

November 13, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

In connection with the Graciel kidnapping case, and with reference to my recent memoranda dealing with the arrests of Clara and Ed Feldman, Alvin H. Scott and [REDACTED], I wish to inform you that Special Agents of the Portland, Oregon Office of the Division, acting in cooperation with representatives of the Oregon State Police, this morning discovered an additional \$4,680 of ransom currency at Madford, Oregon.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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CLARA FELDMAN

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November 13, 1934

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

There is attached hereto a copy of a memorandum which I have just transmitted to the Attorney General, concerning the discovery of additional ransom money in the Urschel kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure 370813.

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NOVEMBER 14 1934

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

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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO ATTORNEY GENERAL RECEIVED TODAY FROM
[REDACTED] PORTLAND QUOTE CLARA FELDMAN UNDER ARREST FOR CONSPIRACY
URSCHEL KIDNAPING CASE REFUSES TO BE FINGERPRINTED WIRE INSTRUCTIONS
UNQUOTE MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS WITH MARSHALS OFFICE FOR FINGERPRINTING
CLARA FELDMAN

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

OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA
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C C SPEARS
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
411 U S COURT HOUSE
PORTLAND OREGON

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URSCHEL KIDNAPING CHARLES F URSCHEL AVAILABLE AS WITNESS

FIRST NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OKLAHOMACITY WHO SUPERVISED RECORDING
NUMBERS OF RANSOM BILLS ALSO AVAILABLE

Official Business
Gov't. Rate - PAID
Chg: Div. of Invest.
224 Fed. Bldg.

cc Division

BRANTLEY

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
NOV 15 1934 A.M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ONE FILE

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

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

November 10, 1934

EAT:

Time: 6:30 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

URSHEL CASE
RE: CLARA FELDMAN, et al.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Cowley	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....

I talked with Mr. Spears relative to placing Clara Feldman and her son in jail today and arraigning them; that it was our understanding that we were going to hold those people and question them ourselves. Mr. Spears advised that there had been a leak in connection with the arrest of these people in the southern part of the state, and that there had been a great deal of publicity relative to same; that they had been interrogating Feldman and her son right along; that he had no control whatsoever over the fact that this publicity had been given out; that it was his belief that the newspapers just put two and two together in view of the fact that they knew that the Division was looking for Clara Feldman. Mr. Spears stated that Clara Feldman had made some very damaging admissions; that she admits that she received part of the original ransom, but will not admit how much; that she also admits that the money found in her possession is part of the ransom, and that what she now has is all that is left. Mr. Spears advised that Clara Feldman would give no information relative to Ben/Laska. I stated that we had some rather important information concerning this matter and Mr. Spears stated that he would keep after her on this. He stated that Scott was still partially unconscious, but that he was gradually getting better. He further stated that a very thorough search had been made of the place where Clara Feldman had been found, but no further ransom money had been found there; that they had dug up yesterday a glass jar which contained nothing but the picture of a woman; that they did not know who it was, but were endeavoring to find out.

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NOV 15 1934

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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NOV 15 1934

Wrote Spears that
this was poorly
handled.

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20 MAR 17 1964

SLICK-URSCHEL OIL COMPANY

P.O. BOX 1146

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

C. F. URSCHEL
PRESIDENT

November 8, 1934.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The news yesterday from Roseburg, Oregon was very gratifying to me, and I wish to congratulate you on the continuous effective work of the Department. This may prove to be the break which we have been looking for and lead to the recovery of another large part of the money. If my presence should be necessary in Oregon, or here, to assist in the prosecution, I shall be only too glad to render any service possible.

I also wish to add my congratulations to your recent success in bringing to an end the careers of Pretty Boy Floyd and the Dillinger mob which was accomplished in the manner I most approve. The continuous success of the Department only proves the wisdom of Mrs. Urschel's judgment when she telephoned you on the night of my unfortunate experience and placed our case in your hands.

I am just in receipt of a request from my son, Tom Slick, Jr., who is a student in the freshman class at Yale University, for information on "THE FORMATION OF A FEDERAL POLICE FORCE," a subject he has chosen on which to write quite a lengthy essay. The organization of the Federals being so new, he has very little material to draw from there, except the Wickersham Report. If you will have your secretary mail me any pamphlets or literature you may have explaining the organization, function, and operation of the Department, I would very much appreciate receiving same.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,

I am

Sincerely yours,

CFU:M

*Reply
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7-115-1402
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
NOV 13 1934 P.M.
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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November 13, 1934.

7-115-1402

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Mr. Charles F. Urschel,
President,
Slick-Urschel Oil Company,
Post Office Box 1148,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Urschel:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 8, 1934, in which you congratulate the Division upon recent developments in connection with your kidnaping, and upon the apprehension of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for your commendation, and of expressing my appreciation, and that of the Division, for it.

I appreciate your willingness to proceed to Oregon as a witness, if necessary, and I am taking the liberty of referring a copy of your letter to the Attorney General in this connection.

The Division does not have any data dealing specifically with the subject "The Formation of a Federal Police Force" upon which your son is preparing to write an essay.

I am enclosing the following addresses, bulletin, booklets and memoranda dealing with the work of the Division looking toward the suppression of crime in this country which should prove of help to him in this connection:

Address entitled "Lessons of the Lindbergh Case", delivered by the Attorney General of the United States over the Networks of the American Broadcasting Company, Columbia Broadcasting Company, and the National Broadcasting Company, at 10:00 P.M., September 22, 1934

Address by the Attorney General of the United States entitled "The Government's Program to Fight Lawlessness" delivered on the American Bar Association Program at 7:45 P.M., October 13, 1934

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Mr. Charles F. Urschel

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November 13, 1934.

Address delivered by John Edgar Hoover, Director,
Division of Investigation, United States
Department of Justice, before the Criminal
Law Section, at the Fifty-seventh Annual
Meeting of the American Bar Association,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 30, 1934.

Uniform Crime Reports - Third Quarterly Bulletin, 1934
Fingerprints

The War on Crime

Photography of Fingerprints on Multi-Colored Objects

Criminal Identification

The Work and Functions of the Division of Investigation

Adoption of Standard Classification of Criminal Offenses

Civil Identification

Installation of a Single Fingerprint File

The Division of Investigation

Crime Statistics

The Establishment of a Technical Laboratory in the
Division of Investigation

The Identification Unit

Development and Admissibility of Ballistics and Firearms
Evidence

Statistics Compiled from Fingerprint Cards from

January 1 to September 30, 1934

Bulletin Upon Fugitives Wanted by Police

Recent Federal Crime Bills

International Exchange of Fingerprints

Interesting Latent Fingerprint Cases

Training of Personnel.

Expressing the hope that the above data will prove of interest
to your son, and the further hope that you will not hesitate to call
upon the Division whenever you feel that it can be of assistance to
you, I beg to remain, with my best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Encl. #819504.

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November 13, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

There is attached a copy of a letter from Mr. Charles F. Urschel, under date of November 8, 1934.

You will note from the first paragraph of this letter that Mr. Urschel expresses his willingness to proceed to Oregon and testify in connection with recent developments in connection with his kidnaping.

The Division has forwarded Mr. Urschel the data requested in the last paragraph of his letter.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #819505.

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NOV 13 1934
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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November 13, 1934.

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

There is attached a copy of a letter from
Mr. Charles F. Urschel under date of November 8,
1934.

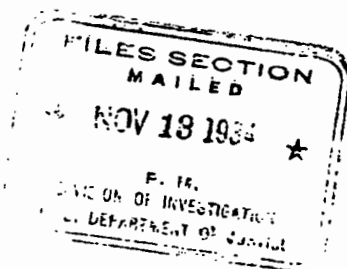
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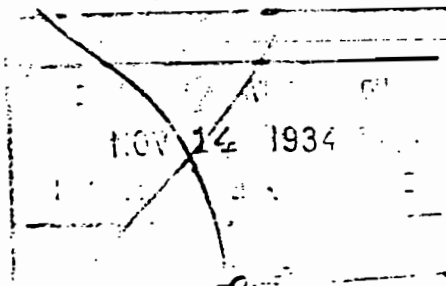
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

- Enclosure #819506.



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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

WESTERN UNION (08)

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MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

PENNSYLVANIA AVE AT 9 NORTHWEST=

RE GEORGE KELLY BARNES MRS G L DAVIS ALIAS CLARA FELDMAN
AND ED FELDMAN INCARCERATED PAST NIGHT MULTNOMAH COUNTY JAIL
PORTLAND COMPLAINT FILED CHARGING BOTH CONSPIRACY BOND
REQUESTED FORMER FIFTY THOUSAND AND LATTER TWENTY FIVE
THOUSAND ARRIGNMENT THREE PM TODAY=

SPEARS.

NOV 16 1934

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

NOV 14 1934 P M

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

*Letter Portland
11-13-34
LH*

*Why did they do this?
I thought we were going
to keep it quiet for a while -
D. E.*

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7-115-1403

November 13, 1934

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

Re: George Kelly Barnes, et al
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

I was very much concerned on receiving your telegram of November 10, 1934, advising that Clara Feldman and her son had been placed in the Multnomah County Jail and a complaint filed against them, charging conspiracy to kidnap, because the filing of this complaint and the incarceration of Clara Feldman in a County Jail absolutely precluded any possible vigorous interview of this person by Division Agents. You were instructed to handle this matter in such a way that there would be absolutely no publicity, and to hold Clara Feldman secretly for a period long enough to permit a complete interview of her by Division Agents. Excellent results have been obtained by Division representatives in other parts of the country through the rigorous questioning of persons held in Division field offices. Such procedure cannot, however, be followed when the persons apprehended are taken to jails or other penal institutions and complaints filed against them, which result in considerable publicity. The Division had indicated to you the procedure that it desired followed in this matter. In all cases in which the Division issues instructions from Washington as to the manner in which a particular case should be handled, I desire that the Division's instructions be exactly and implicitly followed out.

I have been advised of your statement that this complaint was filed because of the fact that certain publicity had appeared concerning the arrest of Clara Feldman. I do not consider this explanation satisfactory, since, despite the publicity, it would have been possible for you to hold Clara Feldman at least over the week end of November 10, 1934, it appearing that it would have been impossible for an attorney to have attempted to serve a writ of habeas corpus upon your prior to Monday, November 12, 1934. Undoubtedly, the questioning at a Division Office of Clara Feldman for an extended period would have resulted in the disclosing of considerable evidence and information which will probably not now be obtained.

Please submit immediately a full explanation of your failure to carry out Division instructions in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

EAT: *b7C*

November 13, 1934

Time: 1:30 PM

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Cowley	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....

[Handwritten signature over list]

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: URSCHEL CASE

Mr. Spears telephoned from Ashland, Oregon and advised they had dug up \$4,680 additional ransom money; that this money had been dug up on the premises in Medford, Oregon.

Mr. Spears stated there were about five acres of land, a six room house and several out buildings; that he was satisfied there was still a large amount of the ransom money on the premises; that they were trying to get CCC workers to dig up the land, and that it might be necessary to tear down the buildings; that if this were necessary, some arrangements could probably be made to purchase them; that they were owned by a building and loan association, and valued at \$2,000.

Mr. Spears stated that unless it was absolutely necessary to call him, to wait until he called the Division. I advised him that if an urgent situation arose, we would call the Portland office and have them contact him. Mr. Spears stated that they had gotten no additional information from Clara Feldman.

Respectfully,

NOV 16 1934

[Handwritten signature]
E. A. Tamm

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Memo to A. G. Stanley being prepared

Memo. to A. G.; Stanley being prepared.

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

November 13, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled
GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, ET AL; CHARLES F.
URSCHKE - Victim: KIDNAPING.

I am transmitting herewith copies of a
memorandum submitted by Special Agent [REDACTED]
of this office concerning information obtained by
him at Duluth, Minnesota, with reference to some of
the ransom money in connection with this instant matter.
Arrangements have been made with [REDACTED] whereby
he will attempt to obtain additional information from
[REDACTED], and in the event any additional information
is obtained it will be promptly transmitted to your
office.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

DML [REDACTED]
Encl.
Cc Division (Enc)
Portland (Enc)
Kansas City (Enc)

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
NOV 15 1934 A.M.
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
ONE [REDACTED] FILE

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

On November 1, 1934 agent was informed by [REDACTED] U. S. Deputy Marshal, Duluth, Minnesota, that that particular morning one [REDACTED] of the County Engineers Office, Duluth, had come to him and informed him that he had heard that [REDACTED] also known as [REDACTED] a professional bondsman and bootlegger at Duluth, Minnesota, was alleged to be in a position to buy \$10,000.00 of the URSCHER kidnaping money for \$7000.00; that he would endeavor to secure the name of the individual who had this information.

Agent interviewed [REDACTED] County Engineers Office, Court House, Duluth, Minnesota, and he advised that [REDACTED] an employee of the above department, had informed him that a young man by the name of [REDACTED] employed in a bank at Duluth, had been approached by [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] had told him that he was in a position to secure \$10,000.00 of the URSCHER kidnaping money for \$7000.00.

Agent interviewed [REDACTED] and he refused to give the source of his information, and he was unable to supply any further information as to this particular matter.

