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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

JUNE 29, 1935.

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT PITTSBURGH

GEORGE KELLEY BARNES ETAL KIDNAPING LOCATE AND THOROUGHLY QUESTION DOCTOR
C J ~~ADRIENNE~~ CONCERNING HIS RUMORED POSSESSION QUANTITY URSCHER RANSOM
MONEY SAFE DEPOSIT BOX MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA LAST REPORTED KINGWOOD
WEST VIRGINIA JUNE 21, 1935 SELLING COUPONS ON SILVERWARE PREVIOUSLY
ARRESTED AS C J CLIFFORD JONESBORO ARKANSAS APRIL 9, 1934 ON CHARGE
FALSE PRETENSE DESCRIPTION: 40 YEARS; 6 FEET 2 INCHES; 241 POUNDS;
HEAVY BUILD; BLACK HAIR; BLACK EYES; DARK COMPLEXION;. POSSIBLY
ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE ~~ADRIENNE~~.

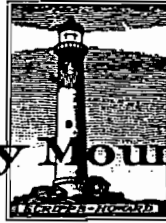
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The Rocky Mountain News

CHAS. E. LOUNSBURY
EDITOR

Denver, Colorado,
June 27, 1935.

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Mr. Schilder ...
Mr. Smith ...
Mr. Tamm ...
Mr. Tracy ...
Miss Gandy ...

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mr. Charles B. McCabe, publisher of
The Denver Rocky Mountain News, joins with me
in thanking you for your very kind letter of
June 22, expressing your interest in our editorial,
"The Laska Verdict."

We are most happy to take this opportunity
to congratulate you and your staff
for the tremendously successful work you have
accomplished.

With kindest wishes for your future
success, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chas. E. Lounsbury
CHAS. E. LOUNSBURY

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

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GEORGE KELLY BARNES WA ETAL REFER OKCY TELETYPE MESSAGE ADDRESSED
DENVER OFFICE 6/17/35 MAKING INQUIRY AT INSTANCE U S ATTORNEY HERE CON-
CERNING CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT IN QUESTION. U S ATTORNEY LEWIS HERE
REQUESTED THAT CERTIFICATE BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH BUREAU OFFICES AND WAS
INFORMED OF THE INADVISABILITY THEREOF AND SUGGESTION MADE SAME BE SENT
TO MRS CLARA FELDMAN CARE DENVER NATIONAL BANK AND AGENT FROM DENVER
OFFICE WOULD IDENTIFY IF NECESSARY. FIRST INTIMATION THAT CERTIFICATE
HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED THROUGH DENVER BUREAU OFFICE WAS RECEIPT HERE OF
LETTER DATED 6/21/35 FROM DENVER AND \$300.00 BANK DRAFT IN QUESTION
PAYABLE TO U S ATTORNEY LEWIS TURNED OVER TO HIM IMMEDIATELY. THIS
\$300.00 WAS TO REPAY URSCHER FOR EXPENSES ADVANCED THE FELDMANS FOR TRAVE
TO DENVER IN ORDER TO CASH THIS CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT WHICH \$2000.00
CERTIFOCATE OF DEPOSIT WAS. TURNED OVER TO MRS FELDMAN WITH CONSENT U S
ATTORNEY LEWIS AND MR URSCHER SINCE CERTIFICATE WAS PURCHASED BY CLARA
FELDMAN IN NAME MRS G L DAVIS PRIOR URSCHER KIDNAPING

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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**FILE NO. **74-72**

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 7-2-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6-28-35	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] b7C
TITLE: MRS. MOLLIE O. BERT alias MOLLIE O. EDISON			CHARACTER OF CASE: Perjury

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject furnished bond in sum of \$5000., which was approved by Federal Judge J. Foster Synes at Denver 6-24-35. Preliminary hearing set for 7-22-35 at Oklahoma City.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED] b7C**
Oklahoma City, Okla., 6-27-35.

DETAILS:

Records of the United States Attorney's Office at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma reflect that Subject furnished bond in the sum of \$5000.00, which was approved on June 24, 1935 by Honorable J. Foster Synes, United States District Judge at Denver, Colorado.

United States Attorney W. C. Lewis at Oklahoma City advises that preliminary hearing of Subject has been set for July 22, 1935 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

DETAILS:

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE will follow and report prosecutive action in this matter.

P E N D I N G .

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. C. Lewis</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1685	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUL 5 1935
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
July 3, 1935.

DB:

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

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

Dear Sir:

On May 10, 1935 this office, by letter, requested that you place a wanted notice in the Identification Unit to the effect that [REDACTED] is wanted for questioning in connection with this case.

You are advised that [REDACTED] is no longer wanted by this office and the wanted notice referred to may be withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
July 3, 1935

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E Special Agent in Charge,
Denver, Colorado.

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Urschel, postmarked at Canon City, Colorado on June 28, 1935, in which it is indicated that a party by the name of Robert Compton is being held incommunicado at Canon City, having been returned there from an unmentioned place last December. The writer of this letter indicates that Compton possesses information concerning the location of the "unused portion of the money paid to Laska", and signs himself "Un Arnigo".

It is suggested that appropriate inquiry be conducted at Canon City, Colorado, in an effort to determine whether there is any basis for this information and if Compton is actually in custody there, he should be questioned as to whether he possesses any data regarding the location of the outstanding Urschel ransom money.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

Enclosure
cc Bureau

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Mr. Chas F. Urchel
Okla City, Okla.

Sir.

Now---: If you & Mr Lewis wish to locate & recover the unused portion of the money paid to Lasker try & contact a man who was brought back to Canon City Last Dec. under name ~~Tobit~~ Compton. He has been held inncommunicado. but guess a discreet layer could see him priavately if this man could be persuaded to talk youd find your answers & your money.

Would most strongly advise aginst permitting the prison authorities-or-anyone else to know of your purpose. Any publicity or leak would surely queer your chances for success

Un Arnigo

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

FILE NO. 7-7

REPORT MADE AT Denver, Colo.	DATE WHEN MADE 7/5/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/1/35	REPORT MADE BY <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> b7C
TITLE GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al; CHARLES F. URSCHEL--Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mollie C. Edison posted \$5,000 bond before U. S. Commissioner at Denver, Colorado, on 6/24/35, which bond has been forwarded to the U. S. District Court at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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DETAILS:

Agent ascertained from William Graf, Chief Deputy Clerk, United States District Court, Denver, Colorado, that Mollie O. Edison posted a \$5,000 bond for her appearance at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma before United States Commissioner Leo J. Crowley at Denver, Colorado, on June 24, 1935. The bond consisted of \$2,000 in United States Treasury Bonds and \$3,000 in cash. The \$3,000 in cash was advanced by Charlotte Gardner of Denver, Colorado, who Mr. Crowley believes is a niece of Ben Laska. Mr. Crowley advised that the bond had been forwarded to the United States District Court at Oklahoma City.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">[Signature]</div>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-10**

REPORT MADE AT: PITTSBURGH, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE: 7-6-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6-30-35	REPORT MADE BY: <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> b7c
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

C. J. ADRIENNE was in Kingwood, W. Va., 6-21-35, representing Rogers Redemption Bureau, Lumber Exchange Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn. Remained but one day and sold to the Snyder Dairy Company 25,000 coupons. Was driving car bearing Georgia license plates. Departed same date, destination not known. No forwarding address.

- R. U. C. -

REFERENCE: Bureau teletype dated June 29, 1935.

DETAILS: Bureau teletype of reference advised that one **DR. C. J. ADRIENNE** had been in Kingwood, W. Va., on June 21, 1935, selling coupons on silverware and that investigation should be made at this place to locate and thoroughly interview Adrienne concerning his rumored possession of a quantity of the Urschel ransom money in a safe deposit box in a bank at Minneapolis, Minn. Adrienne was described as 40 years of age, 6'2" tall, 241 pounds in weight, black hair and eyes, and dark complexion.

DETAILS:

AT KINGWOOD, W. VA.

On Sunday, June 30, 1935, it was necessary to interview various business men at their homes and it was ascertained that no person had been in this community answering the description of Adrienne or selling merchandise coupon

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>C. K. Justice</i> esp	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1688 UNITED STATES JUL 8 - AM	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUL 8 1935
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chances on silverware.

A check of the three hotels at this place, namely the Colonial Inn, the Hotel Raleigh, and The Inn failed to develop any information to the effect that Adrienne, under this name, or his known alias of C. J. CLIFFORD, had registered here. CORPORAL [REDACTED] of the West Virginia State Police had no information, and a canvass of the drug stores, restaurants and confectionary stores disclosed nothing.

By chance agent talked with [REDACTED] formerly known to the writer at Kingwood, and was advised by him that each morning he gets his milk he receives a small coupon which entitles him to a credit towards a set of Rogers Silverware. He advised that he received milk from the Snyder Dairy Company at Albright, W. Va.

AT ALBRIGHT, W. VA.

A [REDACTED] of the Snyder Dairy Company, stated that on the morning of June 31, 1935, C. J. Adrienne came to his house and inquired for him and was informed that he was out on the milk route. Adrienne overtook [REDACTED] on the route and made an appointment to meet him at one o'clock that afternoon, at which time Adrienne advised that he was connected with the Rogers Redemption Bureau of Minneapolis, Minn., and explained a proposition to [REDACTED] whereby he, [REDACTED] should purchase a number of thousand of coupons which he was to distribute to his customers and that when the customers received a definite number of these coupons they could forward the coupons to the company at Minneapolis and receive in exchange Rogers silverware.

Adrienne informed him that the Rogers Company was advertising in this manner instead of spending their advertising money for newspaper and radio ads; that he, Adrienne, has been with the company for the past twenty years and is manager of the southern territory but that the man who canvasses this territory is sick, and he, Adrienne, is presently doing the work during his absence. Snyder stated that he signed a contract with Adrienne and agreed to take 25,000 coupons and he paid Adrienne by check \$43.75. Since then he has received the coupons and also a display set of Rogers Silverware which was mailed to him from Minneapolis, Minn. Adrienne informed him that the company was restricting this offer to one dairy in each community; that he had looked over a list of various dairies in Kingwood and had decided to offer [REDACTED] the first chance; that he, [REDACTED] later made inquiry and found that Adrienne had not approached any of the other dairies in Kingwood.

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Adrienne was driving a somewhat expensive automobile, make not known to [REDACTED]. He informed [REDACTED] that he has had the car for five years and apparently it was a 1930 model. [REDACTED] did recall that the automobile bore Georgia license plates and that Adrienne informed him that his home was in the south. Adrienne was accompanied by no one during his negotiations with [REDACTED] and after they had signed the contract he, Adrienne, left around 2:30 p.m. June 21, 1935, not informing [REDACTED] as to his itinerary.

A copy of the contract left with [REDACTED] by Adrienne is signed "C. J. Adrienne" for the Rogers Redemption Bureau of Minneapolis, Minn., address, Lumber Exchange Building. The contract discloses no additional information aside from that set forth heretofore.

[REDACTED] at the Kingwood post office, advised that Adrienne had received no mail while in Kingwood and had left no forwarding address.

This information was forwarded to the Bureau by teletype on June 30, 1935.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
July 5, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of July 2, 1935, relative
to the case entitled MRS. MOLLIE O. BERT alias Mollie O. Edison,
PERJURY.

There is attached hereto two copies of the photograph
of Mrs. Mollie O. Bert.

