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

**FILE: 7-115**

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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Central Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 19, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: MOLLIE O. BERT, alias  
MOLLIE O. EDISON.

I am transmitting herewith a memorandum prepared by Supervisor K. R. McIntire concerning the present perjury case against the above entitled individual, which perjury case grew out of her testimony in behalf of Ben Alaska, Denver attorney, during the course of his trial in the Urschel matter.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM

Mrs. Mollie O. Bert, alias Mollie O. Edison, is 27 years of age. She was born in Norwich, Connecticut and comes from Jewish parentage. She is a lawyer practicing law at 618 Symes Building, Denver, Colorado. Her residence is 1301 Sherman Street, Denver. She is married to Philip R. Bert of Denver. Mrs. Bert practices law in the same building as that occupied by Ben Laska and she is known to occasionally handle court business for Laska.

Edward G. Feldman has advised that shortly after he and his mother, Clara Feldman, had found the suitcase full of twenty dollar Urschel ransom bills, he, Edward Feldman, received word through Louis Duran of Denver that Ben Laska wanted to see him; that upon interview with Laska the latter told Feldman that if he, Feldman, should ever get in a jam, he should communicate with Laska in care of a woman attorney who had offices immediately above Laska in the Symes Building. Feldman could not definitely give the woman's name, but stated that it sounded like Edison.

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] b7C

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 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 \$2,970. 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.

[REDACTED] secretary to Ben Laska, 628 Symes Building, Denver, Colorado, has made an affidavit setting out that during the summer of 1933, at what she believed to be about the middle of August, a young man, whom she later identified as Edward Feldman, came to Mr. Laska's office, and entered the latter's private office in conference, where they remained about fifteen or twenty minutes; that

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after Feldman left the office, Laska called her into his private office and pointed to a considerable amount of currency lying on his desk; that he asked her to count the same; that at the time she began counting this money, Mollie O. Edison came into this office to get a bill changed which was either a \$20 or \$50. [REDACTED] stated that to the best of her recollection there was \$2,970 in this pile of currency; that she placed it in an envelope and does not know what became of it after it was turned over to Mr. Laska. She stated that she does not know a person by the name of [REDACTED] and there was no one by that name in Mr. Laska's office at the time Edward Feldman came there about the middle of August, 1933. She stated at the time the money was paid to Mr. Laska she did not know the young man's name, but that Mr. Laska informed her that that man (referring to Feldman) was a relative to Davis who was then being held in connection with an express robbery in the south and also a bank robbery in Colorado. (You will recall that Davis is identical with Albert Bates who was prosecuted in the Urschel case, and that Clara Feldman, the mother of Edward Feldman, married Albert Bates at a time when he was using the name of Davis.) b7C

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 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 B. 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. Mrs. Bert posted a \$2,500 cash bond with the United States District Court

at Oklahoma City which was approved by Federal Judge Vaught at Oklahoma City on August 10, 1935.

The United States Attorney at Oklahoma City presently intends to present this matter to a special session of the Federal Grand Jury at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, during the latter part of November, 1935. The records of the Bureau reflect no prior criminal record for Mrs. Bert.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-1**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Nashville, Tennessee</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-15-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11-13-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al; CHARLES F. URSCHER - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[REDACTED] who may know location of Dr. C. J. Adrienne, wanted for interview concerning part of Urschel reward money he claimed to have in safety deposit box in Minneapolis, Minn., was, on 11-13-35, at Kilgore, Texas, at New Plaza Hotel, according to [REDACTED] Memphis, Tenn., who received letter from her less than week previously. No information as to Adrienne's whereabouts available at Memphis.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Birmingham Office to Nashville Office, dated November 11, 1935.

Bureau letter to St. Paul Office, dated November 9, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

**AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE:**

[REDACTED] of the apartment house at 279 Adams Avenue, advised Agent that [REDACTED] had moved to an apartment house at the corner of Vance and Avery Streets, Memphis, Tennessee. [REDACTED] advised further that she had been very friendly with [REDACTED] during the time [REDACTED] resided there, and that she received a letter from [REDACTED] about ten days ago written from the New Plaza Hotel, Kilgore, Texas, where [REDACTED] has been living since some

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time in July, 1935.

[redacted] was located at No. 247 Vance Street, where she has an apartment, and she stated that her daughter had gone to Texas sometime in July, 1935, and is at present at the New Plaza Hotel, Kilgore, Texas, where she has been practicing her profession of trained nurse; that she has corresponded regularly with her daughter, having received a letter from her less than a week ago. In that letter [redacted] made no mention of leaving Kilgore, Texas, and [redacted] is certain she is there. [redacted] stated that her daughter had asked her in several letters if she had ever heard of Adrienne having been located by the Government Agents, indicating, [redacted] said, that her daughter had not heard of or from him.

For the benefit of the Dallas Bureau Office, to which an undeveloped lead is being directed, the following information is given:

Dr. C. J. Adrienne appeared at Memphis, Tennessee, about November, 1934, as representative of the Rogers Redemption Bureau, Minneapolis, Minn. He had a scheme whereby he induced milk and truck-farm producers to give coupons to customers, and, when the customers had accumulated a certain face value in the coupons, they would be redeemable for alleged Rogers silverplated silverware. Adrienne employed [redacted] as one of his solicitors in and around Memphis, but she quit sometime in December, 1934, and thereafter took an agency for La Belle cosmetics, and went to Florence, Alabama, to demonstrate them. [redacted] stated that she could not make any money selling these products, and soon gave up the work, later going out to Texas, in expectation of finding a nursing job.

During the period that [redacted] was working for Dr. Adrienne, he told her that he had bought \$2000 of the Urschel kidnap reward money for \$500 and had this money cached in a safety deposit box at Minneapolis, Miss.; also that [redacted] of the Rogers Redemption Bureau had some of it, and that another large sum was cached somewhere in Mexico. Efforts have been made to locate Dr. Adrienne in order to interview him concerning his alleged statements that he had some of the Urschel reward money, but he has not been located. The Bureau has directed that leads be re-surveyed, and interviews be re-conducted in effort to locate Adrienne. No information as to his whereabouts is available at Memphis, Tennessee.

As [redacted] had been one of Dr.

Adrienne's employees and contacts at Memphis, Tennessee, it is possible that she may have heard from him or of him since discontinuation of her employment by him, and it is for this purpose that she should be interviewed when located. The Bureau has instructed that the matter of re-interviews with persons who might have knowledge of his whereabouts be expedited.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

b7C The DALLAS OFFICE, at Kilgore, Texas, is requested to interview [REDACTED] New Plaza Hotel, and ascertain if she has heard of or from Dr. C. J. Adrienne since she left his employ at Memphis, Tennessee, in December, 1934.

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Postoffice Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
November 11, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Nashville, Tennessee.

