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Soft did, at a place on Orem Noutain approximately six (6) miles northcost of Rections, Vashington, knowingly, wilfully, unlawfully and foleniously passess, bury and consent approximately Five Thousand Six Hundred Tourty Deliars (\$5,420.00), the court assunt therms being unknown to the Grand Purers, of the original runson many paid to the said conspirators for the release of the said Charles F. Brechel, which said many he, the said Alvin H. Boott, then and there will know to be a parties of the stiginal runson many removed on or about Angust 15, 1836 from Deaver, Oclorate, by the defendant Chara Davie, alies Chara Foldman, alies Clara Foldman, alies Mrs. Seerge L. Davie, alies Sixth Johnson, alies Clara Foldman, alies Mrs. Seerge L. Davie, alies Sixth Johnson, alies Davie Roberte, alies Davie Manafield, as alleged under Overt Act No. 16 hereof.

St. That an or about August 16, 1986, the said defeatent Rémeré George Paléman, alian Edmard George Paléman, alian Ed Paléman, alian Amil C. Johnson, alian George Paléman, alian "Emberte", alian Alfred Paléman, did, at the request of the said defeadant Em B. Laska, meet the said defeadant Em B. Laska, meet the said defeadant Em B. Laska and Mass, knowingly, vilifally, unlawfully and foloniously, peacess, compel and payong to the said defeadant Em B. Laska approximately Right Thousand Dellare (\$6,000.70), the exact enough through being to the Grand Furers unknown, of the original remain memor paid to the said desaglisators for the release of the said Charles F. Breshel.

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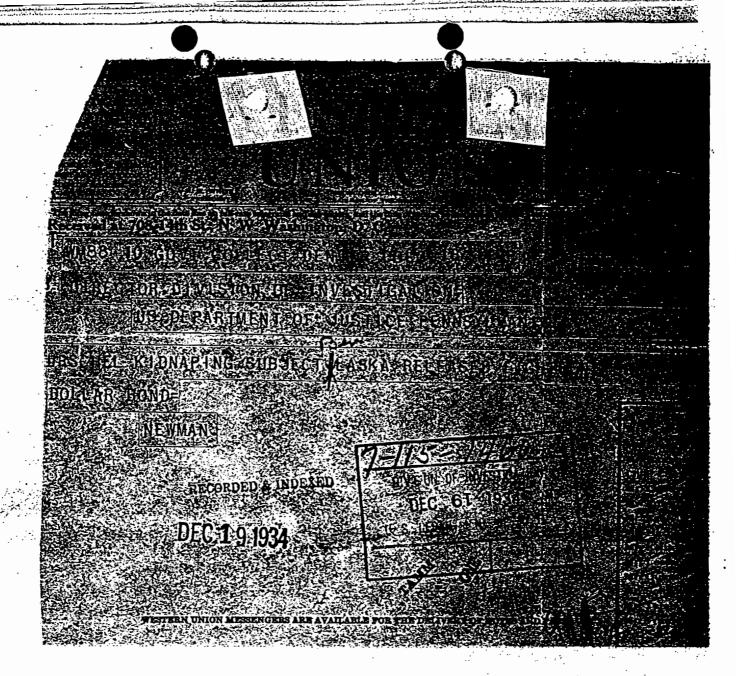
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Contrary to the form of the statute in much case made and provided and against the peace, government and dignity of the United States of America.

Assistant United States Attorney



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Bibision of Investigation U. S. Department of Justice Washington, **B. C.**

December 16.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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

1	Mr. Nathan
Į	Mr. Tolson
I	Mr. Clegg
ı	Mr. Baughman
ı	Chief Clerk
I	Mr. Coffey
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	Mr. Tamm
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Alvin H.OScott, brother-in-law on Clara Felcmann, was seriously injured in an autômobile accident at Roseburg, Oregon on November 2, 1934. Investigation by agents of the Portland, Oregon office developed that he had in his possession at that time \$1,360 of fansom money involved in the instant case. A search of the premises of Alvin H. Scott resulted in the recovery of an additional \$6,140 of ransom money. Fugitive complaints were filed against and Scott on November 6, 1934 at Portland, Oregon and they were taken into custody the same date, being held in default of bond in the amount of \$25,000. Scott was removed from Roseburg, Oregon to Portland, Oregon by the United States Marshal on November 22, 1934. Clara Feldmann and her son, Edward George/Feldmann, were taken into custody at Dunsmuir, California November 9, 1934, \$1,100 in ransom currency being recovered from their possession and an additional \$1,520 in ransom currency being recovered at a point near Woodland, Washington as the result of information received from them. Clara and Edward Feldmann were taken to Portland, Oregon on November 10,

1934, where a fugitive complaint was filed against them the same date and each was held in default of bond. On November 12, 1934 Edward Feldmann sent a telegram to Attorney Ben B.OLaska at Denver, Colorado, advising him of the detention of Clara and Edward Feldmann, to which Laska replied by letter dated November 13, 1934, in which he furnished

