dirt road. They traveled on this road for approximately one mile until they approached an old dairy on the left. There they turned off and she indicated to him approximately the position down below the dairy farm where the money was buried. According to ██████████ description, a sketch was drawn of the premises and is transmitted herewith to the Oklahoma City Division Office.

DETAILS:

██████████ states that ██████████ had with her \$4,500.00 at the time, and informed him she was being watched so closely she was unable to pass the money which had been hidden and wanted him to secure this money, pass it, and he would get a substantial share. He describes ██████████ as being about 27 to 30 years old, blonde hair, color of eyes unknown, about 5' 1" to 5' 4" in height, weighs about 115 pounds, very pretty, and well built. He met ██████████ on a party and knows no one who could connect with her. He stated she runs

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around the country quite a bit - Kansas City, Oklahoma City, New Orleans and Des Moines, Iowa, and stays in hotels. He does not know her occupation or whether she ever lives with a man, but does know that she often stays with the sister of [REDACTED], a fairly well-known gangster, the sister living in Oklahoma City. He does not know her name.

[REDACTED] states he believes he could locate [REDACTED] in a very short while if he were out of jail.

This man's story is entirely unconvincing; it is not believed that any credence can be placed in the story, and he is certainly not the type that anyone knowing the whereabouts of the Urschel Ransom Money, would be dealing with.

On the day Agent talked with him at Canton, Texas, [REDACTED] was sentenced in the State Court there to serve two years in the State Penitentiary for forgery. He advised Agent now that sentence was passed upon him he was not much interested in assisting in the recovery of the ransom. It seems fairly obvious that [REDACTED] believed the Government would be able to have him released on the state charges, and for that reason gave out the information relative to the ransom money.

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

Denver, Colorado,
October 8, 1934 7:20PM JCH:FR

M. H. Purvis,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with
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CHARLES F. URSHEL - Victim
KIDNAPING

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Dallas, Tex
Oct-3rd.

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

Dear Sir:

Following my letter of Aug 27.
Will you please be so kind as to fur-
-ish me with a typewritten copy
the page from my letter of April 1st
from which you quoted in part in
your letter of Aug-23-1934?

I have reference to the second para-
-graph of your letter of Aug. 23rd. 34.
will more than thank you if you
furnish me with a copy of the
page of my letter from which I
quote.

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Yours truly,

[Redacted signature block]

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1934.

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Mr. Edwards
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October 18, 1934.

[REDACTED]
Dallas, Texas.

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Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter dated October 3, 1934, in which you request a copy of one page of your letter dated April 1, 1934, addressed to this Division, there is transmitted herewith a copy of your entire letter of April 1st.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. 7-10 T.

REPORT MADE AT: Birmingham, Ala.	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-9-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-1-34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al; CHARLES F. URSCHER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

b7c [REDACTED] (colored) R.F.D. Byhalia, Miss., advised he purchased Colt .45 automatic pistol, U. S. Army model, from [REDACTED] (colored), Byhalia, Miss. [REDACTED] escaped County Chain Gang, DeSoto County, Hernando, Miss. 9-23-34; whereabouts unknown.

R.U.C.

REFERENCE:

Report of Sp. Agt. [REDACTED] Nashville, Tenn. 9-26-34.

DETAILS:

AT BYHALIA, MISS.

b7c [REDACTED] (colored), who resides $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles northeast of Byhalia, Miss., advised that he had the gun, a .45 Colt Army model automatic, about one month prior to the time he borrowed \$10.00 on same from [REDACTED] Collierville, Tenn., Route 2, and that he purchased same for the sum of \$5.00. from [REDACTED] (colored), who came to his place with the pistol; that [REDACTED] advised him that he stole this pistol from a man who was drunk, but did not say whether he was a white or colored man. He further advised that he understood that [REDACTED] was at that time on the County Chain Gang of DeSoto County, Miss.

DETAILS:

b7c Agent telephoned from Byhalia, Miss. to Sheriff [REDACTED] Hernando, Miss., and was advised by [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] escaped on September 23, 1934 from the chain gang and that efforts to locate [REDACTED] by his deputies had been unsuccessful.

AT HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS.

b7c [REDACTED] Sheriff, advised that he knew [REDACTED] that he was born and reared near Byhalia, Miss., and that he was a worthless

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negro who was always in some kind of trouble, and that he and his deputies had endeavored on numerous occasions to locate [REDACTED] at the home of his sister, the wife of [REDACTED] who lives on [REDACTED] place near Byhalia, Miss., and at the home of another sister, the widow of [REDACTED] who resides on the [REDACTED] place, but had been unable to locate him. [REDACTED] further advised that if his office is successful in locating and causing the apprehension of [REDACTED] for Sheriff [REDACTED] of Hernando, Miss., that he would notify the Birmingham office, in order that [REDACTED] could be interviewed.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 10/11/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10/3/34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: 6 GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, ET AL CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping

BASIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] Sayre, Okla. states that his informant will contact [REDACTED] for the purpose of negotiating with [REDACTED] for the sale of the Urschel ransom money if [REDACTED] has any of this money for sale.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, 8/17/34.

DETAILS:

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[REDACTED] Sayre, Oklahoma, was interviewed in the presence of Undersheriff [REDACTED] and stated that he had contacted his informant and for the purpose of learning if [REDACTED] had any of the Urschel ransom money, instructed his informant to contact [REDACTED] and negotiate with him for the sale of said money if [REDACTED] had any of it for sale. He stated that his informant does business with [REDACTED] regularly and is in a position to get the desired information as [REDACTED] has the utmost confidence in him. He stated that he did not know when his informant would be able to contact [REDACTED] as he deals in liquor and is in and out of Roger Mills County, Oklahoma, that his informant is not aware that he is assisting the Government in the locating of said money and believes that he is trying to effect a legitimate purchase of the money. He stated that upon the receipt of any information of interest he would immediately get in touch with Undersheriff [REDACTED] who will in turn contact the Oklahoma City Office.

For the purpose of keeping alive the interest in this connection, a lead is being set out to contact [REDACTED] at a later date.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Sayre, Oklahoma will contact Undersheriff [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for the purpose of learning if [REDACTED] has any of the Urschel ransom money.

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Post Office Box #419,
Nashville, Tennessee,
October 13, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box #314,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 20, 1934, requesting a photograph and complete description of the Rea Johnson, a former inmate of the Tennessee State Penitentiary, Nashville, for the assistance of [REDACTED] Sergeant of Police, Frisco Railroad Company, Birmingham, Alabama, in locating Johnson. b7C

There is transmitted herewith one photograph of E. R. Johnsey alias Rea Johnson, Tennessee State Penitentiary # 1567, who was received at that institution on September 17, 1931, under sentence of three years after conviction on a charge of house-breaking and larceny. He was released on September 17, 1933, and his present whereabouts is unknown.

J. R. Johnsey is described as follows:

Name: J. R. Johnsey
Age: 36
Height: 5' 7"
Weight: 120
Build: Slender

Color of hair: Sandy
Color of eyes: Blue
Complexion: Fair
Occupation: Clerk

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Very truly yours,

E. A. Rorer,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

FILE NO. **7-26**

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 10/16/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10/9/34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, ET AL CHARLES F. URSCHER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Frank Hayes, Chicago, Illinois, admits receiving registered letter from individual by the name of [REDACTED] from Denver, Colorado, containing an enclosed letter for delivery to Ed Bentz. Denies knowledge of the contents of letter delivered to Bentz.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]
Kansas City, Missouri, dated 9/19/34.


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Telegram from Denver Office dated 10/8/34.

DETAILS:

It will be noted in the reference report of Special Agent [REDACTED] that Edward Doll alias LaRue, alias Foley, register number 44730, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, advised that sometime prior to the Urschel kidnaping Albert Bates turned over to Frank Hayes at Chicago, Illinois, a number of "hot" Liberty Bonds for disposal, receiving a fraction of their face value, and as a result of this transaction, Frank Hayes suffered a loss of \$640.00; that subsequent to the payment of the Urschel ransom, and before Bates was arrested in Denver, Colorado, Bates forwarded a telegram to Frank Hayes signed [REDACTED] making reference to a registered letter which Bates was sending to Hayes, and which letter

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contained \$640.00 of the Urschel ransom money.

