

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE: Is requested to continue efforts to locate the registration of Feldmann under the name of A. C. or Axel C. Johnson, in one of the principal hotels in Oklahoma City, for a period of one night in the fall of 1933. It is believed that search for this registration may be confined to the dates Ben Laska is known to have resided at the Biltmore Hotel, prior to and during the trial of the Urschel case.

It is requested that the Oklahoma City office obtain and furnish this office any available photographs of the individual referred to as "Hyde". It is further requested that the Oklahoma City office ascertain the identity of the rooms assigned to Laska at the Biltmore Hotel and furnish this office with a complete description of the same and of the bathroom or bathrooms attached to said room or rooms. It would also be of considerable benefit if the Oklahoma City office could furnish the floor plan of such room or rooms, together with photographs of the rooms for use in the interrogation of subject Edward George Feldmann.

At the time Feldmann was registered in the hotel on the night he called on Ben Laska, he stated he parked the Chevrolet Coach (referred to in the lead to the El Paso office) in a garage somewhere in the vicinity of said hotel, and every effort should be made to locate the record of storage of this car, if possible.

All telephone calls made from the room of Ben Laska during the period he registered at the Biltmore Hotel should be checked and ascertain also whether any person known as "Hyde" was registered at the Biltmore Hotel. If and when the individual referred to as "Hyde" has been definitely identified immediate discreet investigation should be made as to all bank accounts or safety deposit boxes in his name for the purpose of identifying any deposits of unusual sums of money at about the time the alleged payment of \$1,000.00 was made to "Hyde".

PORTLAND OFFICE: Will continue interrogation of subjects and continued investigation is being conducted in an effort to obtain more detailed information regarding such transactions as were had with Ben Laska and as to the whereabouts of additional ransom money.

PENDING.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

November 13, 1934.

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,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure #819505.

*Excellent!*  
*HHC*

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RETEL AM AT HEADQUARTERS ADVISED TAMM TELEPHONE CONVERS/  
TUESDAY MORNING WAS PROCEEDING ROSEBURG AND WOULD RETURN  
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P.O. Drawer 567  
San Francisco, California.

Nov. 26, 1934.

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

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
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Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al  
CHARLES D. URSCHAL - Victim  
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to your letter of Nov. 16, 1934, wherein you request the listings of certain telephone numbers observed in a telephone directory found at the home of William Hurtienne, father of Clara Feldman, at Tacoma, Washington.

The listings of the numbers requested were obtained through [redacted] Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, and are as follows:

Holliday 0139 - [redacted] Oakland, California.

Lakeside 5525 - [redacted] Oakland, California.

West 4557 - [redacted] San Francisco, Calif.  
(Disconnected 7/16/34)

Ordway 7179 - [redacted] San Francisco.

ANDover 2032 - [redacted] Oakland, California.

Fruitvale 5758- High St. Market, 3100 High St., Oakland, Calif.

Fruitvale 1451J- [redacted] Oakland, Calif.

Merritt 4434 - [redacted] land, Calif. (disconnected 9/21/34)

Prospect 1964 - [redacted] San Francisco, Cal.

Alameda 1345 - Lincoln Park Pharmacy and [redacted] 1433 High St., Alameda, Calif.

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Fillmore 9507 - Bob. Levinson's Service Station, Geary & Steiner Sts.,  
San Francisco, Calif. (Disconnected 5/26/34)

No further investigation was conducted relative to the above  
members, in view of the request in letter of reference, and it appearing  
that there is no further investigation to be conducted in connection  
with this matter in this district, same will be considered REFERRED  
UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

Very truly yours,

E. P. Quinane,  
Special Agent in Charge.

AIR MAIL.

✓ c.c. Division  
c.c. Oklahoma.

P. O. Box 51E,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

November 25, 1934.

E.  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases;  
ET AL;  
Charles F. Urschel - Victim;  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File 7-8.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Division letter of November 21, 1934, addressed to [REDACTED] care of Chamber of Commerce, Ottawa, Illinois, copies of which letter were transmitted to your office, in connection with above captioned case, I am enclosing herewith the photograph of SAM KRONICK who appears to fit the description given by [REDACTED] in his letter of November 13, 1934.

If [REDACTED] identifies the photograph of KRONICK as the person he had reference to, and can furnish no additional information except that set out in his letter to the Division, it will be unnecessary to conduct any further investigation inasmuch as KRONICK has been tried at Oklahoma City, and acquitted on the charge of receiving and passing portions of the ransom money.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

[REDACTED]  
Cc Division  
Okla. City

Encl.

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

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Date October 23, 1933

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

Dear Sir:-

7-115  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
OCT 26 1933  
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
Unit One  
Room 101  
FILE 11

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

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
C.O. #24193 en-19 6-10-30-700896	St. Paul P.D. Chas. Albert Wolk	Demurrer to Indictment sustained In U.S. Dist. Court, Oklahoma City, Sept. 30, 1933 - Dismissed - Kidnaping.
C.O. #24191 en-19 6-10-30-700872	St. Paul P.D. Peter Valder alias Peter Hackett	Demurrer to Indictment sustained In U.S. Dist. Court, Oklahoma City, Sept. 30, 1933 - Dismissed - Kidnaping.
St. Paul P.D. # unknown	Edward Barney Berman	Sentenced in U.S. Dist. Court, Okla. City, Oct. 7, 1933, 5 years in U.S. Penitentiary - Kidnaping. Freed on appeal bond.

This form to be submitted to the Bureau of Investi-  
gation to report dispositions of cases in which prints were  
forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information  
as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, discharges  
from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
November 24, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Portland, Oregon.

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RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases,  
ET AL - CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim,  
Kidnaping.

ONE [Signature]

Dear Sir:

With reference to your telephonic communication of November 19, 1934 at which time you requested that investigation be conducted to determine the name of the hotel and the dates that A. C. Johnson or Axel C. Johnson, an alias used by Ed Feldman, son of Clara Feldman, had stopped in Oklahoma City at or about the time of the trial of subject Bates in September, 1933, please be advised that all of the principal hotels in Oklahoma City have been checked and no record has been found of the registration in any of them of this individual under the names Feldman or Johnson.

b7C With reference to your request that it be ascertained whether Ben B. Laska, Attorney of Denver, representing Bates, had registered at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City, please be advised that Agent [redacted] conducted investigation at the Biltmore Hotel and ascertained that Laska registered at said hotel on September 4, and was there until September 6, 1933; that he again registered on September 15 and was there until September 28, 1933; that he again registered at said hotel on December 3, and checked out on December 5, 1933.

A check was made of the telephone calls, local and long distance, made by Laska while he was a guest at said hotel on the occasions given. It was ascertained that he called his residence in Denver by long distance phone. It was also learned that he made a number of local telephone calls, the numbers having been called by him being obtained and will be included in an investigative report.

With reference to your request that you be informed as to the identity of an Attorney in Oklahoma City by the name of Hyde, please be advised that inquiries disclose that there is, at this time and was in September, 1933, only one attorney by this name practicing in Oklahoma City. This attorney is Herbert K. Hyde, who was United States Attorney at the time of the Urachel trial. He presently is practicing in



Oklahoma City and is connected with one of the best firms here. I am transmitting herewith photographs of Mr. Hyde.

An investigative report in this case will be prepared and forwarded to you within the very near future.

Very truly yours,

DEWITT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

W.C.  
cc Division  
Denver

WHL  
P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

November 24, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 1278  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, etal  
ALVIN H. SCOTT - FUGITIVE  
[REDACTED] FUGITIVE  
CLARA FELDMANN, with aliases - FUGITIVE  
EDWARD GEORGE FELDMANN, with aliases - FUG.  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim  
Kidnaping

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There are enclosed herewith Oklahoma City office copies of this report, together with the United States Attorney's copy. This will also refer to telephone conversation had with you at which time you were advised as to the description of the individual named by Feldmann as "Hyde" at which time you stated that such description was similar to that of the former United States Attorney of Oklahoma City, who prosecuted the Urschel case.

You will note in the enclosed report that no definite reference has been made to the United States Attorney, Mr. Hyde, and it is possible that some individual other than Mr. Hyde was introduced to Feldmann by Laska and the name of this individual was deliberately given to Feldmann as "Hyde" for obvious reasons.

It is suggested that you exercise your own discretion in the manner of presenting the facts of the instant case to the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City, so that there will be no undue embarrassment in the event it is discovered or determined that the person referred to as "Hyde" was an alias given by Laska to some individual whose identity is not yet known.

Very truly yours,

C. C. SPEARS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CCS: [REDACTED] b7C  
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cc-Division ✓

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Los Angeles, California  
November 21, 1934

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

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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  
L. A. File 7-19

Reference is made to your communication of November 16, 1934, which reflects that Edward Feldman, the son of Clara Feldman, when taken into custody at Dunsmuir, California on November 9, 1934 was in possession of 1934 Ford V8 Cabriolet, Motor No. 875382.

Investigation at the Fortner Motor Company, 4120 South Western Avenue, disclosed that the car in question was purchased on June 18, 1934 by a young man using the name of George E. Feldman, giving his address as 843 1/2 West Santa Barbara Street, Los Angeles, he being accompanied at the time of purchase by a young lady believed to be his wife. The transaction in question was consummated by salesman [REDACTED] under the supervision of [REDACTED] the sales price of the new car being \$950.69. Feldman traded in a 1933 Auburn speedster, paying in addition thereto \$308.69 in cash.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised that the transaction occurred on a Sunday; that the cash balance was paid with numerous ten, five and one dollar bills, unable to recall, however, whether the cash included any twenty dollar bills, stating in this connection that there may possibly have been one or two twenty dollar bills, but that there were numerous one dollar bills.

Subsequent investigation with respect to the Auburn in question disclosed that the same was a 1933 twelve-cylinder speedster, motor No. BB1000, serial No. 1148-E, purchased on June 4, 1934 from the Auburn Motor Company, 3443 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles.

[REDACTED] of the Auburn Motor Company, upon interview advised that George Feldman, on the afternoon of June 3, 1934, which was Sunday, appeared at the showroom and looked at the car in question, stating he would buy the same; that the purchase price of said car was \$941.00.

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That Feldman advised that he was in the mining business, and was unable to furnish any local references, but desired to pay cash for the car in question, making a deposit that day of \$501.00 in currency, which deposit consisted of five, ten and one dollar bills, Feldman completing the purchase the following day by paying \$465.00 cash, consisting of five, ten and one dollar bills. Mr. [REDACTED] was unable to recall whether or not the last cash payment made by Feldman included any twenty dollar bills. [REDACTED] further advised that on the form required to be filled out by purchasers of motor vehicles, Feldman advised his mother was Mrs. C. Feldman of 4800 Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, wife [REDACTED] 843 1/2 Santa Barbara, Los Angeles; that Feldman stated he was in the mining business, but was particularly anxious to secure the certificate of title on the car in question so that he might proceed with the same to Tia Juana, Mexico. It will be noted that this car was traded by Feldman within two weeks after purchase.

Investigation in the vicinity of 843 1/2 Santa Barbara disclosed that these premises are occupied by a court operated by [REDACTED] at 849 1/2 Santa Barbara, telephone Richmond 9723. [REDACTED] advised that Feldman and his wife occupied one of the cottages in the court from May 29, 1934 to the middle of July of that year; that no other persons lived in the bungalow, which consisted of four rooms; that so far as she knows, Feldman was not employed during the period of his residence there; that on one occasion only they had visitors, and that these were all young people; that Feldman at all times seemed to have plenty of money, but gave the impression that he was considerably worried about something; that she, because of his actions in this respect, was of the opinion that Feldman was in some sort of trouble and talked with him on numerous occasions. Feldman on one of these occasions advised that he was worried over his mother; that his mother was involved deeply in serious trouble, and that he, while his mother was living in the northwest, [REDACTED] believes Seattle, assisted in moving his mother, which assistance helped her to escape from law enforcement officials, the latter arriving within a short time after he assisted his mother in moving; that he intended to explain his position and tell everything he knew, if he were ever approached by the officers in this respect.

[REDACTED] advised that the premises occupied by the Feldmans were rented very shortly after they moved out, and are presently occupied. [REDACTED] further advised that Feldman gambled considerably at Tia Juana, and stated that on one occasion he won considerably money at that place; that he further stated he owned mining property in Nevada and intended going to that place to work his mine, which she believes to be located near Reno.