Agent located a [REDACTED] at the Northern National Bank, Duluth, Minnesota, and he advised that about two weeks ago while he was sitting in Bowles Restaurant at Duluth, [REDACTED] whom he knows through his affiliations with the Northern National Bank, came and sat alongside of him and asked him if he wanted to make some easy money; that [REDACTED] then related that he knew where he could secure some of the URSCHER kidnaping money; that [REDACTED] then said he could get \$5000.00 of this money for an amount which [REDACTED] could not remember, but he thought it was around \$2500.00 or \$3000.00, and that he could buy \$10,000.00 of the URSCHER kidnaping money for an amount that [REDACTED] could not remember, but it was either \$6000.00 or \$7000.00, and that nothing further was said at that time. [REDACTED] stated that he could not conceive of why [REDACTED] would talk to him of such a subject, but later upon considering the matter further, thought that [REDACTED] might be serious and might have thought that if this money could be secured it could be exchanged through [REDACTED] at the Northern National Bank.

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█████ advised that he is a collector and clerk at the above bank and that he met █████ through the bank, as █████ has an account with the bank and several times he, █████ has checked over █████ account for the latter individual. █████ advised that █████ has been arrested numerous times at Duluth, Minnesota, for various violations, including bootlegging, disorderly conduct, and disturbing the peace, and that his reputation is not very good; that he also makes frequent trips to the Twin Cities, and possibly has some connection with bootleggers and liquor violators in the Twin Cities. He stated that he has several times noted the checks deposited by █████ have come from the Twin Cities.

█████ advised that █████ has said nothing further to him concerning this ransom money. He advised that in the event that █████ should contact him again concerning this matter he will advise the St. Paul Division Office, which address and telephone number were left with him. He advised that he would attempt to secure any information possible from █████ and not advise him that any inquiry had been made.

█████
All b7C

P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana, November 11, 1934.

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

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim
Kidnaping
Butte File 7-2

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of the following letter from Sheriff
[REDACTED] Billings, Montana:

[REDACTED] has informed me that Mrs. Geo. L. Davis
of 5950 West 38th Ave., Denver, Colorado, went through Billings
last summer with her car bound for the Coast. He later heard that
her car had been stolen and all her property, including some drafts,
had been lost. He believes that perhaps the drafts made to Mrs.
Geo. L. Davis which were found in Medford, Oregon, were the ones
which this Mrs. Geo. L. Davis lost.

"This information is given to you for what it may be
worth."

I am not clear as to what this might be but feel sure
it is in connection with the recent activities in the Urschel
case at Medford and Roseburg, Oregon, and other places in your
territory.

I judge from the letter that the informant, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has no additional information at this time, and that it
would have to be secured if there is anything to it from Mrs.
George L. Davis in Denver.

Very truly yours,

D. H. DICKASON
Special Agent in Charge.

DHD/[REDACTED]

CC Division✓

All b7C

7-115
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
NOV 16 1934
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ONE [REDACTED]

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING SERVICE

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WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE
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TELEGRAMS
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DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PENNSYLVANIA AVE AT 9 ST

CURSCHEL KIDNAPPING CERTIFIED PAPERS FORWARDED USA PORTLAND

TODAY CHARGING CLARA AND ED FELDMAN CONSPIRACY BOND NOV 16 1934

TWENTY FIVE THOUAND EACH RETURNABLE HERE FIRST MONDAY

JANUARY=

BRANTLEY.

CLARA FELDMAN

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NOV 16 1934
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NOV 16 1934

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE


Division File #

November 15, 1934.

United States Marshal,
Portland, Oregon.


Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Division of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:



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Copy to -
Division Off.,
Portland, Oregon.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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BIRMINGHAM DIVISION OFFICE
(Name and address of Contributor)

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Date 10-28-33

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

Dear Sir:-

7-115	
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
OCT 30 1933	
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
SEARCHED	FILE

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

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
Memphis, Tenn. P.D.#15597	John Calvert Tichenor, alias "Tich"	Arrested U.S.M., Memphis, Tenn. 9-26-33; charge, harboring a fugitive from justice and conspiracy to harbor; on 10-21-33 sentenced 6 mos. Shelby County Jail, Memphis, Tenn.; two years, Atlanta Penitentiary on conspiracy charge, sentences to run consecutively.
Memphis, Tenn. P.D.#15600	Langford Poland Ramsey, alias Lang Ramsey	Arr., U.S.M., Memphis, Tenn. 9-26-33, charge harboring a fugitive from Justice and conspiracy to harbor a fugitive; on 10-21-33 sentenced six months, Shelby Co. Jail, Memphis Tenn. on harboring charge, 2 years U.S.P., Atlanta Ga. on conspiracy charge, sentences to run consecutively.

This form to be submitted to the Bureau of Investigation 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.

SEE NEXT PAGE

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.
(Official Title)

✓
Memphis, Tenn.
P.D.#15598

4/10/30 - 711172
Seymour Eaton Travis

Arrested U.S.M., Memphis, Tenn.
9-26-33, charge harboring a
fugitive from justice and con-
spiracy to harbor a fugitive.
Indicted in U.S.D.C., Memphis,
Tenn. 10-6-33, same charge,
released 10-21-33 upon own
recognizance when case con-
tinued indefinitely.

Ottawa, Illinois
November 13th, 1934

DIV. of INV.

The United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

A News Photo in the current press indicates that
the URSCHER KIDNAP CASE has not yet been solved.

I was under the impression that it had been and
in consequence did not sooner relate the following
story.

A few weeks back I visited in Minneapolis and St.
Paul in line with my work for The Tagit Co. of
Rockford, Illinois. I registered at a hotel which
I am hazy in my thought was the "WEST". About
10:00 P I went out to a Floor Show with two of the
Bell Boys from that hotel. One of them was called
[REDACTED] I forget the others' name.

About 1:00 A we went to a place called "The Hith Hole".
By this time [REDACTED] and I were very friendly
and confidential because he originated in Chicago
in territory with which I am quite familiar.

On account of this he was quite free in telling me
"this and that".... "out of school". It all went
out the "other ear" except when he referred to and
pointed out a person at the bar who had "PASSED
the URSCHER DOUGH".

I looked at the person and believe that I could
identify the one who I think or thought he referred
to. From his action of familiarity with the bar
tender I believe that he is a regular patron. He
was about 5'8" to 10". weighed about 180 to 200#,
about 55 years old, very dark complected, deeply
wrinkled about the mouth, heavy nose, strong chin,
soft felt hat down over the eyes. "Sitting pretty"
appearance in a "easy dough way"; coat open, hand in
pants pocket, dark brown clothes.

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The exact night that this happened was when "The
Drunkard" showed at the West Hotel.

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I hope that this may be of aid. Please keep me out
of it because I may have to go back to Minneapolis
and again cross some of these people's trail in bus-
-iness.

Chamber of Commerce

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cc - St Paul
Chicago

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November 21, 1934.

c/o Chamber of Commerce,
Ottawa, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 13, 1934, concerning the Urachel kidnaping case, has been received and I wish to thank you for your courtesy and consideration in bringing this information to my attention.

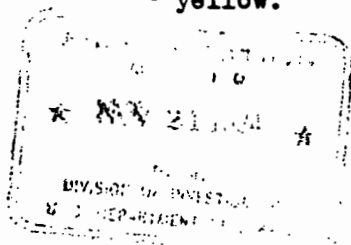
Please be advised that copies of your letter have been referred to Mr. M. H. Purvis, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago, Illinois, who will have an agent from his office contact you in the near future relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Chicago (Forwarded 2 copies of [redacted] letter of 11-13-34)
St. Paul " " " " " " " " " "

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Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey.....
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DIV. OF INV.

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

CLARA ⁶FELDMAN UNDER ARREST FOR CONSPIRACY URSHEL KIDNAPPING CASE
REFUSES TO BE FINGER PRINTED WIRE INSTRUCTIONS

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*Miss J. Ireland
11-14-34*

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Nov. 13, 1934

Jay C Newman
Division of Investigation
U S Department of Justice
422 Midland Savings Bldg
Denver, Colo

GEORGE KELLY BARNES KIDNAPING DRAFT DRAWN BY DENVER NATIONAL BANK JULY SEVENTEENTH
CIRCUMSTANCES

NINETEEN THIRTY THREE FOR DEPOSIT MADE BY CLARA FELDMAN UNDER ALIAS MRS G L

DAVIS FOR TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS PAYABLE TO SELF CONTACT OTHER BANKS FOR PURPOSE OF

LOCATING ADDITIONAL DEPOSITS DRAFTS SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES

RELEASE ANY MONIES LOCATED

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NOV 13 1934

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charge Div Inves., 411 U S Court House
cc Division

7-11-1409
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
NOV 17 1934
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ONE

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

KIDNAPING

In connection with the investigation looking toward the apprehension of those individuals who have been participating in the disposition of the ransom money in this case, Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, at Roseburg, Oregon, on November 6, 1934, took into custody Alvin H. Scott and [REDACTED]. On the same date a Federal complaint was filed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, charging Scott and [REDACTED] with conspiracy to violate the kidnaping statute inasmuch as a part of the ransom money was found in their possession at the time they were apprehended.

On November 9, 1934, Clara Feldman and her son, Ed Feldman, were taken into custody at Dunsmuir, California. On the person of Clara Feldman there was found \$1,100 in ransom currency and an additional \$1,000 in \$10 bills which were not part of the ransom paid in this case. On November 10, 1934, a Federal complaint was filed at Oklahoma City charging the Feldmans with conspiracy to violate the kidnaping statute. An additional \$4,680 in ransom money was located by Division Agents and local authorities at Medford, Oregon on November 13, 1934.

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

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GEORGE KELLY BARNES ET AL KIDNAPING SUBMIT DETAILED REPORT IMMEDIATELY
BRINGING UP TO DATE ALL ACTIVITIES YOUR DISTRICT

NOVEMBER 19 1934

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
411 US COURT HOUSE BUILDING
PORTLAND OREGON

URSCHEL KIDNAPING ADVISE BY WIRE WHETHER CHARLES F URSCHKE NECESSARY AS

WITNESS THERE AND DATE FOR HEARING HE CONTEMPLATES LEAVING OKLAHOMA CITY SHORTLY

FOR EXTENDED TRIP

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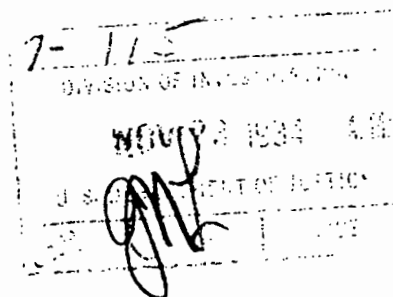
URSCHEL KIDNAPING ASCERTAIN ADVISE NAME ADDRESS SUBSCRIBER TELEPHONE

YORK FIVE ONE NAUGHT FIVE DENVER SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
224 FEDERAL BLDG
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLA

PERSONEL KIDNAPING OFFICE TELEPHONE BEN B LASKA IS TAVOR TWO EIGHT FOUR ONE RESIDENCE TELEPHONE YORK FIVE ONE NAUGHT FIVE RESIDENCE ADDRESS ELEVEN SIX FOUR COOK STREET DENVER BOTH TELEPHONES ALSO LISTED LASKAS NAME SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR

NEWMAN

GOV'T RATE PREPAID
JON: **b7c**
cc Division

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

NOV 23 1934

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11-20-34
3:20 P.M.

D Brantley
Div of Investigation
US Department of Justice
224 Federal Bldg
Oklahoma City, Okla.

URSCHEL KIDNAPING ATTORNEY BEN B LASKA WAS SUBSCRIBER TELEPHONE YORK FIVE ONE
NAUGHT FIVE DENVER SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR REFER MY PREVIOUS WIRE TODAY

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JOHN b7c
Cc Division

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases etal
CHARLES F. URSCHEL -Victim NOV 20 1934
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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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DENVER COLORADO

URSCHER KIDNAPING FURNISH BY WIRE RESIDENCE AND OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

BEN B LASKA ATTORNEY DENVER SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR

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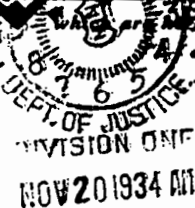
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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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PORTLAND OREGON



Denver, Colorado
November 15, 1934
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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FILE

GEORGE KELLY BARNES KIDNAPING CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT NUMBER SIXTEEN FOUR
FIVE THREE FIVE PAYABLE MRS G L DAVIS, AMOUNT TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS OUTSTANDING
THIS DEPOSIT MADE DENVER NATIONAL BANK DENVER JULY SIXTEENTH NINETEEN THIRTY
FOUR AMOUNT
THREE BANK HAS CANCELLED DRAFT NUMBER FOUR NAUGHTY NINE/ TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS
PAYABLE MRS G L DAVIS STOP DRAFT OBTAINED AND CANCELLED JULY SEVENTEENTH
THIRTY THREE BY G L DAVIS NO RECORD PRINCIPAL BANKS DENVER DEPOSIT BOXES
ACCOUNTS DRAFTS UNDER NAMES CLARA FELDMAN MR AND MRS G L DAVIS A H SCOTT

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GEORGE KELLY BARNES
KIDNAPING

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

GEORGE KELLY BARNES KIDNAPING URSCHKE NECESSARY WITNESS PORTLAND
DECEMBER FOURTH IN THE EVENT SUBJECTS ARE NOT INDICTED AT OKLAHOMA CITY
PRIOR TO HEARING STOP IF INDICTMENT RETURNED OKLAHOMA CITY PRIOR
TO HEARING PORTLAND URSCHKE'S PRESENCE NOT NECESSARY USA PORTLAND
AIRMAILED LETTER USA OKLAHOMA CITY NOVEMBER FIFTEENTH SUGGESTING
ADVISABILITY OF INDICTMENT BEFORE REMOVAL HEARING.