Hayes has previously been questioned by the Chicago Division Office concerning his knowledge of the Urschel ransom money and he has steadfastly denied that he received any part of it. He has denied knowing Kathryn or George Kelly but has admitted being well acquainted with Albert Bates. He stated that Albert Bates frequented his hotel at 745 South State Street, Chicago, in company with Ed Bentz and it was through Ed Bentz that he met Bates. He has emphatically denied that he has at any time handled any stolen property of any nature for Bates. He did admit, however, that he did receive a telegram from Denver, Colorado, signed by an individual by the name of [REDACTED] advising that a registered letter would be forwarded to him from Denver. He stated that he did not know the identity of the individual known as [REDACTED] and did not know that [REDACTED] and Bates were identical until he was interviewed by this Agent. He stated that shortly after the receipt of the telegram he received a registered letter from the individual known as [REDACTED] but that he did not recall the initials used. He stated that he signed for the letter and upon opening it found an enclosure addressed to Ed Bentz. He stated that he had this enclosure in his possession for two or three days until Bentz appeared and claimed it; that Bentz immediately put the same in his pocket and did not open it in his presence and he has no idea as to what the contents of the enclosure might have been.

Prior to interviewing Hayes, Special Agent [REDACTED] conducted an investigation at the Registered Division of the Chicago Post Office and found that Frank Hayes signed for registered letter #76920 on August 4, 1933. A tracing was made of Frank Hayes' signature, which is being retained in the Chicago Division Office.

Frank Hayes has stated that he will cooperate with the Division in the apprehension of Ed Bentz as well as an individual known as [REDACTED] and it is believed desirable to postpone any further action in connection with Urschel ransom money until it is determined if Hayes will in fact cooperate in the location of various individuals whose apprehension is desired by the Division.

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

FILE NO. **7-7**

REPORT MADE AT: Denver, Colo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 10-15-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-8-34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al CHARLES F. URSON - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Airmail registered letter, bearing registry #76920 mailed at Denver by [REDACTED] on August 4, 1933, was addressed to Frank Hayes, 745 South State Street, Chicago. A

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Kansas City, 9-19-34 and Division letter dated 10-3-34.

DETAILS:

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AT DENVER, COLO.

Through the courtesy of [REDACTED] in charge of the registry section of the Denver Post Office, the registry records were searched for a letter addressed to Frank Hayes at Chicago prior to August 12, 1933, the date when Albert Bates was arrested at Denver, Colorado.

DETAILS:

[REDACTED] located a record of a registered airmail letter bearing registry #76920, having been mailed on August 4, 1933 to Frank Hayes, 745 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Johnson advised that this letter was sent by [REDACTED] at Denver.

This letter is evidently the letter mentioned by Edward Doll in his interview with Special Agent [REDACTED] at U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

On October 8, 1934, the Chicago Division Office was notified by wire regarding this letter.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay C. Newman</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-134	RECORDED AND INDEXED: OCT 18 1934
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Agent interviewed [REDACTED] of the Western Union Telegraph Company, who advised that Western Union keeps copies of telegrams sent for only one year and advised that all copies of telegrams for August and September, 1933 had already been destroyed, therefore, Agent was unable to verify the fact that Bates, using the name of [REDACTED] sent a wire to Frank Hayes at Chicago prior to his sending the registered letter referred to above.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE CHICAGO OFFICE: At Chicago, Illinois, will make investigation at the post office relative to airmail letter addressed to Frank Hayes, 745 South State Street, which letter bore registry #76920.

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Post Office Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama,
October 17, 1934.

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

Re: J. R. JOHNSEY, w.a.
Miscellaneous.

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate Date Fingerprints for- warded Bureau of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classifica- tion.
J. R. JOHNSEY, alias Rex Johnson	Tennessee State Pen'y., Nashville, Tenn. #21067		27 MI 14 UO 11

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IDENT: ONE M.P.E.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON

J. H. HANSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 25, 1934.

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Division of Investigation concerning our number 9193.

J. E. HOOVER, Director.

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
FD, Oklahoma City, Okla.	J. R. Johnsey, #770,	3-30-17	burglary	pending in the County.
SP, McAlester, Okla.	John R. Johnsey, aliases, J. R. Johnsey, John L. Johnsey, #7713,	4-13-17	robbery	2 years.
FD, Joplin, Mo.	John L. Johnsey, alias J. R. Johnsey, #1600,	7-29-19	investigation	
SF, McAlester, Okla.	Joseph Riss Johnsey, alias J. R. Johnsey, #13206,	5-23-23	burglary	5 years; escaped 6-9-24; returned 11-15-24.
FD, Denver, Colo.	Elmo Riss Caswell, alias J. R. Johnsey, #9620,	10-11-24	fraudulent check (fict) - fugitive	
FD, Kansas City, Mo.	Joseph H. Johnson, aliases, Rex Johnson, J. R. Johnson, #13197,	10-18-24	state warrant	
SP, McAlester, Okla.	J. R. Johnsey, #18447,	1-9-28	forgery	1 year.
SF, McAlester, Okla.	R. A. Clary, #19399,	9-12-28	forgery	1 year.
SP, McAlester, Okla.	J. R. Johnsey, alias R. A. Clary, #18447,	5-25-29 returned	escape	1 year.
FD, Savannah, Ga.	Don E. Hargoe, alias Don E. Hargrode, #282,	6-21-30	not given	11-6-30, dismissed.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Knoxville, Tenn.	John Rexford Johnsey, #8292,	8-18-31	housebreaking (safe cracker)	3 yrs. State Pen.
SP, Nashville, Tenn., #21067,	J. R. Johnsey, #---, Brushy Mountain Prison, Petros, Tenn.	9-21-31	housebreaking	3 yrs.
PD, Spartanburg, S. C.	James L. Dickson, #1284,	10-5-33	safe cracking - hold	
*	1914, arrested at Sulphur, Okla., for forgery; case dismissed by payin off all checks.			
*	1915, convicted, served 1 year in Jail for forgery at Santa Fe, New Mexico.			
*	1917, arrested and convicted at Tulsa, Okla., for drunkenness.			

* Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints.
For completion of our record, please supply dispositions to this Division
in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear.

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October 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Re: J. R. JOHNSEY, w. a.;
Miscellaneous.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated October 17, 1934,
I am attaching the record revealed through a search of the
identification files of this Division in the case of the
following:

J. R. JOHNSEY, State Penitentiary, Nashville,
Tennessee, #21067.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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Date October 23, 1933

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
Okla. City P.D. #3113	Kathryn Kelly Barnes alias Kathryn Thorne Kelly, alias Cleo May Brewer	Sentenced in U.S. Dist. Court, Okla. City, Okla., Oct. 12, 1933 to life imprisonment in U.S. Penitentiary - Kidnaping.
St. Paul P.D. #24190	Isadore Blumenfeld	Acquitted by Jury in U.S. Dist. Court, Oklahoma City, 9-30-33 - Kidnaping.
St. Paul P.D. # unknown	Sam Kozberg	Acquitted by Jury in U.S. Dist. Court, Oklahoma City, 9-30-33 - Kidnaping.

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,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.
(Official Title)

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 23, 1934

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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

I am transmitting herewith an article appearing
in the Tulsa World on October 21, 1934 which it occurred
to me might be of interest to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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TULSA WORLD

OCTOBER 21, 1934

Katherine Kelley's Watch Inspires Tonkawa Woman

Note: The following article written by Mrs. Susan R. Fordyce, 208 North Sixth street, Tonkawa, was inspired by the morbidly extensive reply to an advertisement offering for sale a diamond-studded watch owned by Katherine Kelley, wife of the convicted kidnaper, George (Machine Gun) Kelley.

By SUSAN R. FORDYCE

Katherine Kelley's diamond-studded watch speaking

This is what it seems to say to me: "I was created a thing of sparkling beauty—pronounced a gem fit to grace the wrist of a princess. Fondly I dreamed of being selected to encircle the arm of some radiant maiden soon to become a bride, or, perchance, be given to some faithful, godly woman on an anniversary which speaks of years of loving watchfulness over a devoted husband and children. But lo! what a hopeless dream for me. She came—not with the benediction of God upon her, not the woman of my dreams reflecting an image of heaven—but one that liveth in pleasure and is dead while she liveth."

"It was for the love of me and my glittering companions that she dishonored her sex. How she paraded my dash and sparkle as she rode about in her palatial car. I have clasped her grateful wrist as she lay in drunken stupor. I have held my hands to my face in shame at the coarse familiarities she has received from libertines, thugs and drunken companions. I have gone with her into the lowest dives—have listened to her cold-blooded plans to filch respectable citizens—to kidnap—yes, to murder for money to buy more glitter."