After interrogation, Edward George Feldmann stated that some time earliger in the summer of 1933 he joined his mother and Albert L. Bates, who was known to him as G. L. Tavis, in Denver, Colorado; that about the middle of July, 1933, he proceeded with his mother and Bates to Portland, Oregon to visit relatives; that he and his mother returned to Denver from Portland, accompanied by Alvin H. Scott about August 1, 1933, Scott going back to Portland several days later; that although Bates later returned to Denver he and his mother did not see him and had no knowledge of Bates' arrest until a prisoner, who had just been released from the County Jail in Denver, Colorado, left at their apartment a message to the effect that Bates was in custody and for Clara Feldmann to "look in the suitcase". Feldmann stated that

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upon examining the suitcase they found that it was full of \$20 bills; that he and his mother then proceeded to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where they buried the money found in the suitcase in the vicinity of Cheyenne; that they remained in Cheyenne for two or three weeks, maintaining contact with a family at Denver, which family is directly related to Mrs. George Hurtienne, whose husband, George, is a brother of Clara Feldmann; that shortly after arriving at Cheyenne, Edward Feldmann that Ben Laska wanted to see him received word through and his mother; that shortly thereafter he called on Laska in Laska's Denver office, at which time Laska informed him that he was defending Bates and that he would call on Edward and Clara Feldmann when he needed money. Feldmann stated that Laska "drilled" him as to what they should do and say to avoid detection; that Laska took from him his Colorado automobile driver's license, which he had taken out under the name of Edward G. Feldmann, together with other miscellaneous papers on which appeared his name and told him that he was doing this so that no one would find out his true name, further telling him to use the alias of Axel C. (Johnson. Laska also told Edward Feldmann that he and his mother should go east, stay in large towns and that he, Edward, should secure a job of some sort; that should he ever get into complications he should communicate with him, Laska, in care of a woman attorney who had offices immediately above Laska in the Symes Building, Denver, Colorado. Feldmann also stated that Laska discussed with him the character of the ransom money and made a proposition to him concerning the changing of the "hot" money into good money for a fee of twenty-five percent of the money exchanged.

Thereafter Edward visited Laska onseveral occasions, on one of which Laska told him that it would be necessary for him to have \$10,000 for expense money in connection with the defense of Bates and that on another visit Laska asked him to draw a diagram showing... the location of the money which had been buried. Pursuant to Laska's request for expense money, Feldmann and his mother went to the residence of Laska on some unknown date, were taken to a bedroom in Laska's home where they paid him \$8,000 instead of \$10,000; that upon later learning of the discrepancy in the amount Laska became considerably disturbed. In enswer to the request for a diagram indicating the location of the ransom money, Edward Feldmann drew a fictitious diagram so that Laska would have no chance of finding the money. On another occasion, prior to the trial of Albert L. Bates, Edward Feldmann went to Denver from Chicago where he and his mother had been staying and at which time Laska informed him that it would be necessary to deliver to him an additional \$2,000 and that arrangements were made whereby this money could be delivered to Laska at Oklahoma City.

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Thereafter, Feldmann proceeded to Santa Fe, New Mexico, because Laska told him to remain away from Denver "as it was pretty hot". Shortly thereafter Feldmann proceeded to Oklahoma City where he registered at an unknown hotel on an unknown date under the name of A. C. Johnson; that he met Laska in his room at the Biltmore Hotel, pursuant to directions, where he was introduced to an individual referred to by Laska as Mr. Hyde, who, Laska stated, was connected with the Government and who should receive \$1,000 for some assistance he was going to render in the case. Following Laska's instructions, Feldmann on this occasion went into the bathroom of the hotel apartment where he placed beneath the bath rug \$1,000 and came out. Edward Feldmann stated that to the best of his recollection both Laska and Hyde went into the bathroom together and came out with the money; that Feldmann then gave Laska an additional \$1,000; that all of this \$2,000 was a part of the original ransom money as was the \$8,000 which had previously been given Laska.

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Edward Feldmann further informed the agents of an additional trip made by him to Denver, Colorado during the month of August, 1934, at which time he was accompanied by his wife, Betty. On this visit Laska reprimended him for not advising him in advance of the intended arrival and arranged with the next-door neighbor to store Feldmann's automobile in the neighbor's garage, which was done. Thereafter Laska made reservations at a local hotel for the accommodation of Edward and Betty Feldmann, where they remained for two or three days and nights.

In corroboration of this information given by Edward Feldmann, the Oklahoma City office determined that Laska had registered at the Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City from September 4 until September 6 and again from September 15 to September 28, 1933. He was also registered at this hotel from December 3 until December 5, 1933. No record of a registration by Edward Feldmann under his known aliases could be found, however, and it was reported that the only attorney by the name of Hyde in Oklahoma City, is former United States Attorney Herbert K. Hyde.