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

Reference is made to Bureau letter of November 9, 1935,  
addressed to the St. Paul office in the above case.

It is noted that the Bureau letter instructs that the  
Birmingham office again interview [redacted] who was  
formerly interviewed at Florence, Alabama. In this connection it  
is noted from the report of Special Agent [redacted]  
dated January 29, 1935, that [redacted] was temporarily in Florence  
and did not contemplate remaining in that city for any length of  
time. It appears that she was employed by the Madame DuBelle Cos-  
metic Company, Farnsworth Building, Memphis, Tennessee, engaged  
in the business of demonstrating cosmetics. It further appears  
that her home address is shown as 279 Adams Street, Memphis, Tenn.,  
and that [redacted] resided at the same address  
in Memphis, Tennessee.

It is, accordingly, requested that early inquiries be  
made by the Nashville office at Memphis to determine the present  
location of [redacted] in order that she may be interviewed.  
In this connection your attention is invited to the request of  
[redacted] that in the event inquiries are made through her em-  
ployers at Memphis, the agent not divulge his identity. It is  
requested that the Birmingham office be advised as soon as possible  
as to whether [redacted] is presently in the territory of the  
Birmingham office.

Very truly yours,

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cc-Bureau  
St. Paul  
Little Rock  
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Oklahoma City  
*Det. [redacted]*

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H. B. NATHAN, OF INVESTIGATION Special Agent in Charge NOV 13 1935 A. M.	
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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
November 18, 1935

Hon. William C. Lewis,  
United States Attorney,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sirs:

RE: EDWARD BERMAN - Application for Pardon.

CLIFFORD SKELLY - Application for Pardon.

I am returning herewith a form letter with form  
for Docket Entries attached, which should have been re-  
turned to your office with the original applications for  
pardons in the above-referred to cases.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau ✓

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-8**

REPORT MADE AT <b>St. Paul, Minnesota.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/14/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/12/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al. CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>[REDACTED]</b> of the Rogers Redemption Bureau, Minneapolis, Minnesota, states C. J. ADRIENNE, worked for him on commission 9/1/34 to 5/29/35; owes Rogers Redemption Company approximately \$100.00 by reason of charge backs on orders; has not heard from ADRIENNE since receiving report June 21, 1935, from Kingwood, W. Va.; knows nothing of ADRIENNE personally except that ADRIENNE claimed to formerly have owned an interest in the Little Rock, Arkansas Baseball Club.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RUC.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Bureau letter of November 9, 1935.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">All b7C</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p><b>[REDACTED]</b> of the Rogers Redemption Bureau located in rooms 420-429 Lumber Exchange Building, Fifth and Hennepin Avenues, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He states that he knows nothing about C. J. ADRIENNE'S past history other than ADRIENNE told him that he had formerly owned an interest in the Little Rock, Arkansas Baseball Club. <b>[REDACTED]</b> state that they have the agency for about 20 different advertising companies, one of which is the Rogers Redemption Bureau which in effect comprises a number of traveling salesman who work only on commission on the road selling advertising plans on silverware cards to various businesses who can use such advertising plans; that C. J. ADRIENNE was one of these traveling salesman; that they have absolutely no record of ADRIENNE as they</p>			
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U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

destroy all correspondence files every 30 days; that ADRIENNE was hired by them September 1, 1934 on commission after he had written requesting advice as to what proposition they made to their traveling salesman.

Neither [redacted] nor [redacted] know how ADRIENNE secured their name and address. They do not have any of his handwriting at the present time. They state that ADRIENNE keeps the down payment which he collects as part of his commission and when the silverware cards are sent out and paid for, that he received a small amount additional which was reduced at times by a penalty imposed against the various salesman on account of all charge backs on orders which are not accepted by the party from whom the salesman takes the order; that as a result of charge backs June 1, 1935, ADRIENNE owed the Rogers Redemption Bureau between \$250.00 and \$300.00 which has since been reduced by reason of repeat orders from former customers solicited by ADRIENNE, so that it is now \$101.38; that the last order received from ADRIENNE was May 29, 1935 which was from W. C. RAMSEYS DAIRY at Chathan, Va.

They state they do not know what ADRIENNE'S first two names are, just knowing him as C. J. Adrienne; that they do not know whether he is a doctor or not; that they have never heard that he is; that they do not know whether he is married or not; that they do not know of any fraternal, past, business, or family connections which ADRIENNE has other than the fact that the only time they ever saw him which was at Minneapolis, Minnesota, early in 1935 when he was in that city for one day, he told [redacted] that he at one time owned a part interest in the Little Rock, Arkansas Baseball Club. This gave [redacted] the idea that ADRIENNE might be from that section of the country, but he has nothing else to base it on.

They cannot give any information as to where ADRIENNE might have a bank account. They state the last time they heard from him was on June 21, 1935 when he was at Kingwood, W. Va., which information they gave to Special Agent [redacted] and which is shown in the report of that Agent made at St. Paul, 6/29/35.

Both [redacted] and [redacted] have the phone number of the St. Paul Office and state in the event they receive any communication

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whatsoever from or about G. J. Adrienne, they will immediately telephone the St. Paul Office. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] thought it strange that all of Adrienne's advertising sales were made to dairies, and most of these dairies were located in small cities. They thought this unusual as they had instructed Adrienne to solicit business from all classes of merchants.

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They offered to furnish an entire list of the customers to whom Adrienne had sold advertising plans, so that these customers could be contacted if desired for information concerning Adrienne. Accordingly Agent made a list of the customers to whom Adrienne sold advertising in the states of Missouri, Tennessee, Virginia, and Maryland, as follows:

Hood's Dairy	Tipton, Mo.
Maupin Bros. Dairy	Glasgow, Mo.
Reichles Dairy	Salisbury, Mo.
Fisher Farm Dairy	Lees Summit, Mo.
Gibson's Sanitary Dairy	Hardin, Mo.
Lloyd's Helms Dairy	Odessa, Mo.
J. W. Yates Sanitary Dairy, Smithville, Mo.	
C. B. Morgan	Savannah, Mo.
Sutters Dairy	Rockport, Mo.
Gantz and Bell	King City, Mo.
Youngs Sanitary Dairy	Plattsburg, Mo.
Stitts Highland Dairy	Pattonsburg, Mo.
Cole's Dairy	Bethany, Mo.
Earl Constable Dairy	Princeton, Mo.
Maple Hill Dairy	Covington, Tenn.
Ross. Bros. Dairy	Bolivar, Tenn.
Rateliff Dairy	Huntingdon, Tenn.
V. W. Skinner and Co.	Forest Hill, Tenn.
Stallings Dairy	Hulls, Tenn.
Arthur Willoughby's Dairy, Savannah, Tenn.	
B.B.Hills Dairy	Pulaski, Tenn.
West Miadi Dairy	Dickson, Tenn.
Vickers Dairy	Manchester, Tenn.
Mrs. J. N. Dietzen	South Pittsburg, Tenn.
Porter Condra Dairy	Whitwell, Tenn.
Creed Heards Dairy	Dunlap, Tenn.
Low Lunsford	Brooknsal, Va.