With reference to Feldman's marriage on June 16, 1934, at Riverside, California, the records of the County Clerk of Riverside County reflect that a license was issued on June 15, 1934 for George Edward Feldman, aged twenty-one,


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and Betty Marie Rock, aged eighteen, the address for Betty Rock was given as the Bielman Hotel, Vernon and Western Avenue, Los Angeles; that the license in question was returned to the groom on June 27, 1934 to 843<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Santa Barbara Street, Los Angeles, California. The ceremony, according to the records, was performed by Justice of the Peace R. A. Moore. In this connection it is noted that Feldman and wife rented the premises at 843<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Santa Barbara on May 29, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC Division  
Oklahoma City

# Department of Justice

## TELEGRAM RECEIVED

WESTERN UNION

PORTLAND OREGON  
DEC 1 1934 2:20 PM

DIRECTOR

RE GEORGE KELLY BARNES KIDNAPPING CLARA AND EDWARD FELDMANN HAVE WAIVED  
REMOVAL HEARING PUBLICITY AVOIDED AS YET STOP EDWARD IS AGREEABLE TO FOLLOWING  
PROCEDURE LEAVING HERE CUSTODY U S MARSHAL ABOUT DECEMBER SIXTH MEETING ME  
DENVER ABOUT DECEMBER EIGHTH WHERE I WILL BE AT END OF TRIP INTERVIEWING  
APPLICANTS HE IS WILLING LOCATE HOTELS OTHER PERTINENT PLACES DENVER TO  
ASSIST CORROBORATION HIS STATEMENT HE DEALINGS WITH LASKA STOP I AM NECESSARY  
WITNESS GRAND JURY OKLAHOMA CITY ELEVENTH INSTANT AND MY PLAN GO ON TO OKLAHOMA  
CITY FROM DENVER TAKING EDWARD BEFORE USA FOR INTERVIEW AND FILING IMMEDIATE  
COMPLAINT AGAINST LASKA ALSO HYDE IF FACTS JUSTIFY IN ORDER LASKA CAN BE  
TAKEN INTO CUSTODY DENVER IN HIS OFFICE IF POSSIBLE PRIOR TO KNOWLEDGE HIS  
PART EDWARD HAS BEEN RETURNED AND SO SEARCH CAN BE MADE TIME OF ARREST FOR  
ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE EDWARD WILLING TESTIFY BEFORE GRAND JURY STOP HEARING  
SCOTT BEING HELD HERE DECEMBER FOURTH EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT PROSECUTION

[REDACTED] LACKING AND HER RELEASE PROBABLE STOP ADVISE IF PROCEDURE  
EDWARD FELDMANN APPROVED.

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.....

Tell Spears to re-  
main at Portland  
until Nathan arrives  
which will be late  
Monday or early  
Tuesday & then  
press above vigorous

J. C. M.

*Ploned Spears  
12/1 at 4:50 P.M.  
and gave him  
information*

SPEARS

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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December 3, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Please be informed that [REDACTED] in Mr. Stanley's Office telephoned on Saturday, December 1st, and wanted to know if we had the book that was published in connection with the Urschel Kidnaping Case, stating that she would be highly pleased if this book could be loaned to her for a period of a few days in order that a friend might review it.

I secured a copy of this booklet entitled "Crime Paradise", the author of which is Mr. Kilpatrick and transmitted the book to [REDACTED] in compliance with her request.

I will follow the return of this book to see that it is returned to the library within a reasonable time.

Respectfully,

All b7C

T. D. Quinn

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

December 3, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Please be informed that [redacted] in Mr. Stanley's Office telephoned on December 1st and wanted to be furnished with the names of the principal subjects apprehended and convicted in connection with the Urschel Kidnaping Case, which information was furnished to her.

Respectfully,

*T. D. Quinn*

T. D. Quinn.

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From  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
To  
OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Baughman.....  
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Mr. Tracy.....

The Attorney General.....  
The Solicitor General.....  
Assistant Attorney General Stephens.....  
Assistant Attorney General Keenan.....  
Assistant Attorney General Wideman.....  
Assistant Attorney General Sweeney.....  
Assistant Attorney General Blair.....  
Assistant Solicitor General MacLean.....  
Mr. Stewart, Administrative Assistant.....  
Mr. Hoover, Director of Investigation.....  
Mr. Bates, Director, Bureau of Prisons.....  
Mr. McMahon.....  
Mr. Suydam.....  
Mr. Carusi.....  
Mr. Dean.....  
Mr. Boardslee.....  
Mr. Holtzoff.....  
Mr. Gardner, General Agent and Chief Clerk.....  
Mr. Sornborger, Appointment Clerk.....  
Mr. Moore, Division of Records.....  
Miss Perard.....  
Mrs. Wade.....  
Mr. Boyd.....  
Mr. Gallagher.....  
Miss Thomas.....  
Miss Bowers.....

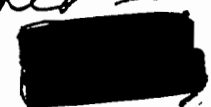
*Miss Gandy*

*I wish to  
thank both  
you and  
Mr. Quinn  
for your help.*



*12/4/34*

*"Crimes Paradise"  
returned -*



*All b7C*

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*Chas. H. Townsend*

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-7**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>DENVER, COLORADO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12-3-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12/1-2-3-/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; ALVIN H. SCOTT - FUGITIVE; [REDACTED] - FUGITIVE; CLARA FELDMAN, alias CLARA FELDMAN, alias CLARA DAVIS, alias MRS. GEORGE L. DAVIS, alias MISS RUTH JOHNSON - FUGITIVE; EDWARD GEORGE FELDMAN, alias ED FELDMAN, alias ARCEL C. JOHNSON, alias GEORGE</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: **FELDMAN - FUGITIVE; CHARLES F. UNSCHEL - VICTIM.**

Subject Ed Feldman and wife registered at Reo Hotel, Denver, 7-17-34 under names of C. A. Johnson and wife and stayed two days. Unable to locate [REDACTED] to date. [REDACTED] is next door neighbor to Ben Laska. [REDACTED] Attorney, has office 618 Symes Building, Denver. She handles business for Laska occasionally. [REDACTED] lives at present at 1755 Marion Street, Denver. Ed Feldman took out Colorado Operator's license #105957 on 5-17-33. Ben Laska, Attorney, resides, at 1164 Cook Street. He has savings and checking account at Colorado National Bank; also safety deposit box there.

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DETAILS: REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears, Portland, dated 11-23-34.

**DETAILS:**

AT DENVER, COLORADO.

The title of this case is not being changed to include the alias of Subject Edward George Feldman as C. A. Johnson until it is definitely established that he did register under that name at the Reo Hotel, Denver, on July 17, 1934.

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay C. Newman</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1792 DEC 8 1934 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO:	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>DEC 8 1934</b> CHECKED OFF: <b>DEC 7 - 1934</b> JACKETED:
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The writer accompanied by Special Agent (A) [REDACTED] checked the following hotels located on Broadway south of the Cosmopolitan Hotel;

Ritz Hotel, 1321 Broadway  
Powers Hotel, 1307 Broadway  
Plymouth Hotel, 1566 Broadway

At these hotels no information was secured that Subject Feldman and his wife had stayed there under their true names or under any of the aliases used by them.

At the Reo Hotel, 1308 Broadway, Agents were exhibited the register of said hotel by [REDACTED]. It was found that on July 17, 1934, the registra<sup>tion</sup> of "C. A. Johnson and wife, Cheyenne" appeared on the register, which registration appeared to be in the handwriting of Subject Feldman. However, due to the fact that only a meager specimen of the handwriting of Feldman was in the possession of the Denver Division Office, it was unable to definitely establish that this was his signature. ✓

The hotel register further shows that this couple were assigned to Room #222. [REDACTED] advised that they stayed at the hotel <sup>through</sup> July 18, 1934, and according to his records, they made no telephone calls while they were staying at the Reo Hotel. [REDACTED] was exhibited a photograph of Subject Ed Feldman but could not identify the same as being any party having stayed at the hotel. The investigation was made in a very discreet manner and [REDACTED] was not advised what the purpose of the inquiry was or why Feldman was wanted. In fact, the name, Feldman, was not mentioned to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that frequently people called up his hotel and make reservations but he could not recall such having been the case in connection with the stay at the hotel of C. A. Johnson and wife.

Photographs were taken of the registration through the use of the fingerprint camera. It was necessary to take two photographs inasmuch as the entire registration could not be photographed due to the limited size of the film. A copy of these photographs are being forwarded to the Portland office with copies of this report. Likewise, tissue tracings were made of the registration, and this tracing is being forwarded to the Portland office with this report.

It was ascertained at the Bureau of Identification, that [REDACTED] the prisoner referred to in reference report, who carried a message from Albert Bates, while he was confined in the Denver City Jail, to Clara Feldman, last resided at 1902 Curtis Street. The Denver police files also indicate that he was given Denver police [REDACTED] A photograph and complete criminal record of [REDACTED] were obtained. The criminal record is not being sent out in this report but will be retained in the files of the Denver Division Office.

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However, from this criminal record, it appears that on July 26, 1933, [REDACTED] was arrested by the Denver police on a charge of investigation, burglary, vagrancy, and held, and on August 2, 1933, was fined \$60.00 and costs; that on August 19, 1933, he was again arrested on an investigation charge and on August 21, 1933 was fined \$60.00 and costs.

Agent accompanied by Special Agent [REDACTED] made investigation at 1902 Curtis, which it was ascertained was the Hub Apartments [REDACTED] who advised that [REDACTED] had only stayed there a few weeks during the summer of 1933 and that after he left the apartment, he had not been again seen by her.

Investigation was made at the General Delivery window of the Post Office and from the Superintendent of Mails' Office, by Special Agent [REDACTED] where it was ascertained that no forwarding address was on file for [REDACTED]. It is believed that if it becomes necessary to apprehend [REDACTED] for questioning or otherwise, that the same may be effected through the Denver police, placing a pick-up for him, as he is known to Detectives [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

At the Public Service Company, located in the Gas and Electric Building, it was ascertained in a discreet manner through [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] resides at 1158 Cook Street, Denver, which is the address of the house on the right hand side of Ben Laska's residence, when looking at the Laska house from the front.

It was observed by Agent that the [REDACTED] residence has a double garage located in the alley immediately behind the house. It was also noted from the City Directory that [REDACTED] operates a filling station at 4100 Colfax Avenue.

Ben B. Laska resides at 1164 Cook Street and has done so for a considerable number of years. He has his business office at 620 Symes Building at the present time and has occupied this office for the past three years. Agent viewed the Laska residence but was unable to ascertain the arrangement of the front room in view of the fact that the porch is a screen porch and the windows are heavily curtained. It was noted that the front entrance to the house is on the left front corner.

It was ascertained through Ivor C. Wingren, Assistant United States Attorney, who is Vice-president of the Symes Building, that [REDACTED] an Attorney has her office in Room #618 of the Symes Building. The records of the Symes Building show that she has occupied this office since February, 1932. For further possible use in this investigation, [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] has on occasions handled business in Court for Ben B. Laska, when he is absent from Denver. He also advised that [REDACTED] of Ben Laska, acts as his secretary. She is a very small, thin individual and has acted as his secretary for a considerable number of years. She also resides with Ben Laska at 1164 Cook Street.

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At the main office of the Western Union, it was ascertained through [REDACTED] that to his personal knowledge all telegrams kept to and including November 30, 1933 have been burned. It was therefore impossible to secure a copy of the telegram which Feldman claimed he sent to Ben Iaska in August or September, 1933 from a suburb in Chicago.

Agent ascertained at 1755 Marion Street that [REDACTED] is at present living there with his mother. [REDACTED] can be located at this address any time if same is desired.

Special Agent [REDACTED] made investigation at the State Auto Theft Bureau through [REDACTED] and obtained a photostatic copy of Operator's license #105957, which was issued to Edward G. Feldman, 1724 East 19th Street, Denver. (This address is the former address of [REDACTED] before she moved to 1755 Marion Street) This operator's license is a copy and does not bear the signature of Edward G. Feldman, however, the description upon it indicates that he was twenty-one years of age, six feet in height, weight, 165 lbs., eyes, light green, hair, light brown. Photostatic copies were also secured of the Application for Operator's License which is filled out in the handwriting of Edward G. Feldman. A copy of Operator's license and the Application for an Operator's license is being forwarded to the Portland Office with copies of this report in order that they may be exhibited to Edward G. Feldman to ascertain definitely whether the application is in his handwriting and that the operator's license is a copy of the one which was issued to him.

On December 2, 1934, Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spears, telephonically communicated with the writer and advised that one [REDACTED] giving his address as [REDACTED] Denver, who had passed through Billings, Montana, during the summer of 1934, had had his automobile and personal property including some bank drafts, stolen.

Agent in company with Special Agent [REDACTED] made investigation at [REDACTED] which is the address of [REDACTED] This family is a reputable family and have lived at that address for the past two years. [REDACTED] is a traveling salesman for a wholesale crockery and glassware company. [REDACTED] are at present traveling in the East. [REDACTED] who is secretary to her father, advised that [REDACTED] passed through Billings, Montana, about July 1, 1934 and went on to the coast; that on September 28, 1934 at Salt Lake City, Utah, as they were returning home, their car was stolen and also some suitcases containing samples and personal property valued at about three or four hundred dollars. She advised the car was recovered near Salt Lake City a few days later and [REDACTED] obtained the car. It is apparent that this [REDACTED] has no connection whatever with this case.

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In attempting to locate the bank accounts and safety deposit box of Sen P. Laska, Agent [REDACTED] interviewed the following bank officials:

First National Bank - [REDACTED]  
U. S. National Bank - [REDACTED]  
International Trust Company - [REDACTED]

An examination of the index files of customers' accounts was made at each of the above banks, but no checking or savings account or safety deposit box was found registered in the name of Sen P. Laska. At the Denver National Bank, it was disclosed by [REDACTED] that the records of said bank revealed a savings account in the name of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. This account has a balance of \$207.03, and the deposits for 1933 all seem to be around \$10.00 each. No other accounts or safety deposit box in the name of Laska were found.