"She had a lovely jewel—God's richest gift to woman—a sweet daughter just budding into woman-

hood. A creature as pure as a dewdrop reflecting the gentle morning sunray. But she loved the glitter and sparkle of my cold stones more. So for me and my kind she stooped to the lowest depths. For us she shamed womanhood and dishonored motherhood. All was lost will-o-the-wisp twinkles that led her—a hunted creature—from one hiding place to another. For lifeless splendor like mine she became a nomad. For it she betrayed and seduced every friend. It was its beckoning that led her to drag her sweet daughter before the cold, pitiless public. It was for this empty lure she placed her own mother behind prison bars."

"Throughout it all I vainly would have held her back for I longed to adorn the arm of a true woman. But to her tone dulled ear my ticking seemed to say: 'Get more, get more.' I ticked off the time for her diabolic rendezvous with thugs. I marked the hour when her sins found her out. I listened to her curses of disappointment and like Poe's raven my bellows voice seemed to say: 'Nevermore! Nevermore!'"

"Here is a hard lesson for you. Her opportunity to shine in the place where the market is for the least stones. Once she had had her nation comes the moment of decision in the strife of truth and falsehood for the good for evil. She must and hide was for no man. I must tick on on. I shall continue to sparkle and about the bars. Some day when she has paid the price in full when her troubled soul has taken rest from behind cold stone walls be mercifully. He who giveth, Father forgive her."

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-9**

REPORT MADE AT: San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE: 10/22/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9/18/34 9/21/34	REPORT MADE BY: <div style="background-color: black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; ET AL CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: The owner of 1930 Ford Sedan, Motor No. A-3607805, California 1934 license No. 7 A 4312 is Charles E. Ristig, 1132 Pati Street, Ventura, California. Operator's license No. C-662803 issued to Charles Edward Ristig, 1132 Poli Street, Ventura, California.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Portland, Oregon, 9/10/34.

DETAILS: In answer to a letter from this office, dated September 18th, 1934, Sacramento representative of the National Automobile Theft Bureau, conveyed the following information in a letter dated September 21st, 1934, California 1934 license No. 7 A 4312 was issued on February 2nd, 1934, to Charles E. Ristig, of 1132 Pati Street, Ventura, California, as sole owner of a 1930 Ford Sedan, Motor No. A-3607805. Operator's license No. C-662803 was issued January 31st, 1934 to Charles Edward Ristig, 1132 Poli Street, Ventura, California, described as 49 years of age, 5'9" tall, 165 pounds, eyes blue, hair gray, married, date of birth June 18th, 1884.

called attention to the fact that the California Division of Registration took the address covering the Ford car in question as Pati Street, but that the Operator's license gives the address as Poli Street.

DETAILS: REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 - Division 2 - Oklahoma City 2 - Portland 2 - San Francisco 	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">7-115-136</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UNITED STATES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p> <p>ROUTED TO: <i>[initials]</i> FILE</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>RECORDED AND INDEXED: OCT 27 1934</p> <p>CHECKED OFF:</p> <p>JACKETED:</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">7-115-136</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UNITED STATES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p> <p>ROUTED TO: <i>[initials]</i> FILE</p>	<p>RECORDED AND INDEXED: OCT 27 1934</p> <p>CHECKED OFF:</p> <p>JACKETED:</p>
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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 16, 1934

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--Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

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

Today United States Marshal [REDACTED] of Oklahoma City appeared at this office and gave me a letter written by Kathryn Kelly to her husband, George Kelly, last fall after the completion of the trial in this case and at about the time preparations were being made to move these two subjects to prison. [REDACTED] stated that he did not give the letter to Subject Kelly because he had forgotten it and that he put it away and recently came across it in some of his papers.

The letter is as follows:

"Sat. Morn.

"My Dear Husband:

"No doubt you are back at Leavenworth by now. I really had my misgivings yesterday tho' it being fri. the 13th. I was sure the train would wreck, or you'd get hurt. You know my superstitious nature. I have a much worse cold today. Have just sent after some Vicks Vapor rub and I really feel sick, but will be all right soon I hope. I will be awfully glad when I leave here. Anything for a change however, two of the jailers here have been awfully kind and nice to me, the others, hate me, I suppose.

"It is much more lonely, for me Dear, Since you left. Just the thought, of you here in the building was worth a lot. I do hope, I can be with mother, to cheer her up. I am going to try my best to be a model prisoner if with her, and perhaps she can make parole, if I can't later, as for me personally, I'd just as soon,



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be inside as out, without you, and you know that, so don't worry about me Honey. My life is so wrapped up with you I wouldn't enjoy my pleasures outside without you anyway Dear.

"I do hope you will try to be a good prisoner sweetheart. The cards are stacked against you, so be man enough to realize it and don't give them a chance to murder you, thats what they want. I know how good, and sweet you are Dear, and I will always adore you, and that's all that really matters. You have been and will always be, the one great love, of my life, and if it is Gods will to separate us forever, that cannot destroy our love, and I don't beleive that is his will, for he alone realizes, that you and I never harmed anyone, and that we've helped hundreds, of the needy, and I think we will again be together in the future. None of the accused have been given Justice here. You know, and a very bad picture has been painted of us, and poor old sweet mother but honey, the public doesn't know, so don't feel hard, about it. I am glad, you were man enough to keep the other two fellows out of it. No body likes a squealer, and altho' they deserved it, Let the smart guys figure it out, if they can. They could have cleared me, but rather than talk, I'd rather be here. Think of me Sweetheart, and I shall be thinking of you, constantly. Try to be satisfied and don't worry. Just remember the happy hours we've enjoyed together, nobody can take those away, and we have been happier in the past three years, than most people have thro' a life time Darling.

"With a heart full of love, and a big Kiss, until death us do part,
your very own,

Kathryn."

The original of this letter is in possession of the Oklahoma City office.

I realize that this woman has been interviewed times without number in connection with this case and that very little information of any value has been obtained from her. It should be noted, however, that this woman in her own handwriting states: "I am glad you were man enough to keep the other two fellows out of it." There now exists and has existed the bolief upon the part of practically all persons having any connection with this case that there was a "finger man" in it, but his identity has never been ascertained. [REDACTED] informed me that at the time he moved Kathryn Kelly from Oklahoma City to prison that she

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impressed him as being willing to do almost anything in the world to get her mother out of prison; that he believed then and believes now that possibly, if properly approached, she might be induced to give information that would lead to the identity of the "finger man." I realize that this Division is not in a position to offer her any inducement but it has occurred to me that it would be appropriate to again interview her and mention the information that we now have and possibly her attitude could be ascertained.

It is therefore requested that Kathryn Kelly again be interviewed and it be ascertained how she feels with respect to furnishing information, if she has any, in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
(Name and address of Contributor)

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Date October 23, 1933

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

Dear Sir:-

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
OCT 26 1933
R.H. Colvin
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Following are the dispositions of cases on which
fingerprints have been mailed to the Bureau of Investiga-
tion:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
St. Paul P.D. #24188	C.O. 701031 Sam Kronick	Acquitted by Jury in U.S. Dist. Court, Okla. City, Sept. 30, 1933 - Kidnaping.
St. Paul P.D. #24192	Clifford Skelly	Sentenced in U.S. Dist. Court, Oklahoma City, Oct. 7, 1933, 5 years in U. S. Penitentiary - Kidnaping - Freed on appeal bond.

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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,

R.H. Colvin
R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.
(Official Title)

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420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

October 29, 1934.

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Postmaster,
Paradise, Texas.

Dear Madam:

I am pleased to enclose herewith a list of the serial numbers of the bills paid in the Urschel Ransom. I am unable to give you a list of those not yet accounted for, but it is my impression that all bills previously recovered in this case have been removed from circulation so that should a bill come to your notice with the serial number upon this list, I would be pleased to hear from you.

I am not aware of any reward outstanding for this money, and if you desire further information along this line, you may communicate direct with Mr. Urschel as I am positive the Government has offered no reward.

Very truly yours,

F.J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB [REDACTED]

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ONE Mr. 2

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 30, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

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

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Mr. J. R. Jarrett of Oklahoma City who was with Mr. Urschel the night he was kidnaped, was in the office today and stated that recently he has been doing some oil drilling in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma and while there, interviewed a woman by the name of [REDACTED] who resides on a farm, and that this woman told him she had seen a letter received by Mrs. Coleman, the grandmother of Katherine Kelly, which was from Katherine, requesting that she keep a certain Chevrolet automobile and not to sell it, as she would need it and wanted her to meet her, Katherine, with it at some place to be designated between now and Christmas, which apparently relates to some plan she has in mind to escape.