Dewey Dairy	Blackstone, Va.
Hiland Dairy	Luray, Va.
H. F. Early, Hillcrest Dairy,	Warrenton, Va.
W.C. Ramsey's Dairy	Chatham, Va.
Archey's Spring Dairy	Oakland, Md.

The Acting Special Agent in Charge of the St. Paul Office instructed that no leads be set out for these customers of ADRIENNE to be contacted at this time in view of the fact that the Bureau in the letter of reference has suggested certain investigation of various offices which may render it unnecessary for these customers to be contacted.

In the event the investigation requested by the Bureau in letter of reference is non-productive, the office of origin in this case can then request the desired contact by the St. Louis, Kansas City, Washington Field, and Nashville offices, regarding these customers of Adrienne.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**LITTLE ROCK OFFICE**

At Little Rock, Ark., make suitable investigation with regard to locating C. J. Adrienne who made the statement to [REDACTED] b7C [REDACTED] that at one time he owned part interest in the Little Rock, Arkansas Baseball Club. The date at which time he was supposed to own this interest is not known.

**OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE**

In the event the investigation requested in letter of reference by the Bureau is not productive, the Oklahoma City Office should notify the Washington Field, Nashville, St. Louis, and Kansas City Offices of the investigation desired with regard to the customers of C. J. Adrienne.

**REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.**

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT <b>LITTLE ROCK, ARK.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-18-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11-15-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[REDACTED] of Mrs. C. J. Adrienne, advises they have received no mail from her since about August 1, 1935 at which time she was going through a small town in Michigan. Thirty day cover placed on mail received by [REDACTED]

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau letter dated November 9, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

[REDACTED] Jonesboro, Arkansas, advised that neither he nor his wife had received any mail from their daughter, Mrs. Adrienne, since about the first of August, 1935, at which time they received a postal card from her mailed in some small town in Michigan. He stated that in this postal card his daughter stated that she was merely going through this town and that she would write later, but they have heard nothing further from her and have no idea where she is located.

The information provided by [REDACTED] was verified through inquiry at [REDACTED] of an elderly lady answering to the name of [REDACTED] and who stated she was the step-grandmother of [REDACTED]

Through the postal officials at Jonesboro a thirty day cover was placed on all mail received by the [REDACTED] family at both [REDACTED]. Arrangements were also made for the Little Rock Office to be advised telephonically when mail is received from Mrs. Adrienne.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

LITTLE ROCK OFFICE, at Little Rock, Arkansas, will interview [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Gay Building, as requested in reference letter.

Will also cover lead set forth in report of Special Agent [REDACTED]  
St. Paul, Minn., dated November 14, 1935.

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Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
November 18, 1935.

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Postmaster,  
Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, w/a; et al;  
CHARLES F. <sup>0</sup>URSCHER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Confirming the oral request of Special Agent [REDACTED] of this office, it is requested that for a period of thirty days a cover be placed on all mail received by [REDACTED] and family at either [REDACTED] Jonesboro.

It is also requested that if any mail is received by the [REDACTED] family, or any member thereof, indicating that the same is from their daughter, Mrs. C. J. Adrienne, that you immediately advise this office by long distance telephone, collect, the telephone number being 6734.

Very truly yours,

R. L. SHIVERS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

[REDACTED]  
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Postoffice Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Dallas, Texas.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to the report of Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, dated November 15, 1935, I am for-  
warding herewith copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] Birmingham, dated January 29, 1935, and copy of Bureau letter  
addressed to the St. Paul office under date of November 9, 1935.  
It is requested that the report of Agent [redacted] be returned to this  
office when it has served its purpose.

In view of the fact that [redacted] appears to  
be located in the Dallas territory, there is no further investigation  
necessary in this matter in the Birmingham District.

Very truly yours,

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R. B. NATHAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
November 20, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated November 9, 1935,  
addressed to the St. Paul office, copy of which was sent to the  
Kansas City office.

It will be noted that this letter requests each office  
receiving a copy of this communication give immediate attention to a  
thorough review, for the purpose of endeavoring to locate and interview  
C. J. Adrienne, and reports in this matter be submitted to the Bureau  
not later than November 20, 1935.

The Kansas City office file in this case has been thoroughly  
reviewed as directed and no information appears therein leading to  
the location of this man.

However, in the report of Special Agent [redacted] St. Paul,  
dated November 14, 1935, appears a number of addresses of dairies  
located in Missouri, in the territory covered by the Kansas City  
office, where C. J. Adrienne is reported to have contacted sometime ago  
while selling advertising.

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In accordance with instructions contained in the report of [redacted]  
reference, customers of C. J. Adrienne located at these dairies will  
not be interviewed at this time, pending further instructions. NOV 22 1935 A.M.

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Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - St. Paul  
Oklahoma City

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

St. Louis FILE NO. **73-226**

REPORT MADE AT <b>St. Louis, Missouri</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/20/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/11,12,18/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE <b>CLIFFORD SKELLY</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICATION FOR PARDON</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[REDACTED] is little known in St. Louis but runs a chemical laboratory in connection with the office of [REDACTED]. At the present time [REDACTED] is attending the session of Grand Jury at Chester County, Pennsylvania.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Okla., dated 10/25/35.

**DETAILS:**

[REDACTED] maintains a laboratory at [REDACTED] St. Louis, Missouri, at which address [REDACTED] maintains an office. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] came to St. Louis about 1929 and runs a laboratory in connection with his office and does what other business he can pick up on the outside. The nature of [REDACTED] business is the running of a chemical laboratory. He stated that [REDACTED] used to live in Minneapolis and has known Clifford Skelly almost all of his life. [REDACTED] thinks the reason [REDACTED] recommends Mr. Skelly for pardon is that they have been good friends all their lives and that [REDACTED] does not believe that Mr. Skelly was involved in the kidnaping. [REDACTED] stated that he has also met Mr. Skelly who was in St. Louis about 1931 or 1930 and stayed for several days or a couple of weeks, playing golf, and that it is his opinion from his knowledge of Skelly that Mr. Skelly could not have been involved in the kidnaping. [REDACTED] stated that Mr. Skelly was engaged in running filling stations in Minneapolis and had no other

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business interests so far as he knows and that it is his belief that Mr. Skelly received the money for which he was sentenced in course of conducting his filling station business and not in connection with any kidnaping of which he had no knowledge. [redacted] further stated that [redacted] is not in the City of St. Louis at this time, but that he still maintains an apartment at [redacted]. [redacted] stated that early last Summer, [redacted] daughter was murdered near Downington in Chester County, Pennsylvania by a [redacted] and that since that time [redacted] has been in the East, probably working in connection with that case. The Grand Jury is presently in session at the County Seat of Chester County, Pennsylvania or at Westchester, Pennsylvania and it is [redacted] belief that [redacted] might be found at that place. [redacted] stated that [redacted] has a son named [redacted] who is in the naval air service at Minneapolis. He stated that [redacted] wife has been sickly of late and that he does not know at the present time where she may be.