At the Colorado National Bank, Agent interviewed [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] of the Savings Department; and [REDACTED] of the Safety Deposit Vault. [REDACTED] disclosed that a checking account was maintained for B. B. Laska; that it was a very moderate one, and its balance was around \$400.00. [REDACTED] indicated that a savings account for [REDACTED] also existed. He mentioned that it was practically a dormant account and had a balance of around \$2,000.00. [REDACTED] exhibited a card which revealed a \$5.00 safety deposit box rented in the name of B. B. Laska or [REDACTED]. He stated that Laska seldom had access to same but that [REDACTED] used it frequently. Dates of entry to same are set out as follows:

1934: November 27  
October 11, 29  
September 5, 12, 17  
August 6, 21, 23, 30, 31  
July 10, 13, 17, 21, 24  
June 5, 11, 20, 22  
May 2, 4, 19, 21, 23  
April 3, 5, 13, 17, 19, 21  
March 1, 3, 6, 7, 15, 17, 20, 26  
February 1, 2, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23  
January 1, 4, 6, 13, 25, 29, 30

1933: December 1, 7, 8, 9, 16, 21, 29  
November 3, 4, 13, 21  
October 3, 4, 5, 18, 26  
September 1, 14, 13, 29  
July 1, 11, 15, 20, 22, 25, 31  
June 7, 13, 20, 23, 26  
May 1, 16, 27  
April 1, 3, 13, 20, 21, 27  
March 3, 21, 23, 31

1932: November 2, 15  
October 15  
September 15, 26, 27, 30  
August 8, 10, 19

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April 5, 14  
March 29, 30  
February 26

The following schedule is prepared for comparative purposes:

Comparative schedule showing number of times entry was made to safety deposit box of B. B. Laska or [REDACTED] at the Colorado National Bank, Denver, Colorado.

<u>Month</u>	<u>1932</u>	<u>1933</u>	<u>1934</u>
January	0	0	7
February	1	0	7
March	2	4	8
April	2	6	6
May	0	3	5
June	0	5	4
July	0	7	5
August	3	0	5
September	4	4	3
October	1	5	2
November	2	4	1
December	0	7	0
Totals	<u>15</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>53</u>

In conducting all the investigations setforth in this report, the utmost discreteness and care was exercised. The name of Ben Laska was not mentioned to any individuals other than Ivor Wingren, Assistant U. S. Attorney, and [REDACTED] of the Western Union. These parties both are absolutely reliable. The purpose for which the information setforth in the body of this report was desired was not mentioned to any of the parties interviewed.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE PORTLAND OFFICE: Will interview Edward G. Feldman and question him relative to the information contained in the body of this report. Will also exhibit the Application for Operator's license and hotel registrations to him to determine whether same are in his handwriting.

PENDING

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

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[REDACTED] b7C

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 2344,  
Boston, Mass.

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

Dear Sir:

In compliance with Division instructions to trace all guns recovered during the course of investigations back to the factory, this office is now tracing Colt .45 Automatic Pistol, U. S. Army model, serial # 231-182. This gun was recovered from Kelly in the above case.

Through communication with the manufacturer of this pistol, it was ascertained that it was purchased by the United States Government and shipped to Commanding Officer, Springfield Armory, Springfield, Mass., on February 6, 1918.

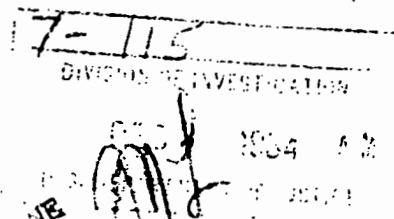
It is respectfully requested that inquiry be made at the Springfield Armory for any information that will assist in the chain of possessors of this gun since it left the factory.

The Oklahoma City Office is office of origin in this case.

Very truly yours,

W. A. RORER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division  
Oklahoma City  
Birmingham





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December 5, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to your letter addressed to the Division under date of October 28, 1933 in connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, wherein reference is made to a suggested distribution of Identification Orders and ransom currency lists to the various offices of the Postal Telegraph Company and of the Western Union Telegraph Company. I desire to ascertain whether the National Headquarters of these companies will be willing to undertake the addressing and forwarding to all of their branch offices located in the United States, ransom lists and Identification Orders on those occasions when the Division deems it desirable to so distribute such orders and lists. The Division would, of course, furnish franked envelopes when such procedure was necessary. Please contact representatives of the Postal Telegraph Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company at an early date and ascertain their attitude towards cooperating with the Division in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
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NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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San Antonio, Texas,  
December 1, 1934.

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

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DOCTOR WIRING UNITED STATES ATTORNEY PORTLAND KIRKPATRICK PHYSICALLY UNABLE MAKE TRIP TO PORTLAND AT PRESENT STOP URSCHEL ADVISES HYDE AND COMMUNICATING TELEPHONICALLY WITH PORTLAND TONIGHT STOP URSCHEL PHONING HYDE TOMORROW MORNING AND WILL ADVISE HYDE WHETHER URSCHEL PROCEEDING PORTLAND TOMORROW STOP HYDE WILL IMMEDIATELY ADVISE YOU RESULTS CONVERSATION BETWEEN LEWIS AND HIMSELF AND PORTLAND

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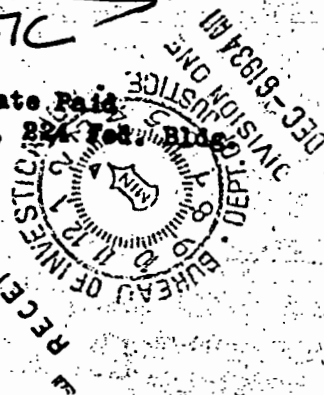
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BRANTLEY

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NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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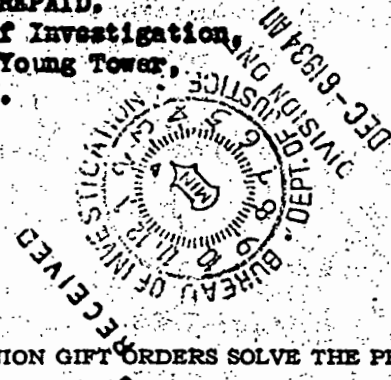
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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
224 FEDERAL BUILDING  
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URSCHEL AND KIRKPATRICK LEAVING BY TRAIN THREE TODAY ARRIVING PORTLAND VIA PLANE FROM LOS ANGELES THREE FIFTY TUESDAY AFTERNOON

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Chg. Div. of Investigation,  
1816 Smith Young Tower,  
San Antonio.



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December 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Time 3:17 PM

Mr. Nathan telephoned from Portland, Oregon. He advised that the woman had broken last night after steady questioning; that shortly after midnight she had asked to see Urschel, and after talking with him, she indicated the place where the money was hidden in the mountains. Mr. Nathan stated that they had gone out to the place this morning and had dug up one can containing approximately twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars; that there is another can still hidden which Spears and several agents are still searching for; and that when this can is recovered most of the money will be accounted for, as they have already accounted for about \$12,000; that Laska obtained \$10,000; that, of course, they took some to live on, but if the remaining can yields about \$25,000, Mr. Nathan believes that that sum will be the last to be accounted for.

I stated that Mr. Nathan should give his attention to Laska. Mr. Nathan stated that he considered it advisable to have Spears take the boy down to Denver and have the boy go around to the various places, to Laska's office and to Laramie where it is believed Laska has hid his money; that the boy can, in this manner, fill in the unimportant details; that Spears and the boy should then proceed to Oklahoma City and present all the evidence to the U.S. Attorney there, for an indictment to be drawn up before the Grand Jury which convenes there on December 11. I stated that before the evidence was presented to the U.S. Attorney it should be gone over very carefully to make certain that our case is sound. Mr. Nathan stated that in his opinion the best course to follow would be to draw up the indictment and then arrest Laska; that the Feldman woman has indicated that she will talk when brought up.

I stated that I did think the above information should be kept from the newspapers; that everyone should be cautioned against giving out any information

Mr. Nathan remarked that he considered it advisable, when and if the other can of money were recovered, for us to issue a statement here to the effect that we had recovered the money without mentioning the place where it was found. Mr. Nathan stated that he thought the case at Portland was about finished and he would be able to leave by tomorrow.

Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Baughman	.....
Chief Clerk	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Edwards	.....
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Mr. Keith	.....
Mr. Lester	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Schiller	.....

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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December 5, 1934

Time - 3:46 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

I telephoned Mr. Stanley and informed him of the fact that we had just recovered \$30,000 more of the ransom paid in the Urschel case; that it is possible that about \$15,000 more may be recovered; that although there was no one arrested in connection with this recovery, it all ties in with Lawyer Ben ~~X~~ Asks of Denver, Colorado; that, however, it will be a month or six weeks before we are able to break that angle of the case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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PLEASE WIRE DETAILED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ANGLES OF URSCHEL CASE

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
December 5, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

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

There is being attached to each copy of this letter a memorandum submitted by Special Agent [REDACTED] under date of November 30, 1934, the same containing information relative to Ed X Berman. This memorandum is being furnished you as it is thought that it may be of some value at a future time.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kansas City, Missouri  
November 30, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE R. B. NATHAN.

On November 28, 1934, while at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, two men, who registered from St. Joseph, Missouri, as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] made a visit in the Warden's office to convict [REDACTED] register number [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] presented a letter to the Warden requesting this interview, which was signed by Congressman Richard M. Duncan, of the Third District of Missouri. When [REDACTED] spoke to the Warden he advised him that his visit was for business purposes, stating that [REDACTED] and he had been in the liquor business at St. Joseph and that they were trying to make a deal at this time to dispose of [REDACTED] interest to [REDACTED] who accompanied him.

Shortly afterwards [REDACTED] was brought into the Warden's office and [REDACTED] said to [REDACTED] "Say, I met a friend of yours down here from Minneapolis, the name is Ed Berman. He is doing time here for Income Tax violation". [REDACTED] then said "Oh, yes, Oh, yes, how is he getting along", etc. The Warden immediately cut the conversation off, stating he did not advertise who was in the penitentiary and did not want any of the inmates to do so and to just discontinue any conversation as to the inmates. This concluded the interview. This interview was had in the presence of the Warden's secretary, [REDACTED].

The records of the United States Penitentiary reflect that Edward Berman, register 45186, was received at the penitentiary on June 23, 1934, from Minneapolis, Minnesota, on a sentence of one year and one day for a violation of the Internal Revenue laws. A notation on the record states the following "As Ed Berman, Police Department, St. Paul No. 24189, charge conspiracy, kidnapi 5 years, released on appeal bond."

This memorandum is furnished for your information. It may possibly not have any significance.

Respectfully submitted,

[REDACTED]  
Special Agent.

All b7C

P. O. Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
December 4, 1934.

DB: **b7C**

Special Agent in Charge,  
Portland, Oregon.

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, ET AL,  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

With reference to my telephonic conversation with Assistant Director Harold Nathan of today, please be advised that I confidentially learned that the person to whom he referred as formerly being a "runner" for Jim Mathers, an attorney at Oklahoma City, is Roy Mirt, allegedly a brother-in-law of former United States Attorney H. K. Hyde of Oklahoma City.

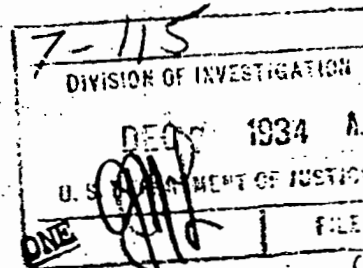
Without disclosing the reason therefor, I have obtained a photograph of Roy Mirt from the Oklahoma City Police Department which is transmitted herewith. He is described as: Age, about 40; height, 5 ft 6 in; weight, 142 pounds; color, white; hair, chestnut; eyes, right brown, left blue; complexion, medium ruddy.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Enc.

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY



# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-26**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12/6/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12/5/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; ET AL CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[REDACTED] of the Warfield Apartment Hotel, 3307 Warren Avenue, Chicago, Ill., identified picture of Clara Feldmann and Edward George Feldmann as the parties who stopped at the Warfield Apartment Hotel on August 23, 1933 under the name of Miss Ruth Johnson and her brother A. C. Johnson, staying at this place until September 10, 1933. They had a new car but make and kind unknown.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent in Charge C. C. Spcars, Portland, Oregon, dated 11/23/34.

**DETAILS:** AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

**DETAILS:**

Agent contacted [REDACTED] of the Warfield Apartment Hotel, 3307 Warren Avenue, and [REDACTED] displayed to Agent a receipt book which contained copies of receipts given to her tenants. This book disclosed that Miss Ruth Johnson stopped at the Warfield Apartment Hotel first on August 23, 1933, securing the apartment in the afternoon, and that evening she brought a young man back with her whom she said was her brother; that they first occupied Apartment 204, then changed to Apartment 404.

[REDACTED] identified the photographs of Clara Feldmann and Edward George Feldmann as being the parties who stopped at the apartment.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. H. Purvis</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1429 UNITED STATES DEC 8 1934 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: ONE	RECORDED AND INDEXED DEC 8 - 19 CHECKED OFF: JACKETED:
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ment hotel under the names of Miss Ruth Johnson and A. C. Johnson, sister and brother respectively.