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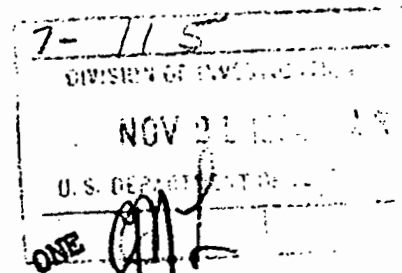
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P. O. Box 709
Portland, Oregon

November 16, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 538
Los Angeles, California



Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al
ALVIN H. SCOTT - FUGITIVE
[REDACTED] - FUGITIVE
CLARA FELDMAN - FUGITIVE
ED FELDMAN - FUGITIVE
CHARLES F. MRSCHER - Victim
Kidnaping

At the time that Clara Feldman and her son Edward Feldman were taken into custody at Dunsmuir, California, on November 9, 1934, they were in possession of a 1934 Ford V8 Cabriolet, motor #875382. Found in their possession also was a letter from the Fortner Motor Company, 412 S. Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, dated June 25, 1934, addressed to Mr. George E. Feldman, 843 1/2 W. Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, California. The letter stated:

"We are enclosing herewith policy #19943 on your new car.

"Trusting the same will be found in order, we remain

Very truly yours,

Fortner Motor Company
By [REDACTED]"

Also found in the possession of Edward Feldman was an insurance contract for the Ford V8 with the Pacific Automobile Insurance Company, Los Angeles, California. The policy is numbered 19943, dated June 18, 1934, in the name of George E. Feldman, 843 1/2 W. Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, California. The business of the insured was stated as retired and the automobile was described to be used in private and business calls, excluding commercial delivery.

It is requested that immediate attention be given this matter and the salesman of the Fortner Motor Company be interviewed relative to

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the sale of this car giving particular attention to whether subject Ed Feldman paid cash for the car and, if so, whether such was paid in denomination of twenty dollar bills. Insofar as a number of the original ransom bills were found in the possession of Clara and Ed Feldman, it is thought that possibly this car was purchased with a portion of the original Urschel ransom bills.

Attention is directed to report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Los Angeles, dated May 2, 1934, in which investigation was conducted at 532 1/2 Santa Barbara Street, Los Angeles. It should be noted that Edward Feldman gave his address as Santa Barbara Street when flying from Medford to Portland, Oregon in March 1934.

Investigation should be conducted at 843 1/2 W. Santa Barbara as it is felt that if he has a permanent house at this address there may be found additional evidence which can be used in the trial and it is also possible that additional ransom may be recovered.

On being interviewed Edward Feldman made the statement that he married one [REDACTED] of Medford, Oregon, at Riverside, California, on or about June 18, 1934. He would give no further information except that he was married by a justice of the peace. Investigation should be conducted to verify Feldman's marriage in California.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

[REDACTED]
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cc-Division
Oklahoma City
AIR MAIL

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

Special Agent in Charge,
Portland, Oregon.

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases; et al,
ALVIN H. SCOTT - FUGITIVE,
[REDACTED] - FUGITIVE,
CLARA FELDMAN - FUGITIVE,
ED FELDMAN - FUGITIVE,
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir :

Referring to your letter dated November 9, 1934, and confirming my wire of November 12, 1934, please be advised that a review of the Oklahoma City file in the above matter reflects that [REDACTED] of the First National Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma City supervised the checking of the ransom money paid for the release of Mr. Urschel in the above case. Telephonic communications with both [REDACTED] and Mr. Urschel indicate they will be available as witnesses, if necessary.

Upon conferring with the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City, he stated that it is his opinion that these two witnesses will be sufficient for the removal proceedings in the above matter.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

P. C. Box 709
Portland, Oregon

November 16, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. C. Box 587
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

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

In reference to the above case Special Agent [REDACTED] of this office on interviewing William Hurtienne at Tacoma, father of Clara Feldman, observed a 1931 Oakland, California telephone directory. Agent [REDACTED] examined this directory and on the first page of the directory under emergency calls were listed the following names, telephone numbers and addresses:

Mo 0139 925 York St. Oak
La 5525 825 13th St. "
We 4557
Cr 7179
An 2032
Fr 5758
Frv 1451 J
Me 4434
Pr 1934
Al 1345
Fl 9507

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It is observed that these names are very incomplete and it is, therefore, requested that the names and addresses be found and forwarded to this office at your earliest convenience. At the present time it is not thought advisable to carry on any further investigation with the above.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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D BRANTLEY
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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
224 FEDERAL BUILDING
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

RETEL URSCHER KIDNAPING ALL DENVER TELEPHONE NUMBERS PREFACED BY
EXCHANGE NECESSARY TO KNOW EXCHANGE IN ORDER TO TRACE NUMBER
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GOVT RATE PAID

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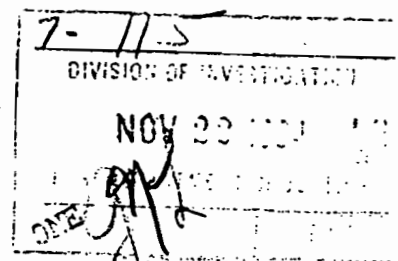
URSHEL KIDNAPING ASCERTAIN AND ADVISE BY WIRE NAME ADDRESS SUBSCRIBER

IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR DENVER TELEPHONE FIVE ONE NAUGHT FIVE

BRANTLEY

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224 Federal Building

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 20, 1934

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,
Portland, Oregon.

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Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases; et al,
ALVIN K. SCOTT - FUGITIVE,
[REDACTED] - FUGITIVE, 7-115
CLARA FELDMAN - FUGITIVE,
ED FELDMAN - FUGITIVE,
CHARLES F. URZICEL - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above matter, and particularly the fact that the removal hearing for Clara Feldman, Ed Feldman, Alvin K. Scott and [REDACTED] has been set for December 4, 1934 at Portland, Oregon, please be advised that the office of the United States Attorney, Oklahoma City, has been consulted relative to the possibility of the returning of an indictment prior to the date of the hearing. The United States Attorney, Oklahoma City, has consulted with the Federal Judge, and it has been decided that it will be impractical to call a grand jury prior to the present date of the hearing. It is planned, however, at this time to call a special session of the grand jury on December 11, 1934 for the purpose of securing an indictment against the four individuals listed above.

The United States Attorney advises that he is forwarding a letter to the United States Attorney at Portland to-day, advising him of these arrangements, and suggesting that the hearing at Portland be postponed until after an indictment can be secured at Oklahoma City. It is, therefore, requested that the Portland office consult the United States Attorney at Portland, and advise what steps will be taken relative to the postponement of the removal hearing.

It will, of course, be necessary to introduce witnesses before the grand jury at Oklahoma City on December 11 relative to the possession of the ransom money on the part of the four current defendants. In this

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respect I shall appreciate being advised at once of the names of witnesses who can testify relative to the facts surrounding the possession of ransom money on the part of these individuals. In the event one witness can testify in the case of all these individuals, this one witness would be sufficient, and of course, desirable.

Please give this matter prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

WIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

~~cc~~ Division

U. S. Department of Justice
Division
Bureau of Investigation

P O Box 536
Los Angeles, California.
November 17th, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please furnish fifteen copies of the list of bank notes
paid as ransom in the case of George Kelly^o Barnes, with aliases,
et al - Charles F. Urschel^o, Victim - Kidnaping.

15 - copies - furnished 11/21/34. J.H.

Very truly yours,

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

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

FILE NO. **7-7**

REPORT MADE AT: Denver, Colo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-20-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-14, 15-34	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al CHARLES F. URSCHER -- Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Certificate of deposit #164535 payable to Mrs. G. L. Davis in the amount of \$2,000 is outstanding. This deposit was made at Denver National Bank on 7-16-33. Denver National Bank has in its possession now a cancelled draft #4094 in amount of \$2,000 payable to Mrs. G. L. Davis. This draft was obtained and cancelled on 7-17-33 by G. L. Davis. No record secured at the principal banks in Denver regarding deposit boxes, accounts, drafts under the names of Subjects or suspects this case.

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REFERENCE: Wire of Portland Office, dated 11-14-34.

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AT DENVER, COLO.

DETAILS:

Agent interviewed [REDACTED] of the Denver National Bank, who caused a search of his records to be made relative to a draft mentioned in reference wire. He exhibited to Agent a cancelled draft bearing No. 4094, which is payable to Mrs. G. L. Davis in the amount of \$2,000. This draft was dated July 17, 1933 and [REDACTED] advised the records of the bank show that G. L. Davis bought this draft on July 17, 1933, payable to Mrs. G. L. Davis, and returned to the bank the same day and cancelled the draft and received back the \$2,000 which he had furnished to purchase the draft. This draft is on the Anglo and London-Paris National Bank, San Francisco, California, which is the correspondent bank

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay E. Spelman</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1411	RECORDED AND INDEXED: NOV 23 1934
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of the Denver National Bank in San Francisco.

[REDACTED] further advised that a certificate of deposit, No. 164535, is at present outstanding at the Denver National Bank. This certificate of deposit is payable to Mrs. G. L. Davis in the amount of \$2,000 and was secured at the Denver National Bank on July 16, 1933 by Mrs. G. L. Davis, who deposited the \$2,000 for which the certificate was issued. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that this certificate was good and on presentment would be paid by the Denver National Bank upon it being properly endorsed by Mrs. G. L. Davis.

This certificate of deposit is no doubt the certificate (not draft) which was found by the Portland Division Office at the time of the arrest of A. H. Scott, [REDACTED] and Clara Feldman.

Special Agent in Charge Jay C. Newman, Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and the writer, contacted the following banks in Denver where a request was made that a search of their records be undertaken to locate commercial accounts, savings accounts, safety deposit boxes and drafts in the names of Clara Feldman, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Davis, George Hurtienne, [REDACTED] A. H. Scott, and [REDACTED]

Denver National Bank
International Trust Company
American National Bank
Central Savings Bank and Trust Company
United States National Bank
First National Bank
Colorado National Bank.

No record of the desired information was secured at any of the above mentioned banks, which are the principal banks in Denver.

Inasmuch as Clara Feldman has been located and apprehended, the mail cover on Post Office box #2565, which was placed by the Denver Division Office and which box is rented by [REDACTED] was discontinued. No tracings have been received to date as a result of this mail cover.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 20, 1934

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Time: 9:30 AM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Baughman	
Chief Clerk	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Cowley	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Keith	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	

Mr. Spears telephoned and advised that the following story had been obtained from Ed Feldman, son of Clara Feldman; that he implicates Ben Laska. He states that they have ~~paid~~ paid him \$10,000 of the hot money; that they paid him \$8,000 in Denver and \$1,000 in Oklahoma City at the Biltmore Hotel; that he implicates a second party by the name of Mr. Hyde, a United States Attorney; that he did not know whether there was anything to this information but had called Oklahoma City and they were working on this angle of the case there. Feldman stated that at Oklahoma City he was supposed to deliver to Laska an additional \$2,000; that he drove from Chicago to Denver where he was to meet Laska; that he then returned to Oklahoma City where he had an appointment with Laska at the Biltmore Hotel; that when he arrived there he found another party who was introduced to him as Mr. Hyde; that Laska told him, Ed, that Mr. Hyde was to help in some way, he didn't know how, for which he, Hyde, was to receive \$1,000.; that Laska told him to place \$1,000 under the bathroom rug; that his recollection was that they went into the bathroom and got this money and came out and counted the money saying that it was okeh. Mr. Spears stated that Mr. Brantley was sending him a photograph of Hyde so that he could show same to Feldman; that Feldman states that he has not seen Hyde; that he was taking Ed Feldman to Roseburg today to talk with Scott; that he, Spears, believes this boy is telling all that he knows; that they went out and dug \$1520 of the ransom bills; that altogether they have \$10,600 in actual ransom money, and \$14,200 including everything.

Relative to buying the house in question, I advised Mr. Spears that we were holding this in abeyance until we heard from him; that then we would take the matter up with Oklahoma City and see if Urschel would not purchase same. He stated to hold the matter up for a little while longer; that they were trying to find out where the rest of the money was; that he has talked with Clara Feldman continuously, but she will not talk; that she says the fact that they place her in jail made no difference to her; that she did make one offer, however; that she will tell where the remainder of the ransom bills are if we will release Ed and Scott. Mr. Spears further stated that Ed Feldman is trying to obtain information from his mother as to where the other money is. He stated he thinks there is between \$40,000 or \$50,000 of the money which they haven't located as yet.

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This Laska angle is very
very important. J. E. H.