[redacted] of the Commercial Building at [redacted] stated that he knows [redacted] only by sight; that he knows that he runs a laboratory in [redacted] but that he does not know much about the character of his business, except that he is associated with [redacted]. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is a very quiet sort of man and not at all talkative and that he does not know who [redacted] friends may be.

[redacted] is the Manager of apartments at [redacted]. She stated that [redacted] is still residing at that apartment, although he has not occupied it since early last Summer. She does not know who [redacted] intimates are and stated that he is very quiet and has no particular friends in the building or friends who may be able to give any additional information. [redacted] stated that the building at [redacted] is owned by Oron E. & R. G. Scott, real estate agency, 800 Chestnut, and that payments of rent have been made to them.

Inquiry at Oron E. & R. G. Scott, 800 Chestnut, revealed that the last payment made on the apartment at [redacted] was made to one [redacted] of the Holland Building at 211 N. Seventh St.

[redacted] advised that he received the check from [redacted] on the 24th of October 1935 and was quite sure that it was signed: [redacted] and not [redacted] but that he does not know from what address the check was forwarded, stating that he received the check from [redacted] to whom it had been sent.

[redacted] Superintendent of Cabanne Branch Post Office, upon consulting his records, advised that [redacted] had left a forwarding address, which is 3043 Calhoun, Minneapolis, Minn.

Vaught For the information of the Philadelphia Office, [redacted] is the signer of the petition addressed to Hon. Edgar S. Baugh, Judge, U. S. District Court at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, which requests leniency for Clifford Skelly. Clifford Skelly was convicted in connection with the Urschel Kidnaping of receiving ransom money which it is believed he had received as a conspirator. It is thought that Clifford Skelly, Edward Berman and Isador Blumenfeld were partners in a bootlegging concern in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Berman and Skelly stated that they secured this money from a man whom they did not know, but who gave the name of Collins in payment for 125 cases of liquor and that the payment of the \$5500.00 was made at their office in the West Hotel, Minneapolis, on August 3, 1933. Berman and Skelly stated that Collins counted out the money which he gave to Clifford Skelly. Skelly stated that he disposed of the \$5500.00 as follows:

\$1400. to [redacted] \$400. which he spent on repairs on his house; \$1100. to his brother-in-law; \$500.00 to Sam Kozberg and \$1000. of this amount was paid for a Cashier's check of \$1800. purchased at the Hennepen State Bank, Minneapolis, on August 3, 1933 by Edward Berman, Sam Frederick, an employee of the Wolk Transfer Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and himself, Skelly.

The \$1000.00 paid as part payment for the \$1800.00 Cashier's check was in \$20.00 used Federal Reserve notes and was identified at the Hennepen State Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota as being part of the ransom money. Sentence against Clifford Skelly has been stayed until November 1, 1935.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE in Chester County, Pennsylvania will interview [redacted] if he can be contacted. Failing in this, proper leads should be set out for interviewing [redacted]

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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. URSCHER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith copies of a letter received  
by Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City, from Kathryn  
Thorne Kelly.

Very truly yours,

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

( Encl. )

cc Detroit

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U. S. Detention Farm,  
Milan Michigan  
Oct. 19-1935

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Urschel, (CENSORED)  
Three-Twenty-Seven, Northwest Eighteenth Street,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Urschel:

My mother, Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, is soon to apply for clemency, and I am writing you an earnest plea for a recommendation. Her health is not at all good, and she is needed at home terribly. I feel sure that conscientiously you feel that her two years of incarceration is just punishment for any offence that she may have innocently aided in, any way, and I wish to sincerely thank you for your courtesy toward both she and my step-father during the terrible days of the trial. I also want you to know that there is no enmity in either of our hearts toward either you or the government. She is an innocent victim of a crime in which my husband was the perpetrator, and how she has suffered, and constantly grieves for home and loved ones. There is no bitterness or animosity in my heart toward any one, but the perpetrators of the terrible crime who dragged an honored, honest, respected family down into the depths of blackest despair. My mother has ever been a good Christian law abiding citizen and my love and marriage to a gangster plunged my family into bitter tragedy through their innocent hospitable trust and faith in my husband. Regrets of mine cannot undo my mistaken marriage but I would gladly give my life to save my mother the sorrow she has already experienced. I beg of you, if you conscientiously feel that she deserves freedom, home, and loved ones in the remaining years of her life. Wont you please write a statement recommending leniency and mail it to my little daughter Pauline Frye, Asher, Oklahoma, who will send it in with other recommendations with the clemency papers.

My heart felt thanks to you for any consideration.

I am,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Kathryn Thorne Kelly

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November 22, 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.

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with  
aliases, ET AL: CHARLES F.  
OURSCHER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The Oklahoma City Office has received a number of reports and letters emanating from other Field Offices, referring to Bureau letter dated November 9, 1935, addressed to the St. Paul Office.

A review of the Oklahoma City file in this matter fails to reflect that the Oklahoma City Office was furnished with a copy of this letter, and it is requested that a copy thereof be forwarded at the earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

*Ernest Brantley*  
ERNEST BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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December 5, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with  
aliases, ET AL,  
Charles F. Urschel, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your letter of November 22, 1935,  
there are transmitted herewith copies of Bureau letter  
dated November 9, 1935, in the above entitled matter  
having reference to C. J. Adrienne.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-10**

REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/25/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/14,15/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; et al; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Kathryn Kelly was interviewed at Milan, Michigan. Has no information or knowledge of C. J. Adrienne. File reviewed at Detroit Office.

R. U. C.

**REFERENCES:**

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 2/20/35 at Detroit, Michigan.

Bureau letter dated November 9, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

AT MILAN, MICHIGAN

Kathryn Kelly was interviewed at the United States Detention Farm and she stated that she does not recall anyone by the name of C. J. Adrienne as having been associated with herself or husband or any other people concerned in this case. She further stated that she has never heard of the Rogers Redemption Bureau nor is the name [REDACTED] familiar to her. Kathryn Kelly was very positive in this statement, but did add, however, that possibly Adrienne may have come into possession of some of this money which had been allotted as the share of George Bates after she and her husband had been taken into custody. She further stated that she did not know any physician by the name of [REDACTED] nor did she know any doctor in Detroit, Michigan, who might be concerned in the handling of the ransom money in instant case.