[REDACTED] stated that this party, Miss Ruth Johnson, rented the apartment by the week, first stating that they would take the apartment by the month; that they had a new car, but the make and kind [REDACTED] was unable to state.

[REDACTED] further stated that she had assumed that Miss Johnson and her companion were World's Fair visitors, and she did not know from where they came, nor did they state at any time where they were from or in what business they were engaged.

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

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Oklahoma City, Okla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12/5/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>11/19-12/4/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al</b> <b>ALVIN H. SCOTT - FUGITIVE</b> <b>[REDACTED] - FUGITIVE</b> <b>CLARA FELDMANN, alias CLARA FELDMAN, alias CLARA</b> <b>DAVIS, alias MRS. GEORGE L. DAVIS, alias MISS</b> <b>RUTH JOHNSON - FUGITIVE</b> SYNOPSIS: <b>EDWARD GEORGE FELDMANN, alias ED FELDMAN, alias</b> <b>AXEL C. JOHNSON, alias GEORGE FELLMAN - FUGITIVE:</b> <b>CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE:  <b>Kidnaping</b>

No record of registration of Ed Feldman with aliases at leading hotels in Oklahoma City. Ben B. Laska resided at Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, from 9/4-9/33; 9/15-28/33 and 12/3-5/33. Record of telephone calls obtained and drawings of floor plans of rooms made and forwarded Portland office. Photographs of former United States Attorney Hyde forwarded Portland office. Witnesses in Oklahoma City left on 12/1-2/34 for Portland for removal hearing. Information received relative of Shannons, formerly residing Phoenix, Arizona, may have some of ransom money.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C. C. Spears, Portland, Oregon, dated 11/23/34.

DETAILS: At Oklahoma City:

Based upon telephonic advice received on November 19, 1934 from the Portland office, on the same date Special Agent [REDACTED] checked the records of the Black and Bristol Hotels for registration of Ed Feldman under his true name or aliases, but without results. Subsequently, Agents of the Oklahoma City office checked the following hotels for the same purpose but with negative results, the registers for the months of September, October, November and December, 1933 being examined:

Huckins; Kingcade; Wells Roberts; Hudson; Cadillac; Noll;

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Alvin B. Brantley</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1430	RECORDED AND INDEXED: DEC 8 1934
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Travelers; Kirkpatrick; Martinique; Sieber; Park-O-Tell; Albany; Rasbach; Egbert; Delmont; Skirvin; Baily; Lahoma; Broadview; Biltmore.

At the Noll Hotel, 209 Northwest 2nd Street, there was found a registration of one A. C. Johnson, Fort Worth, Texas, on September 5, 1933. No one recalled this person and no record is maintained of telephone calls, this being a third rate hotel. One A. Johnson, no address, checked into the hotel Hudson on November 29, 1933, Room 206, paid in advance and left the following day; no telephone calls were made or received.

Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer conducted investigation at the Biltmore Hotel and through the courtesy of [REDACTED] the following information was obtained:

Ben B. Laska resided at the Hotel from September 4 to September 9, 1933 in Room 1210; from September 15 to September 28, 1933 in Room 1210 and from December 3 to December 5, 1933 in Room 1405. The following local and long distance telephone calls were made by Mr. Laska, the identity of the persons called being obtained from the Telephone Company and the current city directory:

September 4th	-	3-7229	[REDACTED]
"	"	7-1053	James H. Mathers, 1112 N. E. 10th St.
"	5th	7-5661	Y.&Y. Cab Co., 315-17 N.W. 2nd St.
"	"	RI - 116	
"	"	2-1211	Okla. Times
"	6th	7-4591	Sheriff's Office, Court House
"	"	2-1211	Okla. Times
"	15th	2-1211	" "
"	"	3-8485	Mathers & Mathers, 305 Equity Bldg.
"	16th	2-1251	Skirvin
"	17th	3-8582	[REDACTED]
"	"	2-7373	[REDACTED]
"	"	3-8625	[REDACTED]
"	"	2-4885	[REDACTED]
"	"	2-1251	Skirvin Hotel
"	"	2-1251	" "
"	"	3-8485	Mathers & Mathers.
"	"	2-4885	[REDACTED]
"	18th	5-0078	[REDACTED]
"	"	7-7054	[REDACTED] office.
"	"	4-2782	[REDACTED]
"	19th	2-1251	Skirvin Hotel
"	"	5-6624	[REDACTED]
"	"	7-1053	James H. Mathers.
"	23rd	7-2541	Broadview Hotel
"	"	3-7438	Priest & Belisle, 404 Fidelity Bldg.
"	24th	2-1251	Skirvin Hotel

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September 25th	=	2-1211	Okla. Times
" 27th	=	7-1053	James H. Mathers
December 3rd	=	2-2068	[REDACTED]
" "	=	7-1053	James H. Mathers
" "	=	2-1211	Okla. Times
" "	=	7-4458	[REDACTED]
" 4th	=	7-8461	Okla. Band Wagon, 725 Ins. Bldg.
" "	=	3-9331	Lincoln Nat'l. Life Ins. Co., 1716 Petroleum Bldg.

8:45 P.M.	Sept. 16	Denver	anyone	3 min.	York	5105	131
9:00 P.M.	" 17	"	"	" "	"	"	"
9:40 P.M.	" 20	"	"	4 min.	"	"	165
7:00 P.M.	" 22	"	"	3 "	"	"	225
9:10 P.M.	" 25	"	"	7 "	"	"	275

The individuals mentioned above are, according to the current city directory occupied as follows: James H. Mathers-Attorney at Law, 305 Equity Building, residence, 1112 N. E. 10th Street; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Oklahoma Band Wagon, Incorporated Publishers, Martin Heflin, Editor, 725 Insurance Building.

[REDACTED] stated that by checking through the auditor's office it was ascertained that Mr. Laska paid his bills in cash but it was impossible to ascertain the denominations of the bills. He also stated that while Laska resided at the hotel it was common knowledge that he was the defense attorney in the trial of Kelly and others and it was his recollection that he had a number of visitors. He further states that the bell boys kept a record of all calls made at rooms and this might be of assistance at a later date.

Drawings of the floor plans of rooms 1210 and 1405 were made and are forwarded herewith to the Portland office. Photographs of former United States Attorney Herbert K. Hyde were transmitted to the Portland office on 11/24/34.

With reference to Room 1405, the walls are of light grain rough plaster to the molding. Above the molding and over the entire surface of the ceiling is smooth light grain plaster. Suspended from the center of the ceiling is a combination fan and light. The light fixture is green and the bulb is enclosed within a large frosted circular globe. On the bottom of the globe is a large star (clear white glass) with small stars around the top of the globe. The blades of the fan are cream colored with a green border on the edge. As shown

on the diagram of this room the entire floor of the bedroom and hall leading to the bath is covered with a dark red rug. The bathroom floor is made of buff and white tile. A diagram of the design of the tile blocks is included with the floor plan drawings. On the floor of the bathroom is a yellow bath mat with a one-inch stripe (black with white specs) around the four sides and about one inch from the border; a stripe of similar design but about two inches wide circles from two sides of the mat and contains the words Bowman Management. In the center of the rug is the design of an archer with drawn bow and arrow (Robin Hood character) this design being in black with white specs. The walls and ceiling of the bathroom are light green plaster. From the floor to a point about two feet high and on all four walls are tile blocks. The base and top blocks are sky blue while the center blocks are cream. The bathtub and basin are white porcelain with nickel spigots. Above the wash basin is a compartment with a swinging mirror door of modernistic design and with a nickel border. This mirror door is square. A washrag rack is on the left base of the compartment and a light switch on the right base. Below the compartment is the usual alcove for glasses, etc. An unusual design is the towel rack which is attached to the top of the compartment and consists of nickel rods running parallel to the top of the mirror door. The rods circle upward at the center of the compartment which makes a place for an electric light bulb.

With reference to Room 1210, the bathroom is identical in furnishing with that in Room 1405 except that a wicker basket sets to the left of the wash basin. The ceiling of the bedroom in Room 1210 differs entirely from that in Room 1405 in design and could be easily identified, as a large beam covered with plaster runs the entire length of the room and a crossbeam runs from the center to the south wall of the room; where the two beams meet in the center of the room and in the center of the long beam is suspended the electric combination light and fan. This plastered covered beam is about one foot square. The walls of Room 1210 are of rough plaster, buff colored from the floors to the molding. Above the molding and the surface of the ceiling is smooth plaster, buff colored. The furniture in this room is maple of a light brown color with green borders and legs.

On the north wall in Room 1405 between the bed and the night table is a picture entitled "Philadelphia Exchange, Omnibus Depot and Part of Dock Street". The picture contains an ancient view. On the west wall between the south wall and the doorway to the bath, is a picture entitled "Washington from Arlington Heights". This also is an old view and shows the capitol building.

In Room 1210 on the east wall just south of the writing table is a picture of Napoleon and a small girl. On the west wall just north of the bed is a picture of a small girl in old-fashioned clothes entitled "Lady Catherine Pelham Clintons".

On Saturday, December 1, 1934 Assistant United States Attorney F. M. Dudley advised Special Agent in Charge Brantley that the United States Attorney at Portland had communicated with him by telephone requesting that the witnesses

be instructed to proceed to Portland at once for a removal hearing to be held as to Scott and [REDACTED]. On Saturday, December 2, a discussion of the appropriate witnesses with Mr. Dudley disclosed that it was his opinion that Mr. Urschel, the victim, Mr. Kirkpatrick, the contact man who paid the money, and [REDACTED] who recorded the numbers on the ransom money, were the necessary and appropriate witnesses. [REDACTED] was then contacted at the First National Bank and he left Oklahoma City on December 1, enroute to Portland. He was given the paste board box containing the ten thousand slips on which had been written the numbers of the ransom notes for which he executed a receipt and the same is now contained in the Oklahoma City file.

Inquiry disclosed that Mr. Urschel and Mr. Kirkpatrick were on a hunting trip near Alice, Texas. The San Antonio office was contacted by telephone and they in turn, contacted Mr. Urschel and Mr. Kirkpatrick who left Texas on Sunday, December 2, for Portland.

By letter dated November 24, 1934 and addressed to the United States Marshal at Oklahoma City, [REDACTED] of Payson, Arizona, advised that he was of the opinion that one Rollo L. Shannon is involved in this case. [REDACTED] advised that Rollo Shannon is an ex-soldier, drawing compensation through the Veterans Bureau at Phoenix, Arizona, his service record consisting of a term in the Army of six months and seventeen days. As a basis for his suspicions of Shannon, [REDACTED] stated that in July, 1933, Shannon left Payson very quietly in his automobile and leaving his wife at home and was absent for a period of two weeks; that upon the return of Shannon he told some of his friends that he had been to Oklahoma and to others, he stated that he had been in Texas, bragging about the distance, time made, expenses, etc.; that about two weeks later Shannon went to Phoenix and bought a 1929 Model Packard Coupe that cost him not less than a thousand dollars, the car being new in appearance and condition, and which Shannon stated cost him \$1600.00; that in May, 1934, Shannon sold his home, together with his furniture and household goods for approximately \$1100.00 (it having cost him \$2000.00) and went to Las Cruces, New Mexico and was last heard of in October, 1934 at Carrizozo, New Mexico. It was [REDACTED] opinion that Rollo L. Shannon is a nephew of the former subjects [REDACTED] who were convicted in this case and might have taken some of the ransom money to Arizona. Apparently Shannon can be located at all times through the Veterans Bureau at Phoenix, Arizona.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: LOS ANGELES OFFICE at Payson, Arizona will interview [REDACTED] and obtain from him all information available concerning Rollo L. Shannon. Will also ascertain from the Veterans Administration at Phoenix, Arizona the present residence address of Shannon.

DALLAS AND EL PASO OFFICES: Copies of this report are submitted for information only at this time. Upon receipt of report from the Los Angeles office covering interview with Rollo Shannon, it is requested that appropriate investigation be conducted to establish the identity and movements of Rollo Shannon for the purpose of ascertaining if he has possession of or handled any of the ransom money.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with your letter of October 16, 1934, Kathryn Kelly was interviewed at the United States Detention Farm, at Milan, Michigan, by Special Agent [REDACTED]

She was confronted with the information concerning the other "two fellows" kept out as mentioned in her letter quoted in your letter. Kathryn stated that one of the men referred to was [REDACTED] of Oklahoma City. She stated that [REDACTED] and his wife were with Victim and his wife when the kidnaping occurred. She further stated that on the two days immediately prior to the kidnaping she, George Kelly Barnes and George Bates, were at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Coleman, at Stamford, Oklahoma, and on these days Barnes and Bates drove into Oklahoma City and told her they were going to see [REDACTED]

Kathryn further stated that after the release of Urscchel that George Barnes told her that [REDACTED] had been the finger man in the Urscchel kidnaping and was in on it when it was planned and was to receive 10% of the ransom collected.