This information is being furnished you in order that you may apprise the prison officials at Milan, Michigan thereof.

Very truly yours,

DAIGET BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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November 5, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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

In accordance with the memorandum for the Director submitted by Mr. R. Newby on this date, the attached telegram is being directed to Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears, who is located at the Umpqua Hotel, Roseburg, Oregon under the name of H. R. Brown.

Respectfully,

W. L. Listerman
W. L. Listerman.



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224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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COMPLAINT AGAINST SCOTT

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November 5, 1934

TIME: 12:30 p.m.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. C. C. Spears, of the Portland Office, telephoned from Roseburg, Oregon and advised that he is stopping at the Untqua Hotel under the name of H. R. Brown; that in connection with his efforts to locate Clara Feldman, sister to Albert Bates, he had learned that one A. A. Scott, brother-in-law to Clara Feldman was in an automobile accident at Roseburg, Oregon on Saturday, November 3, 1934, and that he had in his possession \$1,360 identified as part of the Urschel ransom money. Mr. Spears stated that he telephoned to the Oklahoma City Office and that the United States Attorney there had authorized the filing of a complaint charging Scott with conspiracy; that there is also located in Roseburg, Oregon, another relative of Clara Feldman, named [REDACTED] who will be held as a material witness in connection with this case.

Mr. Spears requested that a review of the file be made to make certain that the Portland Office has received all reports relative to the whereabouts of Clara Feldman. I consulted with Mr. Listerman, Supervisor of kidnaping cases, who stated that copies of all reports have been furnished the Portland Office, but a recheck of the file will be made and Mr. Spears will be advised accordingly.

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Respectfully,

NOV 8 - 1934

R. E. Newby

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 11-17-83 BY [REDACTED]

See that a memo
goes to A. G. & Stanley
Re this development.
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Stanley J. G. [REDACTED]
11-6-34
W. F. [REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

With further reference to the kidnaping of Mr. Charles F. Urschel, this will advise that on November 3, 1934 at Roseburg, Oregon one Alvin E. Scott was involved in an automobile accident and had in his possession at that time the sum of \$1,560 which has been identified as part of the Urschel ransom money. Scott is the brother-in-law of Clara Feldman, who is the sister of Albert L. Bates, the latter being one of the defendants who was sentenced to life imprisonment for his participation in the kidnaping plot.

The United States Attorney at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma has authorized the filing of a complaint, charging Scott with conspiracy, and it is anticipated that [redacted] who has also been located at Roseburg, Oregon and who is also a relative of Clara Feldman, will be held as a material witness.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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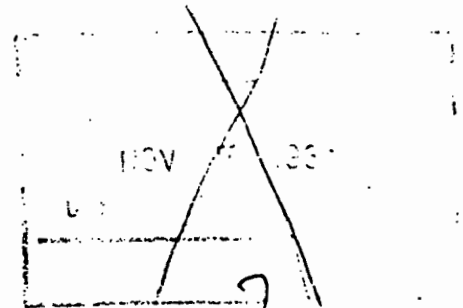
MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY.

Transmitted herewith is a copy of a memorandum prepared on this date for the Attorney General concerning the recovery of \$1,360, identified as part of the Urschel ransom money, from Alvin H. Scott at Roseburg, Oregon, on November 3, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

Transmitted herewith is a copy of a memorandum prepared on this date for the Attorney General concerning the recovery of \$1,360, identified as part of the Urschel ransom money, from Alvin H. Scott at Roseburg, Oregon, on November 3, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA
NOVEMBER 4, 1934.

C O SPEARS SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
411 U S COURT HOUSE
PORTLAND OREGON

URSCHEL KIDNAPING RE PHONE CONVERSATION TODAY POSSESSERS RANSOM MONEY CONVICTED
CONSPIRACY WITH PRINCIPALS STOP USA HERE NOT AVAILABLE HERE FOR OPINION RE SCOTT
STOP FILE HERE REFLECTS NO INFORMATION CONCERNING LOCATION CLARA FELDMAN THAT HAS
NOT BEEN FURNISHED PORTLAND OFFICE STOP WILL CONSULT USA HERE TOMORROW RE
PROSECUTION SCOTT AND ADVISE YOU RE FIRE

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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit, Michigan
Nov. 3, 1934.

Mr. John J. Ryan, Superintendent,
United States Detention Farm,
Milan, Michigan.

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

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that I am in receipt of a letter from our Oklahoma City Office advising that they have received confidential information that a letter has been received by Mrs. Coleman, the grandmother of Katherine Kelly, which was from Katherine, requesting that she keep a certain Chevrolet automobile and not to sell it as she would need it and wanted her to meet her, Katherine, with it at some place to be designated between now and Christmas.

This information is being passed on to you with the thought that there is a possibility that the instructions relative to the Chevrolet may indicate that Katherine Kelly has some plan in mind to escape.

If any further information is received at this office in connection with the above, it will be sent to you immediately.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

FILE NO. 7-6

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-6-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-4-6-34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: <u>Changed</u> GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al; ALVIN H. SCOTT - FUGITIVE; [REDACTED] - FUGITIVE.			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping.

CHARLES E. URSCHEL - VICTIM

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Complaint filed Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 11-6-34 charging Alvin H. Scott and [REDACTED] along with all other defendants with conspiracy to violate the Kidnaping Statute, alleging possession and concealment part of ransom money Roseburg, Oregon, November 2, 1934 in accordance with information received from Portland office. Certified papers forwarded Portland 11-6-34.

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REFERENCE: Wires from Portland office dated 11-5 and 6-34; wires to Portland office dated 11-4 and 5-34.

DETAILS: - At Oklahoma City.

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The title of this case is being changed to add the names of Subjects Alvin H. Scott and [REDACTED] in accordance with information received from the Portland office.

On November 4, 1934 telephonic information was received from Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears of the Portland, Oregon office to the effect that one Alvin H. Scott was in a serious automobile accident near Roseburg, Oregon on November 2, 1934 and was confined in the Roseburg hospital. It was indicated that Scott had in his possession \$1590.00 in currency, some of this money having been identified as the Urschel ransom money. Mr. Spears pointed out that Alvin H. Scott has been living with [REDACTED] a sister of Clara Feldman. Clara Feldman is the woman who was living with Subject Bates at the time of the instant kidnaping and is reputed to have received a large share of the ransom

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>DeWight Greaney</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1374	RECORDED AND INDEXED: NOV 9 1934
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money. Mr. Spears requested advice as to the nature of any charges that might be filed at Oklahoma City against these individuals and any information in possession of the Oklahoma City office relating to the present location of Clara Feldman.

The Oklahoma City file fails to reflect any information relating to the location of Clara Feldman of recent date that has not been supplied to the Portland office and that office was so advised.

United States Attorney Wm. C. Lewis, Oklahoma City, was consulted in the matter and stated that prosecution would be instituted against [redacted] and Alvin H. Scott charging them with conspiracy to violate the Kidnaping Statute. Mr. Lewis indicated that Judge Vaught at the time of the Urschel kidnaping trial in Oklahoma City ruled that the conspiracy would continue relative to all individuals who might subsequently be found in possession of any of the ransom money.

A wire was received from the Portland office dated November 5, 1934 advising that \$1360.00 of the money found in the possession of Scott had been identified as the Urschel ransom money, the \$1360.00 being all in \$20.00 Federal Reserve notes issued at Kansas City.

On November 6, 1934 a conference was had with Assistant United States Attorney Francis M. Dudley at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and a complaint was prepared charging Subjects Alvin H. Scott and [redacted] with conspiracy to violate the Kidnaping Statute, along with the fourteen other subject defendants who were tried at Oklahoma City on Kidnaping charges. This complaint alleges the following overt act to include these two subjects:

"That on or about November 2, 1934 at Roseburg, Oregon Alvin H. Scott and [redacted] did knowingly, wilfully, unlawfully and feloniously possess and conceal approximately One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$1,360.00) of the original ransom money paid to the said conspirators for the release of the said Chas. F. Urschel."