Continuing, Kathryn Kelly stated that she is very desirous of assisting in every way possible in this case inasmuch as her mother comes up for clemency in the near future and she feels

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that if the ransom money were found this case would be closed out and at that time her mother would have a better opportunity of securing clemency. In reference to the ransom money still outstanding she advised that after George Bates had told her that he had buried this money in milk cans, and subsequent to their (herself and husband's arrest) that she had in a conversation with her husband told him that wherever they were sent to prison that he should try to have George Bates return this money to the Government as she realized that this was the only way any clemency might be awarded herself or mother. She further stated that to her knowledge her husband has not done this and that she intends to write him in the near future, requesting him if possible to talk this matter over with George Bates and try to convince him to disclose the hiding place of this money, adding that there is no question in her mind but that he (Bates) knows where the money is hidden.

In conclusion, Kathryn Kelly states that Bates' only motive in not disclosing the whereabouts of the money was his hatred and revengeful attitude toward all Government men.

In pursuance to the letter of reference, the file in the Detroit Office was reviewed, but no likely leads were found that would assist in the location of C. J. Adrienne.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit - Michigan  
November 25  
1935

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. 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:

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
[redacted] dated November 25, 1935, at Detroit, Michigan.

During the course of Agent's interview with Kathryn Kelly she appeared very apprehensive concerning her mother's hearing for clemency which will be had in the near future. She felt that if the ransom money in this case were found, that her mother would have a much better opportunity to secure this clemency. She further advised Agent that she felt that if her husband was given an opportunity to talk to George Bates at the Alcatraz Prison, that possibly he could persuade him to disclose the hiding place of this money. She also stated her intention of writing to her husband, asking him if possible to discuss this matter with Bates.

This matter is being referred to you for your consideration on the possibility of having permission obtained for George Kelly Barnes to discuss this matter with George Bates at the Alcatraz Prison.

Very truly yours,

*W. J. West*

W. J. West  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Oklahoma City  
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**[REDACTED]** b7C  
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December 3, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with  
aliases, ET AL,  
Charles F. Urschel, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of November 25, 1935,  
the Bureau does not consider it desirable at this time to  
arrange with officials of Alcatraz Prison to have George  
Kelly Barnes interview George Bates in an effort to persuade  
him (Bates) to disclose the hiding place of such additional  
ransom money as may be outstanding.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

cc - Oklahoma City  
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. 7-7-

REPORT MADE AT: <b>DALLAS, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>11/25/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>11/21/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em;"></div>
GEORGE KELLEY BARNES, with aliases; ET AL CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim -			CHARACTER OF CASE:  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>KIDNAPING</b></p>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

New Plaza Hotel, Kilgore, Texas, states she has no information relative to Dr. C. J. Adrienne's whereabouts; that Dr. Adrienne told her he was originally from Detroit, Michigan, where he was at one time Police Surgeon. Mrs. Adrienne's home is Jonesboro, Ark.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent  Nashville, Tennessee, 11-15-35.

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**DETAILS:**

trained nurse, New Plaza Hotel, KILGORE, TEXAS, advised that she had been residing in Kilgore since July, 1935; that she was formerly employed by Dr. C. J. Adrienne as a solicitor; that he became in arrears with her pay and she had to quit and go back to nursing, and being unable to find work in Memphis, Tennessee, she came to Kilgore, Texas, where she is now nursing at the East Texas Hospital in Kilgore, Texas.

advised that she had often heard Dr. Adrienne say that he was from Detroit, Michigan; that he was formerly Police Surgeon for the city of Detroit; that he was at one time accused of performing an abortion of  girl-friend in Detroit; that he was indicted and tried for manslaughter but was not convicted.  advised that she was under the impression that Dr. Adrienne's license had long since been revoked as a result of this malpractice in the city of Detroit, the time of which she did not state.

further advised that Dr. Adrienne's wife was  and that her home was in Jonesboro, Arkansas, and that she was well known at that place.  stated that Dr. Adrienne was a great talker and that she did not know whether credence could be placed in what he

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said. She described him as being about 40 years of age; height, 6 feet; weight, 215 pounds; hair, black; eyes, black; dress, conservative; peculiarities, a very squeaky voice.

[redacted] advised that she would like to get in touch with Dr. Adrienne herself in an effort to collect what he owes her; that she was going to keep in touch with her mother in Memphis, Tennessee, and that should she receive any information concerning C. J. Adrienne's whereabouts she would promptly notify the Dallas Office. [redacted] further stated that during the last few weeks of her association with Dr. Adrienne in Memphis, Tennessee, he did not use the title of 'Doctor'; that Adrienne, as she understood, had a brother in Detroit, Michigan, by the name of [redacted] and that he claimed that this brother was quite prominent in Detroit medical circles.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

##### THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE

At Jonesboro, Arkansas: Will attempt to locate [redacted] Adrienne, wife of Dr. C. J. Adrienne, at Jonesboro, in an effort to determine the location of her husband.

##### THE DETROIT OFFICE

At Detroit, Michigan: Will interview [redacted] for information concerning the whereabouts of his brother, C. J. Adrienne. It will be noted that [redacted] advised that [redacted] was supposed to be well known in medical circles in that city.

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Since the above investigation the Dallas Office has received from the Birmingham Office copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] Birmingham, dated 1-29-35, and copy of Bureau letter to the St. Paul Office, dated 11-9-35. [redacted] will be re-interviewed in the near future and, as suggested in the Bureau letter, she will be requested to write another letter to the Rogers Redemption Bureau in an effort to locate Adrienne.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-1**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Little Rock, Arkansas</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/27/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/22-25-26/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; ET AL; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Investigation at Little Rock, Arkansas, revealed no person by the name of C. J. Adrienne or his alias of C. J. Clifford was ever connected with the Little Rock Baseball Club in any way. [REDACTED] of Little Rock stated he met Adrienne some three years ago, but could not give any information as to his present whereabouts.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Little Rock, Arkansas, November 18, 1935. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] St. Paul, Minnesota, November 14, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

Agent interviewed [REDACTED] at the Democrat Printing and Lithographing Company, Little Rock, Arkansas. He stated he is [REDACTED] of the Little Rock Baseball Club and there has been no person connected with that club by the name of C. J. Adrienne or his alias, C. J. Clifford, during the period of five years in which he has been connected with the club. He suggested that Agent interview [REDACTED] of the club for a period of about fifteen years before [REDACTED] was connected with the club.

Agent interviewed [REDACTED] at his home, [REDACTED] Little Rock, and he informed Agent that he knew of no person by the name of C. J. Adrienne or C. J. Clifford and that such a party had never been connected with the Little Rock Baseball Club while he had been connected with the same. He stated he had been [REDACTED] the club [REDACTED] prior to [REDACTED] having taken over

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that position some five years ago.