Kathryn also related that subsequent to this conversation and before she and Barnes were arrested they had met George Bates at the Radison Hotel in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and had driven out into the country and discussed who should take the 10% of the ransom that should go to [REDACTED] and it was decided that Barnes should. However, she stated that she was told at the time of her trial, by Barnes that he had never delivered the 10% to [REDACTED]. During the trial [REDACTED] identified Barnes from the witness stand as one of the abductors and she stated Barnes became very angry but did not say anything in court. She stated that Barnes had told her that his signal from [REDACTED] was the way [REDACTED] car was parked at the Urscchel home at the time of the abduction. She is of the opinion that Barnes told her it was a Pierce Arrow but is not certain.

Regarding the second person mentioned as one of the two she stated that she did not know the identity of this individual, but related that Barnes

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had told her that original plans had been made to keep Urschel at a farmer's near Colgate, Oklahoma, instead of at the R. G. Shannon home at Paradise, Texas. She stated that after the abduction of Urschel he was brought to the Coleman home where Barnes and Bates changed cars and they then drove to the farmer's home near Colgate, but upon reaching there they discovered that the farmer's daughter and son-in-law had unexpectedly dropped in, and for this reason the Victim was not held there but was taken to the Shannon's at Paradise, Texas. She stated that she cannot recall the name of this farmer but both Barnes or Bates knows it.

The matter of having Barnes and Bates interviewed at Alcatraz is left to the discretion of the Oklahoma City office.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson,  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Division ✓

Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

RAA [REDACTED]

December 8, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

RE: BRUNO RICHARD HAUPTMANN with alias  
KIDNAPING AND MURDER OF CHARLES A.  
LINDBERGH, JR.

On December 5, 1934, at the Post Office in Tampa, Florida, [REDACTED] Veterans' Administration Facility, Bed No. 79, St. Petersburg, Florida, contacted Special Agent [REDACTED] Resident Agent at Tampa, Florida, advising him that he was well acquainted with the writer and Special Agent in Charge C. D. McKean, formerly of the Jacksonville office.

[REDACTED] is very well known to me. He has a vivid imagination, a detective complex, and a disordered mind. During the 1933-34 tourist season he made frequent calls to the Jacksonville office. He also did this when Mr. McKean was here, complaining about Government officials from the highest to the lowest. He frequently writes to or calls upon high officials in Washington. It appears that he comes to Florida every winter. Very little credence can be placed in anything that he says.

[REDACTED] advised Agent [REDACTED] that on December 25, 1933, he and his wife were located at the Travelers Tourist Camp at St. Augustine, Florida; that some two weeks before Christmas 1933 and for an equal period after Christmas, he, [REDACTED] was on duty at this camp as a watchman. During this period he met Bruno Hauptmann, his wife and baby at the camp; that Hauptmann appeared very nervous and inquired about hunting and fishing in the State of Maine, knowing that he, [REDACTED] was from Maine and a noted international guide. [REDACTED] stated that Hauptmann and his family remained at the camp for about four days. [REDACTED] stated that he did not know Hauptmann or again think of him until he noticed his photographs in the newspapers when he was arrested in connection with the Lindbergh case, at which time he vividly recalled both Hauptmann and his wife, as noted above.

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[REDACTED] stated that on December 25, 1933, [REDACTED] the Travelers Tourist Camp, gave a Christmas dinner to the guests. He pointed out the names of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Kittinger of Huguenot, New York, and the name of Joachim Fildman, of Kiel, Germany, in a newspaper article with reference to the guests who attended this dinner, and stated that Fildman had a tent in which he slept and that the Kittingers slept in a house car, and that no one could

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get close to either unless Fildman or Kittinger were present. He also stated that both Kittinger and Fildman were excellent carpenters; that they purchased special lumber and remodeled the house ear of Mr. Kittinger, making panels on the inside and doing a job that only a cabinet maker could duplicate. [redacted] furnished Agent [redacted] a news article under date of December 26, 1933, which appeared in the St. Augustine, Florida, Record, showing the names of the persons who attended the Christmas dinner aforementioned. [redacted] also turned over to Agent [redacted] an article which he advised appeared in the St. Petersburg, Florida, papers, names of which he could not state, on or about November 10, 1934, concerning the final winding up of the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping case, in which is mentioned the name of Clara Feldman, to whom Alvin H. Scott had made several drafts payable. [redacted] is of the opinion that there might be some connection between Clara Feldman and Joachim Fildman, and that both may have some connection with Hauptmann, which of course is purely conjecture on the part of [redacted]. He further stated that he checked the registers of the Travelers Tourist Camp and the Rocky Water Tourist Camp and failed to find the registrations of Hauptmann, in view of which he feels that he, Hauptmann, was with the Kittingers, the latter party not registering at the Rocky Water Tourist Camp, after they left the Travelers Tourist Camp aforementioned. [redacted] displayed to Agent Yearsley a letter signed by Special Agent C. D. McKean, Boston, Massachusetts, October 18, 1934, addressed to [redacted] in care of the Veterans' Administration Faculty #1, Togus, Maine, in which Mr. McKean advised that among the effects of Hauptmann there was found no letterhead of [redacted]. According to [redacted] he claimed that when he met Hauptmann he supplied him with one of his letterheads.

[redacted] insisted that the information contained herein be supplied to the Jacksonville office by Agent [redacted] after he was advised that all information in connection with this case should be directed to the New Jersey State Police, Trenton, New Jersey. It is the opinion of the writer that [redacted] at the Veterans' Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida, is being treated for mental disorders.

This information is being furnished to the Division at this time, believing that sooner or later [redacted] will communicate with the Director, furnishing additional statements, and I believe that the Division should know of [redacted] mental condition.

Very truly yours,

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R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc New York  
Jax #62-772

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December 6, 1934

Time - 3:58 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Nathan telephoned from Portland, Oregon and stated that the last amount of money recovered was \$28,140; that this amount, and the amount recovered yesterday, \$10,120, totalled \$38,460 of the ransom money paid in the Urechel case that has been recovered to date. Mr. Nathan stated that Clara Feldman had another break-down this morning; that according to Clara Feldman, buried the other can of money; that [redacted] was one of the parties tried by the Commissioner recently and held in \$25,000 bond for appearance before the Grand Jury at Oklahoma City.

Mr. Nathan inquired as to whether he should remain in Portland for any length of time, and I told him that if the remaining money due to be recovered came in this evening, he should proceed immediately to San Francisco and there supervise and organize the immediate search for [redacted]. He said that it was anticipated that the money would be forthcoming in a short time, and that if it came in, he would proceed this evening to San Francisco.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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JEH **[REDACTED]** b7C

December 8, 1934

Time-11:17 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

During a telephonic conversation with Colonel Gates, the Colonel inquired if Clara Waldman were still being held in Portland, Oregon. I stated that she was in jail at Portland but would probably be removed to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma as she was going to be tried for being involved in the passing of the ransom money.

Colonel Gates inquired where Scott was and I told him that he was in an automobile accident and was in the hospital at Portland; that he was under arrest with a bond of \$25,000.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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

**MEMORANDUM**

Re: Kelly, Bailey & Bates

Attached is a memo of November 26th from Mr. Bates. I shall appreciate it if you will let me have your views in this matter.

*JBK*

JOSEPH B. KEENAN

MMB-enc  
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Handwritten initials: J.B.K.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Prisons

Washington

November 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KEENAN:

Have you any more interest in restricting the letter writing and other privileges of Kelly, Bailey and Bates beyond those which apply in the case of all other inmates of the Alcatraz Prison?

Sanford Bates,  
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KENNAN

With reference to your informal memorandum attached to a memorandum addressed to you under date of November 26, 1934 by the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, wherein inquiry is made as to whether the letter writing and other privileges of Prisoners Kelly, Bailey and Bates, presently confined in the Alcatraz Prison, should be any different than those privileges afforded other inmates of that institution, you are advised that I have no views, suggestions or desires in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Mr. Nathan .....
Mr. Tolson .....
Mr. Clegg .....
Mr. Baughman .....
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FILE NO. **7-22**

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TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; et al, CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Springfield Armory, Springfield, Mass., has no record of Colt .45 Automatic Pistol, U.S. Army model, serial number 231-182.

- R.U.C. -

**REFERENCE:**

Letter of W. A. Rorer, Special Agent in Charge, Nashville, Tennessee, dated December 1, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

The Springfield Armory at Springfield, Mass., does not have a record of a Colt .45 Automatic Pistol, U.S. Army model, serial number 231-182, except that it was shipped during the War to the U.S. Army. However, they felt certain that if inquiry is made at the Army Ordnance Department, Army Building, Washington, D.C., it would be possible to secure the required information. A letter is being sent to that Department from officials at the Springfield Armory so that the information can be gathered in the various Corps areas and be ready for the Agent who goes for the information.

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**DETAILS:**

**WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:** Will make inquiry at the Army Ordnance Department, Army Building, Washington, D.C., in order to ascertain the chain of possessives of this Pistol since it left the factory. This gun was recovered from Kelly in the above case.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div style="text-align: center;"><i>C. M. [Signature]</i></div>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1438	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>DEC 12 1934</b>
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URSHEL KIDNAPPING UNITED PRESS HAS REQUESTED VERIFICATION OF RUMORS  
ORIGINATING PORTLAND OREGON THAT THIS OFFICE ARRESTED THREE SUSPECTS IN  
DENVER EIGHTH INSTANT RUMORS WITHOUT FOUNDATION HERE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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I am attaching hereto, for your information, a copy of a memorandum giving the results recently attained in connection with the Urschel Kidnaping, in which \$44,000.00 of the ransom money which had been paid in this case, was recovered.

Respectfully,  
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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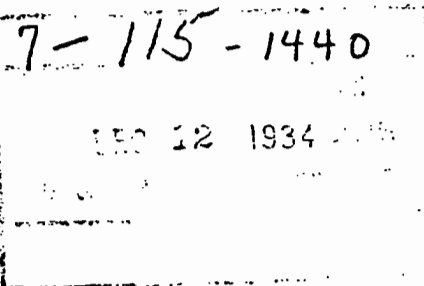
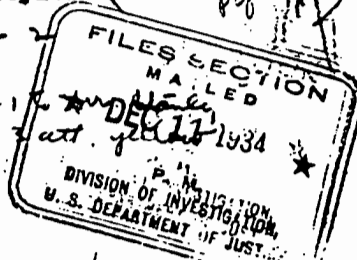
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December 8, 1934

MEMORANDUM

During the past several months an intensive investigation has been pursued by Special Agents of the Portland, Oregon Office of the Division of Investigation for the purpose of locating certain individuals believed to be in possession of a portion of the money paid as ransom in the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, who was abducted from his Oklahoma City home on July 22, 1933, and for which abduction Harvey J. Bailey, Albert L. Bates, R. G. Shannon, Ora L. Shannon, George R. Kelly and Kathryn Thorne Kelly have been sentenced to serve life imprisonment in Federal Penitentiaries.

b7C This investigation by the Portland Division Office has resulted, over fifteen months after the kidnaping, in the apprehension of Alvin H. Scott, Clara Feldmann, the wife of Albert L. Bates and sister-in-law of Alvin H. Scott, her son Edward George Feldmann, and [REDACTED] and the recovery of \$44,080 in currency actually paid as ransom in this case. In addition, miscellaneous cash totalling \$2,374 was located. This money was found on the persons of various of these suspects, and buried in seven separate lots in four different localities in the vicinity of Medford, Oregon, Roseburg, Oregon, Woodland, Washington, and Dunsmuir, California.

The four individuals above named have been held in default of bond on the order of the United States Commissioner at Portland, Oregon, to await prosecution in the United States District Court at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

I am attaching hereto, as of possible interest to you, a copy of a memorandum which I have just addressed to the Attorney General, transmitting a copy of a memorandum giving the results recently attained in connection with the Urschel Kidnaping, in which \$44,080.00 of the ransom money which had been paid in this case, was recovered.