United States Attorney W. C. Lewis, Oklahoma City, is
at present out of the city. Assistant United States Attorney F. M.
Dudley advises that they contemplate presenting this case to the
Federal Grand Jury which will convene at Oklahoma City in the early
part of September, 1935. As soon as United States Attorney Lewis
returns to Oklahoma City, conference will be had with him and, if he
does not contemplate presenting this matter to the next Federal Grand
Jury at Oklahoma City, the Bureau will be advised.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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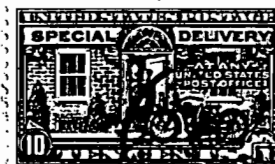
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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO
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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
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Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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FBI PITTSBURGH JUNE 30-1935 7-55 PM EST

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DIRECTOR

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, ETAL, KIDNAPPING. RE YOUR TELETYPE OF JUNE 29-1935. INQUIRY AT KINGWOOD, AND ALBRIGHT, WEST VIRGINIA, DISCLOSES THAT C. J. ADRIENNE WAS THERE MORNING OF JUNE 21-1935. SOLD SILVERWARE EXCHANGE COUPONS TO ONE DAIRYMAN AND DEPARTED. NOT REGISTERED AT ANY HOTELS. NO FORWARDING ADDRESS. **[REDACTED]** ITINERARY UNKNOWN. IS DRIVING EXPENSIVE MAKE OF AUTOMOBILE WITH GEORGIA LICENSE PLATES. HAS BEEN WORKING FOR TWENTY YEARS FOR ROGERS REDEMPTION BUREAU, LUMBER EXCHANGE BUILDING, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA. INQUIRY THERE MAY DETERMINE ADRIENNES PRESENT LOCATION AND ITINERARY.

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*Letter to Paul
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July 6, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

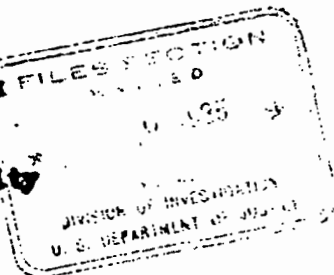
Under date of June 29, 1935, the St. Paul Bureau Office advised the Bureau in a telegram that Dr. C. J. Adrienne was in the vicinity of Kingwood, West Virginia, selling exchange coupons for the firm of Rogers Redemption Bureau of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Bureau directed a teletype message to the Pittsburgh Office instructing that appropriate investigation be made at Kingwood, West Virginia, and on June 30, 1935, the Pittsburgh Office advised that Dr. C. J. Adrienne had been in the vicinity of Kingwood and Albright, West Virginia, on the morning of June 21, 1935, and had sold silverware exchange coupons to a dairyman and subsequently departed. He is reported to be driving an expensive make of automobile bearing Georgia license plates, and by reputation has been employed for the past 20 years by the Rogers Redemption Bureau, Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Bureau suggests that further inquiry be made of the employers of Dr. Adrienne for the purpose of ascertaining his present whereabouts so that he may be interviewed relative to the \$2,000 of Urschel ransom money which is reported to be held by him in a safety deposit box in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC - Pittsburgh
Little Rock
Nashville
Louisville
Oklahoma City



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Cooperstown, New York.

Dear

It is with pleasure that I acknowledge receipt of your telegram of June 26, 1935 concerning the work being performed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

It has always been a source of great pleasure to receive letters of this character and to know that the work being performed by this organization is worthy of commendation.

With expressions of my best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover.

GEORGE ROBESY
DEPUTY SHERIFF

MISS ANNIE STILES
OFFICE DEPUTY

FRANK MILLS

SHERIFF
COLEMAN COUNTY

COLEMAN, TEXAS

July 3, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

I have noticed that you have convicted several other people in the Charles Urschel Kidnapping. Will you please send me your latest chart?

Thanking you in advance for this kindness, I am,

Very truly yours,

Frank Mills, Sheriff

By Annie Stiles
Office Deputy

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July 10, 1935.

Mr. Frank Mills,
Sheriff,
Coleman County,
Coleman, Texas.

My dear Sheriff:

In reply to your letter of
July 3, 1935, I am pleased to enclose here-
with this Bureau's latest chart in the Charles
Urechel kidnaping case.

Assuring you of my desire to
be of service at all times, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: 586415

to: Mr. V. S.

July 3, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

This is to advise that 200,000 copies of the revised ransom list were completed Monday, July 1st. I have been advised by Mr. Douglas, of the Chief Clerk's office, that approximately 140,000 of the 200,000 copies have been transmitted to field offices which had previously requested additional copies of the lists.

Chas
As of possible interest to you, you are advised that in the Urschel case 60,000 copies of ransom lists were prepared, in the Bremer case approximately 80,000 copies were prepared, and in the Stoll case 175,000 copies were prepared. The number of copies prepared in the Weyerhaeuser case is 425,000. We now have approximately 50,000 copies of the Weyerhaeuser ransom lists on hand and no further copies will be prepared unless requested by Mr. Quinn.

Respectfully, (sgd)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
722 Midland Savings Bldg.
Denver, Colo.
July 10, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your communication of June 28, 1935, requesting six copies of the printed decision entered March 25, 1935, in the case of Clifford O'Skelly and Edward O'Berman alias Barney O'Berman, Petitioners, versus the United States of America, which are to be obtained from the Clerk of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit of Denver, Colorado.

Please be advised that Mr. Albert Trego, Clerk of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, has advised that there are no extra copies of this decision available. Mr. Trego declined to loan his original copy in order that additional copies might be printed from it by the Bureau. In this connection, he stated that the decision is printed in full in 76 Federal, Second, 483.

Mr. Trego also stated that it would cost approximately \$20.00 to have extra copies of this decision printed and he could not arrange for same unless he was so authorized to do so by the Department.

It was further ascertained that the Defendants were represented before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals by Mr. J. B. Dudley of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This information is furnished in case the Bureau desires to ascertain whether a copy of this decision might be available through Mr. Dudley.

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Very truly yours,

E. F. GUINANE,

7-115-1692

July 5, 1935.

Mr. Talcott Powell,
Editor,
The Times,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Powell:

I have read with deep interest
the editorial entitled, "Punish These Lawyers",
appearing in the Times on June 28, 1935.

The conviction of Ben B. Laska
for his part in the Urschel kidnaping case
should serve notice upon unethical lawyers
who are conspiring with the criminal that
they must expect the same in prosecutive
action as any criminal.

With best wishes and kind regards,

I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc: Indianapolis.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Egan
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Talcott Powell, Editor.

PUNISH THESE LAWYERS

ONE of the most significant moves in the government's fight with the underworld took place almost unnoticed at Oklahoma City the other day, when a lawyer was convicted in Federal court of sharing in money that had been paid as a kidnap ransom.

The lawyer was Ben B. Laska of Denver, and his conviction represented one more offshoot of the famous Urschel kidnaping case, in which 19 other persons have already been convicted. And the significance of this last conviction lies in the fact that it begins a campaign by the government to teach attorneys that they must not share in the illegal profits of gangs.

Laska's case is instructive, as an example of the way in which it is possible for a lawyer to overstep the bounds of proper procedure in defense of a gangster.

Retained as counsel for Albert Bates, one of the leaders of the kidnap ring, Laska was accused of having received \$10,000 in cash from Bates' stepson, Edward Feldman. This money, according to Feldman, was part of the Urschel ransom money.

In addition, Feldman testified that Laska directed the hiding of Bates' share of the ransom money, and gave instructions which enabled Feldman to evade arrest for 13 months after Bates had been captured. Feldman's mother testified that she had wished to surrender, but that Laska had told her she would "get her throat cut" if she did.

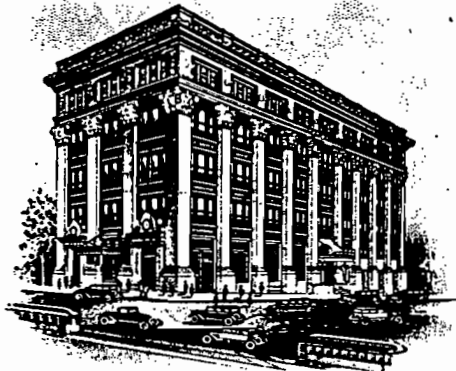
All this, presented to a Federal jury, resulted in a speedy conviction for one of the most prominent criminal lawyers of the West.

Charting a proper course for a lawyer who defends a crook is a delicate matter. Any man accused of crime has the right to hire counsel, and his counsel has the right to put up the best kind of fight for him that he can. Yet there is a dividing line between ethical practice and outright criminality which an over-zealous attorney can easily cross.

Against the lawyer who puts up an honest fight for a client there can be no quarrel. But the lawyer who takes that one extra step, and gets over the dividing line, becomes an outright accomplice of the gangster.

He profits by the fruit of the gangster's crimes, in a direct and unmistakable way; he helps his client avoid arrest, as well as conviction, and by the direction and advice he gives, he becomes a silent partner in the crime ring.

Nothing would help more, in our fight against crime, than an effective campaign to punish such lawyers. The Oklahoma trial ought to remind "border line" attorneys that it isn't healthful to overstep that dividing line between ethical practice and criminal conniving.



E. K. GAYLORD
PRESIDENT

EDGAR T. BELL
SECRETARY-TREASURER

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges your very kind letter of July 5th., commending a recent editorial in our paper. Your letter will be brought to Mr. Gaylord's attention upon his return to the office the latter part of this month.

Very truly yours,

Helen Jeanet Cole

Secretary to E. K. Gaylord.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I very much appreciated your note regarding our editorial on "Punish The Lawyers."

We have a situation locally here in our own Criminal Court which beats anything that I have ever seen in my fifteen years of newspaper work in New York and Indiana. Doubtless your office here has informed you regarding it.

I wish that a federal violation would turn up so that we could ask the assistance of your men, but thus far we have no direct evidence that would bring the federal authorities into the picture.

Let me again congratulate you upon the splendid job you are doing.

Sincerely,

Talcott Powell

Director J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
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Washington, D. C.

July 10, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: URSCHER KIDNAPING CASE

[REDACTED] of St. Paul,
Minnesota, called at my office. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of Clifford Skelley, convicted in the
Urschel kidnaping and sentenced to five years'
imprisonment, which sentence was recently con-
firmed by the Court of Appeals. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of Clifford Skelley.

They came in to tell me that Skelley was not
guilty. I told them that the Federal Bureau of
Investigation had no official connection with the
case after presenting the evidence to the United
States Attorney and aiding him to the extent that
he desired aid in the prosecution. I suggested
that they might talk to some person in the Criminal
Division of the Department. They wanted to know
the identity of the Pardon Attorney and I gave
them Mr. Finch's name and room number.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

H. Nathan.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

July 11, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

In compliance with the request of Mr. Ramsey, I am transmitting herewith two copies of abstract of criminal record, as appearing in the files of the Identification Division, of Molly Olive Edison, alias Mollie O. Bert, Police Department, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, #19370.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder Per
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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The following is an abstract of the fingerprint record of one Molly Olive Edison, with aliases, on file in the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

Subject as Molly Olive Edison, aliases Mrs. Molley Bert, Mollie O. Bert, Mollie O. Edison, M. O. Edison, #19370, arrested Police Department, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, June 15, 1935, charge Federal investigation of perjury; charged in Federal Court with perjury.

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DALLAS BUREAU OFFICE
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date May 8, 1935

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

5-14-35

Dear Sir:-

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

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
# 1322 PD Dallas, Texas	67/15C THOMAS L. MANION 706879	5-6-35 indictment dis- missed by Court (charging conspiracy to bribe Feder- al Officer)
# 1323 PD Dallas, Texas	7-15C GROVER C. BEVILL alias Jack Beval 709331	5-6-35 indictment dis- missed by Court (charging conspiracy to bribe Feder- al Officer)

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

Very truly yours,

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

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

July 12, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Re: Mollie O. Bert alias
Mollie O. Edison;
PERJURY

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Ben B. Laska, a Denver criminal attorney, defended Albert Bates in his trial in Federal Court at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in September, 1934, for the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel. Bates was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment for this kidnaping.