Agent interviewed [REDACTED] salesman for the Madison Cadillac Company, Little Rock, who informed Agent that he had met a person by the name of C. J. Adrienne, to the best of his memory about three years ago; that it was at a time when the banks in Little Rock had just closed and he, [REDACTED] was desirous of getting into some kind of business to improve his financial condition and he noticed an advertisement in a Little Rock newspaper. Upon answering this, he came into contact with Adrienne, who was at that time attempting to find an agent to handle gaming devices in and around Little Rock. [REDACTED] stated he was not interested in that sort of work, as he knew nothing about it, and so they came to no business agreement. He stated that at the time he met Adrienne, Adrienne was accompanied by his wife. He did not hear from Adrienne from this time for a period of a year or more, when Adrienne dropped in on him at his office and stated he was at that time connected with a silverware firm, selling premiums to dairymen. He was at this time accompanied by his wife, and another gentleman and his wife whose names [REDACTED] could not remember. A short while after this meeting [REDACTED] was contacted by telephone by Mrs. Adrienne, who informed him that she was in Little Rock and that her husband had been arrested in Jonesboro and she was without money. [REDACTED] advised he pawned her fur overcoat for her, and that he has not seen that party since. However, he did receive several letters from lawyers in Jonesboro, Arkansas, who had been retained by Adrienne, whom he understood at that time was going under the name of Clifford, asking him to come and testify in Adrienne's behalf at time of trial. This he refused to do and did not answer the correspondence. A short while later he received a letter from some woman in Jonesboro, Arkansas, whose name he can not recall, stating her daughter was thinking of marrying Adrienne and she understood [REDACTED] knew him very well, and asking [REDACTED] to give her some information as to Adrienne's character. [REDACTED] stated that as he had already met one woman whom he supposed to be Mrs. Adrienne, he was not desirous of getting into any scrape and he has not answered that letter at all. He stated he has not heard further from this woman or from Adrienne.

[REDACTED] advised that upon first meeting Adrienne, he had been informed by that person that he had formerly played professional baseball, but [REDACTED] was unable to say whether this was true or what club Adrienne had claimed to play with.

[REDACTED] was unable to give Agent any information as to Adrienne's home or his present whereabouts. However, he stated he believed Adrienne would be connected with some firm selling gaming devices, and that as best he could remember, the firm which Adrienne had represented when he was in Little Rock was supposed to be owned by his wife's father, whose name he could not give, and the manufacturing plant was located in Kansas City, Missouri. [REDACTED] informed Agent he would gladly give any information to this office which he might acquire at a later date as to Adrienne or his whereabouts.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The LITTLE ROCK office will report the results of the mail cover placed on the [REDACTED] family at Jonesboro, Arkansas, November 15, 1935.

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Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan  
November 30, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, wa. et al.  
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to report of Special Agent [redacted] Dallas Office, dated November 25, 1935, setting out a lead suggesting interview with [redacted] Detroit, Michigan, for information concerning his brother, C. J. Adrienne.

The report submitted by Special Agent [redacted] Detroit, Michigan, dated February 20, 1935, indicated there was no record at the Detroit Police Department, City Board of Health, Wayne County Medical Board, Michigan State Board of Medicine, or in any directories, concerning any Dr. C. J. Adrienne or [redacted]

Therefore, unless otherwise requested, the lead in Agent [redacted] report will be disregarded.

Very truly yours,

W. J. West  
Special Agent in Charge

WJW [redacted]  
cc - Bureau ✓  
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November 30, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases,  
ET AL; Charles F. Urschel, Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau files indicate it was the intention of the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to call a special session of the Federal Grand Jury at that point for the purpose of indicting Mrs. Nellie O. Bert during the latter part of November, 1935, on the charge of perjury.

Please inform the Bureau whether an indictment has been returned to date against Mrs. Bert and, if not, the approximate date on which such an indictment will be returned.

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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
December 2, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

<sup>D</sup>  
CLIFFORD SKELLY  
APPLICATION FOR PARDON

According to recent newspaper accounts, Skelly's application for pardon has been denied by the court. Kindly advise me if the investigation previously requested by you is still desired.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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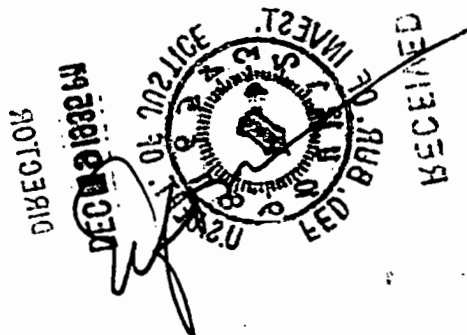
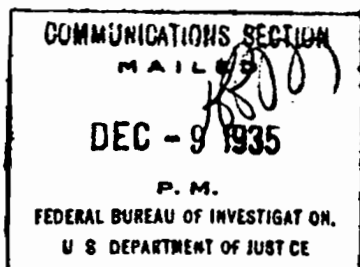
Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter dated November 29, 1935, concerning the location of several fugitives in Texas, and wish to advise you that appropriate consideration will be given to the contents thereof.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - San Antonio