Respectfully,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

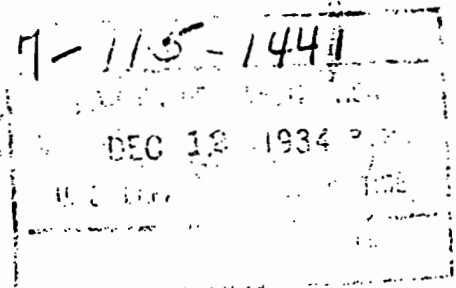
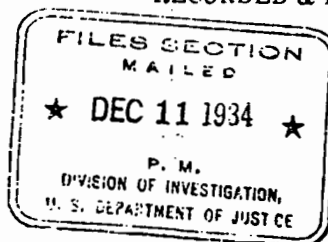
John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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RETEL URSCHEL CASE TOTAL AMOUNT RECOVERED (FOUR FOUR NAUGHT EIGHT NAUGHT DOLLARS)

ACTUAL RANSOM MONEY AND (TWO THREE SEVEN FOUR DOLLARS) MISCELLANEOUS CASH IN

SEVEN SEPARATE LOTS AT FOUR DIFFERENT PLACES STOP TWO MEDFORD OREGON THREE

NEAR WOODLAND WASHINGTON ONE DUNSMuir CALIFORNIA ONE ROSBURG OREGON STOP MONEY

BURIED IN FIVE INSTANCES ONE AMOUNT FOUND ON PERSON SCOTT TIME AUTOMOBILE

ACCIDENT ONE FOUND IN POSSESSION CLARA AND ED FELDMAN TIME ARREST PRINCIPALS

CLARA FELDMAN SON ED FELDMAN WAIVE REMOVAL STOP PRINCIPALS

ALVIN SCOTT HELD TODAY BY COMMISSIONER TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND BOND EACH ACTION

GRAND JURY OKLAHOMA CITY LATTER DUE TO MEET DECEMBER ELEVEN STOP CLARA AND ED

FELDMAN ADMIT POSSESSION URSCHEL RANSOM MONEY AND KNOWLEDGE NATURE SAID MONEY

STOP [REDACTED] ADMITS KNOWLEDGE POSSESSION BY FELDMANS OF URSCHEL

RANSOM MONEY AND GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PLACE BURIED PART THEREOF STOP ALVIN SCOTT

TODAY PERSONALLY REVEALED PLACE BURIAL OVER FIVE THOUSAND THIS MONEY BUT

CONTENDS UNAWARE NATURE THEREOF OR NATURE MONEY FOUND HIS POSSESSION TIME

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT STOP CLARA AND ED FELDMAN MAKE FULL CONFESSION TRANSACTIONS

WITH ATTORNEY OLASKA OF DENVER COLORADO STOP STATE PAID HIM TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS

ACTUAL RANSOM MONEY THERE AND OKLAHOMA CITY STOP STATE LASKA INSTRUCTED THEM LIVE

CERTAIN PLACES AND ASSUME FICTICIOUS NAMES STOP STATE LASKA THREATENED THEM IN

CASE EXPOSURE STOP ALSO RECOVERED TWO AUTOMOBILES VALUE ABOUT SEVEN FIFTY STOP

RECOVERIES AS SET FORTH MAINTAINED IN STRICTEST SECRECY BUT SEARCH MADE

ON SEARCH WARRANT AND RETURN WILL HAVE TO BE MADE SOON STOP SUGGEST ANY

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RELEASES BY WASHINGTON BE CONFIRMED AMOUNT RECOVERED AND ALSO PERMISSION  
GRANT SIMULTANEOUS RELEASES HERE STOP BELIEVE FULL AMOUNT RANSOM MONEY  
POSSESSED CLARA FELDMAN AND ASSOCIATES RECOVERED STOP EXPECT LEAVE HERE  
SATURDAY MORNING WITH ED FELDMAN PLANE FOR DENVER STOP FELDMAN TO SHOW US  
CERTAIN PLACES IN WHICH HE MET LASHA AND ONE PLACE MONEY PREVIOUSLY BURIED  
STOP REQUEST PERMISSION TRANSPORT FELDMAN BY PLANE DENVER WITH DEPUTY  
MARSHAL THENCE TRANSPORT FELDMAN TRAIN OKLAHOMA CITY IN TIME FOR GRAND JURY  
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DIRECTOR DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION.

U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PENNSYLVANIA AVE AT 9 ST

SAC SPEARS DEPARTED VIA AIRPLANE WITH EDWARD FELDMAN AND

U.S. DEPUTY MARSHAL FOR CHEYENNE WYOMING SEVEN THIRTYFIVE AM

ARRIVING CHEYENNE FOUR FIFTY WILL MAKE INVESTIGATION

VICINITY LARAMIE WYOMING PROCEEDING DENVER TONIGHT

LEAVING DENVER EIGHT TWENTY PM SUNDAY VIA TRAIN

ARRIVING OKLAHOMA CITY FIVE EIGHTEEN

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PM MONDAY  
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DENVER, COLORADO,  
December 11, 1934

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

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RETEL URSCHEL MATTER VISITORS PERMIT RECORDS DENVER CITY JAIL DESTROYED OBTAINED INFORMATION DISCREET MANNER FROM [REDACTED] THAT BEN LASKA PROBABLY CONSULTED WITH BATES AT JAIL ABOUT TWO DAYS AFTER ARREST WHICH OCCURRED AUGUST TWELFTH NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE

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cc Division GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases et al  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim  
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**URGENT**

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

URGENT KIDNAPING DEPUTY MARSHAL [REDACTED] ENROUTE WITH PRISONERS WILL  
ARRIVE OKLAHOMA CITY FIVE EIGHTEEN PM TUESDAY THE ELEVENTH COUNTY JAIL  
ROOM 2 CAR FIFTYTHREE HANTAYE RAILWAY

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W. C. CAMERON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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Denver, Colorado  
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224 Federal Building,  
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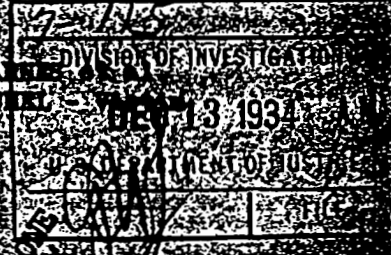
URGENT KIDNAPING SAC SPRING AGENTS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ALSO A  
DEPUTY MARSHAL WILL ARRIVE OKLAHOMA CITY FIVE EIGHTEEN PM MONDAY TENTH  
INSTANT WITH SUSPECT EDWARD FELDMANN AND RECOVERED RANSOM MONEY  
OCCUPYING DRAWING ROOM A CAR FIFTYTHREE SARTARE RAYWAY MEET WITH TWO  
AUTOMOBILES

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cc Division ✓

GEORGE KELLY HARRIS, A. A.  
CHARLES F. DRUGGERY - V. A.  
KIDNAPING



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URSCHER KIDNAPING [REDACTED] ELEVENTH AVENUE HOTEL DENVER  
HAS NO RECOLLECTION OF JOHNSON AND WIFE THERE AUGUST SEVENTH TO  
NINTH

HEWMAN

GEORGE KELLY BARNES et al  
CHARLES F. URSCHER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

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cc Division

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December 12, 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:

Kindly refer to my letter of November 13, 1934, instructing that you submit a full explanation concerning your failure to carry out Division instructions in connection with the arrest of Clara Feldman and her son, and submit an immediate response to the Division's communication.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 12, 1934

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Time: 5:05 pm

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Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Baughman.....  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While talking with Mr. Brantley on another matter, he stated that Clara Feldman's son had identified today a photograph of Jimmy Mathers, Jr. in Oklahoma City, an attorney, as the person who was in his room representing himself, or being represented as Mr. Hyde; that this was the man that was thought to be the District Attorney whom the Division had always considered as being all right.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
422 Midland Savings Bldg.,  
Denver, Colo.,  
December 15, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

This is to advise of the arrival in  
Denver, at 9:40 o'clock this morning, of Special  
Agent in Charge C. C. Spears and Special Agents  
[redacted] and [redacted] of the  
Portland Division office.

Mr. Spears and [redacted] are stop-  
ping at the Cosmopolitan Hotel, East 18th Avenue  
& Broadway, telephone, Main 2181, and [redacted]  
[redacted] is staying at 1680 Steele Street, this  
city. They are here in connection with the  
Urschel kidnaping case and expect to remain ap-  
proximately two days.

Very truly yours,

*Jay C. Newman*  
JAY C. NEWMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

JCN [redacted]

cc Portland

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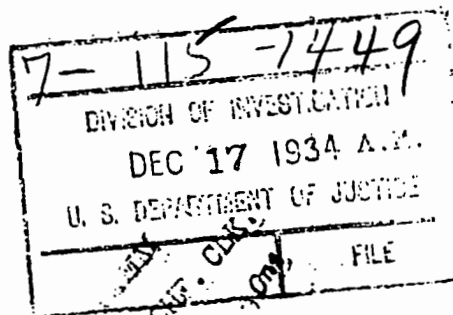
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URSHEL KIDNAPING AGENTS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] PROCEEDING DENVER  
FROM OKLA. CITY WITH EDWARD FELDMAN VIA SANTA FE R.R. WILL ARRIVE  
FORTY TOMORROW MORNING

NEWMAN.

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Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
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*E. J. Connelley*

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December 8, 1934

Time - 9:48 A.M.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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**REDACTED** of the Associated Press telephoned and stated that they had received word from Portland, Oregon that some more money had been recovered in the Urschel Case. I told him that to date we have recovered about \$44,000 additional ransom money paid in this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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**December 17, 1934**

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

Transmitted herewith is a copy of a memorandum prepared for the Attorney General dealing with the recent developments in the Urschel Kidnaping Case, with particular reference to attorney Ben Laska of Denver, Colorado, who is now under indictment for his connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 15, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time 11:00 PM

Mr. Nathan	✓
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Mr. Tamm	
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I telephoned Mr. Nathan at Denver and he stated that the United States Attorney believed a search warrant issued on Sunday may be illegal and accordingly no steps will be taken there in connection with the URSCHER CASE until Monday. Mr. Brantley will not pick up the Oklahoma City lawyer, (Mathers), until Mr. Nathan picks up the Denver lawyer. I told Mr. Brantley and Mr. Nathan of your wishes to release the story simultaneously in Denver and Oklahoma City without waiting for the story to be broken in Washington.

Respectfully,

E.A. Tamm

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Washington, D. C.

12:20 P.M.

December 17, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan.....  
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Mr. Tracy.....

[REDACTED] called and asked if the Division was going to make an important announcement today, as the Associated Press has just received a flash from Denver to the effect that Mr. Harold Nathan is just about to make an important announcement there. I advised that I knew nothing about it.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. Tamm

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12:35 P.M.

December 17, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Brantley called and advised that James Mathers was taken into custody this morning at about 10:30 A.M. by Division Agents. He was brought to the Oklahoma City Office, but is, however, not making any statements. He has been fingerprinted. Mr. Brantley advised this matter has been released to the press - that the same information was given out as that released by Mr. Nathan.

Respectfully,

  
E.A. Tamm

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
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U. S. Department of Justice

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December 16, 1934

Time - 1:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
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Mr. Baughman.....  
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Mr. Schilder.....  
Mr. Tamm.....  
Mr. Tracy.....

Mr. Nathan telephoned me from Denver, Colorado and stated that the following is a proposed press dispatch which will be released simultaneously in Denver and Oklahoma City upon the capture of the parties named in the indictment returned by the grand jury at Oklahoma City December 14, 1934:

\*\*\* paid as ransom for the return of Charles F. Urschel to his family had still not been located. Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director of the Division of Investigation of the Department of Justice, issued specific instructions that this case should not be considered closed and personally supervised the intensive and persistent country wide investigation that ensued. With evidence that that portion of the ransom money apportioned to Albert L. Bates was for the greater part unaccounted for, investigation soon indicated that concentrated efforts should be instituted in the Pacific Northwest, relatives and associates of Bates having been found located there. A long period of cautious watchfulness ensued. This activity centered in the territory under the jurisdiction of the Portland, Oregon Office of the Division of Investigation. It would have been futile to make arrests unless it was certain that these arrests would result in the location of the money. Premature action would have been disastrous to the final successful consummation of this phase of the investigation.

"The break came finally through an automobile accident occurring to one of the individuals under surveillance. All of the resources of the Division in the Pacific Northwest were then concentrated in an effort, not only to locate the missing money promptly, but to develop evidence which would indicate the guilt of those responsible for its illegal retention and division. Considerable sums of the money were found buried in the States of Oregon and Washington. In order to effect its recovery, it was necessary for Special Agents of the Division to don boots, overalls and other equipment of a like character and dig for this buried treasure in a manner depicted in certain works of romantic fiction dealing with the recovery of buried gold. In these operations the total sum of approximately \$46,000 was unearthed.

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"The final chapter of the investigation must, of course, be written at Oklahoma City, the scene of the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel on the night of July 22, 1933, and I am informed that the Federal Grand Jury has handed down an indictment naming Clara Feldmann, wife of Albert L. Bates; Edward Feldmann, her son; and Alvin Scott, a brother-in-law, and of particular note to those interested in law enforcement, I am informed that the grand jury has also indicted Ben B. Laska, attorney of Denver, Colorado, and James C. Mathers, attorney of Oklahoma City, who are charged with illegal participation in the division of the Urschel ransom money apportioned to Albert Bates, all of the evidence in the possession of the Division of Investigation having been presented to that grand jury.

"The action taken against these lawyers reflects the determination of the Division of Investigation that individuals appropriately known as criminal attorneys who sponsor, guide, advise and protect the members of the underworld in their criminal operations shall receive appropriate punishment. Laska represented Bates at the Urschel trial and has also represented others engaged in kidnaping and other criminal vocations. The Division of Investigation has suspected for a considerable period that his relations to the various members of the underworld with whom he has been associated have been more intimate and extended than those based upon the legitimate duties and responsibilities of an attorney to his client."

Mr. Nathan stated that he would read this statement to Mr. Brantley at Oklahoma City and receive any ideas he may have relative thereto. I told him that I had talked with Mr. Brantley last evening and informed <sup>him</sup> of your wishes in this respect.

Mr. Nathan stated that plans are being made to go ahead with the affair tomorrow.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tamm -

The first paragraph of this memo is entirely made up. It seems as though the recording machine was not warmed up or something like that, and about the first inch of the conversation was not recorded. The first words to be heard are those appearing directly after the asterisks.