This complaint was filed before United States Commissioner Geo. J. Macock at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on November 6, 1934, warrant was issued and a non est return made thereon by the United States Marshal at Oklahoma City on the same date. On the same date certified copies of the complaint and warrant were forwarded by the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City to the United States Attorney at Portland, Oregon by air mail, special delivery. This information was furnished to the Portland office in response to telephonic inquiry of November 6th and a wire confirming the same was forwarded to the Portland office. Attached to the Portland office copies of this report is a copy of the complaint filed at Oklahoma City, together with a copy of the letter of transmittal to the United States Attorney at Portland. The United States Attorney at Oklahoma City has requested that bonds be fixed on Alvin H. Scott and [redacted] at not less than \$25,000.00, returnable at Oklahoma City on the first Monday in January, 1935.

The Portland office will file a fugitive complaint against Subject

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Scott and [REDACTED] and will report removal proceedings thereon.

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November 7, 1934

Time - 2:28 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Colonel Gates of the Department telephoned and wanted to know if certain information concerning the recovery of additional ransom money in the Urschel case was released in Oklahoma City yesterday, and I told the Colonel that I had no information to that effect. *ok*

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. Tolson.....
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Mr. Egan.....
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 7, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Tracy

I have noted an investigation current in connection with the possible recovery of the missing ransom money in the Urschel kidnapping case.

About a week before I left Oklahoma City, Mr. Henry Hyde, former United States Attorney, and quite close to the Urschel interests, spoke to me of a client of his who had been found guilty in a mail fraud case. The name of this client was Walter Marks. He was at that time in the Dallas Jail, awaiting transportation to Leavenworth after his conviction. He was supposed to go to Leavenworth in a short time. Hyde stated to me that this man Marks had told him that he had been a former cellmate of Ralph Capone, brother of Al Capone, and that Ralph Capone had indicated to Marks that if something could be done for his brother, Al, the missing Urschel ransom money could be returned. Hyde gave me a letter of introduction to Marks. I left Oklahoma City shortly thereafter for St. Louis. I intended to go to Kansas City after leaving St. Louis, but did not do so.

I thought that possibly there might be nothing lost if I interviewed this man Marks in Leavenworth. However, I did not believe and do not believe now that there is anything in this. I told Hyde that I had no idea that anything could be done for Al Capone in connection with the return of the Urschel ransom money or anything else. It certainly struck me forcibly that if Hyde's client possessed any information concerning the Urschel ransom money, he would give it to Hyde rather than to me. I do not believe that we should play the Capone interest in this matter, and as a matter of fact do not think they know anything about it. My thought is that, inasmuch as I have to be in Denver next Monday morning, the 12th, you might desire me to stop off in Kansas City on my return East and locate Marks and see what he has to say about this matter. There should be a striking lack of interest shown in any conference with Marks. As a matter of fact, I am not altogether sure that he should be seen at all. Anything purporting to emanate from the Capone interests would be self-serving and my reaction is that this is rather a cheap trick on the part of Marks and Hyde to interest the Government in possible clemency for Marks. I will do nothing in this matter until receiving your

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I think we should not do anything in this as it sounds like another Capone feeder.

H. Nathan

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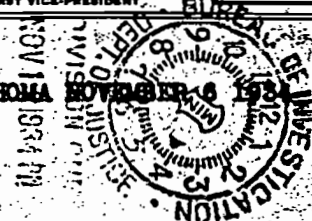
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
IS DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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PORTLAND OREGON



URSCHEL KIDNAPING COMPLAINT FILED TODAY CHARGING ALVIN H SCOTT AND
[REDACTED] WITH CONSPIRACY ALONG WITH OTHER DEFENDANTS ALLEGING OVERT
ST POSSESSION AND CONCEALMENT PART OF RANSOM MONEY CERTIFIED PAPERS FORWARDED
IR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY USA PORTLAND TODAY USA REQUESTS BOND NOT LESS
NINETY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH RETURNABLE HERE FIRST MONDAY JANUARY NEXT

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NOVEMBER 5, 1934

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

URSACHEL KIDNAPING ALVIN H SCOTT BROTHER IN LAW CLARA FELDMAN WA HAD THIRTEEN
HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS RANSOM MONEY WHEN SERIOUSLY INJURED AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR
ROSEBURG OREGON STOP IS PRESENTLY CONFINED ROSEBURG HOSPITAL EXPECTED TO
RECOVER PROBABLY WILL LEAVE HOSPITAL ABOUT FOUR DAYS FURNISH BRIEF SUMMARY
CHARGES ALLEGED WITH NECESSARY DATA FOR FUGITIVE COMPLAINT

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cc-Division
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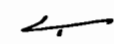
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:-

[REDACTED] called inquiring
relative to the sentences imposed in the
Urschel case. I forwarded a copy of the
Urschel chart to him which shows sentences
imposed upon the various subjects in the case.

Respectfully,


Clyde Tolson.

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November 9, 1934

Time - 3:42 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

I telephoned Mr. William Stanley of the Department and confidentially informed him of the fact that the wife of Albert Bates was apprehended at Danewair, California in possession of \$1,100 of the ransom money in the Urschel case; that the brother of Mrs. Bates was also apprehended at the time, and both of them are being taken secretly to Portland, Oregon where they are to be questioned.

I informed him that there has been no newspaper publicity in connection with this affair, as they were secretly picked up and are being kept in secret.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASHDC-

GEORGE KELLY BARNES-KIDNAPING ON SEARCH WARRANT OBTAINED
YESTERDAY AFTERNOON FOR PREMISES OCCUPIED BY A HX SCOTT AT
MEDFORD HAVE RECOVERED BURIED SO FAR FOURTEEN HUNDRED AND
SIXTY DOLLARS ADDITIONAL RANSOM MONEY AND FOUR THOUSAND
DOLLARS IN DRAFTS PURCHASED DENVER BY CLARA FELDMAN PAYABLE
TO HERSELF SEARCH BEING CONTINUED STOP ALSO FOUND MARRIAGE
CERTIFICATE SHOWING MARRIAGE BATES AND FELDMAN LAST YEAR
STOP NO DEFINITE INFORMATION WHEREABOUTS CLARA FELDMAN STOP
SCOTT STILL UNCONSCIOUS CONDITION UNABLE TO INTERROGATE-
SPEARS.

Ransom money

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*Read to Mr. Tamm
why instructions
did our men find money?*

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☐ Mr. Tolson
☐ Mr. Edwards
☐ Unit Two

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☐ Washington Field Office
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E. A. TAMM - Room 5107

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November 8, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

With further reference to the kidnaping of Mr. Charles F. Urschel, this will advise that on November 7, 1934, on the basis of a Federal search warrant, Special Agents of this Division, accompanied by local officers, recovered on the premises occupied by Alvin H. Scott in Medford, Oregon an additional sum of \$1,480.00 identified as part of the Urschel ransom money. There were also located \$4,000.00 in bank drafts purchased at Denver, Colorado by Clara Feldman, payable to herself. The search for additional ransom is being continued.

Scott, who was involved in an automobile accident on November 5, 1934 at Roseburg, Oregon and who had in his possession at that time the sum of \$1,580.00 of the ransom money, is reported to still be in an unconscious condition.

On November 8, 1934 a Federal complaint was filed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma charging Alvin H. Scott and [REDACTED] with conspiracy to violate the Kidnaping Statutes, alleging as an overt act possession and concealment at Roseburg, Oregon on November 2, 1934 of part of the ransom money paid by Mr. Charles F. Urschel.

The certified papers were forwarded to the United States Attorney at Portland, Oregon by the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City with the request that not less than \$25,000.00 bond be set for each defendant.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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November 8, 1934

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

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a memorandum today prepared for the Attorney General, relative to further developments in the kidnaping of Mr. Charles F. Urschel.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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DIRECTOR DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION, US

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE=PENNSYLVANIA AVE AT 9 ST

NORTHWEST WASHDC=

URSHEL KIDNAPING COMPLAINT FILED HERE TODAY CHARGING ALVIN
H SCOTT AND [REDACTED] WITH CONSPIRACY VIOLATE
KIDNAPING STATUTE ALONG WITH ALL OTHER DEFENDANTS ALLEGING
OVER ACT POSSESSION AND CONCEALMENT PART RANSOM MONEY

ROSEBURG OREGON NOVEMBER SECOND STOP CERTIFIED PAPERS
FORWARDED PORTLAND OREGON USA HERE REQUESTS NOT LESS
TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS BOND EACH RETURNABLE FIRST
MONDAY JANUARY STOP NO PUBLICITY HERE TO DATE=

BRANTLEY [REDACTED]

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- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Baughman.....
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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 7, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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[REDACTED] of the Portland Office telephoned and advised that newspapers there were carrying press dispatches quoted as having been received from Washington, D. C., with respect to the apprehension of A. H. Scott, who had in his possession a portion of the Urschel ransom money. [REDACTED] advised that fugitive complaints have been filed against Scott and [REDACTED] charging them with conspiracy and having in their possession kidnap ransom money. Scott is in no condition to be removed and there is no United States Commissioner at Roseburg, Oregon where he is confined with injuries received in an automobile accident. As soon as he is able to be removed, he will be taken to either Eugene or Medford, Oregon. Bond has been fixed at \$25,000 each.