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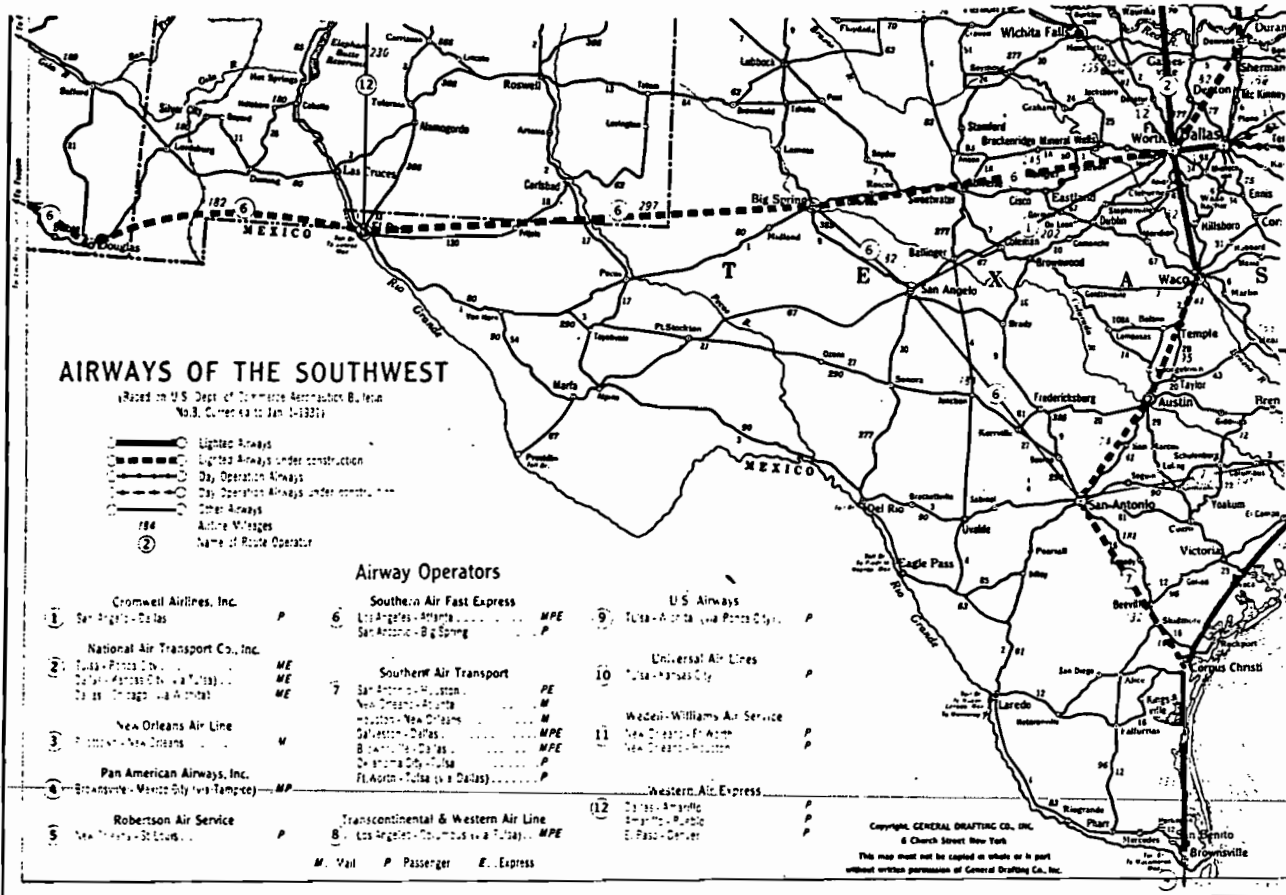
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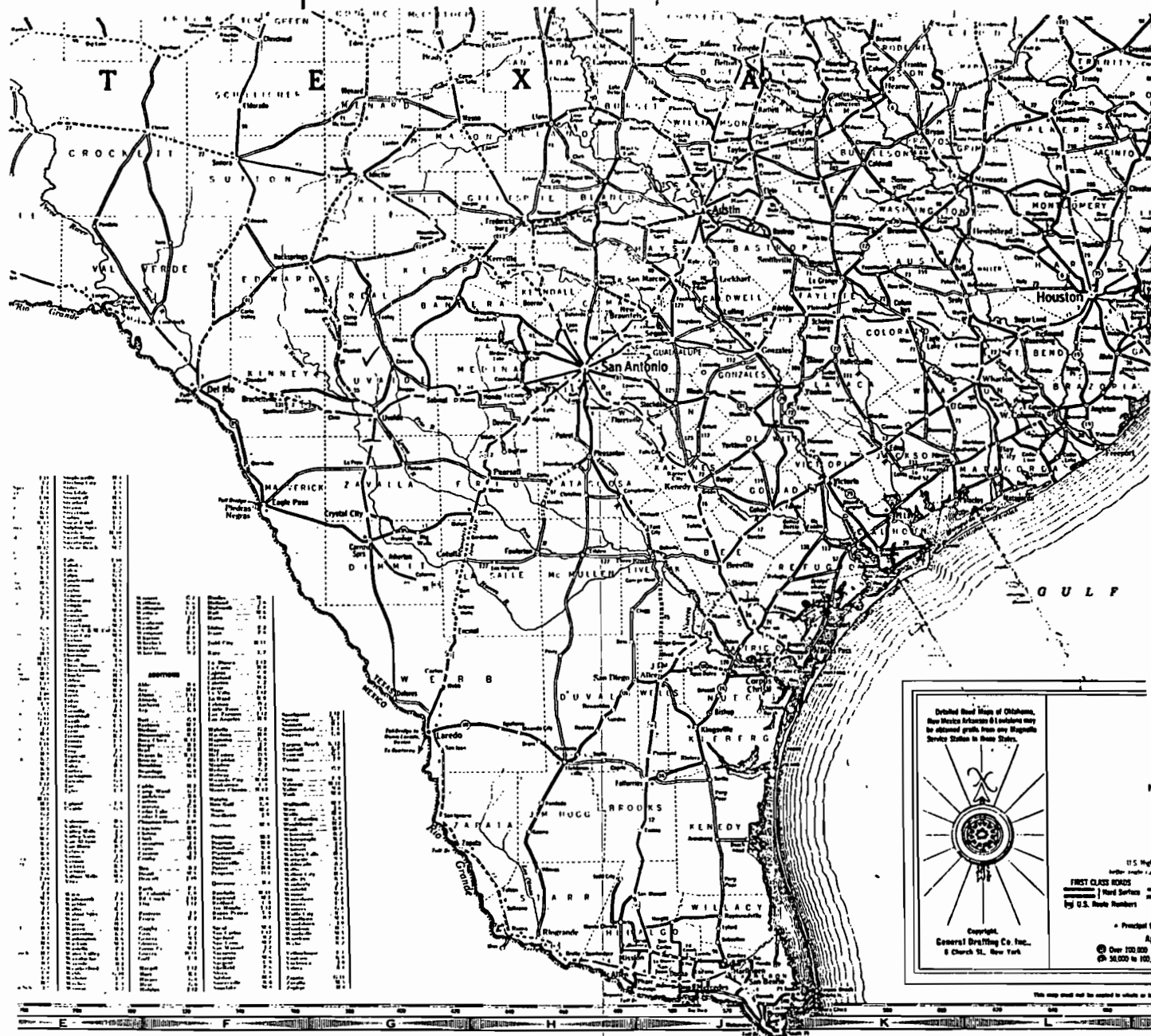
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Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
December 2nd, 1935

[REDACTED] Postmaster,  
Jonesboro, Arkansas.

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with  
aliases, etal; CHARLES F.  
URSCHIEL-VICTIM. KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged  
of the tracing of postal card addressed to  
[REDACTED] Jonesboro,  
Arkansas, mailed at Cotton Plant, Arkansas,  
November 25, 1935.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