This record is being placed on your desk for a possible check.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

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

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

Mr. Nathan	_____
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Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES; with aliases;  
BEN V. ALASKA - FUGITIVE,  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Today Mr. C. C. Spears called me from Denver and stated that the presence of Subject Ed Feldman was necessary in Denver immediately and that arrangements should be made to have him taken there right away.

The matter was taken up with Judge E. S. Vaught, United States District Court, Oklahoma City, who stated that he would be glad to cooperate with us in any way, and issued an order placing Feldman in my custody for a period of ten days, with the understanding that this time could be extended if necessary.

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The train for Denver had left before these arrangements could be effected, and by automobile the train was overtaken at Ponca City, Oklahoma and Feldman left in custody of Agents [redacted] on the Santa Fe train arriving at Denver at 9:40 a.m., December 16, 1934. The Denver Office was notified.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

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

December 13, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. Tolson.....  
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Mr. Tamm.....  
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EAT:

Mr. Nathan called from San Francisco at 12 P.M. last night and stated that the witnesses in the Urschel case in Oklahoma City would be brought before the Grand Jury today and that the indictment would be returned on Friday. Mr. Nathan stated that in the absence of any instructions to the contrary he will leave San Francisco for Denver tonight, arriving in Denver Saturday morning. Mr. Spears will meet Mr. Nathan in Denver on Saturday morning and it is contemplated that they will immediately conduct simultaneous raids upon the office, residence and safe deposit boxes of Ben Laska. I suggested to Mr. Nathan that of course the success of this procedure could only be assured if there was absolutely no publicity resulting from the indictment in Oklahoma City. He stated that he had cautioned the Oklahoma City Office against any publicity in the matter and would again call them today. I will also contact the Oklahoma City Office in this regard sometime today.

Mr. Nathan stated that everything was quiet in San Francisco; that they had a number of "good spots" covered.

I advised Mr. Nathan that he was authorized to confidentially offer the sum of \$5000 to any informant furnishing information to the Division, resulting in apprehension. I told him to inform Mr. Guinane of this reward but again cautioned him against there being any publicity about our willingness to pay this reward.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Pursuant to your instructions I called [redacted] in the office of the Director, Bureau of Prisons, concerning the request received from Special Agent in Charge Guinane of the San Francisco Office for authorization to interview prisoners [redacted] in connection with the [redacted] case, and George Bates, in connection with the Urschel case, at the Alcatraz Penitentiary.

[redacted] stated an appropriate telegram would be directed to the Warden at Alcatraz Penitentiary, granting this authority.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.

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December 14, 1934.

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

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases;  
BEN B. LASKA - FUGITIVE; ET AL  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of an indictment returned by the United States Grand Jury at Oklahoma City on December 14th, in which Ben B. Laska, an attorney of Denver, Colorado, is named as a defendant. It will also be observed that James C. Mathers, an attorney of Oklahoma City, is named as a defendant, as are Clara Feldman, Ed Feldman and Alvin H. Scott. James C. Mathers is a son of James H. Mathers, who represented some of the defendants in this case in Oklahoma City in 1933. [REDACTED] was not indicted.

A certified copy of this indictment with a non est warrant has been forwarded to Denver, Colorado by airmail today.

Very truly yours,

All BTC

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Tracy	.....

Miss & sister Ben B. Laska  
+ James C. Mathew

Mathew card.



IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

United States of America,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Alvin E. Scott; Clara Davis, alias  
Clara Feldman, alias Clara Feldmann,  
alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias  
Miss Ruth Johnson, alias Ruth Roberts,  
alias Doris Hargrave; Edward George  
Feldman, alias Edward George Feldmann,  
alias Ed Feldman, alias Earl G. Johnson,  
alias George Feldman, alias "Roberts",  
alias Alfred Feldman; Ben B. Laska;  
James C. Matthews,

Defendants.

No. 11024

INDICTMENT

At the January 1934 Term of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Oklahoma, begun and held at the city of Oklahoma City, in said District, on the 1st day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred thirty-four, the Grand Jurors of the United States of America, within and for said District, having been duly summoned, impaneled, sworn, and charged to inquire into and true presentment make of all public offenses against the laws of the United States of America, committed within said District in said State of Oklahoma, upon their oaths aforesaid, in the name and by the authority of the United States of America, do find and present:

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That heretofore, to-wit: On or about the 22nd day of July, in the year of our Lord 1935, and thence continuously thereafter until the return of this indictment, in the city of Oklahoma City, within the State of Oklahoma and within the Western District of Oklahoma, at Paradise, Texas, at Denver, Colorado, at Cheyenne, Wyoming, at Medford, Oregon, at Roseburg, Oregon, at Woodland, Washington, at San Bernardino, California, and at diverse other places to the Grand Jurors unknown and hence not herein stated, Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard Malachuk, alias Bernard Hughes, and George H. Kelly, alias George Kelly, Kathryn Thorne Kelly, alias Catherine Kelly, Harvey J. Bailey, alias J. J. Brennan, alias John Brown, alias R. G. McDonald, Robert G. Shannon, Amos Crawford Shannon, and Ora L. Shannon, and the defendants, Alvin M. Scott, Clara Davis, alias Clara Feldman, alias Clara Feldman, alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias Miss Ruth Johnson, alias Doris Roberts, alias Doris Mansfield, Edward George Feldman, alias Edward George Feldman, alias Ed Feldman, alias Axel G. Johnson, alias George Feldman, alias "Roberts", alias Alfred Feldman, Ben B.

Laska, and James C. Withers, who are herein indicted, did knowingly, wilfully, unlawfully and feloniously combine, confederate, and agree together, and with each other, and with diverse other persons whose names are to the Grand Jurors unknown and hence not herein stated, to commit, during the period of time from the 22nd of July, 1935, and continuously thereafter up to and including the date and return of this indictment, a certain offense against the United States of America, that is to say, violate the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932, which provides a penalty for the transportation in interstate commerce of any kidnapped person held for ransom or reward;

Contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace, government and dignity of the United States of America;

That it was a part of said conspiracy that said Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard Malachuk, alias Bernard Hughes, and George H. Kelly, alias George Kelly, Kathryn Thorne Kelly, alias Catherine Kelly, Harvey J. Bailey, alias J. J. Brennan, alias John Brown, alias R. G. McDonald, Robert G. Shannon, Amos Crawford Shannon, and Ora L. Shannon, and the defendants, Alvin M. Scott, Clara Davis, alias Clara Feldman, alias Clara Feldman, alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias Miss Ruth Johnson, alias Doris Roberts, alias Doris Mansfield, Edward George Feldman, alias Edward George Feldman, alias Ed Feldman, alias Axel G. Johnson, alias George Feldman, alias "Roberts", alias Alfred Feldman, Ben B. Laska, and James C. Withers, who are herein indicted, would, on or

about the 22nd day of July, 1935, at the home of Charles F. Vesschal, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, seize, kidnap and abduct the said Charles F. Vesschal hereinafter referred to as victim.

That it was further a part of said conspiracy that after having unlawfully seized and confined the said Charles F. Urechel in their custody, at the time and place aforesaid, they, the aforesaid Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes, and George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly, Kathryn Thomas Kelly, alias Catherine Kelly, Harvey J. Bailey, alias J. J. Brennan, alias John Brown, alias R. G. McDonald, Robert G. Shannon, Armon Crawford Shannon, and Ora L. Shannon, and the defendants, Alvin E. Scott, Clara Davis, alias Clara Feldman, alias Clara Feldman, alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias Miss Ruth Johnson, alias Doris Roberts, alias Doris Mansfield, Edward George Feldman, alias Edward George Feldman, alias Ed Feldman, alias Amel C. Johnson, alias George Feldman, alias "Roberts", alias Alfred Feldman, Ben B. Laska, and James C. Mathers, who are herein indicted, thereafter would hold and demand for his safe release from their custody, ransom in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) in genuine used Federal Reserve Currency in the denomination of twenty dollars;

That it was a further part of said conspiracy that they, Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes, and George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly, Kathryn Thomas Kelly, alias Catherine Kelly, Harvey J. Bailey, alias J. J. Brennan, alias John Brown, alias R. G. McDonald, Robert G. Shannon, Armon Crawford Shannon, and Ora L. Shannon, and the defendants, Alvin E. Scott, Clara Davis, alias Clara Feldman, alias Clara Feldman, alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias Miss Ruth Johnson, alias Doris Roberts, alias Doris Mansfield, Edward George Feldman, alias Edward George Feldman, alias Ed Feldman, alias Amel C. Johnson, alias George Feldman, alias "Roberts", alias Alfred Feldman, Ben B. Laska, and James C. Mathers, in effecting the unlawful seizure and confinement of victim, as aforesaid, would have an automobile under their control at the time and place aforesaid, would seize victim unlawfully as aforesaid, would force victim into said automobile then and there under their control, as aforesaid, and thereafter would blindfold, conceal and confine said victim in said automobile;

That it was a further part of said conspiracy that after so concealing and confining said victim in said automobile, as aforesaid, the said Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George

Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes,  
 and George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly, Kathryn Thorne Kelly, alias  
 Catherine Kelly, Harvey J. Bailey, alias J. J. Brennan, alias John Brown,  
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 alias Edward George Faldana, alias Ed Faldana, alias Axel C. Johnson,  
 alias George Faldana, alias "Roberts", alias Alfred Faldana, Ben B. Leake,  
 and James C. Mathers, who are herein indicted, knowingly, willfully, un-  
 lawfully and feloniously would abduct, carry away and transport victim in  
 interstate commerce, to-wit: From the place of seizure aforesaid in the city  
 of Oklahoma City, aforesaid, in the state and district aforesaid, by a route  
 to be selected by them, the aforesaid Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates,  
 alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard  
 McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes, and George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly,  
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 George L. Davis, alias Miss Ruth Johnson, alias Doris Roberts, alias Doris  
 Mansfield, Edward George Faldana, alias Edward George Faldana, alias Ed  
 Faldana, alias Axel C. Johnson, alias George Faldana, alias "Roberts", alias  
 Alfred Faldana, Ben B. Leake, and James C. Mathers, who are herein indicted,  
 (said route being unknown to the Grand Jurors) to and into the State of Texas  
 and to a point in the State of Texas approximately five (5) miles from  
 Ponder, Wise County, Texas, known as the Shannon Ranch, where they, the  
 said Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George  
 Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes,  
 and George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly, Kathryn Thorne Kelly, alias  
 Catherine Kelly, Harvey J. Bailey, alias J. J. Brennan, alias John Brown,  
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 Clara Faldana, alias Clara Faldana, alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias Miss  
 Ruth Johnson, alias Doris Roberts, alias Doris Mansfield, Edward George  
 Faldana, alias Edward George Faldana, alias Ed Faldana, alias Axel C. Johnson,

alias George Feldman, alias "Roberts", alias Alfred Feldman, Ben B. Laska, and James C. Mathers, who are indicted herein, would have a safe retreat at which to further confine, blindfold, shackle, handcuff, and chain said victim and hold him for ransom;

That it was a further part of said conspiracy that they, Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes, and George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly, Kathryn Thorne Kelly, alias Catherine Kelly, Harvey J. Bailey, alias J. J. Brennan, alias John Brown, alias E. C. McDonal, Robert G. Shannon, Armon Crawford Shannon, and Ora L. Shannon, and the defendants aforesaid, Alvin E. Scott, Clara Davis, alias Clara Feldman, alias Clara Feldman, alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias Miss Ruth Johnson, alias Doris Roberts, alias Doris Mansfield, Edward George Feldman, alias Edward George Feldman, alias Ed Feldman, alias Amel C. Johnson, alias George Feldman, alias "Roberts", alias Alfred Feldman, Ben B. Laska, and James C. Mathers, who are herein indicted, immediately upon receipt of said ransom money, would proceed to Denver, Colorado, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Medford, Oregon, Roseburg, Oregon, Woodland, Washington, Dunsmuir, California, and diverse other points unknown to the Grand Jurors, far distant from the scene of kidnapping, place of confinement and place of ransom payment, for the purpose of changing said ransom money for other moneys or securities in order to avoid detection, apprehension and arrest, through the means of washed money;