Subsequently, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, apprehended Edward G. Feldman, a step-son of Albert Bates, and some \$48,000 additional of the Urschel ransom money was recovered. Investigation determined that \$10,000 of the Urschel ransom money had been paid to and accepted by Attorney Laska as his fee for the defense of Albert Bates. Laska was thereupon indicted for conspiracy in connection with this kidnaping, and after trial in Federal Court at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was, on June 15, 1935, convicted.

During the trial of Laska at Oklahoma City, the Government alleged that Laska was paid and received the sum of \$10,000 of the Urschel ransom money, which money was paid to Laska by Edward G. Feldman, as his fee to represent Albert Bates. Testimony given by Ben B. Laska during his trial at Oklahoma City was that he never received any of the Urschel ransom money and that the only money he did receive as his fee for representing Albert Bates was \$3,000 in good money, paid to him by Edward George Feldman at his office in the Symes Building in Denver, Colorado, on or about August 14, 1933, which money was in various denominations, and that at the time of the payment of this money by Feldman, the latter was accompanied by a man known as [REDACTED]

Mrs. Mollie O. Bert, as Mollie O. Edison, 1301 Sherman Street, an attorney of Denver, Colorado, with offices in the Symes Building, being duly sworn by the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Western

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District of Oklahoma, testified in the above referred to trial that on or about August 14, 1933, she went to the office of Ben B. Laska in the Symes Building in Denver, Colorado, at which time Mr. Laska was occupied in his private office with someone; that she waited in the reception room of Mr. Laska's office, and in a short time, 2 men, whom she identified as Edward George Feldman and [REDACTED], came out of Mr. Laska's office; that Mr. Laska came out to his secretary, [REDACTED] and told her to go into his office and count the money lying on the desk, indicating to Mrs. Mollie O. Edison that she assist his secretary in counting this money. Mollie Edison testified that she did count this money which was in denominations of \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills, and possibly some \$50 bills, and that in the aggregate, it totalled \$2970. Mollie Edison stated that her reason for going to Laska's office at this time was to secure change for \$50 which change she obtained from the money that she and [REDACTED] were counting.

Edward George Feldman who was a co-defendant with Attorney Laska in the above mentioned trial at Oklahoma City, and has since been placed on probation, testified during this trial that he visited the office of Ben B. Laska in the Symes Building, Denver, Colorado, on or about August 14, 1933, but at that time did not pay Ben B. Laska any money; that [REDACTED] did not accompany him to the office of Ben B. Laska, and was not present when he talked to Mr. Laska in his office. Feldman further testified that he did pay and deliver to Ben B. Laska at Mr. Laska's address, 1164 Cook Street, Denver, Colorado, the sum of \$10,000, which was a part of the Urschel ransom money. He testified that this occurred about August 18, 1933, and that later, at some subsequent date, he talked to Attorney Laska, at which time Mr. Laska informed him that there was only \$8,000 in the sum of money which he brought to him about August 18, 1933, instead of \$10,000. Laska requested Feldman to secure the additional \$2,000 for him, and Feldman stated that he did this, taking it to Oklahoma City at Mr. Laska's request, and that he delivered this \$2,000 to Mr. Laska at his room in the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City about September 15, 1933.

[REDACTED] Denver, Colorado, testified during the trial of Attorney Laska, that as a matter of fact he was not in Mr. Laska's office in the Symes Building with Edward George Feldman, and did not see Mr. Feldman deliver any money to Mr. Laska.

As a result of the false testimony given by Attorney Mollie O. Bert in this case, a complaint was filed on June 15, 1935, before United States Commissioner George J. Eacock, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, charging Mollie O. Bert with violation of Section 231, Title 18 of the United States

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Code, in that she had falsely testified that on or about the 14th of August, 1933, Edward G. Feldman did pay and deliver to Ben E. Laska in the latter's office in Denver, Colorado, the sum of \$3,000, which said matter was and is not true and which matter Mollie Bert or Mollie Edison at that time did not believe to be true and correct.

A warrant was issued, and Mollie O. Bert alias Mollie O. Edison was taken into Federal custody at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on June 15, 1935. She was arraigned before United States Commissioner Eacock on the same date, pleaded not guilty, and demanded a preliminary hearing which was set for June 21, 1935. Bond was set in the amount of \$5,000, which was not furnished by Mrs. Bert, and she was remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal. On June 15, 1935, she made application for an order permitting her to return to Denver, Colorado, and furnish an appearance bond. This application was granted, and on June 24, 1935, before United States Commissioner Leo J. Crowley, she posted an appearance bond in the sum of \$5,000.

The United States Attorney at Oklahoma City presently intends to present this matter to the Federal Grand Jury at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in September, 1935.

Mollie O. Bert is the wife of Phillip K. Bert, of Denver, Colorado. She is 27 years of age, and the records of the Bureau reflect no prior criminal record.

Respectfully,



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Washington Field Office, Room 5745,
Washington, D. C.

July 19, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith two negatives and two enlargements of photographs taken of the Special Agents' Retraining Class, which concluded its assignment at Washington, D. C., July 13, 1935, while the class was in Firearms Training at Quantico, Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia.

There are also being transmitted several small photographs taken during the above mentioned Firearms Training.

I am also enclosing six groups of photographs taken by the writer hereof during the course of investigation to ascertain the location of ransom money paid in the Urshel kidnaping case while Agent was stationed at Portland, Oregon. Suitable descriptive data is indicated on the back of one picture of each group.

The various pictures enclosed are being transmitted for any use which the Bureau may desire thereof.

Respectfully,

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Special Agent.

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Minneapolis, Minn.
July 20, 1935

Mr. Harold Nathan
Dept. of Justice
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:-

May I extend to you in, beho.
of [Redacted] and myself, our sincere
thanks for your courtesy shown to us
while we were in your office.

Most sincerely yours

[Redacted Signature]

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Mr Harold Nathan
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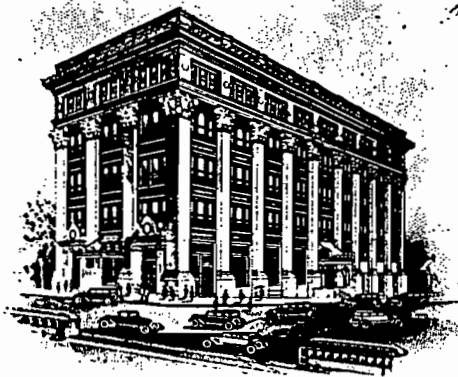
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and myself, our sincere thanks for your courtesy shown
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Most sincerely yours,

/s/ [REDACTED]

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

My dear Sir:

Your kind letter of July 5th commenting on an editorial in the Daily Oklahoman of June 17th came during my absence on vacation and I am very pleased now to acknowledge your kind thoughtfulness in writing me about the matter.

I think the work of your Bureau has been one of the most outstanding factors of the present administration and I have heard universal comments of praise wherever the subject has been mentioned.

Again thanking you for your letter,

Very truly yours,

E. K. Gaylord
E. K. Gaylord
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

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REPORT MADE AT DENVER, COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE 7-24-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-24-35	REPORT MADE BY E. P. GUINANE
TITLE MRS. MOLLIE O. BERT alias MOLLIE O. EDISON			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mollie O. Edison posted \$5,000 bond before U. S. Commissioner at Denver, Colorado, on 6-24-35, which bond has been forwarded to the U. S. District Court at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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DETAILS:

Agent ascertained from [REDACTED] Clerk, United States District Court, Denver, Colorado, that Mollie O. Edison posted a \$5,000 bond for her appearance at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma before United States Commissioner Leo J. Crowley at Denver, Colorado, on June 24, 1935. The bond consisted of \$2,000 in United States Treasury Bonds and \$3,000 in cash. The \$3,000 in cash was advanced by [REDACTED] of Denver, Colorado, whom Mr. Crowley believes [REDACTED] Mr. Crowley advised that the bond had been forwarded to the United States District Court at Oklahoma City.

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**Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.**

July 27, 1935.

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

Dear Sir:

Under date of October 16, 1933, former
Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis telephonically
advised the Bureau that Joe Bergel, Abe Kaplan, and
Charles Kaplan were in custody on charges of harboring
Subject Kelly. On that date Bergel was released under
bond of \$15,000.

The Bureau desires that you immediately
advise it of the status of the prosecution against the
above named individuals.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Oklahoma City

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Chicago, Illinois

July 31st, 1935

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ABE CAPLAN, alias Harry Carper;
CHARLES CAPLAN, alias Charles Coplan;
HARBORING AND CONCEALING PERSONS FOR
WHOM WARRANTS HAD BEEN ISSUED AND
CONSPIRACY.

Reference is made to your letter of July 27th, 1935, which was captioned GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; et al; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM; KIDNAPING, and which requested that the Bureau be advised immediately of the status of the prosecution against Joe Bergel, ABE Kaplan and Charles Kaplan.

For your information, the instant case was opened in your Chicago Bureau Office for the purpose of separating prosecution of Subjects Caplan and reports have been submitted continuously in such case, the last being that of Special Agent [redacted] dated July 26th, 1935, indicating that demurrer is presently pending before the United States District Court at Chicago.

This file also contains a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Chicago, Illinois, November 20th, 1933, in the case of GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; et al; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM; KIDNAPING, which indicates that the title of the case was changed for the purpose of dropping therefrom the name of Joseph Bergel inasmuch as the United States Attorney at Chicago declined to present the facts to the Federal Grand Jury.

Very truly yours,

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REPORT MADE AT: LITTLE ROCK, ARK.	DATE WHEN MADE: 8/ 1/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7/26/35	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: O GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al; CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM. O			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [REDACTED] Jonesboro, Arkansas, [REDACTED] of Dr. C. J. Adrienne, last heard from [REDACTED] now Mrs. Adrienne, on July 2, 1935, from Niagara Falls, Ontario. Indications at that time were that Dr. Adrienne and his wife were contemplating traveling through Canada. [REDACTED] advised that further information relative to whereabouts of Adrienne could more easily be obtained through Rogers Silverware Company, Room 316-IRRB, Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R.U.C.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Little Rock, Arkansas, June 18, 1935.</p> <p>DETAILS: On July 26, 1935, the writer was advised by [REDACTED] Jonesboro, Arkansas, [REDACTED] who is the present wife of Dr. C. J. Adrienne, that she had heard from [REDACTED] in the form of a post card postmarked Niagara Falls, Ontario, dated July 2, 1935. At that time [REDACTED] was informed that both [REDACTED] and her husband, called "Jack", were intending to proceed through Canada but supplied [REDACTED] with no forwarding address.</p> <p>It will be noted that [REDACTED] was interviewed by the writer under the pretext that questions were being asked concerning Dr. Adrienne's whereabouts in view of the fact that the Bureau was desirous of locating Dr. Adrienne for the purpose of obtaining information regarding another party. This pretext was, apparently, accepted</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [Signature]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE 7-115-1707		RECORDED AND INDEXED: AUG 8 1935
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by the party interviewed and she expressed her willingness to cooperate in every way so that Dr. Adrienne might be located.

On July 26, 1935, [REDACTED] stated to this Agent that she had heard from [REDACTED] on or about the 15th of June at which time Dr. Adrienne was located at Norfolk, Virginia. At the time of the interview [REDACTED] could not find this letter so that a perusal of it might be made by the writer. According to [REDACTED] stated in her letter that they expected to be in Kansas City within a few weeks and that the [REDACTED] family in Jonesboro would be then notified. However, up to the present time no such notification has been received by the [REDACTED] family.