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Memo for the Director

I advised Mr. Spears with reference to the Laska situation to develop every detail and to try and get all ^{corroboration} ~~cooperation~~ possible. Mr. Spears stated that Ed Feldman stated that last August Ed Feldman and his wife drove from Idaho to Denver; that they went to Laska's house at night; that Laska telephoned the neighbor next door and told the neighbor that he had friends there from California and wanted to know if the car could be placed in their garage; that this was arranged, and that it is Ed Feldman's recollection that the car was in this garage for two days and two nights; that Laska drove down to the hotel to get reservations for them; that while they were there, Laska tried to obtain from Ed, through his mother, the \$2,000 which Laska knew they had.

Mr. Spears stated that the \$8,000 given to Laska was money which he wanted for expenses to date; that Laska accepted ransom money and also made an offer to Ed Feldman to exchange some of the money.

Respectfully,

E.A.T.

E. A. Tamm.

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November 22, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Portland, Oregon.

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; et al,
ALVIN H. SCOTT, Fugitive;
[REDACTED] Fugitive;
CLARA FELDMAN, Fugitive;
ED FELDMAN, Fugitive;
CHARLES F. DASCHEN - Victim - Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the information secured from Ed Feldman concerning the possible implication in the above entitled case of Ben Laska, I consider this to be a most important angle of the case and desire that all of its phases be exhaustively investigated.

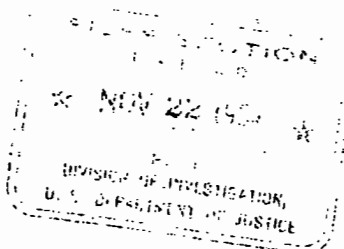
The Division should, of course, be promptly advised of all developments.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Oklahoma City

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SLICK-URSCHEL OIL COMPANY

P. O. BOX 1148

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

C. F. URSCHEL
PRESIDENT

November 21, 1934.

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

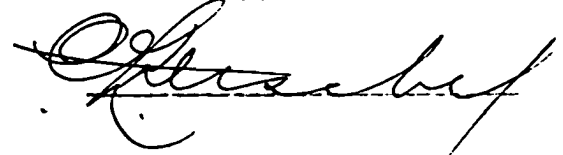
Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your letter of the 13th inst. enclosing addresses, bulletins, booklets, and information relative to the operation of the Division of Investigation received.

My son, Tom, advises that this material was just what he wanted for his essay and I wish to thank you for furnishing same to us.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,



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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
JOSEPH K. CARSON, JR., COMMISSIONER
BUREAU OF POLICE



L. V. JENKINS,
COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

Our File No. _____

Your File No. _____

November 9, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Again you and your men are to be congratulated
on the apprehension of Alvin H. Scott and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] at Roseburg, Oregon in connection with the
Urschel kidnapping case.

Mr. C. C. Spears, your agent in charge here, is
doing marvelous work in conducting investigations. The
efficiency with which your office is clearing up these
kidnapping cases is commendable and really uncanny in the
way that the evidence is secured and carried to a success-
ful conclusion

My personal regards to you and Jim Egan.

Sincerely yours,

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L. V. Jenkins
Commissioner of Police

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Mr. L. V. Jenkins,
Commissioner of Police,
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Dear Commissioner Jenkins:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 9, 1954, in which you congratulate the Division upon its activities in connection with the apprehension of Alvin H. Scott and [REDACTED] at Roseburg, Oregon.

Permit me to take this opportunity of thanking you for your kind expressions, and of expressing my especial gratification for your commendation in view of the fact that it comes from one so experienced in law enforcement.

I am also pleased to learn that the work of Mr. C. C. Spears, Special Agent in Charge of the Portland office, meets with your approval, since it is always gratifying to learn that the efforts of the Division's field personnel are appreciated by law enforcement authorities such as you.

I have delivered your message to Inspector Egan, who joins me in reciprocating your good wishes.

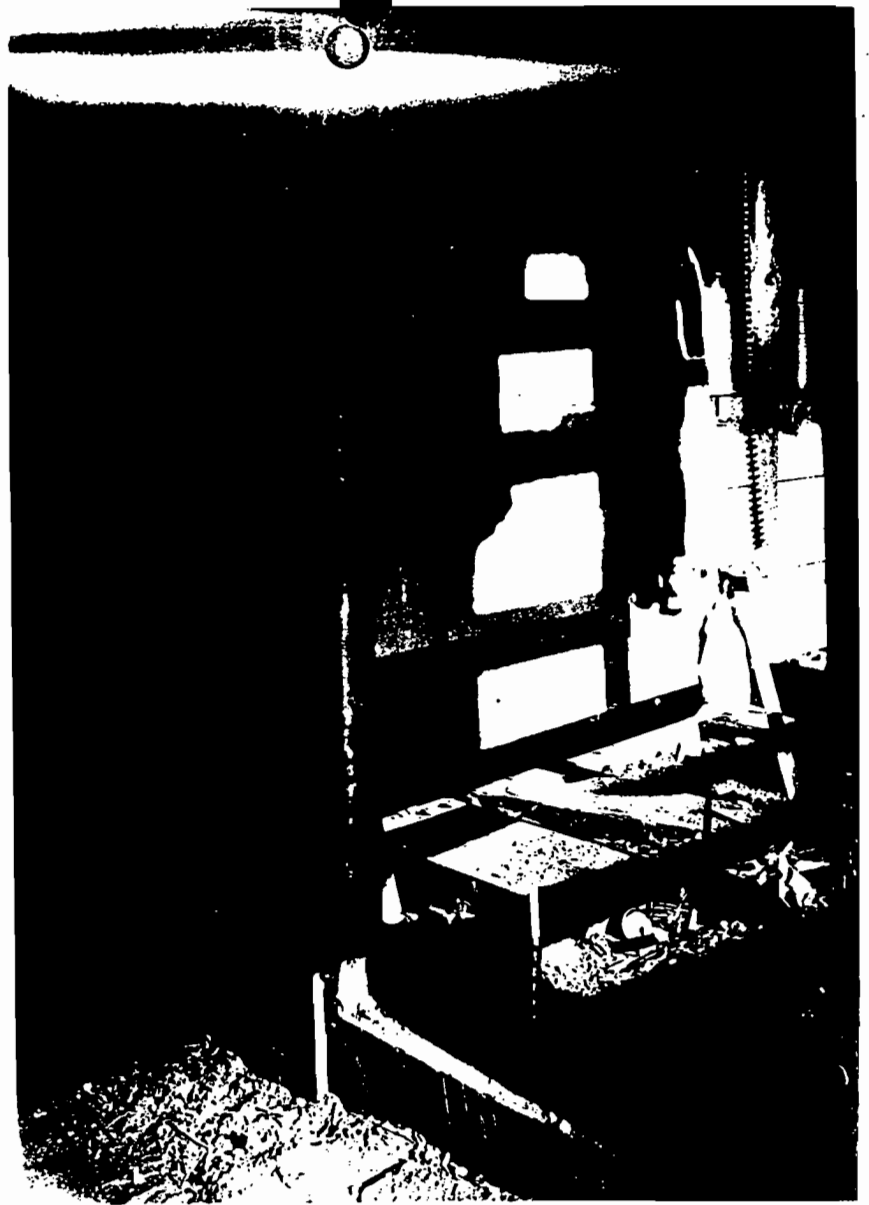
Sincerely yours,

W. A. RORER, Director

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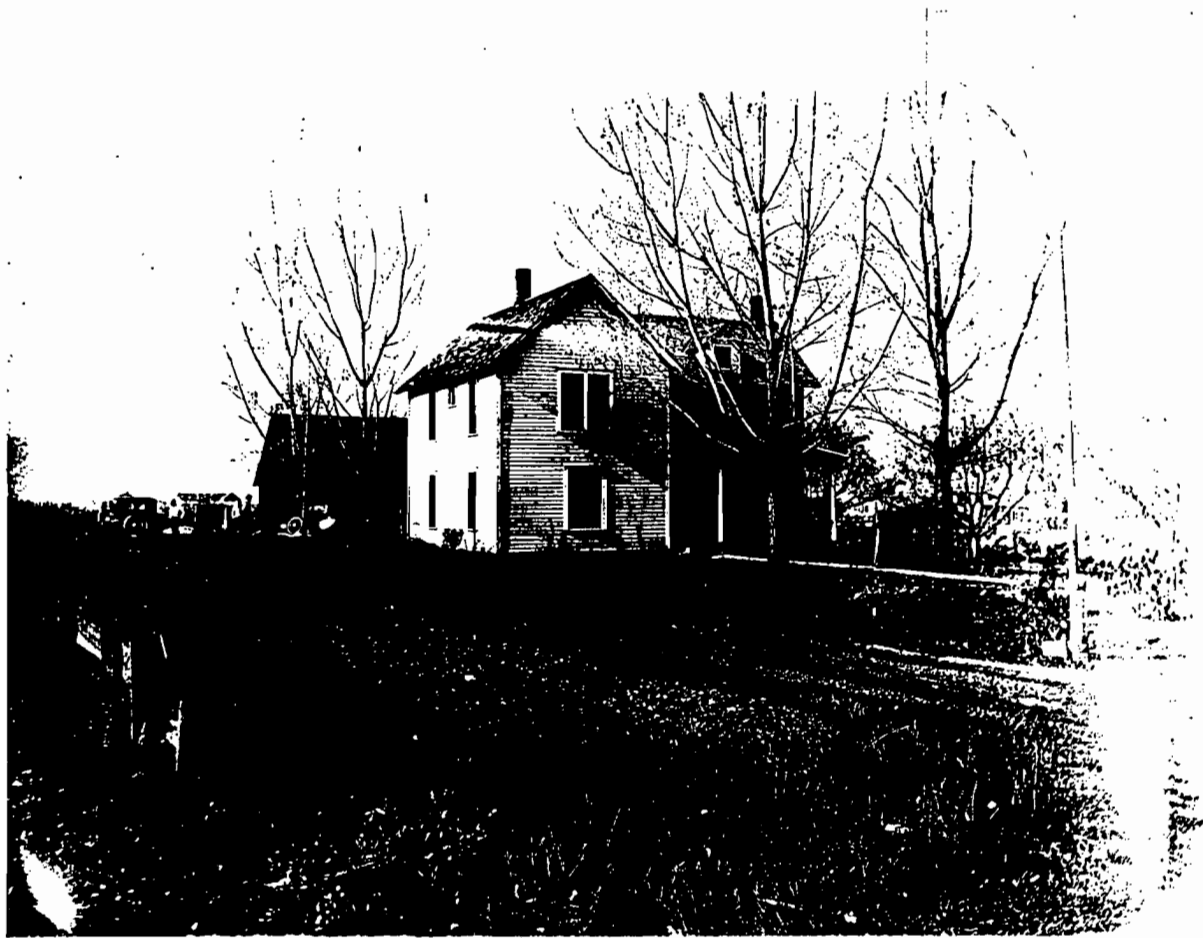
Interior of woodshed and garage showing hole from
which jars number one and two were dug, hole indicated
by ruler stuck into hole.

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Photograph of jars number one and two containing
ransom money, miscellaneous cash and other articles.

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1
General view of the Scott premises taken from front of house



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Interior view of woodshed showing hole from which jars number one and two were dug.

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Photographs of jars number one and two containing
ransom money, miscellaneous cash and other articles.



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General view of Scott's premises as taken from side
of house.

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Rear of Scott house showing well, milk house and fruit house.



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View of Scott's barn and the Scott woodshed in which
was found jars number one and two.