[REDACTED] further advised that information has been received to the effect that Scott has resided during the past Summer at Medford, Oregon, and steps are now being taken to have a search warrant issued with a view of searching his house for the possible location of more of the ransom money.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
R. E. Newby.

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
411 U S COURT HOUSE BUILDING
PORTLAND OREGON

URSCHIEL KIDNAPING USA HERE ADVISES HE WILL PROSECUTE SCOTT ON CONSPIRACY CHARGES ADVISE DETAILS AND AMOUNT RANSOM MONEY RECOVERED AND USA TO WHOM CERTIFIED COPIES SHOULD BE FORWARDED

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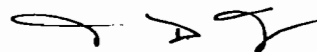
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Please be informed that Colonel Gates telephoned and requested to be advised as to the date of the kidnaping of Mr. Urschel. He was advised that he was kidnaped on July 22, 1933.

Respectfully,



T. D. Quinn.

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H. H. Reinecke
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
506 Fletcher Savings & Trust Bldg.,
Indianapolis, Indiana

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GEORGE KELLY BARNES WA ETAL CHARLES F. URSCHEL VICTIM KIDNAPING ALVIN H SCOTT
BROTHERINLAW OF CLARA FELDMAN SERIOUSLY INJURED AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT ROSEBURG
OREGON HAD THIRTEEN HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS URSCHEL RANSOM MONEY HIS POSSESSION
BEING PROSECUTED FOR CONSPIRACY OKLAHOMACITY STOP DIVISION ANXIOUS LOCATE CLARA
FELDMAN ALIASES RUTH JOHNSON ETHEL DAVIS GLADYS EDWARDS PARAMOUR ALBERT BATES AND
ALLEGED POSSESS BATES SHARE URSCHEL RANSOM CLARA DESCRIBED AGE FORTY HEIGHT FIVE
SIX ONE HUNDRED THIRTY POUNDS LIGHT CHESTNUT HAIR POSSIBLY DYED EYES BLUE MANY
GOLD TEETH STOP RESIDENCE OF HER DAUGHTER [REDACTED] SEARCHED TACOMA WASHINGTON
ADDRESS TEN TWENTY SEVEN EAST DENNISON INDIANAPOLIS FOUND WITHOUT ANY NAME STOP
SCOTT ORIGINALLY SOMEWHERE INDIANA CLARA FREQUENTS CHICAGO DENVER AND PORTLAND

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RE SCOTT

SPEARS **b7C**

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Oklahoma City



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November 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

In connection with the kidnaping of Mr. Charles F. Urschel, I wish to inform you that I have just been advised by the Portland, Oregon Division office that Clara Hurtienne/Feldman, together with her son, Edward, was taken into custody this afternoon at Danesmuir, California by Special Agents and by representatives of the Oregon State Police and California Highway Patrol.

On the person of Clara/Feldman there was found the sum of \$1100 in ransom currency as well as an additional \$1,000 in ten dollar bills, which were not part of the money paid as ransom in this case.

Every effort will be made to hold these individuals without publicity, in order that they may be vigorously questioned concerning their connection with this kidnaping. They are to be taken to Portland, Oregon and a complaint will be filed in Oklahoma City this afternoon, charging them with conspiracy to violate the Kidnaping Statutes.

Investigation in the past has indicated that Clara Feldman was closely associated and intimately acquainted with Edward Bents and his criminal connections. She was formerly believed to be a sister of Albert L. Bates. However, information has recently been developed indicating that she married Bates at Medford, Oregon sometime in 1933.

By reference to my memorandum of November 8, 1934 you will note one Alvin H. Scott, believed to be a brother-in-law of Clara Feldman, has been taken into custody at Roseburg, Oregon, where he was found in possession of \$1,500 in ransom money.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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November 9, 1934.

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

There is attached hereto a copy of a memorandum which I have today submitted to the Attorney General concerning the apprehension in Dunsmuir, California of Clara Gfeldman in whose possession was found certain money paid as ransom in the Urschel kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
411 U S COURT HOUSE BUILDING
PORTLAND OREGON

URSCHEL KIDNAPING IN QUESTIONING INDIVIDUALS UNDER ARREST YOUR DISTRICT
VIGOROUSLY ENDEAVOR ASCERTAIN WHETHER ATTORNEY BEN LASKA OF DENVER
HAS PARTICIPATED IN NEGOTIATING RANSOM MONEY

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

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TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases; ALBERT BATES with aliases; ALVIN K. SCOTT; CLARA FELDMAN with aliases, et al. CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: K I D N A P I N G

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Indianapolis, Ind., states her home was formerly at Tacoma, Wash., and that she is a niece of CLARA FELDMAN but does not know the latter's whereabouts. Inquiries of neighbors indicate Clara Feldman unknown in that vicinity.

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Reference: Telegram from Portland Office 11/6/34.

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Details:

AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

The Indianapolis City Directory does not list in the city of Indianapolis, but does list which is in the extreme western part of the city, south of West Washington Street. The City Directory shows that is occupied by the following people: laborer.

DETAILS:

Further examination of the Indianapolis City Directory showed the names of persons occupying nearby homes, among them being Harry O. Turner, fireman, at 1045 South Denison. Agent decided to interview Mr. Turner and called at his home. MR. AND MRS. HARRY O. TURNER were both at home at the time. They are a little past middle-aged and appeared to be very reliable and respectable. They informed Agent that the family

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. H. Reineck</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1388 NOV 12 1934 UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>[initials]</i>	RECORDED AND INDEXED: NOV 12 1934 CHECKED OFF: <i>[initials]</i> JACKETED:
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had occupied [REDACTED] for ten or fifteen years, perhaps longer; that [REDACTED] died some three years ago, leaving his wife and the following children:

Son - [REDACTED], married, living nearby, being employed as a knitter for the Realsilk Hosiery Company;

Son - [REDACTED] who was discharged some time during the past spring from the U. S. Navy on the Pacific coast and who returned to his mother's home with a wife from that section;

Daughter - [REDACTED] who attended high school last year but is not attending school nor employed this winter;

Son - [REDACTED] age 12; and

Daughter - [REDACTED] age 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner state the [REDACTED] family is very respectable, that the boys are both employed in the Real Silk Hosiery mills and that so far as they know the boys have never been in any trouble. After [REDACTED] returned from the Navy he purchased a 1928 or 1929 Chevrolet car from C. K. Martin, used car dealer nearby. The Turners state that [REDACTED] wife is about 5 feet 4 inches tall, blonde, weighing 130 pounds, probably twenty-five years of age, and not employed. They have seen her on a number of occasions and do not believe that she has any gold teeth nor that she would otherwise answer the description of Clara Feldman. They state that [REDACTED] wife is not a very good influence in the neighborhood as she is profane in her talk. They state further that they never heard of such a person as Clara Feldman, with aliases, or Ruth Johnson, Ethel Davis, or Gladys Edwards. They further state that they have seen no one about the [REDACTED] home who would answer the description of Clara Feldman. The [REDACTED] were paying for their home prior to the time the elder [REDACTED] died and have continued making payments thereon but are in very poor financial circumstances. They not only have an equity in the home but also in a vacant lot on either side of the home. The elder [REDACTED] also is employed. No indications that money is being spent freely were to be found around the premises.

Agent called at the Haughville substation of the post office from which mail is delivered to [REDACTED] and examined the records of the carrier for that street. The records did not show the name of Clara Feldman or any of her aliases as receiving mail on that street. The carrier, [REDACTED] was not at the station when Agent called, but he later telephoned to Agent and stated that he did not remember delivering any mail on [REDACTED] or elsewhere for Clara Feldman or any of her aliases.