[REDACTED] advised the writer that the easiest way to get in touch with Dr. Adrienne would be through the Rogers Silverware Company located at Room 316-IRRB, Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, which address has been previously set out in the reference report. She stated that a few months ago, she had written a letter to [REDACTED] and the same had apparently been received by her inasmuch as it had never been returned. This letter had been addressed to [REDACTED] through the above silverware company. Accordingly, it was her contention that Dr. Adrienne might be easily located now through the same means. In this connection, reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, June 29, 1935, in which an interview with [REDACTED] of the Rogers Redemption Bureau, Room 231 Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, is set out. At that time the St. Paul office was advised that no information as to the itinerary of Dr. Adrienne was in their possession but stated that if the Rogers Redemption Bureau received any mail which would indicate the present location of Dr. Adrienne, the St. Paul Bureau office would be notified. However, in view of the information furnished by [REDACTED] to the effect that correspondence from her has reached [REDACTED] through the medium of the Rogers Silverware Company, Room 316-IRRB, Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, the attention of the St. Paul office is again being called to this fact inasmuch as mail addressed to Dr. Adrienne can, apparently, be forwarded to him.

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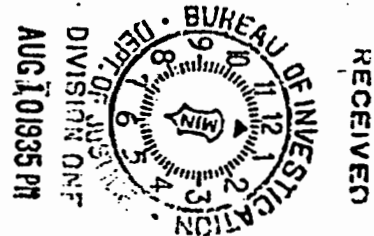
THE ST. PAUL OFFICE at Minneapolis, Minnesota, will endeavor to learn at the Rogers Silverware Company, located at Room 316-IRRB, Lumber Exchange Building, whether or not mail addressed to Dr. Adrienne or his wife, [REDACTED] through the above company, can be forwarded to them. If the same can be done, there is every indication that the exact location of Dr. Adrienne can be determined.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 5, 1935



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Mr. W. C. Lewis,
United States Attorney,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

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

I am transmitting herewith a copy of an anonymous communication addressed to Mr. Urschel which he recently forwarded to this office. It will be noted that this communication refers to part of the Urschel ransom money allegedly paid to the law firm of Scott and McLean in Fort Worth, Texas.

Upon considering the facts related in this enclosure, I shall appreciate being advised whether you believe that they warrant investigative attention or may possibly result in a successful prosecution.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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(C O P Y)

FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

JULY, 30th 35,

CHARLES, F. URSCHEL.

I see in our Paper, that you are suing Ben Laskey, Denver Attorney, for the \$12,000 he got from Bates in the Kidnaping of you,

Why dont you get after this man Walter B. Scott Lawyer here of the Firm of Scott and McLean, and sue him for the \$15,000, Katherine Kelley paid him to defend the

Shannons, Boss Shannon told friends while out on parole here, that she paid him that out of the Urschel Kidnap ransome money, to defend them, so on.

Mr Kirpatrick could help in this, you will find that ransome money right here in Fort Worth, in the Union Bank and Trust Company if you will go about it right, if you levy on said Bank and Assets,

The Government should help you in this, as Justice should be given you, and for the sake of all the world these men should all be brought to justice as they are guilty the same as the actual kidnapers of you,

7-115-1718

FORM NO. 1

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

REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 8-7-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7/29 8/3/35	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] b7C
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, ET AL; CHARLES F. URSCHKE - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnaping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On July 29, 1935, subject Laska was sentenced, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in Federal Court, to serve ten years in a Federal Penitentiary. Released on same day after making an appeal bond in the amount of \$5,000.00. Laska granted until November 1, 1935 to file bill of exceptions. Parole report and disposition sheet submitted herewith.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 6/26/35.

DETAILS: At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma:

On July 29, 1935 Laska was overruled on a motion for new trial and was sentenced by Federal Judge Edgar S. Vaught to serve ten years in a Federal Penitentiary, to be designated by the Attorney General.

Subject Laska, through his attorneys, the same date was granted, by the Court, until August 12, 1935, to file a bill of exceptions. He was released upon making an appeal bond in the amount of \$5,000.00.

The records of the Clerk of Court reflect that on August 2, 1935, an extension of time of filing a bill of exceptions was granted to November 1, 1935.

Disposition sheet and parole report of Laska is being submitted herewith.

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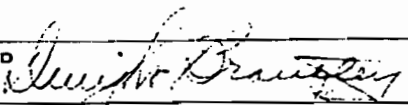
REPORT MADE AT: Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 8-7-35	PAROLE REPORT	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED] b7C
NAME OF CONVICT: BEN B. LASKA, alias BERYL BENJAMIN LASKA		TITLE OF CASE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, ET AL CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim Kidnaping	

On the night of July 22, 1933, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, two men forcibly kidnaped Charles F. Urschel and transported him to a farm near Paradise, Texas, where he was held until July 31, 1933, when he was released, after the payment of the sum of \$200,000.00, and investigation subsequently disclosed that George Kelly Barnes, Harvey J. Bailey and Albert L. Bates, were the main perpetrators of this kidnaping and received the ransom money.

Investigation disclosed that Mr. Urschel was held at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon near Paradise, Texas, during the ransom negotiations. At the trial of the above mentioned subjects at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, they were represented by attorneys, Ben B. Laska, Denver, Colorado and James C. Mathers, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

As a result of their actions as counsel attorneys Laska and Mathers with subjects Barnes, Bailey and Bates, on December 14, 1934, a Federal Grand Jury, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, returned a true bill of indictment, naming Clara Feldman, Edward George Feldman, Alvin H. Scott, Ben B. Laska and James C. Mathers as defendants. The indictment contained twenty nine counts, twelve of which were counts included in the indictment taken from the indictment returned in the principle case tried in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, during the fall of 1933 and seven counts pertained to the last five subjects, just named, charging them with conspiracy to violate Section 408-A, U. S. C. A. These last named subjects were brought to trial in the United States District Court at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on June 10, 1935.

On June 14, 1935, subject Mathers was acquitted by a directed verdict of not guilty.

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On June 15, 1935, the jury returned a verdict of guilty as charged in the indictment against subject Laska.

On June 15, 1935 subjects Scott, Clara Feldman and Edward Feldman were each sentenced to serve five years, sentence suspended, and each placed on probation.

On July 29, 1935, subject Laska was sentenced by the Federal Court to serve ten years in a Federal Penitentiary.

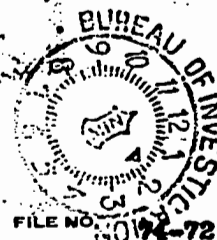
The aggravating circumstances were that subject Laska, in the capacity of an attorney received and concealed money paid him by co-defendants in this case, knowing same to be ransom money, as well as counseled and advised as to the concealment of further ransom money paid in the Urschel kidnaping case.

Subject Laska is now 56 years of age, is an American citizen, married and at the time of conviction resided with his wife at 1164 Cook Street, Denver, Colorado.

Subject Laska has practiced law for a number of years, over which period of time he has been known to represent, as counsel in court, notorious criminals and that he has a reputation, as an attorney, of not adhering to the ethics of the legal profession.

The records of the Identification Unit of the Bureau at Washington, D.C. discloses no known criminal record for subject Laska.

FORM NO. 1

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

REPORT MADE AT: Okla. City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE: 8/9/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8/2/35	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: MRS. MOLLIE O. BERT alias MOLLIE O. EDISON			CHARACTER OF CASE: PERJURY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

United States Commissioner Kacock, Okla. City, Okla., advises that subject's attorney, David Tant, on 7/29/35 waived preliminary hearing for subject. Subject was bound over to United States District Court, bond set at \$5000, and subject given ten days in which to furnish same.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, 7/2/35.
Report of Special Agent in Charge E. P. Guinane, Denver, 7/24/35.

DETAILS:

United States Commissioner George J. Kacock at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma advised that subject did not appear before him on July 29, 1935, the date set for subject's preliminary hearing. However, subject's attorney, David Tant, did appear on that date, and waived preliminary hearing. United States Commissioner Kacock stated subject was then bound over to United States District Court to await the action of the next Federal Grand Jury, which will convene at Oklahoma City in September, 1935, and a new bond set for subject's appearance in the sum of \$5000.00, subject being allowed ten days in which to furnish bond. Commissioner Kacock stated that this bond will, according to the order issued by Federal Judge Edgar S. Vaught, Oklahoma City, have to be approved by the Federal Judge at Denver, Colorado.

DETAILS:

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, will follow prosecutive action and report accordingly.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1711 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AUG 12 A.M. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ROUTED TO: [REDACTED] FILE	RECORDED AND INDEXED: AUG 18 1935 CHECKED OFF: AUG 17 1935 JACKETED:
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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 13, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases,
et al: CHARLES F. CURSCHEL, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Attention is invited to the letter addressed to
the Bureau under date of May 10, 1935 requesting that a wanted
notice be placed on [REDACTED] inas-
much as [REDACTED] was wanted as a material witness in connection
with the trial of Ben B. Laska at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Inasmuch as the trial of Laska has terminated suc-
cessfully, the wanted notice on [REDACTED] should be withdrawn.

Very truly yours,

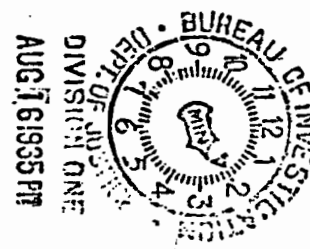
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420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

August 19, 1935.

United States Attorney,
Dallas, Texas.

Att.: Mr. Clyde Hood, Assistant.

Re: THOMAS L. MANION,
MISC.; Ascertaining Financial Worth.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of August 16, 1935, and
inquiring whether we have made an investigation concerning
Thomas L. Manion's ability to pay a fine of \$10,000.00; you
are advised that a report was submitted to the office of
the United States Attorney on 5-17-35, made by Special
Agent [REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

F.J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB: [REDACTED]

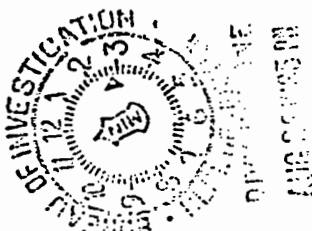
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U.S. ATTORNEY

DALLAS, TEXAS

[Handwritten signature]

722 Midland Savings Building
Denver, Colorado
August 23, 1935



Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with
aliases, ET AL; CHARLES
T. BURSCHER - Victim
KIDNAPING

We are in receipt of information that one [redacted]
who is employed by [redacted] in Denver,
and who is supposed to be presently studying law in Denver, is
quite closely connected with Ben Laska, and is probably an out-
let for ransom money or other "hot" money from Laska.

[redacted] has advised an informant here that he was formerly
connected with a firm of attorneys in Los Angeles, one of the
members of which firm was convicted in connection with the rob-
bery of several banks. [redacted] also stated that he was convicted
in California on a charge of fraudulently passing the California
bar examination, and that he was placed on probation for this
charge.

As I recall, there was an attorney convicted in Los Angeles
in connection with several bank robberies in which your office
was interested. Will you please advise whether your files con-
tain any information on [redacted] or whether you can find a crimi-
nal record in Los Angeles on [redacted] [redacted]
description is as follows:

Age	24
Height	5 feet 7 inches
Weight	165 pounds
Hair	Dark and bushy
Complexion	Dark
Nationality	Russian Jewish
Marital Status	Married
Relatives	Father supposed to live at Rockford, Illinois, and is supposed to be quite well to do.

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Wife may have relatives in
Denver.

Very truly yours

E. P. GUINANE
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 22, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

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

Referring to Bureau letter dated August 19, 1935 addressed to the St. Paul Office, there is enclosed herewith a printed transcript of record in the Urschel case, upon which the conviction of the defendants in the Federal Court at Oklahoma City was affirmed by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

The instructions given by the Court to the Jury in this case are set forth on pages 206 to 250, inclusive, in this transcript.