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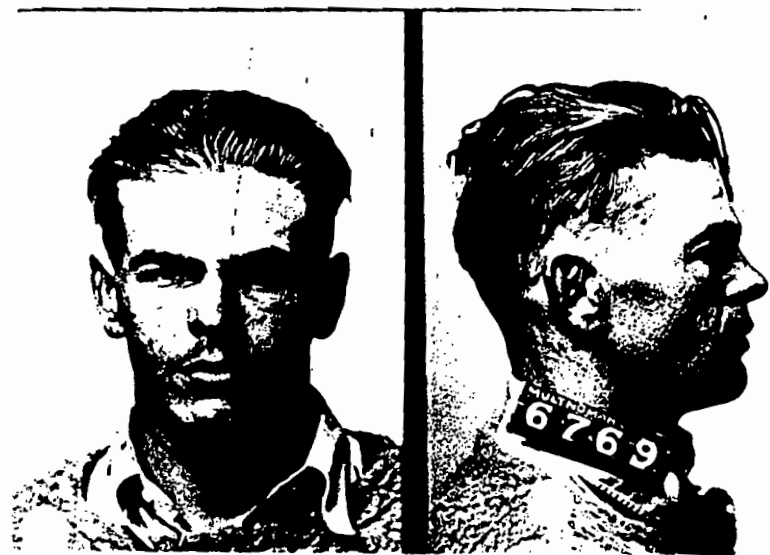
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SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON

Name Edward George Feldman

Alias _____

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

REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-23-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-3/23-34	REPORT MADE BY: C. C. Spears
TITLE: "Changed" GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al ALVIN H. SCOTT - FUGITIVE [REDACTED] - FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping
CLARA FELDMANN, alias Clara Feldman, alias Clara Davis, alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias Miss Ruth Johnson - FUGITIVE EDWARD GEORGE FELDMANN, alias Ed Feldman, alias Axel C. Johnson, alias George Feldman - FUGITIVE CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim			
<p>Alvin H. Scott, brother-in-law of Clara Feldmann, seriously injured in automobile accident Roseburg, Oregon, November 2, 1934. Investigation developed had \$1360.00 of ransom money involved in instant case. Additional \$6140.00 ransom money recovered on premises of Alvin H. Scott and [REDACTED]. Subjects Clara Feldmann and Edward George Feldmann taken into custody at Dunsmuir, California, November 9, 1934. \$1100.00 ransom money recovered their possession. Additional \$1520.00 ransom money recovered buried approximately six miles from Woodland, Washington. Total actual ransom money recovered to date \$10,120.00. Additional miscellaneous cash recovered to date \$2374.00. Also recovered one \$2000.00 draft payable to subject Clara Feldmann purchased prior to date of kidnaping. Also recovered two Ford automobiles of value \$750.00, admittedly purchased by subject Edward Feldmann with proceeds of ransom money. Fugitive complaint filed against subjects [REDACTED] and Alvin H. Scott November 6, 1934; taken in Federal custody same date and held in default of \$25,000.00 bond each. Fugitive complaint filed against subjects Clara Feldmann and Edward George Feldmann November 10, 1934, both held in default of bail; \$50,000.00 as to subject Clara Feldmann and \$25,000.00 as to subject Edward George Feldmann. Hearing on removal set for December 4, 1934. Subject Edward George Feldmann made full disclosure of all facts in his possession and involves attorney Ben Laska, Denver, Colorado, and one "Hyde", Oklahoma City, having received \$9,000.00 and \$1,000.00 respectively of ransom money for defense of subject Bates.</p>			

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED], dated November 6, 1934, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

DETAILS:

The title hereof is changed to include subjects Clara Feldmann and Edward George Feldmann, with aliases.

Based upon information received that Alvin H. Scott, brother-in-law of Clara Feldmann, had become involved in a serious automobile accident at Roseburg, Oregon, on November 2, 1934, Special Agent [REDACTED] of this office proceeded to Roseburg, Oregon, on November 3, 1934, on instructions to ascertain whether Clara Feldmann and Edward George Feldmann, who have been wanted for interrogation in connection with the ransom money in the instant case, would contact Scott, or whether any information could be obtained in Roseburg involving these individuals.

Special Agent [REDACTED] contacted Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] at Roseburg, who stated he had covered the accident of Alvin H. Scott, which occurred about noon November 2d, and he had ordered Scott's automobile to be taken to the Stevens Garage at Roseburg. He stated that there was nothing unusual about the accident and Mr. Scott was at that time at the Mercy Hospital in an unconscious condition.

At the Mercy Hospital Agent [REDACTED] was informed by [REDACTED] that Alvin H. Scott had been brought to the Mercy Hospital some time during the afternoon of November 2d, at which time he was unconscious and he had at no time regained consciousness. She stated that [REDACTED] was present at the time Mr. Scott was being prepared for his bed; that she went through his clothing and found a wallet containing approximately \$700.00. [REDACTED] reflected that it appeared out of the ordinary for a man to carry that much money on his person and that she immediately went to his room, searched his clothing again and found a wallet containing approximately \$800.00 in currency plus a small amount of change, additional. [REDACTED] stated that this money was taken to the property room and that it had not been touched from the time it was taken from Scott's clothing. [REDACTED] exhibited Scott's personal effects to Agent [REDACTED] in the presence of [REDACTED] and Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED]. The money was counted and it developed that there were \$1360.00 in \$20.00 Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank notes; four \$50.00 bills, and six \$5.00 bills, plus a small amount of change. Agent [REDACTED] in the presence of the above mentioned persons, recorded the serial numbers appearing on the \$20.00 Federal Reserve notes and ascertained that all of said notes corresponded to the published list of ransom money in the instant case. A claim has been made by the [REDACTED] of the \$250.00, referred to above, found in Scott's possession which was not ransom money, for the purpose of covering expense of treatment, etc., of Scott.

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Further interrogation of [redacted] by Special Agent [redacted] resulted in information that [redacted] who is a sister of Clara Feldmann and who is referred to in the instant file as being the housekeeper of Alvin H. Scott, arrived at the Hospital November 3d and that after she had observed Mr. Scott's condition, she requested that [redacted] turn over to her his personal effects. [redacted] refused to comply with the request, stating that she would keep possession of his property until he regained consciousness. [redacted] made no further demand of [redacted] for these personal effects.

It was learned at the hospital that [redacted] was temporarily residing approximately one block from the hospital at a boarding house operated by a [redacted] Roseburg. A surveillance was maintained over [redacted] no information being obtained indicating that Clara Feldmann or Edward George Feldmann had contacted her and as a matter of fact [redacted] remained at the bedside of Alvin H. Scott almost continuously until 10 p.m., each night. Surveillance was also maintained over Scott at the hospital with the assistance of one [redacted] recommended as a reliable person to serve as a discreet guard over Scott in the hospital without Scott or any other person becoming aware that the guard was present. No one called at the hospital to see Mr. Scott with the exception of [redacted]

Additional surveillance was maintained to determine any possible communications which might be received either by [redacted] Alvin H. Scott, or the hospital, and through the post office it was learned that on November 8th, [redacted] received a letter from [redacted] Medford, Oregon, daughter of Alvin H. Scott, it being observed through the envelope of the letter that a \$100.00 bank draft purchased at the First National Bank, Medford, Oregon, and payable to [redacted] was enclosed therein. After delivery of this letter, [redacted] on November 7th, proceeded to the Roseburg National Bank and deposited the \$100.00 bank draft plus an additional \$60.00 in a checking account, it later being determined that this was deposited for the purpose of meeting Scott's hospital and medical expenses at Roseburg.

[redacted] Medical Arts Building, Roseburg, was the physician attending Alvin H. Scott. [redacted] was contacted at numerous times by Special Agent [redacted] it being ascertained that he had X-Rayed Mr. Scott's head and that the X-Rays developed a concussion. He received an injury to his back, but principally due to shock he did not regain full consciousness until on or about November 13, 1934.

On November 7th, it was learned by Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears, who had proceeded to Roseburg, Oregon, on November 4th that the local newspaper representatives at Roseburg had received press dispatches from the East which they were about to release, which contained information relative to the alleged complicity of Alvin H. Scott

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and [REDACTED] in the handling of ransom money in the instant case.

[REDACTED] was taken into custody on that date by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on the steps of the Mercy Hospital at Roseburg. She was vigorously interrogated for about ten hours November 7th, which interrogation was continued from day to day without receiving any information of value pertaining to the ransom money found in Scott's possession or any additional information regarding the location of any of the ransom money, nor would she disclose any information regarding the whereabouts of subject Clara Feldmann or Edward George Feldmann, claiming she had no such knowledge.

After service of the warrant upon [REDACTED] and Alvin H. Scott by United States Marshal Jack Summerville, [REDACTED] was taken to Eugene, Oregon, for arraignment before United States Commissioner E. C. Immel. Bond was set at \$25,000.00. Upon consent of [REDACTED] she was removed to Portland, Oregon, where she was incarcerated in the Multnomah County Jail to await hearing on removal.

Due to the condition of Alvin H. Scott, who was as yet unconscious, no steps were taken looking toward his removal to Portland.

Coincident with the taking of [REDACTED] in custody at Roseburg on November 7th, telephone communication was had by Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears with Special Agent [REDACTED] who was on that date at Medford, Oregon, conducting a thorough investigation of all Medford banks for the purpose of obtaining information regarding the presence of some of the ransom money, at which time Agent [REDACTED] was instructed to appear before United States Commissioner Victor A. Tengwald to secure a search warrant to permit search of the premises of Alvin H. Scott located on the outskirts of Medford, Oregon, where he had been living for the past six months with his children and with [REDACTED] who served as his housekeeper. A search warrant was issued on November 7th and was served the same day upon [REDACTED] twenty-three year old daughter of Alvin H. Scott, who was in charge of the Scott premises at that time. The warrant was served upon [REDACTED] by Deputy United States Marshal [REDACTED] who is stationed at Medford, Oregon, and immediate search was commenced of the premises by Special Agent [REDACTED] Deputy United States Marshal [REDACTED] assisted by State Police Officers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

As a result of the search conducted on the Scott premises there were found at 9:44 p.m., November 7, 1934, two one quart size "Ball Perfect Mason" fruit jars buried in the soil in an outbuilding in the rear of the Scott house used as a wood shed and garage. These two jars were found buried about fifteen inches deep, both jars lying together. The discovery

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was made by State Police Officer [redacted] and dug up by him in the presence of Special Agent [redacted] and Captain [redacted] of the Oregon State Police. These two jars will hereinafter be referred to as Jar No. 1, Exhibit 1, and Jar No. 2, Exhibit 2. The exact location where these jars were buried was 178 feet 5 inches west of the southeast corner of the Scott premises, and north 47 feet 4 inches. The hole in which they were buried was located on the north side of the doorway leading from the wood shed to the garage. The hole was 11 feet 10 inches from the south wall of the structure and 13 feet 5 inches from the east wall.

The following money and articles were found in Jars No. 1 and 2.

JAR NO. 1, Exhibit 1:

51 - \$20.00 notes Federal Reserve Bank of
Kansas City, Missouri \$1,020.00
(Each note bearing the initials of Special Agent
[redacted] Captain [redacted] and State
Police [redacted] bearing date found --
November 7, 1934).

22 - \$20.00 notes Federal Reserve Bank of
Kansas City, Missouri 440.00
(Each note bearing the initials of Special Agent
[redacted] Captain [redacted] and State
Police [redacted] bearing date found --
November 7, 1934).

1 - \$20.00 gold piece
1 - \$10.00 gold piece
12 - \$5.00 gold pieces Total Gold 90.00

The gold was found wrapped in paper and a piece of silk cloth and enclosed in a small well-worn leatherette pouch. 1550.00

JAR NO. 2, Exhibit 2:

One improvised money belt, made from handkerchiefs, containing two parcels of money, one being:

20 - \$10.00 bills

The other parcel consisting of:

39 - \$10.00 bills and 41 - \$5.00 bills.

Total amount contained in money belt \$795.00

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1 - \$1.00 bill, old style, large size
1 - \$2.00 bill, old style, large size
1 - \$1.00 Canadian bill

1 - Draft #184535, drawn on the Denver National Bank, Denver, Colorado, July 17, 1933, amount \$2,000.00 in favor of Mrs. C. L. Davis, payable to "Self", signed [REDACTED] Cashier.

Marriage certificate, indicating the marriage of George L. Davis and Clara Feldmann at Littleton, Colorado, May 15, 1933.

Small snapshot photograph of Edward George Feldmann.

Paper bearing the initials and dates of birth of subject Clara Feldmann's four children.

1 blank piece of paper within which were folded three newspaper clippings; one referring to the death of one Casper Feldmann; the second referring to the funeral services of one Marie Sophie Hurtienne; and the third referring to the funeral services of the same individual.

As a further result of the search of the premises of Alvin H. Scott Jar No. 3, referred to as Exhibit 3, was found buried at a depth of 15 inches at 12:44 p.m., November 11, 1934, by Special Agent [REDACTED] and dug up in the presence of State Police Officer [REDACTED] and Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED]. This jar was located in the ground, buried at approximately the center of an old barn site located 234 feet 3 inches west of the southeast corner of the premises and 60 feet 1 inch from the south line.

This jar contained - 234 \$20.00 Kansas City, Missouri,
Federal Reserve Notes representing ransom notes in the
instant case - Total \$4,680.00.

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(Each note bears the initials of Special Agent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

While Special Agents [REDACTED] and Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears were interrogating [REDACTED] at Roseburg, Oregon, Special Agent in Charge Spears received a telephone communication from Special Agent [REDACTED] at Medford on November 8th advising that a confidential informant located at Medford desired to see Special Agent in Charge Spears. This agent accordingly proceeded to Medford, Oregon, where contact was made with the confidential informant and information was received that Clara Feldmann and Edward George Feldmann

were believed to be in Dunsmuir, California. The confidential informant is the same informant referred to in letter of this agent to the Division dated January 29, 1934, in instant case.

Upon receipt of this information, this agent, accompanied by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] and Captain [redacted] of the Oregon State Police, proceeded to Dunsmuir by automobile, leaving Medford at midnight November 8th and arriving at Dunsmuir at 3:30 a.m., November 9th. After arrival at Dunsmuir, contact was had with California State Highway Patrolman [redacted] who was known to be a reliable officer, and at about 4 a.m., it was ascertained that subject Edward George Feldmann had rented a house located on the Pacific Highway at the edge of town. It was also ascertained that there was a vacant house immediately adjacent to the one allegedly rented by Feldmann and this agent, accompanied by the others above mentioned, gained access to the house at about 5 a.m. The vacant house was located about 30 feet south of the house allegedly occupied by subject Edward George Feldmann and Betty Feldmann, his wife, and the same was kept under surveillance until 9:55 a.m., November 9th, it appearing that no one was at that time in the house. At 9:55 a.m., a Ford V8 Cabriolet car, bearing California license, drove up to the front of the house occupied by the Feldmanns. Clara Feldmann, Edward George Feldmann and his wife, Betty, were observed to leave the car and enter the house. At 10:25 a.m., subject Edward George Feldmann came out of the house and stood beside the automobile, at which time the above named agents and two officers placed Edward George Feldmann in custody, and upon this agent and Agent [redacted] accompanied by Officer [redacted], entering the front door of the house, Clara Feldmann was found in the front room and Betty Feldmann in the kitchen.