The Denver office determined that Edward Feldmann and his wife registered at the Reo Hotel, Denver, on July 17, 1934, under the name of C. A. Johnson and stayed for two days. It was also ascertained that resides next to Laska, and that an attorney, has offices in the Symes Building, Denver, Colorado and

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occasionally handles business for Laska. It was found, too, that Laska maintains a checking account and a safety deposit box at the Colorado National Bank and that at the Denver National Bank a savings account is maintained in the name of a sister-in-law of Laska who acts as his secretary, or in the name of the Colorado National Bank there was also reported to be a savings account for

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Clara and Edward Feldmann waived removal to Oklahoma City, and on December 8, 1934 Alvin H. Scott and ordered removed from Portland to Oklahoma City. Edward Feldmann arrived in Oklahoma City on December 10, 1934 and Clara Feldmann, Scott and arrived in Oklahoma City on December 11, 1934.

Investigation conducted in Oklahoma City resulted in identifying James CUMathers, an attorney in Oklahoma City, as the individual who was introduced to Edward Feldmann as "Mr Hyde". James C. Mathers is the son of James H. Mathers, an attorney who represented some of the defendants in the Urschel case during its trial at Oklahoma City in 1933.

On December 14, 1934, a grand jury at Oklahoma City returned an indictment charging Ben B. Laska, James C. Mathers, Clara Feldmann, Edward Feldmann and Alvin H. Scott with conspiracy to violate the laws of the United States.

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Washington, **B.** C.

December 15, 1934

Time: 11:00 am

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

URSCHEL KIDNAPING CASE

I called Mr. Brantley at Oklahoma City and asked him whether the indictment had been returned in connection with the above case, and he stated he had sent a copy of the indictment to the Division yesterday. The indictment charges both awyers with conspiracy to violate the Federal Kidnaping Statute. SAC Spears,

Left yesterday at 1:00 o'clock for Denver, and are to arrive there this morning, at which time they are to meet Mr. Nathan. Mr. Brantley stated that they are then going to make arrangements to pick up Laska there. Simultaneous with the taking into custody of Laska at Denver, he is to pick up James C. Mathers in Oklahoma City.

at any definite Mr. Brantley stated they had not arrived conclusions as yet with respect to moving Clara and Fd Feldman out of jail there. I told Mr. Brantley that you had made a notation on a memorandum which I had submitted to you the other day that you did not believe these individuals should be moved; however, that I would discuss the matter further with you. Mr. Brantley informed that the United States Attorney talked the matter over with the Judge yesterday Spears' presence and also in his, Brantley's presence, and he seemed somewhat inclined to feel that they should be removed. Mr. Brantley stated that unless the Feldmans were kept in the right frame of mind and would testify against Laska and Mathers, it would be impossible to substantiate any charges brought against these men. Mr. Brantley suggested the possibility of returning Clara and Ed Feldman to Portland and holding them there on the theory that we were looking for further evidence, etc.

I told Mr. Brantley to wire the Division when they had taken Mathers into custody. 7-115.

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Clara and Edward Feldmann waived removal to Oklahoma City, and on December 8, 1934 Alvin H. Scott and to Oklahoma City. Edward Feldmann arrived in Oklahoma City on December 10, 1934 and Clara Feldmann, Scott and irrived in Oklahoma City on December 11, 1934.

Investigation conducted in Oklahoma City resulted in identifying James C. Mathers, an attorney in Oklahoma City, as the individual who was introduced to Edward Feldmann as "Er. Hyde". James C. Mathers is the son of James H. Mathers, an attorney who represented some of the defendants in the Urschel case during its trial at Oklahoma City in 1933.

On December 14, 1934, a grand jury at Oklahoma City returned an indictment charging Ben B. Lasks, James C. Mathers, Clara Feldmann, Edward Feldmann and Alvin H. Scott with conspiracy to violate the laws of the United States. On December 17, 1934 Ben B. Lasks was taken into custody by Special Agents of the Division of Investigation at Denver, Colorado. On the morning of the same date James C. Mathers was taken into custody by Special Agents of this Division at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Respectfully.

John Edgar Hoover, Director.

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Bashington, D. C.

December 18, 1934

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Ir. Coffey
Ir. Edwards
Ir. Egan
Ir. Harbo
Mr. Kelth
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilter
Mr. Tamm

Time: 12:40 PM

MEHORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: URSCHEL KIDNAPING CASE.

Mr. Brentley telephoned from Oklahoma City and stated that James C. Mathera had just been released on a \$10,000 bond; that the bond was a surety one by five people representing \$27,000 worth of property.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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In connection with the investigation designed to strengthen the charges against Clara and Mi Feldmen, Alvin H. Scott and the state of the state of the Fertland, Oregon Bivision office on Sevender 20, 1954 recovered an additional \$1,580 of the entrancy paid as renson in this case. Altagether there has been recovered within the past three weeks \$10,800 of reason money.

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Special Agent in Charge, New York, Hew York.

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Your attention is invited to Division letter dated November 30, 1934 in which you were requested to make appropriate inquiries of the Postal Telegraph Company and the Western Dates Telegraph Company appropriate the distribution of identification orders and reason currency lists to the various offices of those concerns.

Kindly advise the Division of the results of " your inquiries.

Yesy truly yours,

John Edgar Seover, Director.

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