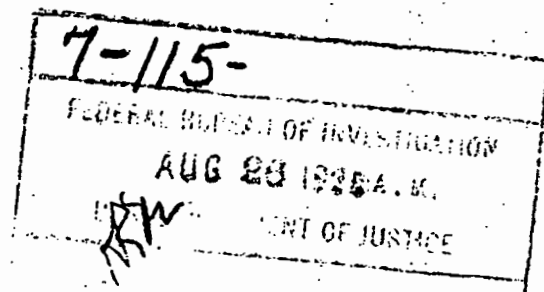
This transcript may be retained by Judge Hamilton, if he so desires.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

FILE NO. **7-7**

REPORT MADE AT DENVER, COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE 8-25-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-19-35	REPORT MADE BY b7c
TITLE GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al; CHARLES F. URSCHER, Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

~~Robert Compton~~, alias Wm. C. Hodges, alias Harry C. Loeb, alias Arthur L. Hamilton, alias William H. Hodges, alias Jack Alt, confined in the State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colo., intimates that he might have some information relative to ransom money which he might impart in the event he might be paroled or might have his sentence reduced.

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REFERENCE: Letter from the Oklahoma City Office dated July 3, 1935.

DETAILS:

AT CANON CITY, COLORADO

From the Identification Division, State Penitentiary, it was ascertained that Robert Compton, alias William C. Hodges, alias Harry C. Loeb, alias Arthur L. Hamilton, alias William H. Hodges, alias Jack Alt, was received at the Penitentiary from Boulder, Colorado, on October 9, 1931, to serve five to six years for larceny as bailee, having been sentenced on April 11, 1931; that he escaped from a guard while at Denver, Colorado, on a trip made at his request on June 27, 1932, and was apprehended at Davenport, Iowa, on December 19, 1934, where he was held for investigation on suspicion of confidence game, and returned to the penitentiary on December 31, 1934.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. P. Guinn</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">AUG 8 0 1935</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">SEP 4 1935</div>
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His description is given as follows:

Age	45 (born Nov. 10, 1889)
Birthplace	Illinois
Height	5' 9 ³ / ₄ "
Weight	146 lbs.
Build	Slender
Complexion	Medium dark
Eyes	Dark brown
Hair	Black streaked with gray
Nearest relative;	wife, Mrs. Joan Compton, 938 Equitable Bldg., Denver, Colo. (10-9-31)

b7C [REDACTED] to the Warden, stated that on March 3, 1932, District Attorney J. Arthur Phelps, Pueblo, Colorado, wrote a letter stating that Robert Compton was wanted by his office for prosecution upon his release from the penitentiary, and that on December 10, 1931, Sheriff Traeger, of Los Angeles, California, requested that his office be notified thirty days in advance of the release of Robert Compton from the penitentiary.

The following previous criminal record of Robert Compton was obtained from the Identification Unit of the State Penitentiary:

Robert Compton, #16418

Aliases: W. C. Hodges; Harry C. Loeb; Arthur L. Hamilton; Wm. H. Hodges; W. C. Hodges; William C. Hodges; Jack Alt.

8-12-09; AS: HODGES, #25842, PD LOS ANGELES, CAL. CHG: SUSP. PICKPOCKET
3- -11; AS: HODGES, # [REDACTED], ARR. NEW YORK CITY FOR FUGITIVE LOS ANGELES
COUNTY, CHECKS.
9-25-13, AS: HODGES, # [REDACTED], PD LOS ANGELES, CAL. CHG; GD. LARC. RET. TO
WHITTIER REFTY. SCHOOL.
8- -18, AS: HODGES, # [REDACTED], PD LOSANGELES, CAL. ARR. AT HONOLULU,
OPERATING & MAINTAINING LOTTERY & PERJURY.
10-26-22, AS: HODGES, # 4213, PD EL PASO, TEX. CHG: VAG. INVESTIGATION
DISP. NOT GIVEN. SENT 200 DAYS APPEAL CASE.
2- 7-27, AS: HODGES, # 3947, SP FRESNO, CAL. FELONY FRO LA. TO LOS ANGELES
CALIF. 2-9-27.
11- 5-30, AS: HAMILTON, #15967, PD SEATTLE, WASH. FUGITIVE. RELEASED TO
PUEBLO, COLO. WANTED. 11-10-30

8-15-23,AS: HODGES,#36267,LOS ANGELES COUNTY, OBTAINING MONEY UNDER
FALSE PRETENSE. CASE DISMISSED 9-1-23
2-10-27,AS: HODGES,#75095,SO LOS ANGELES, CAL. GD. LARC. NO DISP. GIVEN
1-31-28,AS: HODGES,#25842,PD BULLETIN LOS ANGELES,CAL. WANTED ON
BENCH WARR. FORFEITED BAIL \$500.REWARD FOR
APPRE.& DETENTION BEFORE 4-1-28.
2- 6-28,AS: HODGES,# ,LOS ANGELES COUNTY: WANTED ON FEL. WARR.
CHG: FEL. EMBEZZELMENT.BAIL \$500.
12-12-31,AS:COMPTON,#16418,CSP WANTED BY SHERIFF TRAEGER, LOS ANGELES
CAL. AS OF COMMUNICATION OF DEC. 10th 1931
COMMUNICATION ON FILE WITH MITTIMUS. 30 DAY
NOTICE TO BE GIVEN PRIOR TO HIS RELEASE.
2-10-27,AS:HODGES,#25842, PD LOS ANGELES, CAL. CHG:GD.LARC. WARR.
#2949, (Felony); DISP. NOT GIVEN.
1-14-28,AS: HODGES,#25482,LOS ANGELES, CAL. CHG: CONSPIRACY (WARR)
NO DISP. GIVEN.
10-9-31,AS: COMPTON,#16418,CSP.CANON CITY,COLO. CHG: LARCENY AS BAILEE
TO SERVE 5 to 6 YEARS.
6-27-32,AS: COMPTON,#16418,CSP: ESCAPED FROM OFFICER ANDREWS WHILE
IN DENVER,COLO.WANTED.
12-19-34,AS: ALT ,#3367,ARR.PD DAVENPORT,IA.CHG: INV. SUSP. CON
MAN DISPO. RET. TO CSP AS ESCAPE.
12-31-34,AS: RETURNED TO CSP BY OFFICER GEO. VICKMAN
FROM DAVENPORT,IA. TO DO MAXIMUM SENTENCE.

NOTICE FROM [REDACTED] TO THE EFFECT THAT LETTER DATED
MARCH 3, 1932, FROM J. ARTHUR PHELPS, DISTRICT ATTY., PUEBLO,
COLO. STATING ROBERT COMPTON,#16418,IS WANTED UPON COMPLETION OF
HIS SENTENCE HERE. LETTER ON FILE WITH THE MITTIMUS.

RECEIVED: 10-9-31 FROM BOULDER COUNTY FOR CRIME LARCENY AS BAILEE.
SENTENCED 5 to 6 YEARS. DATE OF SENTENCE 4-11-31; TERM EXPIRES
7-9-35. BIRTH: 11-10-89; BIRTHPLACE: ILLINOIS: NATIONALITY: U. S.
OCCUPATION: ACCOUNTANT: AGE: 42; HEIGHT; 5-9 3/4; WEIGHT: 146;
BUILD: SLENDER; COMP. MEDIUM; EYES: DK.BROWN: HAIR: GRAY BLACK:
NEAREST RELATION: WIFE: [REDACTED], Denver,
Colo.

[REDACTED] advised that the earliest date that Robert Compton can
be released from the penitentiary is August 26, 1937, and that his
sentence will expire on November 17, 1938.

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b7C Robert Compton was interviewed and he stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Los Angeles, California. He talked in a rambling fashion, and was very guarded in making any definite statement of any kind, and intimated that whoever wrote the letter signed "Un Amigo" (Spanish for "A Friend") must be desirous of "putting him on the spot". He intimated that the ransom money paid to Attorney Ben Laska at Denver, Colorado, was taken to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, by an unknown person and was taken from Oklahoma City to Minneapolis, Minnesota, by [REDACTED] and that some utility official, whose name he refused to divulge, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, was negotiating with him (Robert Compton) just before he left Minneapolis in December, 1934, to exchange the money in Havana, Cuba; stating that the money came into the possession of the utility company official innocently and was deposited in a bank at Minneapolis before it was discovered to be "hot" money, and that it was being held by the bank awaiting an opportunity for exchange, and that the utility company official was anxious to help the bank get rid of same. b7C

In connection with this matter, Robert Compton mentioned the following persons, whom he claimed to be underworld characters:

Shriver, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Harry Campbell, Oklahoma City and Minneapolis, Minn., who was at St. Paul and Minneapolis two days before Thanksgiving, 1934.

Bowie, Kansas City, Missouri, St. Joseph, Mo., and Oklahoma City, Okla, in garage, automobile or taxi, or transportation business, probably in St. Joseph, Mo.

Heller, or Helner, Havana, Cuba, gambling business and bought hotel, partner of Skelly, Sawyer and Harry Campbell.

Sherman, Kansas City, Missouri

Skelly, Minneapolis, Minnesota

T. E. Wood, Minneapolis, Minn.; saw him at the Nicolett Hotel, Minneapolis, two days before Thanksgiving, 1934.

Martin, lived at the Mark Twain Hotel or Apartment, Kansas City, Missouri.

It was impossible to obtain any definite or positive statement from Robert Compton about anything, and he intimated that he might be willing to furnish information in his possession in exchange for any favors that might be extended him in getting him a parole or reduction of sentence in the State Penitentiary. In Agent's opinion it is doubtful if Robert Compton has any valuable information relative to the ransom money in question, but intimated that he has such information and that he is holding such information to use as trading stock in obtaining a parole or reduction in sentence, and claiming that he is not interested in any reward that might be offered by Mr. Urschel for recovery of the ransom money.

In view of the meagre information obtained and the unreliable character of the same, no leads are being set out in this report.

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Mr. Courtney Ryley Cooper,
1212 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Ryley:

I have received your note with which you transmitted an anonymous letter dated August 16, 1935, received by you, relating to the escape of Albert Bates from the County Jail at Paw Paw, Michigan. It is rather an interesting sidelight. Many thanks for sending it on to me.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Daughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Foxworth
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

THE PENTHOUSE
TWELVE TWELVE FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

Dear Edgar:

Thought this might
interest you. No need
to return it.

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COPY
HOTEL TRACY
PLATTEVILLE, WIS. 8-16-35

Dear Mr. Cooper,
Somewhere in U.S.A.

I have been a very interested reader of your 10,000 public enemies running in the Milwaukee Journal, and am wondering if you are in a position to incorporate in one of your stories a history of just how Albert Bates escaped from the County Jail at Paw Paw Michigan between Christmas and New Years preceeding the Urschel kidnaping.

He was picked up in South Haven Mich. taken to Paw Paw and turned over to the sherif and escaped in about a week, suposedly through a hole in the stone wall of his cell, the hole being 3 inches by 14 inches. The hole was about 15 feet from the ground and was supposed to have been made during the noon hour of the day he escaped.

There are some who think he hammered the hole through with something besides a hammer.

I am not signing my name to this as I do not care to get my name published, as there are a few of the 10,000 still at large.

A. Reader.

HOTEL TRACY

JACK COULTHARD
PROPRIETOR

PLATTEVILLE, WIS.

8-16-35.

Dear Mr Cooper.

Somewhere in U.S.A.

I have been a very interested reader of your 10,000 public enemies, running in the Milwaukee Journal and am wondering if you are in a position to incorporate in one of your stories a history of just how Albert Bates escaped from the County Jail at Paw Paw Michigan between Christmas and New Years preceding the Urshel kidnapping. He was picked up in South Haven Mich. taken to Paw-Paw and turned over to the sheriff and escaped in about a week, supposedly through a hole in the stone wall of his cell, the hole being 8 inches by 14 inches

HOTEL TRACY

JACK COULTHARD
PROPRIETOR

PLATTEVILLE, WIS.