Upon being taken into custody Clara Feldmann admitted her identity and refused to engage in any conversation bearing upon the instant matter.

On a couch in the living room Special Agent [redacted] found a lady's purse, which proved to be that of Clara Feldmann, and two bill folds. The first contained \$1,000.00 in \$10.00 bank notes and one of the wallets, which is described as the larger of the two found, being black in color and bound on the edges with leather lacing, contained 55 \$20.00 bills or a total of \$1,100.00. This was checked as being ransom money in the instant case. This wallet will be referred to herein as Exhibit #4, and each of the fifty-five \$20.00 Kansas City Federal Reserve notes bear the initials of Special Agents [redacted] and C. C. Spears and the date they were recovered. Subject Edward George Feldmann admitted that the wallet containing \$1,100.00 in ransom money was his wallet. There was also found a smaller black wallet containing \$45.00, consisting of \$5.00 bank notes. This wallet is being marked as Exhibit #5. The \$1,000.00 recovered in Clara Feldmann's purse and referred to above are being kept intact and marked Exhibit #6. ✓

After being taken in custody, Clara and Edward George Feldmann were advised of their right to be taken before the nearest United States Commissioner where a complaint would be filed and before whom they would be entitled to a hearing on removal to the district of Oklahoma. However, they waived such rights and in fact Clara Feldmann stated that she would accompany this agent any place in the country and did not desire to appear before a commissioner having jurisdiction over Dunsmuir, California.

A thorough search was made of the premises at Dunsmuir without any additional evidence of value being located, and the two subjects were immediately taken by automobile to Portland, Oregon, arriving in Portland about one a.m., on November 10, 1934.

This agent interrogated Clara Feldmann for a period of about sixteen hours, during which she at no time denied her connection with the ransom money in the instant case and, in fact, when informed by this agent that \$1460.00 representing actual ransom money in this case had been recovered on the premises of Alvin H. Scott at Medford, she informed this agent that that was all that was left on his premises. The statement, while in the nature of an admission, was not correct inasmuch as \$4680.00 was dug up from Scott's premises.

Clara Feldmann admitted to agent that she had married Albert Bates under the name of George L. Davis and, further than admitting that the \$1100.00 in ransom money and the \$1000.00 in miscellaneous cash recovered in Edward George Feldmann's house at Dunsmuir was all of the money she had in her possession, she would make no further admissions and invariably would reply to interrogations: "I have nothing to say". She continued this reticence in answering interrogations until November 17, 1934 while she was being interrogated by this agent in his office. At this time she admitted the existence of additional ransom money, stating she desired to take the entire blame and would advise the whereabouts of the additional ransom money if her son, Edward George Feldmann, and Alvin H. Scott were released. At this time she stated that she was the cause of all the trouble and that "she was taking somebody else's dirt", which statement she would not elaborate upon and no further information could be obtained from her at this time. On November 19th, upon being interrogated by this agent in the presence of [REDACTED] and Edward George Feldmann, she again reiterated the fact that she would disclose information as to the remainder of the ransom money and at this time stated that she would do so if she and her son, Edward George Feldmann could be allowed to take all the blame and Alvin H. Scott released from custody. Repeated interrogations, however, failed to secure from her any information as to the amount of money remaining or its location. She stated to this agent that she had been threatened in connection with the instant case, but would not state who threatened her and expressed fear that if she disclosed the person

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or persons who made the threats that either she or members of her family would be killed. She indicated this fear of death by drawing her hand across her throat, indicating she feared someone might cut one of their throats.

It should be stated that on November 10th an effort was made to secure a formal statement from subject Clara Feldmann, but after answering some preliminary questions she refused to continue. Following is quoted the results of this effort to secure a formal statement, [REDACTED] being the stenographer present:

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"Q. Mrs. Davis, my name as you know is C. C. Spears, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice at Portland, and the stenographer is [REDACTED]. I want to ask you some questions and desire that you understand that this statement is to be made freely and voluntarily. Mrs. Davis what is your true name?

A. Mrs. Clara Davis.

Q. When and where were you married to Mr. Davis?

A. Denver.

Q. When?

A. It was May wasn't it.

Q. I have here a marriage certificate found in a glass jar buried on the premises of Alvin E. Scott, Medford, Oregon, November 7th, which was issued out of Arapahoe County, Littleton, Colorado, reflecting that one George L. Davis of Denver, Colorado, and Clara Feldmann of Denver, Colorado, were married on May 15, 1933, the witnesses being Mrs. C. A. Hurtienne and Mr. G. A. Hurtienne, the ceremony having been performed by Fred A. Bemis, Justice of the Peace. I will show you this certificate and ask if that is the certificate showing your marriage to George L. Davis?

A. Yes.

Q. Mrs. Davis, were you previously married and to whom?

A. Mr. Casper Feldmann.

Q. When were you married to Mr. Feldmann?

A. 1908.

Q. Where?

A. Tacoma.

Q. How many children did you have?

A. (Refuses to answer).

Q. Is George L. Davis the same as the person known as Albert Bates who was arrested at Denver, Colorado in August 1933 in connection with the Urschel kidnaping case.

A. (Refuses to answer).

Q. You don't want to answer any questions, is that it?

A. It won't do me any good.

Q. Don't you want to answer them?

A. (No answer).

With reference to subject Edward George Feldmann, he was interrogated immediately after being taken into custody at Dunsmuir, California, by Special Agent [REDACTED] Agent [REDACTED] asked Feldmann if he knew why he was being detained and he replied that he did. In response to interrogations pertaining to the ransom money, he stated that he expected to be picked up at any time; that he has had no peace of mind and that he has constantly been apprehensive of any strange cars or persons who appeared to be officers and he further stated to Special Agent [REDACTED] that he was glad that the "beginning of the end had come" and that "he wanted to serve his time, get out, and earn a decent living". He also expressed his willingness to Special Agent [REDACTED] to proceed to Portland, Oregon, or any other point where Federal complaint would be filed against him.

Continued interrogation of Edward George Feldmann was had without any material results until the afternoon of November 17, 1934, about 4 p.m., agent called at the county jail at which time he stated he desired to tell all he knew about the case, and that he felt it was the best manner in which to proceed for the common good of all of them. Agent informed him that he had information indicating that some of the ransom money was paid to an attorney at Denver, Colorado in connection with the defense of Albert Bates at the former's trial. In this connection it was known to this office that the following exchange of telegrams had been had between Edward George Feldmann and B. B. Laska,

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Attorney, Denver, Colorado:

"Portland, Oregon
November 12, 1934

"B. B. Laska, Attorney
Denver, Colorado -

MOTHER UNDER FIFTY THOUSAND MYSELF TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND
BAIL BOTH CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY AND WIFE HELD MATERIAL
WITNESS

EDWARD G. FELDMANN"

"Denver, Colorado
November 13, 1934

"Edward G. Feldman
Portland, Oregon

WILL ADVISE TODAY BY LETTER RELATIVE TO PROCEDURE ETC
KINDLY NOTIFY YOUR MOTHER TO THAT EFFECT

B. B. LASKA"

Pursuant to the information contained in Laska's telegram of November 13th referred to above, the following is a copy of a letter addressed to subject Edward George Feldmann at the county jail, Portland, Oregon, by Laska, dated November 13, 1934:

"Received your telegram and contents noted.

"First, I desire to call your attention to the fact that neither you nor your mother were indicted in Oklahoma when Bates and others were charged with the conspiracy for the kidnapping of Urschell. I feel satisfied that you and your mother can resist the warrant for your removal to the Tenth Judicial District for the following reasons, towit:

"(a) From my knowledge of the Bates case, together with other information, neither you nor your mother were in the States of Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming or New Mexico where the crime was alleged to have been committed, nor

"(b) Neither you nor your mother aided, assisted or abetted in the commission of said offense, and I firmly believe neither you nor your mother had any knowledge of the same until after

Mr. Bates was arrested and charged with the said offense.

"You understand that you will have a hearing in Portland, Oregon, relative to your removal, and in the event you can make the proper showing as to mistaken identity and can show your innocence and want of probable cause I feel that the Court may deny the order for removal.

"In the event you believe that the order for the removal is unjust I suggest that your local attorney can apply for a petition for a writ of habeas corpus staying your removal until passed upon by the Appellate Court.

"If the order for the 'removal' is denied you will have no occasion to worry, but should it be sustained and you are sent to Oklahoma kindly notify me at once. I firmly believe that you and your mother will be exonerated of any complicity in connection with that case, for during the entire proceeding at Oklahoma City there was not one word, directly or indirectly, associating you or your mother with the same.

"For your information I want to call your attention to the fact that since December 11, 1933, a wife of a defendant in a criminal trial in a federal court is a competent witness in his behalf, and I trust that holding your wife as a witness will be conducive to your best interests.

"If you and your mother are taken back to Oklahoma and called upon for arraignment kindly ask the Court to continue the same until your attorney can file his motions and demurrers, should the indictment be faulty, and if the Court insists upon a plea at that time both you and your mother should enter a plea of not guilty.

"Bear in mind 'that mere knowledge or approval of or acquiescence in the object and purpose of a conspiracy without agreement to co-operate to accomplish such object or purpose is not enough to constitute one a party to the conspiracy,' so you will readily understand why I believe and know that you and your mother are innocent.

"What happened after the conspiracy had come to an end I do not know, and it is not admissible in evidence by any third person against a co-conspirator, but that is a matter that I will have to discuss with you when I see you.

"Kindly speak to your mother if you desire to have me repre-

sent you down there, and make the necessary arrangements with me concerning a reasonable fee and expenses.

"I am enclosing a copy of this letter for your mother, and will you please be so kind as to have the warden deliver the same to her.

"Awaiting an early reply, I beg to remain"

Following are the admissions made by subject Edward George Feldmann on November 17, 1934, in the office of this agent:

He stated that sometime early in the summer of 1933 he went to Denver, Colorado, where he joined his mother and Albert Bates, who was known to him as G. L. Davis. He stated that about the middle of July 1933, Davis asked his mother and him to make a trip to Portland, Oregon to see their folks; that he, accompanied by his mother, Clara Feldmann, drove to Portland in a Buick Victoria Sedan, and that they remained in Portland until approximately August 1st, when they returned to Denver, accompanied by subject Alvin H. Scott. He stated he was unable to furnish the exact time or dates of the trip to Oregon or the return trip to Denver, nor could he furnish the exact length of time Scott remained in Denver. He stated, however, that Scott left Denver after being there two or three days, and returned to Portland by bus.

He stated that when he returned to Denver Bates was not there, but that Bates did return to Denver after his mother received a telegram from him from some point which he does not now recall, and that shortly after his return to Denver Bates failed to put in his appearance at their apartment, and that the first actual knowledge that he and his mother had that Bates had been arrested was when a prisoner who had been released from the county jail in Denver called at their apartment and delivered a message to his mother from Bates to the effect that he, Bates, was in custody; that everything was all right and to "look in the suitcase".

In connection with the delivery of this message by the discharged prisoner, reference is made to the last paragraph on page 19 of the report of Special Agent in Charge John A. Dowd, dated August 24, 1933, at Salt Lake City, Utah, which reflects that the discharged prisoner was one [REDACTED] b7C

Feldmann stated that he does not know the exact context of the message sent by Bates concerning the suitcase and its contents, but that it was to the effect that Clara Feldmann should do what she saw fit about what she found in the suitcase. He stated that they opened the suitcase in question and that it proved to be a hand bag rather than a

suitcase and that they found that it was full of \$20.00 bills. He stated that he and his mother then proceeded to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where they stayed for several days in a rooming house, and later moved to some other address which he has not yet furnished. He also stated that the money found in the suitcase was buried in the vicinity of Cheyenne. Feldmann stated that they remained in Cheyenne two or three weeks and that during that time they maintained contact with the [redacted] family at Denver. The [redacted] family in question are direct relatives of Mrs. George Kurlienne, George Kurlienne being a brother of Clara Feldmann. [redacted] whose address is shown as [redacted] Denver, Colorado, in report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 9, 1934, at Denver, Colorado.

Feldmann stated that following the short period of time after he and his mother had gone to Cheyenne, he received word through [redacted] that Ben Laska, Attorney for Albert Bates, wanted to see "them", meaning he and his mother. Feldmann stated that on some date unknown to him, shortly thereafter, he called on Ben Laska in Laska's office. He stated that Laska told him that he was to defend Bates and that he would call on them (referring to Edward George Feldmann and Clara Feldmann) when he needed money. Feldmann stated that Laska "drilled" him as to what they should do and say to avoid detection. Feldmann stated that he had in his possession a Colorado automobile driver's license taken out under the name of Edward G. Feldmann and that Laska took this from him, together with other miscellaneous papers he had bearing his name, telling him that he was doing that so no one would find out his true name. Feldmann further stated that Laska told him to use the alias of Axel C. Johnson, stating to him that he "looked like a big Swede if anything". Feldmann stated that he had taken out this driver's license about June 1933, but that he is not sure of the exact date.