With this information Agent called at the [redacted] home and, using the pretext of desiring to obtain information for use of the P.W.A., Agent was informed by [redacted] wife of [redacted], the only one at home, that her husband was discharged from the Navy somewhere in California about March, 1934, and married her and they came to Indianapolis to his mother's home. She states that her husband is only twenty years old and [redacted] twenty-one years of age. She herself appeared to be between eighteen and twenty-two years of age, had no gold teeth, and did not otherwise answer the description of Clara Feldman. She informed Agent that her home formerly was [redacted] Tacoma, Washington, and that [redacted] is her cousin and CLARA FELDMAN her aunt. She states she left Tacoma about a year ago and went to California and there married [redacted] and came with him to Indianapolis, and that he is not acquainted with any of her people. She further states that she has corresponded intermittently with [redacted] and has written to [redacted] since she, [redacted] came to Indianapolis. However, she has not heard from [redacted] in many months and [redacted] does not mention her mother in her letters. She further states that she has not heard anything of or seen Clara Feldman for two or three years. Agent is of the opinion that [redacted] did not guess the purpose of the inquiry and therefore probably answered truthfully.

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November 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with
aliases; ALVIN K. SCOTT;
CLARA FELDMAN with aliases,
et al; CHARLES F. URSCHEL -
Victim; Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

There is returned herewith the original report of
Special Agent [redacted] dated at Indianapolis, Indiana
November 9, 1934 in the above entitled case, which has been
received in the Division unsigned or approved by you.

If this report meets with your approval, it is re-
quested that you affix your signature thereto and return it
in the near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Encl. #803618

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

506 Fletcher Trust Building
Indianapolis, Indiana

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November 19, 1934

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Av. at 9th St.,
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith and now bearing my
signature, report of Special Agent [redacted] dated
November 9, 1934, which was returned with Division let-
ter of November 15, 1934 for my approval.

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Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke
H. H. REINECKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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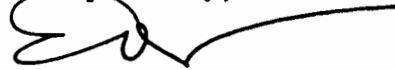
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Miss Gandy

Mr. Spears called from Dunsmuir, California, advising that he had Clara Feldman and Ed Feldman in custody and that they were willing to go to Portland with him, that he was taking them there. He advised no publicity would be likely - as no one knows that they are in custody. I advised absolutely no publicity should be given the case so that they may be vigorously questioned, to obtain all information from them. Mr. Spears advised \$1100 of the ransom money was found on the person of Clara Feldman - that \$1000 was found on her person in \$10 dollar bills. He advised that five of them took these people into custody - Mr. Spears, Captain [redacted] of the Oregon State Police, Officer [redacted] of the California Highway Patrol and Agent [redacted] and Agent [redacted]. He asked that I contact Oklahoma City and instruct them to file a complaint against Clara and Ed Feldman charging them with conspiracy. He requested this in order that he might leave at once for Portland. He asked that certification be sent to the United States Attorney at Portland, together with the amount of bond.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm

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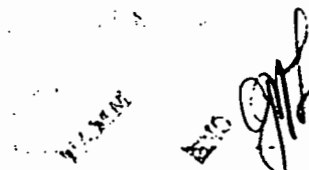
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Denver, Colorado



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Washington, D. C.

November 8, 1934.

Time 10:30P.M. *Spec*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re Rachel Case

Special-Agent in Charge Spears called this evening and stated that he was getting some breaks now and has definite information as to where Clara Feldman went. Mr. Spears asked for authority to spend two hundred dollars for this information. I granted him the authority but on a C.C.D. proposition. He also requested authority to proceed to a spot about fifty miles down into California to make this contact, arriving there about daylight. The informant is the same informant mentioned in two reports submitted by Mr. Spears some time in January, 1934. Clara's son is also with her.

He further stated that everything was quiet today. They plowed up the whole place and emptied the wells but nothing else has shown up.

Mr. Spears stated that Scott was seriously injured and is still in an unconscious condition. An Agent is stationed at the bedside of Scott at all times.

I asked Mr. Spears to advise the Division the outcome of this contact the first thing in the morning.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked with [REDACTED] at Oklahoma City and advised him that I had just talked with Mr. C. C. Spears who was at Dunsmuir, California and who was on his way back to Portland; that Mr. Spears had advised me that he had picked up Clara Feldman and Ed. Feldman; that they had in their possession \$1,100 of the Urschel money and \$1,000 of other money. I suggested that conspiracy complaints be filed on ^{the} Feldmans, and that Mr. Spears be wired at Portland as to just what was done. I advised that there should be no publicity given this matter at the present time if it could be helped.

Respectfully,

All b7c

E. A. Tamm.

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

FILE NO. **- 7-7**

REPORT MADE AT: Denver, Colo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-9-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-7,9-34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al CHARLES F. URSCHEL--Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



[REDACTED] reported to be living at Salem, Oregon, address General Delivery. [REDACTED] visited in Denver during September and October, 1934. Mail cover placed on H.O. Box 2565, which is owned by [REDACTED] Colorado license #1-18665 issued Gust W. Nemo, Denver. Plates presently on car.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Portland, 9-10-34.
Wire of Portland Office, dated 11-9-34.

DETAILS:

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AT DENVER, COLO.

Special Agent in Charge Jay C. Newman and the writer interviewed [REDACTED] at her home. [REDACTED] She advised that [REDACTED] visited with her for a period of about six weeks beginning in the forepart of September, 1934. She stated that [REDACTED] had come to Denver from Portland by bus; that she was not accompanied by her husband [REDACTED] who has not visited her for about a year. She stated that [REDACTED] left Denver on October 27, 1934, via bus and returned to Salem, Oregon, where she is at present living, according to [REDACTED].

She exhibited a letter from [REDACTED] to Agent postmarked October 30, 1934, which showed a return address, Salem, Oregon, General Delivery. It was noted that the words, "Portland, Oregon" had been scratched out on the return address.

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[redacted] advised that while [redacted] was in Denver she finished paying for the car owned by her husband, which was financed in Denver.

The writer interviewed [redacted] of the Atlas Finance Co., 422 Equitable Building, Denver, which company financed the car purchased by George A. Hurtienne and which he at present is supposed to be driving. This car is a 1933 Chevrolet sedan, motor #3715291, not #3755291 as mentioned in reference report. This car also bears serial #5CA06-31797 and 1934 Colorado license plates #1-18605.

[redacted] advised that on October 17, 1934, [redacted] who has made previous payments on this car, came to his office with a woman answering the description of Mrs. George A. Hurtienne and made the final payment of the balance due on the car, which was \$92.00.

At the Stolen Auto Detail, Denver Police Department, it was ascertained that 1934 Colorado license plates #1-18605 are still assigned to the above described car in the name of George A. Hurtienne.

Although frequent mail covers have been placed on P. O. Box #2565, the rent for which box is paid by [redacted], it was deemed advisable to place another thirty-day mail cover on mail received in this box.

On receipt of reference wire inquiry was made of the Stolen Auto Detail, Denver Police Department, where it was ascertained that Colorado license #1-18665 was issued to Gust W. Nero, 4039 Newton Street, Denver, on a 1914 Model-T Ford coupe.

The writer, accompanied by Special Agent in Charge Jay C. Newman, made a personal examination of the car belonging to Mr. Nero, a very aged man who has lived at 4039 Newton Street for many years, and found the license plates above mentioned were presently on the 1914 Model-T Ford coupe.

The files of the Denver Division Office show that Colorado license #1-18605 is registered to George Hurtienne on a 1933 Chevrolet sedan, motor #3715291. This information was supplied to the Portland Office by wire, on November 9, 1934.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE PORTLAND OFFICE: At Salem, Oregon, will make appropriate investigation at the General Delivery Section of the Post Office, relative to whether George A. Hurtienne and wife receive mail there. If it is found that these parties are not receiving mail General Delivery, Salem, Oregon, it is suggested that like investigation be made at the General Delivery Section of the Post Office at Portland, Oregon. It is suggested that if the same is deemed advisable a pick-up notice be placed on the Chevrolet sedan of George A. Hurtienne, which bears Colorado license plates, #1-18605.

THE DENVER OFFICE: At Denver, Colorado, will report the results of the mail cover placed on the mail of [redacted] P. O. Box #2565.

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Form No. 1

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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FILE NO. 7-7

REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-9-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10/15 and 18 and 11/5/34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: O GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al. CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] under name of [REDACTED] stored Ford Roadster, Motor A-1729745, Oregon License #12-434, at Ambassador Garage, Seattle, Wash., May 27, 1934; car still at above garage. [REDACTED] Tacoma, Wash., son-in-law of Clara Feldman, advises that his wife went to Medford, Oregon, during August 1934 to visit Alvin H. Scott and [REDACTED] and he has not seen or heard from them since. William Hurtienne and [REDACTED] Tacoma, father and [REDACTED] of Clara Feldman, advise they have no information as to present whereabouts of Clara Feldman or her daughter [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Portland, Oregon, 9/10/34.