The hole was about 15 feet from the ground and was supposed to have been made during the noon hour of the day he escaped.

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I am not signing my name to this as I do not care to get my name published, as there are a few of the 10,000 still at large.

A. Reader.

HOTEL TRACY
PLATTEVILLE, WIS.



Courtney Ryley Cooper
of Milwaukee Journal
1212 *Superior*
Personal *at Milwaukee*
Please forward, *Wisconsin*

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

TDQ: *b7C*

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 11, 1935. *✓*

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

While the Director was absent from his
office today, Colonel Gates called and wanted to know the
date
date that Mr. Urschel was kidnaped and was advised that
the kidnaping occurred on July 22, 1933.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn
T. D. Quinn.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

L. A. FILE NO. 7-19-

REPORT MADE AT Los Angeles, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 9-10-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-31-35	REPORT MADE BY <div style="background-color: black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>
TITLE GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; et al. CHARLES F. DURSHEL - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation at Los Angeles, fails to show that [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] alias [REDACTED] was ever a member of the California Bar, or that he was charged with fraudulently taking the bar examination. He was convicted of robbery, served one year in a road camp, and was placed on probation for four years.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from Denver office, dated 8-23-35.

DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

Letter of reference indicates that [REDACTED] now studying law in Denver, Colo., is closely associated with BEN LASKA, recently convicted in Federal Court on a charge of handling ransom money.

Investigation at Los Angeles Police Department and Sheriff's Office identification bureaus fails to show any record of [REDACTED] but agent found a record of [REDACTED] alias [REDACTED] alias [REDACTED] and agent believes that this is the party now in Denver under the name [REDACTED]

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">[Signature]</div>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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The following information was obtained from the Identification Bureau of the Los Angeles Police Department:-

Name	[REDACTED] with aliases: [REDACTED]
Age	23 years (1933)
Height	5' 7"
Weight	170 lbs.
Hair	Black, curly.
Eyes	Brown
Nose	Large
Complexion	Medium
Nationality	Russian-Jewish
Home address	Rockford, Illinois.
Police Department	[REDACTED] Los Angeles, Calif.
F. P. C.	32 10 21 32 11 19.

A photograph of [REDACTED] with aliases, was obtained from the Los Angeles Police Department and is being forwarded to the Denver Bureau office with copies of this report.

On December 19, 1933, subject, under the name [REDACTED] was found guilty of robbery on one count before Judge Scott; sentenced to five years on second degree robbery charge, one year to be served in the county road camp and the other four years on probation.

The record also shows that he was arrested in Aurora, Illinois, Aurora [REDACTED] December 30, 1931; charge, confidence game; disposition not given.

Agent contacted [REDACTED] of the Los Angeles Bar Association, and he searched his office records and stated that he had no record of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] either as a member of the bar or as having made application for admission to the California Bar.

[REDACTED] an attorney of Los Angeles, was arrested in September 1934 along with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and was convicted and sentenced to fifty years in a United States Penitentiary. This agent assisted in this investigation and does not remember anyone by the name of [REDACTED] being connected with [REDACTED] or with the gang of which [REDACTED] was a member. Agent also made inquiry of the members of the Los Angeles Police Department Robbery Squad and received no trace of [REDACTED]

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **74-72**

REPORT MADE AT Okla. City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 9/12/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/10/35	REPORT MADE BY <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em;"></div>
TITLE CHANGED MRS. MOLLIE O. BERT , with aliases: MOLLIE O. EDISON, MOLLY OLIVE EDISON, MRS. MOLLY BERT, M. O. EDISON			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject made \$2500 cash bond at Denver, Colo., which was approved by United States District Judge Edgar S. Vaught, Okla. City, Okla. on 8/10/35. United States Attorney, Okla. City, Okla., advises case to be presented to the Federal Grand Jury about 9/17/35.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">P All b7C</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em;"></div> Oklahoma City, 8/9/35.</p> <p>DETAILS: The title of this case is changed to incorporate additional aliases of subject, as shown by her criminal record received from the Bureau.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">At Oklahoma City.</p> <p>The records in the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court indicate that subject posted a \$2500.00 cash bond with the Clerk of the United States District Court at Denver, Colorado, which money was forwarded to the Clerk of the United States District Court at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and approved by United States District Judge Edgar S. Vaught on August 10, 1935.</p> <p>United States Attorney W. C. Lewis, Oklahoma City, advised that this case would be presented to the Federal Grand Jury which convenes at Oklahoma City on September 17, 1935, and that process had been issued for the necessary witnesses.</p> <p>Under date of July 6, 1935 the Bureau advised that subject has no further criminal record than instant charge.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <div style="text-align: center;"><i>W. H. [Signature]</i></div>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, will report results of Federal Grand Jury action and further prosecution in this case.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **7-8**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 9/15/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9/14/35	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al.; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">All b7C</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HUG.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] St. Paul, Minn., 6/29/35, and report of Sp. Agt. [REDACTED] Little Rock, Ark., 8-1-35.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>[REDACTED] of the Rogers Redemption Bureau, Room 231, Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was contacted, and stated he had received no communication from Dr. C. J. Adrienne since he was formerly contacted by a Bureau agent, during June, 1935; that he will phone the St. Paul Bureau Office immediately upon receiving his next communication from Dr. Adrienne. He has the phone number and address of the St. Paul Bureau Office. He stated he could give no information or suggestions as to how Dr. Adrienne could be contacted</p> <p>DETAILS: at the present time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The St. Paul Office will reopen this case if and when [REDACTED] reports that he has received his next communication from Dr. Adrienne.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. E. Andersen</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		7-115-1720 SEP 17 1935 SEP 17 A.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: SECT. FILE	
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

FILE NO.

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<p>REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma</p>	<p>DATE WHEN MADE 9-14-35</p>	<p>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/22 9/9/35</p>	<p>REPORT MADE BY Dwight Brantley</p>
<p>TITLE GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, ET AL CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim</p>			<p>CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping</p>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] of Altus, Oklahoma, stated that one [REDACTED] told him he had information as to location of some of ransom money in this case. [REDACTED] interviewed and has no definite information concerning money and it is not believed he is reliable. [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, tells a story of meeting a woman in jail in Oklahoma City in 1926 believed to be Katherine Kelly. [REDACTED] not believed to be reliable.

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DETAILS:

On August 22, 1935, [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, appeared at this office and were interviewed by Agent [REDACTED] who submitted a memorandum in connection therewith, as follows:

" On August 16, 1935, [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, advised the writer that it was a daughter of [REDACTED] who first gave the Secret Service operators information concerning the passing of counterfeit fifty cent pieces by a seven year old boy in Oklahoma City, which resulted in the arrest of several counterfeiters.

[REDACTED] further advised that in 1926 she attended jail services in the womens section of the prison in Oklahoma City and while there was induced to take one Katherine Whorley to her home and take care of her. Subsequently [REDACTED] identified Katherine Whorley as

<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>Dwight Brantley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p>	<p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; text-align: center;">7-1115 11721</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SEP 17 1935</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SEP 18 1935</p>
<p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>3 - Bureau</p> <p>3 - Oklahoma City</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COPIES DESTROYED 20 MAR 17 1965</p>	<p>[REDACTED]</p>

Katherine Kelly, wife of "Jack Kelly". While Katherine Whorley was residing with [REDACTED] for two months, she was frequently visited by a police officer named [REDACTED]. She further advised that a young attorney named Jimmy Mathers was a friend of Katherine Whorley and that the night after one Earl Quinn was electrocuted she met Mathers, who was drunk, in a South Broadway grocery store, [REDACTED] between Washington and Noble, on the east side of Broadway. He advised [REDACTED] that in her absence had had been to her home several times to see Katherine.

Katherine Whorley left [REDACTED] home after about two months and [REDACTED] found her living with a man named Bates in the 300 block of Washington Street, Oklahoma City. Bates had some children living there also. Katherine Whorley became mad at [REDACTED] and threatened to "get her" later on.

[REDACTED] said that she reported these facts to Mr. Urschel at the time of the kidnaping trial and also tried to see the United States Attorney concerning the same, but was told to see an Assistant United States Attorney, which she refused to do.

[REDACTED] states that she and her husband and her daughters have been followed and have lost numerous jobs. She accused officer [REDACTED] and a constable named [REDACTED] as being responsible for the above and believes that they are causing her and her family trouble at the instigation of Katherine Whorley and James Mathers. [REDACTED] is positive that these men were responsible for her daughter [REDACTED] losing her job at Woolworth's and her husband losing his job at the Kingcade Hotel and later with the Braniff Company.

She claims that one [REDACTED] was threatened by either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] because he was going with her daughter, [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] was asked whether she or any of her family had made other complaints to any law enforcement officials and she advised that she is presently suing some woman for running her down with an automobile and that her daughter is suing one of the taxi-cab companies in Oklahoma City for injuries received in an automobile accident.

[REDACTED] was advised that her troubles should be taken to the local police in that there appeared to be no Federal violation.

Agent called at the Police Department and ascertained that they had no record of Katherine Whorley in their files.

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[REDACTED] an operative of the United States Secret Service, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised this office that while in the police station at Altus, Oklahoma, he saw [REDACTED] employed

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at the Altus National Bank and [redacted] said that a man whose name he did not know, but whom is considered fairly reliable claimed an acquaintance with a man who claimed he had information as to the location of some of the ransom money in this case and that it was in the Arbuckle mountains; that Harvey Bailey was headed for this place when captured at Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Agent [redacted] of the Oklahoma City Office, contacted [redacted] at Altus and [redacted] informed him that an individual, whose name he did not know, had moved into the Altus community, probably in April, 1935, and that in a conversation with this individual he informed [redacted] that he had information as to the location of some of the ransom money in this case. [redacted] stated, however, at the time of the interview with Agent [redacted] that he did not place any reliability in the information of his unknown informant.

Agent [redacted] requested [redacted] to make an endeavor to ascertain the name or the location of his informant, which [redacted] agreed to do, but was unable to obtain the desired information before the departure of Agent [redacted] from Altus. [redacted] stated he believed he would see this man on the street and that he would obtain his name and address and communicate with the Oklahoma City Office.

Subsequently Agent [redacted] of the Oklahoma City Office contacted [redacted] at Altus, at which time he advised that the name of his informant is [redacted] who was in Altus at the time.

Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted] who said that he has no permanent home but usually can be located through telephone number 766, Altus. [redacted] said that sometime ago, the exact date being unknown to him, he and a man by the name of [redacted] went "treasure hunting" in Texas, and while on this hunt met a man whose name he does not know, but who is from Bowie, Texas, who informed him that there is hidden in the Arbuckle mountains, near Ardmore, Oklahoma, about \$50,000.00 of the ransom money in this case and the exact spot where this money was hidden could be ascertained from a man by the name of [redacted] who resides at Terral, Oklahoma; that he did not care to have this man [redacted], who lives in Altus, approached as he knows nothing about it; that he placed some truth in the story for the reason that when Bailey escaped the Ardmore jail he was endeavoring to reach the Arbuckle mountains in order to get this money; that the man at Bowie, Texas is the only one who will be able to contact [redacted] at Terral, Oklahoma, in connection with the matter, and if the Government will pay his expenses he will undertake to proceed to Bowie, Texas, get in contact with the man who has the information and they would then proceed to Terral, Oklahoma, and get the man [redacted] and then go to where the money was hidden in the Arbuckle mountains.

It is not believed that any credence whatever can be put in the story of Lock, and unless the Bureau specifically so instructs, further contacts will not be made with him. It appears that [redacted] is desirous of getting some "easy money" out of the Government.