Feldmann further stated that Laska told him that he and his mother should go East, stay in large towns, and that he, Edward, should secure a job regardless of what kind of a job it was; that he further told him that if he ever got into a jam to communicate with him, Laska, in care of a woman attorney who had offices immediately above Laska in the Symes Building. Feldmann stated that he could not definitely recollect the name of this woman, but that his best recollection was that it sounded like [redacted] or some similar name. Feldmann stated that he called upon Laska at his office upon several occasions and that he recalls Laska's stenographer or secretary as being a small, thin woman and "very tiny". He further stated that upon the occasion of one of these visits Laska told him that it would be necessary for him and his mother to pay him \$10,000.00 for expense money in connection with the defense of Albert Bates.

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Feldmann stated that Laska also discussed with him the character of the ransom money as being "hot" money and made a proposition to Feldmann as to changing the "hot" money into good money for a fee of 25 per cent of the money changed. Feldmann stated that he is not exactly clear as to what Laska had in mind, as to whether he, Feldmann, was to get the 25 per cent for changing the money, or whether Laska had in mind that he would take 25 per cent for changing the money for them.

Feldmann stated that in response to this request for \$10,000.00 that his mother counted out an amount of the ransom money and that they kept an appointment with Laska at his residence, which he recalls to be 1164 Cook Street, Denver, Colorado. Feldmann and his mother went to the residence of Laska on an unknown date at night and stated that they were taken to a bedroom in the Laska house, where the money in question was paid to Laska and as a matter of fact he was given only \$8,000.00 instead of \$10,000.00, and that Laska did not discover the discrepancy until later when he referred to the fact that he had received only \$8,000.00 when he had asked for \$10,000.00, and was considerably disturbed over the fact that he had not received the full amount of \$10,000.00.

Feldmann stated that he had a fairly good recollection of the interior of Laska's home; that there were some Chinese appearing red lacquered pieces of furniture in the living room to the best of his knowledge, which appeared to be a bridge set. He stated that he met a blond woman who was supposed to have been Laska's wife and his best recollection was that this woman was introduced as Margery or Marg; that she was rather heavy set, had reddish blond hair, and was nearly fifty years of age. He stated that Laska had a large gray tom cat pet and that there was an archway leading from what he thought was the living room to the dining room and on each side of the archway and facing the living room were two china closets or bookcases, which contained books and on the top of one of these cases Laska's telephone was placed.

Feldmann stated that Laska informed him that when they went East he, Feldmann, should keep him advised of their whereabouts at all times, and that when communicating with him he should do so in a code form, no particular code being followed, but that he was instructed to word his telegram or other communication in such a manner so no one would determine definitely the message he was intending to impart.

During one of the visits Feldmann had with Laska, Laska asked him to draw him a diagram showing the location where the ransom money was buried. Feldmann stated that he drew such a diagram on a piece of paper and gave it to Laska, but that he deliberately drew a fictitious diagram so that Laska would have no chance of finding the money.

Feldmann stated that upon leaving Cheyenne, he and his mother proceeded to Chicago, Illinois, where they resided at the Warfield Apartment Hotel on Warren Avenue and later at the Lawrence Arms Hotel

b7C on Kenmore Avenue. Feldmann is not at all definite as to dates of arrival and departure at these two places. (At this time reference is made to report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated February 12, 1934, Chicago, Illinois, wherein is recorded investigation made at the Warfield Apartment Hotel, 3307 Warren Avenue, indicating that Clara Feldmann, under the name of Ruth Johnson, registered there August 3, 1933. Inasmuch as there appears to be a discrepancy between this date of arrival and the information furnished by Feldmann, the Chicago office is being requested to clarify this matter if possible).

Feldmann advised that during the period that he and his mother were residing at the Warfield Apartment Hotel, at least it is his best recollection that it was during this period, he sent a Western Union telegram to Laska, which he believes he addressed in care of his residence on Cook Street, and in this telegram he furnished Laska with their Chicago address, stating that he did not, however, directly state the address but tried to incorporate that information as best he could in code form, but that when he later saw Laska in Denver, Laska "bawled" him out, telling him that the telegram was too plain and easily understood. Feldmann stated that he believes he signed the telegram A. C. Johnson, but was unable to give the date of sending or the Western Union office from which he sent it, inasmuch as he drove to a Chicago suburb when he sent it and is unable to recall the name of the suburb.

Feldmann stated that at some date prior to the trial of Albert Bates he drove alone from Chicago to Denver, where he again met Laska and Laska informed him that it would be necessary to deliver him an additional \$2,000.00, and that arrangements were made whereby he would deliver this money to Laska at Oklahoma City. Feldmann stated that he then left Denver and proceeded to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he remained for about two days in one of the best hotels in Santa Fe, and he registered under the name of A. C. Johnson. Feldmann stated that he went to Santa Fe because Laska told him to stay away from Denver "as it was pretty hot".

Feldmann stated that he obtained \$2,000.00 from where the money was cached near Cheyenne and that he drove to Oklahoma City on an unknown date and registered under the name of A. C. Johnson, but he does not recall the name of the hotel. He stated that he met Laska in his room at the Biltmore Hotel pursuant to directions; that he had the \$2,000.00 with him which Laska had requested. Feldmann cannot fix the time except that he believes it was just before the trial of Albert Bates started or just at the beginning of the trial. He stated that in Laska's room he was introduced to an individual present, Laska referring to this man as Mr. "Hyde" and stated to Feldmann that Mr. Hyde was connected with the government and it would be necessary to pay him \$1,000.00 for some assistance he was

going to render in the case. Feldmann stated that Laska asked him if he had the money with him and upon receiving an affirmative reply he, Laska, told him to place \$1,000.00 under the rug in the bathroom. Feldmann stated that he went into the bathroom, and that there was a small bath rug on the floor, which he believed was green in color; that he placed \$1,000.00 under the rug as directed and came out of the bathroom. He stated that to the best of his recollection both Mr. Laska and Mr. Hyde went into the bathroom together and came out with the money and one of them said that "it's o.k." Feldmann stated that he gave Laska the remaining \$1,000.00 and that all of the \$2,000.00 was part of the original ransom money as was the \$8,000.00 previously given Laska at his residence in Denver.

Feldmann stated that the man introduced to him as Mr. Hyde was a rather young appearing man, who appeared to be in his thirties; dark complexioned; dark hair and had a rather full face. He stated that he would be able to identify this Mr. Hyde if photographs of Hyde could be shown him. (Telephone communication has been had with the Oklahoma City office to furnish such photographs as are available of the individual referred to as "Hyde".)

Feldmann stated that after remaining the one night in Oklahoma City he returned to Chicago, and that he at no time appeared at the trial of Albert Bates at all.

Feldmann informed of an additional trip made by him to Denver, Colorado during the month of August 1934, at which time he was accompanied by his wife, Betty, and that they drove from Idaho, where he was prospecting, to Denver in the new Ford Cabriolet purchased by him at Los Angeles and which bore California license plates. He stated that he had not advised Laska of his intended arrival in Denver and that he, accompanied by his wife, Betty, drove up to the Laska home on Cook Street at night, and that he, Ed, went in the house leaving Betty in the car. He stated that Laska was surprised to see him and scolded him for not advising him in advance of his intended arrival. He stated that while Betty was still outside in the car Laska phoned his immediate neighbor, whose house was situated on the right side of Laska's house, as viewed from the front of the house, and informed the neighbor that he, Laska, had friends who unexpectedly arrived from California for a visit, and asked whether they could keep their car in the neighbor's garage.

After Laska made the arrangement with the neighbor to store Feldmann's car, Feldmann and Laska left the front of the house and went to the car. He directed Feldmann how to drive around to the rear to enter the neighbor's garage. Feldmann and Betty drove to the rear, left the car there and both went into the Laska home. Feldmann stated that to his best recollection they were carrying three suitcases. Feldmann stated that the telephone used by Laska was in the front room of the house and that it sat upon one of the two bookcases or china cabinets built in between the living room and dining room.

Feldmann stated that Ben Laska asked him, Feldmann, whether Betty Feldmann knew about the money and Feldmann stated that he informed Laska correctly that Betty did not. This conversation was not in the presence of Betty Feldmann. Betty Feldmann was, however, present when Laska and Feldmann were discussing a draft in the amount of \$2,000.00 belonging to Clara Feldmann, at which time Laska stated he desired to secure that draft. Feldmann stated that Laska informed him that when he learned something definite about the draft that he should write him, Laska, or bring it with him when he again came to Denver, but that he should be sure to drop him a line and not to come unexpectedly as he did on the occasion in question. Feldmann stated that Laska asked him in the presence of Betty as to the whereabouts of his, Feldmann's, mother, and Feldmann states that he informed Laska that she was in the East; that this information was not correct as he did not care to give Laska correct information in this respect.

While in the Laska home, Feldmann states that Laska, in the presence of Betty Feldmann, telephoned a hotel at Denver and made reservations for them it being the best recollection of Feldmann that the reservations were made either under the name of Johnson or Rock, Rock being the maiden name of Betty Feldmann. He stated that the reservations were accordingly made and that he and Betty went to the hotel and found that the room reservation had been completed and the room was held for them. Both Feldmann and Betty Feldmann state that they do not recall the name of the hotel, but that it was a small hotel which had no lobby and was located on Broadway, approximately three or four blocks south of the Cosmopolitan Hotel. Feldmann stated that they remained in Denver for two or three days and nights, and that when they left they returned to the place where he was prospecting near Nampa, Idaho.

The above information, together with any additional details that can be secured, will be incorporated in a written statement by Edward George Feldmann as soon as he is willing to sign such a statement. It should be stated that Feldmann appears to be perfectly

frank in the information furnished by him, and it is very apparent that the story told by him is not a fabricated story. He indicated that he desired to tell the entire truth and that he truthfully felt it would be much better for all concerned if he did so. He also stated that he would make every effort to ascertain the whereabouts of the remainder of the ransom money if he could and on the night of November 17, immediately after making the above statement, he informed this agent that he could take us to a place where there was approximately \$3,000.00 of ransom money buried. He stated this place was located about thirty miles north of Portland, Oregon. ✓

About 7:30 p.m. on the night of November 17th, this agent, Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] accompanied by Edward George Feldmann, proceeded from Portland, Oregon, to Woodland, Washington, and under the direction of Feldmann proceeded from Woodland to a point six miles northeast of Woodland on the Lewis River Highway; this road leading high into the mountains and the point to which agents were directed proved to be the property of William Hurtienne, father of Clara Feldmann, and is a wooded plot of approximately 180 acres which had not been cultivated or improved in any manner with the exception of a small cabin located down the mountainside from the roadway approximately a half mile.

Arriving at the cabin Feldmann led agents to the rear of the cabin where he located the spot he was looking for and dug up a yellow colored fruit confection can, 10 5/8 inches in height and 4 1/2 inches square. The can was covered by a top which screwed onto it and within the can was a one pint thermos bottle, the exterior of which is red in color. The glass casing of the thermos bottle had been removed. Within the thermos bottle was found a handkerchief in which was rolled \$1520.00 in \$20.00 Kansas City Federal Reserve notes, all of which proved to be ransom money. These notes are each initialed by Special Agents C. C. Spears, [redacted] and [redacted] together with the date on which they were found. ✓

Approximately one hundred feet from the point where the above described can was dug up Feldmann led agents to another spot where there were a number of large wild ferns growing. . . He felt several of them and came upon one which was merely sitting upon the top of the ground and upon removing that he dug in the loose dirt and dug up a one gallon green thermos bottle. Upon opening the bottle it was found to be empty. This agent inquired of Feldmann how he could account for the fact that the thermos bottle was empty and his comment was "Mother's been here". Feldmann has not at any time to date given definite information as to the burying of these two containers. He has stated, however, that he buried them, but has not directly stated he was accompanied by his mother at the time, although his statement as to "Mother's been here" ✓

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would indicate she was with him when they were buried or had definite knowledge as to when they were buried. Feldmann stated he has no knowledge as to the whereabouts of any additional ransom money, but reiterated his previous statement that he would do all within his power to obtain that information.

In connection with the statement of Edward George Feldmann as to the payment of \$2,000.00 in the room of Ben Laska at the Biltmore hotel, telephone conversation was had with Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley at Oklahoma City, requesting that effort be made to locate the registration of Feldmann in one of the better hotels in Oklahoma City and requesting advice as to the dates Attorney Laska was registered at the Biltmore. Special Agent in Charge Brantley caused investigation to be made and advised that Laska was registered upon three occasions at the Biltmore, namely: September 4 to 9, 1933; September 15 to 22, 1933; and December 3 to 5, 1933. To date information has not been furnished by the Oklahoma City office as to whether the registration of Feldmann has been located.