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DETAILS:

--- At Seattle and Tacoma, Washington ---

Under date of October 15, 1934 the Portland Division office advised the writer that the Seattle Police Department had reported that a Ford Roadster, 1929 Model, Motor #A-1729745, bearing Oregon License #12-434, had been reported to the Portland Police as having been stored in the Ambassador Garage for several months and that instant car was possibly stolen, that a check of instant

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car through the Secretary of State's office at Salem, Oregon, disclosed that said car was the property of [REDACTED]

Detective Lieutenant [REDACTED] of the Seattle Police Department, was contacted and advised that the presence of instant car in the Ambassador Garage located at 1410 - 8th Avenue, Seattle, was first reported to him by [REDACTED] of above garage. Examination of above car by the writer and Detective Lieutenant [REDACTED] disclosed same to be a 1929 Ford Roadster, Motor #A-1729745, bearing Oregon license #12-434. [REDACTED] of instant garage, advised that a young man about 22 years of age brought said car in the garage on May 27, 1934 and stated to him that he desired to store same for possibly three months or longer; that this party gave him the name of [REDACTED] and paid him \$12.00 which was for three months storage in advance; that he recalled [REDACTED] gave him three \$5.00 bills and he gave him back \$3.00 in change; that this party who represented himself as being [REDACTED] was nicely dressed and bareheaded, had no one with him, neither did he have any baggage.

A search of instant car disclosed the rear compartment to be locked, which, upon being opened, was found to contain a heavy pair of lace boots, size about #9, one pair of riding breeches, a flannel shirt, leather jacket, a light cap and a pair of men's heavy work socks. Through arrangements made with [REDACTED] the air was removed from the tires, car jacked up and battery removed, with instructions to telephone the Seattle Police Department immediately when [REDACTED] called for above car. A check of all passenger lists of steamships sailing out of Seattle for Alaska, British Columbia and the Orient after May 27, 1934, failed to disclose any record of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] departing from this port.

Former Chief of Police [REDACTED] at Tacoma, Washington, upon interview advised that he had talked with Wm. Hurtienne, the father of Clara Feldman, who resides on a rural route out of South Tacoma, several times recently, but that Mr. Hurtienne, who had promised to advise him of Clara Feldman's whereabouts as soon as he could ascertain same, had informed him that he had been unable to obtain any information as to her present whereabouts.

Detective [REDACTED] who has been cooperating with Agent in instant matter, was contacted and accompanied Agent to the home of Wm. Hurtienne, who has been quite sick for the past several weeks. Mr. Hurtienne was questioned at length but denied that he knew the present whereabouts of his daughter, Clara Feldman. He again assured Agent that he would convey any information he might be able to obtain to former Chief of Police [REDACTED] Mr.

Hurtienne also denied knowing the present whereabouts of Alvin H. Scott and his daughter [REDACTED] further that he had no idea where [REDACTED] of Clara Feldman, was and that he knew nothing about the daughter of Clara Feldman, who left Tacoma during August 1934.

[REDACTED] the husband of Clara Feldman's daughter, who resides at [REDACTED] South Tacoma, and is employed by the Truck Parts & Engineering Co., located at 2705 South Tacoma Way, Tacoma, upon interview advised that he and his wife had been having trouble for the past year and that on August 4, 1934 he took his wife and two year old daughter to the home of Alvin H. Scott and [REDACTED] who reside about two miles out of Medford, Oregon, and left them and that he has not seen or heard from them since; that he had not seen Clara Feldman, who is the mother of his wife, for more than two years and to his knowledge his wife had not seen her mother, Clara Feldman. It was very evident during the interview with [REDACTED] that he was not telling the truth and it is the opinion of Agent that his wife is with Clara Feldman at the present time and he knows their whereabouts. During the interview with [REDACTED] it was noted that in a book lying on a table was the address: [REDACTED] Indianapolis, Indiana, and a notation of this address was made without the knowledge of [REDACTED] It is possible this address may have some connection with his wife and Clara Feldman.

Harry Byram, 1152 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, who has furnished Agent with information in the past as to activities of Clara Feldman and the Bentz brothers, died a few days ago.

[REDACTED] of Clara Feldman, who resides at [REDACTED] Tacoma, and who is the former wife of Alvin H. Scott, was interviewed and advised that she has not seen her sister Clara Feldman for more than two years; that she had no information as to her whereabouts; that [REDACTED] disappeared from Tacoma two or three months ago and it was her belief that she had gone to her mother Clara Feldman.

That her husband Alvin H. Scott deserted her and went off with her younger sister [REDACTED] who he has since been living with as man and wife; that the last time she heard of the Scotts they were living in Portland, Oregon.

[REDACTED] further advised that her brother George Hurtienne, who spent several months this past summer at the home of their father, William Hurtienne, in Tacoma, was back in Denver, Colorado, and receiving mail at P. O. Box #2565, Denver.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION OFFICE: At [REDACTED] Indianapolis, will make discreet investigation to ascertain the identity of [REDACTED] whose address was noted in a book at the home of [REDACTED] who married the daughter of Clara Feldman, as its possible this address may have some connection with Clara Feldman.

THE PORTLAND DIVISION OFFICE: At Tacoma, Washington, will keep in touch with former Chief of Police [REDACTED] and other sources of information in an effort to ascertain the present whereabouts of Clara Feldman.

At Seattle, Washington, will keep in touch with the Ambassador Garage, 1410 - 8th Avenue, Seattle, and Seattle Police and question [REDACTED] when he calls for Ford Roadster stored at above address.

PENDING

All b7C

P. O. Box 709
Portland, Oregon

November 9, 1934



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

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
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Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, et al
[REDACTED] FUGITIVE
ALVIN H. SCOTT - FUGITIVE
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim
Kidnaping

In connection with the removal proceedings now under way in this district for removal of fugitives Scott and [REDACTED] to Oklahoma City, United States Attorney Carl C. Donagh at Portland is desirous of having the names of witnesses who could testify in this district. It is expected that both [REDACTED] and Alvin Scott will fight the removal proceedings and demand a hearing. [REDACTED] is uncommunicative and has furnished no information to agents to date. Alvin H. Scott is still in a semi-conscious condition and has not gained consciousness to a sufficient degree to determine what his attitude is. From past experience with Scott, however, it is anticipated that he likewise will furnish no information and will demand a hearing.

[REDACTED] will be taken before a United States Commissioner, probably H. G. Immel, United States Commissioner at Eugene, Oregon, this date. Mr. Immel will set the hearing ahead a sufficient length of time to have witnesses brought from Oklahoma City.

You are requested to furnish this office with the name of the party who can identify the ransom money so far found in possession of Scott and [REDACTED] and also advise as to whether Mr. Urschel would be available if the United States Attorneys deems it necessary. It is also suggested that you confer with the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City as to what witnesses he thinks would be necessary to effect the removal of the fugitives. At this writing United States Attorney Donagh is of the opinion that a party to identify the ransom money, ^{and} possibly Mr. Urschel, would be sufficient. Kindly give this matter expeditious attention.


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For your further information, agents at Medford, Oregon, have located \$1450.00 cash ransom money and \$4,000.00 in cashiers' checks payable to Mrs. George L. Davis, drawn on a Denver bank. I believe Mr. Spears has forwarded this information to you directly as well as to the Division and the Denver office.

Very truly yours,

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cc-Division

C. C. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Denver, Colorado,
November 9, 1934

JCN: 640PM

C. C. Spears,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
411 U. S. Court House Building,
Portland, Oregon.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 10, 1934

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Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Baughman
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Mr. Cowley
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy

WKS
Time: Approx. 6:45 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: CLARA FELDMAN.

I talked with Mr. Spears relative to filing on the people out there because of the publicity. I advised him that the Director did not think that was any reason for filing; that they should have been held at the Division's office, or some other appropriate place and questioned considerably despite the publicity; that no filing should have taken place until after we had thoroughly questioned them ourselves and were ready to admit to the public that we had them, particularly in view of the fact that they probably could not have served a writ on Mr. Spears until Monday; that there have been a number of press dispatches today quoting him as to what he was doing, what he was going to do on the case and what was being accomplished, and that the Director did not want any such statements as those, particularly as to what was going to be accomplished in the case.

Mr. Spears advised that he had given out no such statements; that he had only talked with newspaper men last night when they were in Portland, and had given out no information whatsoever.

Respectfully,

EAT
E. A. Tamm.

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