It is not believed that any reliability can be placed in any of the statements made by [redacted] and further investigative attention thereto will not be given.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

September 7, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th Street, NW,
Washington, D.C.

REGISTERED

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Dallas, 6-19-34, I am enclosing herewith a \$20.00 Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank Note No. J03235472A, received by [REDACTED] Cashier of the First National Bank of Aspermont, Texas, on June 6, 1934, from [REDACTED] and delivered to Special Agent [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] on June 8, 1934, since which time it has been held in the Dallas Office as potential evidence.

It appearing that this note will not be needed as evidence, it is being transmitted to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

All b7C

F. J. Blake

F.J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB: [REDACTED]

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September 16, 1935

REGISTERED MAIL

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

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

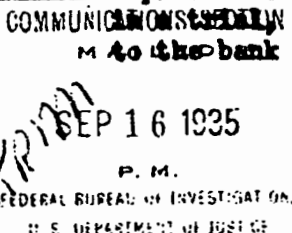
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 7, 1935, in which you enclosed a \$20.00 Kansas City Federal Reserve Note, #J03255472A, which was obtained by Special Agent [redacted] of the Dallas Office, from [redacted] Cashier, First National Bank of Aspermont, Texas.

The report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Dallas, Texas, June 19, 1934, in this case, discloses that this \$20.00 bill was received by said bank from one [redacted]. The reference report fails to disclose whether the Agent reimbursed the bank for this \$20.00 bill. From a review of the reference report, it appears that the bank was an innocent purchaser of this bill and, unless the bank has been reimbursed, the bill should be returned to the bank with instructions to forward the same to the Redemption Division of the United States Treasury Department, with a proper explanation as to the character of the bill.

In the event the above mentioned bank has been reimbursed by an Agent of your office, appropriate arrangements should be made to turn this \$20.00 bill into the Federal Reserve Bank for mutilation and destruction. It will then be possible to have a new bill issued in exchange for the one to be destroyed.

The Bureau does not feel that there is any necessity for an Agent to accept ransom money from various banks. Arrangements can always be made, as were made in the Bremer case, for the bank to hold any ransom money which has come into its possession until such time as it may be needed for trial purposes. If this practice is followed, there will never be occasion for the ransom money to be held in the possession of any representative of this Bureau and after the same has served its purpose arrangements can always be made for the return of such money to the bank so that said bank may deliver such ransom money to the



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Redemption Division of the United States Treasury Department for
mutilation and destruction.

The \$20.00 bill enclosed with your letter of September 7,
1935, is returned to you herewith.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure No. 826759

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Director,
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DIRECTOR

PHONE EDWARD BERMAN AND CLIFFORD SKELLY APPLICATION FOR PARDON.

THESE MEN WERE CONVICTED FEDERAL COURT OKLA CITY AS CONSPIRATORS
IN GEORGE KELLY BARNES ETAL CHARLES F. URSCHER VICTIM KIDNAPING
CASE. U S ATTORNEY HERE HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM DEPARTMENT
TO REFER MATTER THIS OFFICE WHICH HE HAS DONE FOR VIGOROUS INVESTIGATION
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SEPTEMBER 17 1935

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: MR. BRANTLEY - OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

RELATIVE REQUEST USA FOR INVESTIGATION APPLICATION FOR PARDON OF
EDWARD BERMAN AND CLIFFORD SKELLY DO NOT CONDUCT ANY INVESTIGATION
AT THIS TIME

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Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-6**

REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 9-17-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-17-35	REPORT MADE BY Dwight Brantley
TITLE GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, ET AL; CHARLES F. OURSCHEL, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: One [REDACTED] former Deputy Sheriff of Tulsa, Oklahoma, of questioned veracity, furnished information to the effect that one [REDACTED] could furnish information as to location of some of ransom money in this case. [REDACTED] interviewed, but has no information believed to be of any value.

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DETAILS:

On May 3, 1935, [REDACTED] Tulsa, Oklahoma, called at the Oklahoma City Office and stated that he holds a commission as a Special Deputy Sheriff with the Sheriff's Office at Tulsa, Oklahoma; that last summer he investigated the theft of some belts or personal property by [REDACTED] which resulted in a hanging jury; that in this trial some relatives of the [REDACTED] testified for the State and there is some enmity between these relatives; that during the trial of the case, [REDACTED] who reside two and one-half miles south of Catoosa, Oklahoma, told him to see them after the trial and they would give him some information concerning the Urschel kidnaping; that after the trial [REDACTED] and his wife told him that during the month of July, 1934, [REDACTED] came to their house and exhibited \$5,000.00 in cash, which they stated was part of the Urschel ransom money and that they later stated this money was hidden near Webb City, Oklahoma.

[REDACTED] stated that in the event an Agent would contact him at Tulsa, he would accompany this Agent to the [REDACTED] residence for an interview with [REDACTED]

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Special Agent [redacted] submitted a memorandum in connection with his activities in this matter, which is as follows:

"Numerous efforts have been made by this Agent to contact one [redacted], former Deputy Sheriff of Tulsa County, and on September 8, 1935, [redacted] was contacted and stated to this Agent that [redacted] was one of his tenants and had expressed the desire to him to talk to some Agent of the Federal Government relative to the fact that [redacted] who is at present serving a sentence in Leavenworth, is in possession of some money allegedly obtained from the ransom paid in the Urschel kidnaping case.

"On September 11, 1935, [redacted] was contacted by this Agent at [redacted] [redacted] stated that on July 4, 1934, she was visiting at the home of [redacted] who resides about four miles northeast of Lyman, Oklahoma. She added that [redacted] is married to one [redacted] who is [redacted] that [redacted] and his wife also reside at the [redacted] home. She stated that while there, she was told by [redacted] that [redacted] was in possession of \$5,000.00 and that this money was obtained from ransom money paid in the Urschel kidnaping case. She stated that this money was buried by [redacted] within thirty feet of the pump house located about one-half mile from their home on the Phillips Oil lease. She stated that according to [redacted] participated in the Urschel kidnaping and that their share of the ransom money was \$5,000.00; that, shortly after the Urschel case broke, [redacted] was wounded in the leg and thought to be in a serious condition; that he turned this money over to [redacted] with instructions that in the event he, [redacted] recuperated they would split the money two ways and that in the event anything happened to [redacted] that the entire amount would go to [redacted] [redacted] stated that she paid no attention to this until January 7th, 1935, at which time she was in Kress' store in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and ran across the wife of [redacted]. She stated that she observed her while in Kress' and that [redacted] bought four articles; that the first time she bought an article, she had a \$5.00 bill changed, the next article a \$10.00 bill changed and the next a \$20.00 bill changed; that she was standing within six feet of her and observed her on each of these purchases and it was evident that she was changing this money rather than buying articles that she absolutely needed.

[redacted] was questioned by this Agent as to how she recalled the exact date and the exact amount of money changed, etc., and it was apparent that this story had been concocted by her in a further effort to put some pressure on both [redacted] and his wife, as she frankly admitted to this Agent that she would be glad to do anything to cause both of these individuals any amount of trouble possible.

"Due to the fact that the Bureau has no information relative to this inquiry by [redacted] and the fact that the information herein is thought to be negative, this is submitted in this form and is left to the

discretion of the Agent in Charge as to such other investigation as he may request.

"Enclosed herein is a map drawn by [REDACTED] of the location of the pump house and the residence of [REDACTED]

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 11, 1935.

Time - 5:50 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Urschel Kidnaping case.

Charles

Special Agent in Charge Blake telephoned me from the Dallas Office with reference to the above entitled matter, and said that information had been received in that office relative to the location and possible recovery of \$19,000 more of the ransom money paid in the case. The proposition as it comes to the Dallas Office is through a certain person in Dallas, who says information has been received by him through a confidential source to the effect that a certain party whose name is not disclosed at this time wants the informant of the Dallas Office to handle this ransom money and to exchange it into good money. The informant wants to turn the money, if and when he gets it, over to the Dallas Office, but wants the assurance that he will not be prosecuted for his participation in the affair. This informant's name is [redacted] and according to Mr. Blake "he's all right".

I pointed out to Mr. Blake in connection with a situation like this, particularly with reference to any prosecution, that we must beware of entrapment. I told him further that we want to be on the lookout for any information which might serve as a basis for prosecution under the conspiracy sections of the Kidnaping Act. In this connection, Mr. Blake said that the person who is supposed to have this money has already been sentenced once for harboring George and Kathryn Kelly, his name being Louis Seaton.

I informed Mr. Blake that the Bureau would be willing to pay this informant any reasonable sum, on a C.O.D. basis, of course, and would not prosecute him in the event he has not committed any criminal act. Mr. Blake said that as he has the story now, the informant has not had possession of the money, the proposition having just been made to him to exchange this ransom money into good money. In view of this, I told Mr. Blake that if this matter goes through in the manner outlined above, the informant certainly would not be violating the law; that since the proposition has been made to him, and since he does not now have the money, and further, since he has come to us and told us about the matter, his mere receiving the money and turning the same over to us would not constitute a violation of the law. Mr. Blake said that they would operate on these bases, and would keep the Bureau advised of developments.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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September 18, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the telephonic conversation between Special Agent in Charge Blake of the Dallas Office and Mr. Tamm of the Bureau, on September 11, 1935, at which time Mr. Blake advised that an informant of the Dallas Office has stated there is a party in Dallas possessing \$19,000 of the Urschel ransom money who desires the informant to peddle this money. It is desired that you immediately submit a full report on the subject-matter of the above mentioned telephone call.

The Dallas Office should arrange to have the informant go forward with the plan of receiving sums of the Urschel ransom money, with the ostensible purpose of disposing of such money for good money. Of course, the Bureau will not countenance any unlawful activities on the part of the informant and will not afford any protection to him in the event his actions constitute a violation of any outstanding law. It is assumed, however, that merely receiving the money from such persons as now have possession of the same will not constitute any offense, in view of the fact that the informant is acting in good faith with the intention of assisting the Bureau in the apprehension of those responsible for the passing of such moneys.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

FILE NO. **7-7**

REPORT MADE AT: DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE: 9/18/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9/16,17,18/35	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; ET AL CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Reliable confidential informant advises that [REDACTED] well known Dallas police character, and close friend of Louise Seaton, told him that Louise Seaton had about \$40,000, part of it being from the last bank Harve Bailey robbed and the balance, Urschel ransom money; that [REDACTED] was also very friendly with Catherine Kelly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p style="text-align: right;">All b7C</p> <p>DETAILS: The investigation is predicated upon information furnished by Captain [REDACTED] of the Dallas Police Department, to Special Agent in Charge Blake to the effect that a confidential informant advised him that he had information which might lead to the recovery of moneys involved in this case. The substance of Captain [REDACTED] information was telephonically furnished the Bureau by SAC Blake. The following investigation corroborates in detail the information furnished by Captain [REDACTED]</p> <p>On September 16, 1935, the above mentioned confidential informant requested that an Agent of this office meet him in the Interurban Building, DALLAS, TEXAS, for an interview. The writer met informant as requested, and was advised that [REDACTED] Dallas, is a well known police character who had been trying to buy a large electric ice box through him; that he had attempted to help get her credit rating straightened out in order that she might obtain same. Informant advised that he had been constantly in contact with [REDACTED] for the past ten days; that during this time she became very friendly and confidential; that she told him that she had a girl friend by the name of Louise Seaton who was in a very bad physical condition and should be sent to a tuberculosis sanitarium; and that Louise Seaton was a former sweetheart of Harve Bailey, and that she, Louise Seaton, had about \$20,000.00 in money which Bailey took in his last bankrobbery before he was caught; that she also had about the same amount</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</small></p>			
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of the Urschel ransom money but was afraid to try to change any of this money herself for the reason that almost everyone who handled the Urschel ransom money was caught and sent to the penitentiary. She stated to him that Louise Seaton would pay some reliable person a good percentage for changing a part of this money. Informant stated that [redacted] asked him who would be a good man to see for changing some of this money; that he told [redacted] at this time that he was afraid to fool with it. Informant stated that he immediately furnished this information to [redacted] Chief of Police, and [redacted] Captain of Detectives, who advised him to go ahead and make some kind of deal with [redacted]; that the following day he again talked with [redacted] and told her that he had been thinking about the proposition and believed that he, himself, could change a part or all of this money; that he had a personal friend by the name of [redacted] who is a cashier in one of the large Dallas banks; that this man [redacted] was a life-long friend of his, having served with him in France during the World War; that he believed that he could arrange with [redacted] to change this money in small amounts; that if the bank caught any of it [redacted] would stand pat and say that he did not know from whom he obtained it. Informant advised the writer that after he told this story to [redacted] she stated that it sounded very good and that she would immediately communicate by letter with Louise Seaton and try to make some kind of deal with her. He further stated that [redacted] told him that Louise Seaton is now living on a farm near Abilene, Texas, with her mother; that she has tuberculosis in a very advanced stage and has only a short time to live unless she can get into a tuberculosis sanitarium somewhere, in which event her life probably would be prolonged.