Reference is made to page two of this report, referring to the \$1360.00 in ransom money found in the possession of Alvin H. Scott, Roseburg, Oregon. As stated above they were found by the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], both Sisters declining to initial the notes and stating that due to regulations within the church they did not care to be witnesses. They could not be prevailed upon to initial the notes, but it is believed that proper arrangements may be made to call them as witnesses. The twenty dollar notes in question have been initialed by Special Agent [REDACTED] and the date they were first turned over to him by the Sisters is also incorporated on each bill.

Of the total amount of ransom money recovered there are eight notes whose numbers do not correspond with numbers appearing on the published list of ransom. However, they are all Kansas City Federal Reserve notes and without question are part of the ransom money, and it is believed that there was a possible discrepancy at the time the notes were listed by the bank prior to paying of the ransom. The following is a list of the eight notes in question:

JO3913632A
JO2733939A
JO3199905A
JO3268988A

JO0974274A
JO3833539A
JO0745270A
JO3779996A

All of the ransom notes recovered were checked and recorded by Special Agent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stenographer in the Portland office.

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At the time of the apprehension of Edward George Feldmann and Clara Feldmann, Feldmann had in his possession a 1934 Ford V8 Cabriolet, Motor #875382, which was purchased by him from the Fortner Motor Company, 4120 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, on June 18, 1934, the sales price of the car being \$950.69. Feldmann readily admitted that this car, as well as other cars referred to hereinafter, was purchased by him with the proceeds of ransom money, although he stated that he at no time paid a lump sum of actual ransom money for any of the cars.

Investigation has been conducted by the Los Angeles office verifying the purchase as noted above, with the further information that Feldmann traded in a 1933 Auburn Speedster and paid in cash to the Fortner Company \$308.69. Information was obtained by the Los Angeles office that payment of the balance on the Ford car was made in cash with numerous ten, five and one dollar bills, but no one was able to recall whether the cash included any twenty dollar bills.

Investigation conducted by the Los Angeles office developed that the Auburn Speedster referred to above was a 1933 12 cylinder car, motor #BB1000, Serial 1148-E; that it was purchased on June 4, 1934 of the Auburn Motor Company, 3443 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, by one George Feldmann. The purchase price of this car was \$941.00 and on June 3, 1934, Feldmann made a deposit of \$501.00 in currency. This deposit consisted of five, ten and one dollar bills. Feldmann completed the purchase the following day by paying \$465.00 in cash, consisting of five, ten and one dollar bills. [REDACTED] of the Auburn Company, was unable to recall whether the payment included any twenty dollar bills.

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The following automobiles are known to have been in the possession and purchased by Edward George Feldmann, and he admitted the purchase of all of them, using changed ransom money in each instance.

Pontiac Roadster, Motor #P475376, serial #416440E, purchased under the name of Axel C. Johnson, August 21, 1933. This was a used car and purchase price not known.

Chevrolet Coach, Motor #2446168, serial 21AE28858, purchased September 1, 1933, in the name of Axel C. Johnson, from the Community Motors, 4949 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, payment in cash \$185.00 and trade in allowance of \$110.00 on the above referred to Pontiac. (See report of Special Agent [REDACTED] February 12, 1934, Chicago, Illinois).

Dodge Coach, Motor #DP55800, serial #3629360, purchased from J. F. Goodwin, Dodge Dealer, 5725 Broadway, Chicago, Illinois, October 9, 1933, in the name of Axel C. Johnson, payment in cash \$400.00 with

trade in allowance on Chevrolet Coach, referred to above. (See page 2, report of Special Agent [REDACTED] February 12, 1934, Chicago, Illinois).

Chevrolet Cabriolet, Motor #3126905, serial #6BA0314291, purchased from the Sherer Motor Company, Eugene, Oregon, in the name of A. C. Johnson October, 1933, trading in above described Dodge Coach, balance of purchase price not immediately available.

1933 Chrysler Sedan, which bore 1934 Illinois license 310-502. Facts surrounding the purchase and disposition of this car not yet available.

Ford Roadster, 1929 model, bearing 1934 Oregon license 12-434, purchased at Medford, Oregon, about March 1934, purchase price \$200.00. This car is presently stored in a garage at Seattle, Washington, and being held for this Division for proper disposition.

Auburn Speedster, Motor #BB1000, serial 1148-E, purchased June 4, 1934, from Auburn Motor Company, 3443 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, total purchase price \$966.00, under the name of George Feldman.

1934 Ford V8 Cabriolet, motor #875382 purchased from Fortner Motor Company, 4120 South Western Avenue Los Angeles, California, June 18, 1934, under the name of George E. Feldman. Cash payment \$308.69 and trade in allowance given on above described Auburn Speedster. This Ford Cabriolet is presently stored in the Portland Garage, Portland, Oregon, held by this Division for proper disposition.

Subject Alvin H. Scott was removed from the Mercy Hospital, Roseburg, Oregon, by the United States Marshal to Portland, Oregon, on November 22, 1934, and he is presently confined in the Good Samaritan Hospital under guard, pending removal proceeding. Scott has been interrogated since the time of the accident at Roseburg on November 2d, but it was not until November 18th that he became at all rational. Scott denies any knowledge whatever of any of the ransom money, states that if any of the ransom money was found in his possession at the time of the accident that "He must have been doped and somebody planted the money on him". Interrogation of Scott is being continued and further report in detail will be submitted with respect to this subject and the information obtained from him.

The following prosecutive action has been taken to date in connection with this case:

Fugitive complaint filed against subjects [REDACTED] and Alvin H. Scott before United States Commissioner Kenneth Frazer, Portland, Oregon, November 6, 1934, based upon complaints filed in

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and bond was fixed in the amount of \$25,000.00, each. Both of these subjects entered pleas of not guilty to the arraignment and hearing upon removal was originally set for December 4, 1934. Subject [REDACTED] is incarcerated in the Multnomah County Jail, Portland, Oregon, in default of bail.

Fugitive complaint against subjects Clara Feldmann and Edward George Feldmann was filed November 10, 1934, before United States Commissioner Kenneth Frazer, Portland, Oregon, based upon complaint filed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Bail as to Clara Feldmann was set at \$50,000.00 and bail as to subject Edward George Feldmann was set at \$25,000.00. Both are incarcerated in the Multnomah County Jail pending hearing on removal which was originally set for December 4, 1934; information having been received by the United States Attorney, Portland, Oregon, that the presentation of the facts in this case would be made before the Federal Grand Jury at Oklahoma City, on December 11, 1934, the removal proceedings at Portland are being set forward to December 18, 1934.

Betty Feldmann, wife of Edward George Feldmann, was held as a material witness under bond of \$10,000.00 and in default of the same she is presently incarcerated in the Multnomah County Jail, Portland, Oregon. The principal value of her testimony will be to substantiate subject Edward George Feldmann in connection with the visit of Feldmann to Ben Laska in Denver, Colorado, in August 1934. She has expressed her willingness to substantiate his statement to the extent of her knowledge.

Attached to the Division copies of this report and the Oklahoma City office copies of this report is a set of photographs taken on the premises of Subject Alvin E. Scott at Medford, Oregon, each of which bears a brief description of the photograph on the reverse side. These photographs were taken by [REDACTED] of the Oregon State Police, who is referred to herein.

Descriptions of the following subjects are set forth as taken from the records in the Multnomah County Jail:

Name	Alvin E. Scott	George Edward Feldmann
Age	47	21
Height	5' 11½"	5' 10½"
Weight	140	150
Build	Slender	Slender
Complexion	Sandy	Medium
Hair	Brown	Light brown
Eyes	Hazel	Gray
Scars & Marks	Tattoo Eagle and flag on right forearm; artillery guidon 10th FA on left forearm scars on back	Occupation- Laborer F.P.C. 28 1 U000 21 L 1 U000 16
Place of birth	Indiana	Washington
Residence	Medford, Oregon	
Police No.	- No number assigned as yet.	Multnomah Co. 6769

Name	CLARA FELDMANN	[REDACTED] b7C
Age	39	35
Height	5' 3 1/4"	5' 5 3/4"
Weight	110	134
Build	Small	Medium
Eyes	Blue	Blue
Hair	Brown	Blonde
Complexion	Medium	Fair
Occupation	Housewife	Housekeeper
Nativity	Wisconsin	Washington
Police No.	Multnomah County #3778	Multnomah County #3777
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Description of Betty Feldmann, wife of Edward George Feldmann is being set forth for the reason that it may become of use in conducting investigation at Denver with respect to the trip she made with subject Edward George Feldmann to visit Laska:

Name	Betty Marie Feldmann
Age	18
Height	5' 5 3/4"
Weight	119
Build	Slender
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Occupation	Housewife
Nativity	Oregon
Police No.	Multnomah County #3776
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DENVER OFFICE: It is requested that the Denver office at Denver locate the registration of Edward George Feldmann and Betty Feldmann during the month of August 1964, in a small hotel described as being located three or four blocks south of the Cosmopolitan Hotel on Broadway. The registration may have been under the name of A. C. Johnson, or Rock, and possibly Feldmann, although it is not believed that Feldmann was used. If the investigation can be made discreetly and in confidence, effort should be made to determine the identity of the person who may have received the telephone call from Ben Laska when he made the reservation prior to the arrival of Feldmann and his wife at the hotel. Also discreet inquiry should be made as to any telephone calls made from the hotel, although

Feldmann states he does not recall having made any phone calls.

Reference is made to page thirteen, referring to the prisoner [redacted] who was released from jail at Denver, and who carried the message from Bates to Clara Feldmann. Efforts should be made to ascertain the present whereabouts of this individual in order that he may be thoroughly interrogated further at the proper time, regarding the exact substance of the message he carried from Bates to Clara Feldmann.

Verification should be made as to the identity of the woman attorney, recalled by Feldmann as having a name similar to Edison and who was believed to be located in an office directly above that of Ben Laska.

If investigation can at this time be made discreetly and entirely in confidence, effort should be made to ascertain the location of all bank accounts of Ben Laska and any safety deposit boxes he may have rented. The same discreetness in making investigation should apply to ascertaining the identity of Laska's next door neighbor in whose garage Feldmann's car was placed during the past August for a period of two or three days. Feldmann believes that this neighbor was very friendly to Laska and this belief on his part should be borne in mind.

Verification should be made of Feldmann's statement that he had a 1933 Colorado driver's license, in partial verification of his statement that such a license was taken from him by Laska, together with other papers, in order to hide Feldmann's true identity.

Discreet investigation should be made to learn the present whereabouts of [redacted] who was referred to by Feldmann as being the person who carried the message to him that Ben Laska, Bates' Attorney, wanted to see him and his mother, or one of them.

Verification should be made of Laska's residence address, or more particularly his address during the summer or fall of 1933, which was recalled by Feldmann as 1164 Cook Street.

Exhaustive and discreet investigation should be made of the Western Union Telegraph Company for the purpose of locating if possible telegram sent by Feldmann from a suburb of Chicago to Ben Laska at his residence address in Denver, the estimated date being sometime in August or September 1933. This is the only communication Feldmann can presently recall that he sent to Laska which is susceptible of being found. The importance of locating this telegram is invited to the attention of the Denver office.

This agent desires to emphasize the necessity for the utmost discreetness and care in conducting any investigation in Denver relative to Laska, inasmuch as it is believed it may be possible to secure some documentary evidence of importance if the investigation can be completed without Laska's knowledge to the point where he might be placed in custody in his office where a thorough search could be made for such documentary evidence. It is not improbable that Laska may have a separate file in his office under the name of A. C. or Axel C. Johnson which would contain invaluable evidence in connection with Laska's activities.

EL PASO OFFICE: It is requested that the El Paso office refer to page sixteen of this report on which it is noted that Edward George Feldmann stayed for a short period of time in a hotel at Santa Fe, New Mexico, under the name of A. C. or Axel C. Johnson, at which time he was merely standing by awaiting time to return to Oklahoma City. Verification of this registration at Santa Fe is of considerable value and every effort should be made to locate it and insure the preservation of any records pertaining to the registration.

Effort should also be made to locate, if possible, the registration of Chevrolet Coach, Motor #2446168, which was driven by Feldmann at the time he made the trip to Santa Fe. This car is believed to have carried Illinois license plates. The 1933 Illinois license plates may have been 1236347. These were the plates that were assigned to this Chevrolet car, although it is possible that he did not as yet have those plates on the car at the time of the trip he made from Chicago to Denver and Santa Fe, etc.

For the information of the El Paso office, there is enclosed herewith Multnomah County, Oregon, photograph of subject Edward George Feldmann.

CHICAGO OFFICE: The attention of the Chicago office is invited to report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated February 12, 1934, at Chicago, and particularly to page five which refers to investigation made at the Warfield Apartment Hotel, 3307 Warren Avenue, Chicago. According to information furnished by [REDACTED] and recorded in that report, her records reflected that Ruth Johnson had registered there on August 3, 1933, and was joined a few days later by Axel, who was supposed to be her brother. Immediate investigation is requested to determine definitely that her records actually show the registration on August 3d, inasmuch as that date was prior to the arrest of Albert Bates and is of particular significance, inasmuch as it would indicate that if Clara Feldmann as Ruth Johnson registered on August 3, 1933 at this hotel in Chicago, she may have been providing for a hide-out for Bates and herself and that she may have subsequently, after staying in Chicago a few days, returned to Denver, where she was known to be at the time Bates was arrested on August 12, 1933.

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