That it was a further part of said conspiracy that they, Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes, and George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly, Kathryn Thorne Kelly, alias Catherine Kelly, Harvey J. Bailey, alias J. J. Brennan, alias John Brown, alias E. C. McDonal, Robert G. Shannon, Armon Crawford Shannon, and Ora L. Shannon, and the defendants aforesaid, Alvin E. Scott, Clara Davis, alias Clara Feldman, alias Clara Feldman, alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias Miss Ruth Johnson, alias Doris Roberts, alias Doris Mansfield, Edward George Feldman, alias Edward George Feldman, alias Ed Feldman, alias Amel C. Johnson, alias George Feldman, alias "Roberts", alias Alfred Feldman, Ben B. Laska, and James C. Mathers, who are herein indicted, after the unlawful seizure of victim had been effected by them, as aforesaid, would select, with the advice of victim,

some suitable person to be contacted from time to time by them, Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin alias Bernard Hughes, and George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly, Kathryn Thorne Kelly, alias Catherine Kelly, Harvey J. Bailey, alias J. J. Brennan, alias John Brown, alias R. G. McDonald, Robert G. Shannon, Anna Crawford Shannon, and Ora L. Shannon, and the defendants aforesaid, Alvin H. Scott, Clara Davis, alias Clara Feldman, alias Clara Feldman, alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias Miss Ruth Johnson, alias Doris Roberts, alias Doris Mansfield, Edward George Feldman, alias Edward George Feldman, alias Ed Feldman, alias Amel C. Johnson, alias George Feldman, alias "Roberts", alias Alfred Feldman, Ben E. Laska, and James C. Matthews, who are herein indicted, who would contact in return and convey to friends and relatives of victim such notes, letters, demands, threats and communications as they, Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes, and George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly, Kathryn Thorne Kelly, alias Catherine Kelly, Harvey J. Bailey, alias J. J. Brennan, alias John Brown, alias R. G. McDonald, Robert G. Shannon, Anna Crawford Shannon, and Ora L. Shannon, and the defendants aforesaid, Alvin H. Scott, Clara Davis, alias Clara Feldman, alias Clara Feldman, alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias Miss Ruth Johnson, alias Doris Roberts, alias Doris Mansfield, Edward George Feldman, alias Edward George Feldman, alias Ed Feldman, alias Amel C. Johnson, alias George Feldman, alias "Roberts", alias Alfred Feldman, Ben E. Laska, and James C. Matthews, who are herein indicted, would deem necessary, containing information and instructions with regard to the place where, and the manner and amount in which the ransom money for the release of said victim would be paid;

That it was a further part of said conspiracy that they, Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin alias Bernard Hughes, and George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly, Kathryn Thorne Kelly, alias Catherine Kelly, Harvey J. Bailey, alias J. J. Brennan, alias John Brown, alias R. G. McDonald, Robert G. Shannon, Anna Crawford Shannon, and Ora L. Shannon, and the defendants aforesaid, Alvin H. Scott, Clara Davis, alias Clara Feldman, alias Clara Feldman, alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias Miss Ruth Johnson, alias Doris Roberts, alias Doris Mansfield, Edward George Feldman, alias Edward George

Feldman, alias Ed Feldman, alias Axel C. Johnson, alias George Feldman, alias "Roberts", alias Alfred Feldman, Ben B. Laska, and James C. Mathers, who are herein indicted, would not release said victim from confinement in their custody until such time as the ransom money to be demanded by them, as aforesaid, actually had been paid to them by friends and relatives of victim, acting through the contact man to be selected by them, as aforesaid;

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, do further charge and present that at the hereinafter stated times, in pursuance of, in furtherance of, in execution of, and for the purpose of carrying out, and to effect the object, design and purpose of said conspiracy, the hereinafter named persons and defendants, who are herein indicted, did, knowingly, wilfully, unlawfully and feloniously, at the several times and places hereinafter mentioned in connection with their names, the several overt acts hereinafter specified:

#### STATE AIDE

1. That on the 22nd day of July, 1935, at about 11:15 P.M. the said Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes, and George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly, went to the home of Charles F. Vrochel at 257 Northwest Eighteenth Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, and by force of arms unlawfully, seized, kidnapped and abducted the said Charles F. Vrochel and forced him to accompany them.

2. That on or about the 22nd day of July, 1935, the said Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes, and George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly, after having abducted and kidnapped the said Charles F. Vrochel at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, knowingly, wilfully and unlawfully transported him in interstate commerce by means of two or more automobiles, the exact make and model being to the Grand Jurors unknown, from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to a point about five miles from Paradise, Wise County, State of Texas to the ranch and residence of one R. G. Shannon.

3. That on or about the 22nd day of July, 1935 at the residence of said R. G. Shannon about five miles from Paradise, County of Wise, State of Texas, the said Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King

alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes, and George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly, R. G. Shannon and Ora L. Shannon, blindfolded, shackled and concealed the said Charles F. Urechel.

4. That on or about the 24th day of July, 1935, said Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes, and George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly, transported the said Charles F. Urechel in an automobile, the exact make and model being to the Grand Jurors unknown, a distance of approximately two miles from the residence of the said R. G. Shannon, to the residence of Anna Crawford Shannon, County of Waco, State of Texas.

5. That from the 24th day of July, 1935 up to and including the 31st day of July, 1935, the said Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes, George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly, R. G. Shannon, Anna Crawford Shannon, Ora L. Shannon and Harvey J. Bailey, alias J. J. Brennan, alias John Brown, alias R. G. McDonald, at the residence of Anna Crawford Shannon, County of Waco, State of Texas, chained, concealed, shackled and handcuffed the said Charles F. Urechel, pending the demand and receipt of the ransom payment of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00).

6. That on or about the 25th day of July, 1935 the said Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes, and George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly, in Waco County, State of Texas, forced and caused the said Charles F. Urechel to write at their dictation a certain letter addressed to one John J. Gattisett, Tulsa, Oklahoma, concerning directions and plans for negotiations with the said Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes, and George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly, Kathryn Thorne Kelly, alias Catherine Kelly, Harvey J. Bailey, alias J. J. Brennan, alias John Brown, alias R. G. McDonald, Robert G. Shannon, Anna Crawford Shannon, and Ora L. Shannon, and the defendants aforesaid, Alvin K. Scott, Clara Davis, alias Clara Feldman, alias Clara Feldman, alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias Miss Ruth Johnson, alias Davis Roberts, alias Davis McFarland, Edward George Feldman, alias Edward George Feldman, alias Ed



Feldman, alias Axel C. Johnson, alias George Feldman, alias "Roberts", alias Alfred Feldman, Ben B. Laska, and James C. Mathers, who are herein indicted.

7. That on or about the 28th day of July, 1935 the said Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes, and George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly, caused to be delivered by Western Union messenger, at Tulsa, Oklahoma to one John A. Gattlett, a letter from the said Charles F. Urechel and a letter from the said Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes, and George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly, demanding the payment of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for the release of said Charles F. Urechel and directions concerning certain steps to be taken in connection with carrying on negotiations with the said Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes, and George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly, Kathryn Thorne Kelly, alias Catherine Kelly, Harvey J. Bailey, alias J. J. Brennan, alias John Brown, alias R. C. McDonald, Robert C. Shannon, Arnon Crawford Shannon, and Ora L. Shannon, and the defendants aforesaid, Alvin M. Scott, Clara Davis, alias Clara Feldman, alias Clara Feldman, alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias Miss Ruth Johnson, alias Doris Roberts, alias Doris Mansfield, Edward George Feldman, alias Edward George Feldman, alias Ed Feldman, alias Axel C. Johnson, alias George Feldman, alias "Roberts", alias Alfred Feldman, Ben B. Laska, and James C. Mathers, who are herein indicted.

8. That on or about July 27, 1935, Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes, George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly, Kathryn Thorne Kelly, alias Catherine Kelly, and Harvey J. Bailey, alias J. J. Brennan, alias John Brown, alias R. C. McDonald, mailed and caused to be deposited in the United States mail at Joplin, Missouri, one certain letter further directing payment of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) ransom money for the release of Charles F. Urechel and directing the means and manner in which said payment was to be made, said letter being directed to E. E. Kirkpatrick and contained in an envelope addressed to Box H-807, Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

9. That on or about July 30, 1935, at Kansas City, Missouri, E. E. Kirkpatrick in accordance with the instructions theretofore given by Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes, George R. Kelly, alias George Kelly, Kathryn Thorne Kelly, alias Catherine Kelly and Harvey J. Bailey, alias J. J. Brennan, alias John Brown, alias R. G. McDonald, delivered the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) good and lawful money of the United States to one of the conspirators whose name is to the Grand Jurors unknown.

10. That on or about August 7, 1935 at Madison, Wisconsin, Kathryn Thorne Kelly, alias Catherine Kelly, transmitted and caused to be transmitted to R. G. Shannon at Paradise, Wise County, Texas the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), the exact form and number of said transmittal being to the Grand Jurors unknown.

11. That on or about August 12, 1935 at the residence of R. G. Shannon, County of Wise, State of Texas, the said Harvey J. Bailey, alias J. J. Brennan, alias John Brown, alias R. G. McDonald, possessed and concealed approximately Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) of the original ransom money paid to the said conspirators for the release of the said Charles F. Ufford.

12. That on or about August 13, 1935, at Denver, Colorado, the aforesaid Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes, did knowingly, wilfully, unlawfully and feloniously possess and conceal approximately Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00), the exact amount thereof being to the Grand Jurors unknown, of the original ransom money paid to the said conspirators for the release of the said Charles F. Ufford.

13. That on or about the 15th day of August, 1935, at Denver, Colorado, the aforesaid Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Harris, alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes, although then under arrest and imprisoned at Denver, Colorado, sent a message to the defendant Clara Davis, alias Clara Feldman, alias Clara Feldmann, alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias Miss Ruth Johnson, alias Davis Roberts, alias Davis Mumfield, in which he advised her concerning the location and place of concealment of approximately Ninety Thousand Dollars

of the original ransom money paid to the said conspirators for the release of the said Charles F. Urschel, so possessed and concealed by him, as alleged under Overt Act No. 12 hereof, and advised her to take possession thereof and leave Denver, Colorado therewith.

14. That on or about the 15th day of August, 1935, at Denver, Colorado, the ~~defendants~~ Clara Davis, alias Clara Feldman, alias Clara Feldman, alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias Miss Ruth Johnson, alias Davis Roberts, alias Davis Mansfield, acting upon the information and advice of the said Albert L. Bates, alias George Bates, alias George C. King, alias George Davis, alias Ray Davis, alias Bernard McLaughlin, alias Bernard Hughes, did knowingly, wilfully, unlawfully and feloniously, take possession of approximately Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00), the exact amount thereof being to the Grand Jurors unknown, of the original ransom money paid to the said conspirators for the release of the said Charles F. Urschel, and remove the same from Denver, Colorado.

15. That on or about the 18th day of August, 1935, at a place about ten (10) miles east of Laramie, Wyoming, the defendants Clara Davis, alias Clara Feldman, alias Clara Feldman, alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias Miss Ruth Johnson, alias Davis Roberts, alias Davis Mansfield, and Edward George Feldman, alias Edward George Feldman, alias Ed Feldman, alias Amel C. Johnson, alias George Feldman, alias "Roberts", alias Alfred Feldman, did then and there knowingly, wilfully, unlawfully and feloniously, possess approximately Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) of the original ransom money paid to the said conspirators for the release of the said Charles F. Urschel, and they, the said defendants, Clara Davis, alias Clara Feldman, alias Clara Feldman, alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias Miss Ruth Johnson, alias Davis Roberts, alias Davis Mansfield, and Edward George Feldman, alias Edward George Feldman, alias Ed Feldman, alias Amel C. Johnson, alias George Feldman, alias "Roberts", alias Alfred Feldman, being so possessed of said original ransom money, did then and there knowingly, wilfully, unlawfully and feloniously bury and conceal approximately Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) thereof, the exact amount being to the Grand Jurors unknown.

16. That on or about August 1, 1936, the defendants Clara Davis, alias Clara Feldman, alias Clara Feldman, alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias

Miss Ruth Johnson, alias Doris Roberts, alias Doris Mansfield, and Alvin E. Scott, removed approximately Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), the exact amount thereof being to the Grand Jurors unknown, of the original ransom money paid to the said conspirators for the release of the said Charles F. Urechel, knowing the same to be a part of the original ransom money paid to the said conspirators for the release of the said Charles F. Urechel, from the place where the same had previously been buried and concealed by the defendants Clara Davis, alias Clara Feldman, alias Clara Feldmann, alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias Miss Ruth Johnson, alias Doris Roberts, alias Doris Mansfield, and Edward George Feldman, alias Edward George Feldmann, alias Ed Feldman, alias Avel G. Johnson, alias George Feldman, alias "Roberts", alias Alfred Feldman, ten (10) miles east of Laramie, Wyoming, and did immediately thereafter, knowingly, wilfully, unlawfully and feloniously conceal and transport the same to various places in the states of Oregon and Washington, the exact places being to the Grand Jurors unknown.

17. That on or about November 2, 1934, at Roseburg, Oregon, the said defendant, Alvin E. Scott, did knowingly, wilfully, unlawfully and feloniously possess, transport and conceal approximately One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$1,360.00), the exact amount thereof being to the Grand Jurors unknown, of the original ransom money paid to the said conspirators for the release of the said Charles F. Urechel.

18. That on or about August 18, 1934, the said defendants Clara Davis, alias Clara Feldman, alias Clara Feldmann, alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias Miss Ruth Johnson, alias Doris Roberts, alias Doris Mansfield, and Alvin E. Scott, did then and there knowingly, wilfully, unlawfully and feloniously possess, bury and conceal on premises known as Route No. 1, Box 107, occupied by Margaret Hurlstone and the defendant Alvin E. Scott, at Madford, Oregon, approximately One Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$1,460.00), the exact amount thereof being to the Grand Jurors unknown, of the original ransom money paid to the said conspirators for the release of the said Charles F. Urechel, which said money they, the said defendants Clara Davis, alias Clara Feldman, alias Clara Feldmann, alias Mrs. George L. Davis, alias Miss Ruth Johnson, alias Doris Roberts, alias Doris Mansfield, and Alvin E. Scott, then and there well knew was a portion of the original ransom money previously removed by the defendant Clara Davis,