Informant stated that [redacted] told him that Louise Seaton and her man friend came to her home at [redacted] Dallas, about the first of September, 1935, and partied there for a week; that during this time Louise Seaton told her, [redacted] about having the money.

He also stated that [redacted] told him that she had always been very friendly with Catherine Kelly and was surprised that Catherine got mixed up in the Urschel case, and that Catherine was very polite and never used gangster language, and was considered by her to be smart.

Since September 16, 1935, the writer has been in daily contact with confidential informant, and will be advised of any further information he obtains from [redacted] in connection with this case.

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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

September 18, 1935

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

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Re: EDWARD BERMAN

Applicant for Pardon

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to my teletype of September 17, 1935, in connection with this matter, in which it was stated that Berman was convicted as a conspirator in the George Kelly Barnes, with aliases, Et Al, Charles F. Ourschel, Victim, Kidnaping, case; that Mr. William C. Lewis, United States Attorney, Oklahoma City, has received a request from the Department to refer this case to this office, which he has done, for vigorous investigation into the activities of subject before any recommendations are made to the President as to the pardon, and requesting advice as to whether the investigation was authorized. A telegram was received from the Bureau on September 17, 1935, instructing that no investigation be conducted in connection with the case at this time.

The matter is being held in abeyance pending further advices from the Bureau and I have so informed United States Attorney Lewis here, and such procedure is entirely agreeable to him.

Please advise me at the earliest practicable date whether, in the future, the Bureau desires that any investigation be conducted.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
September 18, 1935

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

Re: CLIFFORD SKELLY
Applicant for Pardon

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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September 26, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: CLIFFORD SKELLY,
Applicant for Pardon.

EDWARD BERMAN,
Applicant for Pardon.

Dear Sir:

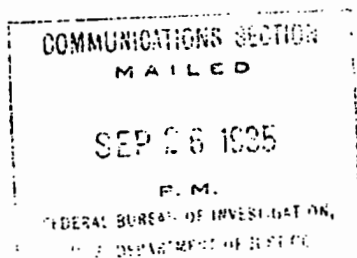
Reference is made to your teletype dated September 17, 1935 inquiring whether investigation should be undertaken, as requested by the United States Attorney, concerning the Application for Pardon filed by Edward Berman and Clifford Skelly. You were advised by Bureau teletype of September 17, 1935 that the investigation should not be conducted at this time.

The Bureau subsequently has received your letters dated September 18, 1935, stating you have informed the United States Attorney of the instructions received from the Bureau, and that it is agreeable to hold the investigation in abeyance pending further advice.

Please be informed that the Bureau has conferred with the Department concerning the investigation requested by the United States Attorney and it has been decided the Bureau should proceed with the investigation. You are, therefore, authorized to institute the necessary investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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PHONE EDWARD BERMAN AND CLIFFORD SKELLY APPLICATION FOR PARDON.

THESE MEN WERE CONVICTED FEDERAL COURT OKLA CITY AS CONSPIRATORS
IN GEORGE KELLY BARNES ETAL CHARLES F. URSCHEL VICTIM KIDNAPING
CASE. U S ATTORNEY HERE HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM DEPARTMENT
TO REFER MATTER THIS OFFICE WHICH HE HAS DONE FOR VIGOROUS INVE-
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TO THE PRESIDENT AS TO PARDON. ADVISE WHETHER INVESTIGATION

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Tell Brantley to take
no action. Call Pardon
Atty ask him what this
is all about & that in future
if Dept desires any investigation
to refer it to us here & not to send
it out to field like they did in this
case. D. B. N.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 19, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Urschel Kidnaping Case.

With reference to the teletype message from Mr. Brantley at the Oklahoma City Office concerning the request of the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City for an investigation of the applications of EDWARD BERMAN and CLIFFORD SKELLY for pardon, upon learning that Mr. Finch, the Pardon Attorney, is physically unable to talk over the telephone, I talked to his assistant, Mr. Callahan. I told Mr. Callahan that the established procedure in matters of this kind is for the Department to request the Bureau at Washington for an investigation into the facts in the case, and that the Bureau desired this practice followed in order that we might properly supervise and administer the conducting of the investigation. Mr. Callahan stated that the manner in which this request came up in the first place, Mr. Keenan in the Criminal Division asked the Pardon Attorney's Office direct for this investigation, since he, Keenan, had done some investigating in the matter himself, and felt that there were a lot of "thin spots" in the conviction. Mr. Callahan stated that in view of this, they did what they were told to and sent the matter direct to the United States Attorney. Mr. Callahan said that the letter to the United States Attorney asked that the Pardon Attorney be furnished with a statement of the facts, to answer certain questions, and if necessary, to utilize the services of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to substantiate some of the statements. Mr. Callahan was careful to point out that a mere suggestion was made to the United States Attorney that he call upon the Bureau for assistance if he considered it desirable.

I informed Mr. Callahan it was my belief that when consideration was being given to applications for pardon or other forms of Executive clemency, the Pardon Attorney desired the viewpoints of various people; namely, the United States Attorney, the investigating agency and the Court; that when the matters are referred direct to the United States Attorney who in turn refers them to the Bureau for investigation, and the Bureau submits a report to the United States Attorney upon which the United States Attorney bases his recommendation, the Pardon Attorney was not receiving separate statements as to the merits of the case.

Mr. Callahan said that Mr. Hoover himself had requested the office of the Pardon Attorney to discontinue sending requests for investigations of applications for restoration of civil rights to the Bureau, and requested

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that such requests be forwarded direct to the United States Attorneys. I told Mr. Callahan that this was news to me, and that I was not aware of any such instructions. Mr. Callahan said he would check the matter, and would furnish me with the date of Mr. Hoover's memorandum.

Mr. Callahan subsequently called me and stated that he found he was in error about his previous statement; that Mr. Hoover was on record as being opposed to sending these applications direct to the offices of the United States Attorneys, and had so indicated in April of 1934, but that the Pardon Attorney's Office had taken the matter up with the Attorney General, and had received a memorandum prepared in Mr. Carusi's handwriting which reads as follows: "Tell Mr. Hoover the President desires the Department to investigate the conduct of all applicants for pardon or restoration of civil rights. The pardon rules have been approved by the White House directing United States Attorneys to request the Division of Investigation to make the necessary investigation".

Mr. Callahan further said that under Rule No. 20 of the instructions covering these cases, the United States Attorneys had been instructed that "The record and conduct of each applicant for restoration of civil rights shall be thoroughly investigated by the Division of Investigation upon the request of the United States Attorney to whom the application has been referred. The United States Attorney shall promptly transmit to the Attorney General the reports on such investigations."

Mr. Callahan stated that copies of these memoranda and instructions had been transmitted to the Bureau in May of 1933 and April of 1934.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

FILE NO. **74-72**

REPORT MADE AT Okla. City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 10/1/35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/27/35	REPORT MADE BY <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
TITLE MRS. MOLLIE O. BERT, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Instant case was not presented to the Federal Grand Jury, Okla. City, Okla. on 9/21/35 for the reason that witness Edward George Feldman could not be brought to Okla. City from Medford, Oregon in time for the Grand Jury. United States Attorney, Okla. City, Okla., advises that this case will be presented to the next Federal Grand Jury at Oklahoma City, probably the last of November, 1935.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Oklahoma City, 9/12/35.

DETAILS: At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

United States Attorney W. C. Lewis, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised that instant case was not presented to the Federal Grand Jury convening at Oklahoma City September 21, 1935 for the reason that there was not sufficient time in which to allow witness Edward George Feldman to come to Oklahoma City from Medford, Oregon. United States Attorney Lewis advises that this case will be presented to a special session of the Grand Jury which will be called the last of November, 1935.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, will report the results of the Federal Grand Jury action in November, 1935.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 26, 1935

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1:50 P.M.

RE: URSCHER KIDNAPING CASE

Charles Urschel
[redacted] called on the telephone. His office, he stated, is at the Hamilton Hotel. He is no longer with the Government, and now represents the Minneapolis City Commerce Association. In response to an inquiry he stated that the connection was a good one.

He inquired whether the Urschel ransom money had been recovered. I told him a large part of it had been recovered and a larger part accounted for, but that there might still be some of it out. He said some time ago a certain individual came to him from Minneapolis and stated that Barney Berman, who is now awaiting, I believe, execution of sentence for his part in the Urschel affair, and his associates were in possession of the Urschel ransom money. He did not say where or who the informants were except that, of course, it was to be considered highly confidential inasmuch as he secured his information from a client or prospective client of his and felt this tip should be given us.

Of course, Berman and Skelly were convicted of complicity in the Urschel affair for specifically attempting to exchange \$5,500 of this money. I doubt whether they and their associates have much, if any, of such remaining portion as might be out. There would appear nothing much to be done with this representation at this time, but I am making a record of the telephonic call nevertheless.

I told [redacted] I would see him on my return to the city and stated that the confidential character of the information would be strictly observed.

Very truly yours,

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October 3, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

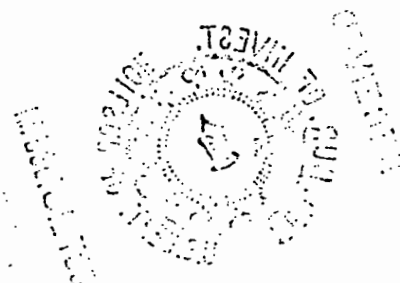
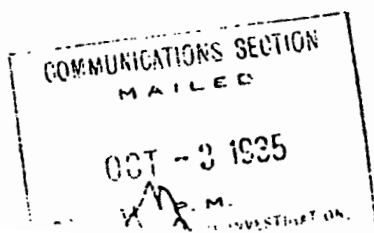
Dear Sir:

[redacted] who is associated with the Minneapolis City Commerce Association, informed a representative of the Bureau that an informant advised him Barney Berman and his associates are in possession of sums of the Urschel ransom money. No further advice along this line could be obtained from [redacted] and the disclosure made by him is being furnished to you at this time for your information only.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-St. Paul



Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

September 24, 1935.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th Street, NW,
Washington, D.C.

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Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases,
et al.
Charles F. Urschel, (Victim)
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Bureau letter of September 16, 1935, Special Agent [REDACTED] has already been reimbursed for the amount expended by him in taking up the ransom note from the bank, said reimbursement having been made by the Bureau.

The ransom note has been exchanged at the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas, and a good note is attached hereto.

Very truly yours,

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

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