R. L. SHIVERS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 516  
Saint Paul, Minnesota  
December 2, 1935

73-117

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

EDWARD BERMAN  
APPLICATION FOR PARDON

According to recent newspaper accounts, Berman's application for pardon has been denied by the court. Kindly advise me if the investigation previously requested by you is still desired.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **74-72**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Okla. City, Okla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/3/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/27/35 12/2/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> <b>b7c</b>
TITLE  <b>MRS. MOLLIE O. BERT, with aliases</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>Perjury</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Facts in this matter presented to Federal Grand Jury 11/27/35, and true bill of indictment returned against subject on 11/29/35 charging violation of Section 231, Title 18, U.S.C.A. Case not yet set for trial.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">P <b>b7c</b></p> <p>REFERENCE: <b>Report of Special Agent <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> Oklahoma City, 10/1/35.</b></p> <p>DETAILS: <b>At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.</b></p> <p><b>The facts in this matter were presented to the Federal Grand Jury convening at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on November 27, 1935.</b></p> <p><b>The records of the United States District Court Clerk at Oklahoma City reflect that on November 29, 1935 the Federal Grand Jury returned a true bill of indictment against subject Bert charging violation of Section 231, Title 18, U.S.C.A.</b></p> <p><b>The Bureau was advised by telegram on November 29 that true bill of indictment had been returned against subject.</b></p> <p><b>The United States Attorney, W. C. Lewis, at Oklahoma City advised that date of trial has not yet been set for subject Bert.</b></p> <p>UNDEVELOPED LEADS:</p> <p><b>THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, will keep in touch with the United States Attorney, and report prosecutive action in this matter.</b></p>			
<b>P E N D I N G</b>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>Agent Brancey</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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December 5, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to the Bureau letter of November 9, 1935,  
requesting various offices to conduct certain investigation  
looking toward the location and interrogation of C. J. Adrienne,  
reports emanating from the various offices indicate a considerable  
amount of difficulty will be experienced in ascertaining his  
present location.

For this reason it is believed desirable that you make  
appropriate inquiries in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to determine  
whether an effectual mail cover could be placed on the mail re-  
ceived by the Rogers Redemption Bureau. It is appreciated that  
this organization may receive a considerable volume of mail, which  
would render it rather difficult to maintain a mail cover.

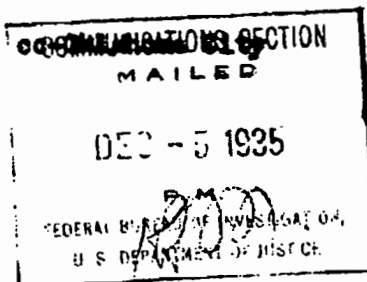
If it is found possible to appropriately cover the mail,  
you are instructed to have the mail cover arranged so that the  
Bureau may be advised of the location of C. J. Adrienne in the  
event he communicates with his home office.

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Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Director.



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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **73-355**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Washington, D.C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/5/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/4/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div>
TITLE <b>EDWARD BERMAN</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICATION FOR PARDON</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <span style="float: right;">All b7C</span></p> <p style="text-align: center;">[REDACTED] Intelligence Unit, Treasury Department, stated that subject is of a gangster type and has been involved with gangs in Minneapolis for a period of ten years to his own personal knowledge, and has had a bad reputation prior to that time. He knows no favorable information concerning subject.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Chicago dated November 6, 1935.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: <u>AT WASHINGTON, D.C.</u></p> <p>[REDACTED] Special Investigator, Intelligence Unit, Bureau of Internal Revenue, was interviewed at room 744 Washington Building, in regard to any information available concerning subject. [REDACTED] stated that he has been in personal contact with the subject for a period of 10 years and has known him by reputation for a period of years prior to that time. Subject has been involved with numerous gangs during this entire period but lately with the Tommy Banks Gang in Minneapolis which has been involved in liquor dealings, slot machine rackets, and perfume business, this organization importing carload lots of bootleg liquor from New Orleans and alcohol from New Jersey. About the year 1933, they were involved in politics in Minneapolis and obtained a monopoly on the slot machine racket. About the first of 1934 the Internal Revenue Agents were making an investigation of the liquor syndicate operated by this gang. When the investigation was nearing completion and definite legal action was pending, one of the members of the gang, with whom</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div style="font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Jm. [Signature]</div>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">7 115 1773</div>		
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the Intelligence Unit had had close contact, was found dead.

██████████ knew nothing favorable concerning Edward Berman. He was involved in a very close connection with the gang during its entire time of operation and until subject's arrest, and ██████████ thought that he was of the gangster type. ██████████ states that Edward Berman has made quite a bit of money while operating with this gang and could probably raise any considerable amount that was necessary at the present time, but that if serious investigation was made to locate any assets belonging to him none could be found.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **73-189**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Okla. City, Okla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/5/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/5/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] b7C</b>
TITLE <b>CLIFFORD SKELLY</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Application for Pardon</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;"><b>United States Attorney, Okla. City, Okla., advises that subject's application for pardon had been denied, and that he desires no further investigation in this case.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>C</b></p> <p>REFERENCE: <b>Letter from the St. Paul Office dated December 2, 1935.</b></p> <p>DETAILS: <b>The records of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma reflect that on October 26, 1935 the Court entered a final order further staying commitment of subject Skelly to January 1, 1936.</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;"><b>Agent consulted Honorable William C. Lewis, United States Attorney, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who advised that subject's application for pardon had been denied by the Department, and that he desired no further investigation in this case.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em; margin-top: 20px;"><i>[Signature]</i> <b>CLOSED</b></p>			
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

FILE NO. **73-356**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Washington, D.C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/4/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/4/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE <b>CLIFORD SKELLY</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>APPLICATION FOR PARDON</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[REDACTED] Special Investigator of Intelligence Unit, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Treasury Department, stated that subject was involved in liquor dealings, slot machine rackets, and perfume operations prior to his confinement in prison in 1933; that he knew nothing good concerning subject but that subject was not of the gangster type but was more of a business man.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from Chicago Office dated November 6, 1935, and report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, dated 11/11/35.

**DETAILS:**

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

[REDACTED] Special Investigator, Intelligence Unit, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Treasury Department, was interviewed in Room 744 Washington Building, concerning any information relating to subject. [REDACTED] stated that he had known subject for a period of 10 years by coming in personal contact with subject and that he has known him for a longer length of time by reputation. [REDACTED] stated that subject was not of a gangster type himself although subsequent to 1929 he belonged to the gang and most of his associates might be called gangsters. Prior to 1929 subject was engaged in bootlegging and importing alcohol in carload lots from New Jersey and whiskey from New Orleans. Subsequent to 1929 he associated himself with the Tommy Banks gang composed of Max Stein, Jack Peiffer, Morris Goldberger, and another by the name of Browning.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. M. Keith</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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This gang was engaged principally in the liquor business but found the perfume business to be the most lucrative.

In 1933 this mob supported an outsider in the Mayor's race campaign in Minneapolis and at the last moment switched to the party which ultimately elected its candidate. In return, the gang was given practical control of the city and a monopoly was found in the slot machine racket. At the time of the kidnapping in 1933, three large offices were maintained in different hotels in Minneapolis including the West and the Elgin Hotels. At this time there were three principal members of the gang. About the first of 1934, the Internal Revenue Agents were investigating the liquor syndicate of this gang and were prepared to take definite action when one of the members of the gang, with whom the Intelligence Unit, Internal Revenue Agents had its closest contact, was found dead.

Clifford Skelly was a member of this gang from a period ranging from about 1929 until his arrest in 1933. While he was not of the gangster type he was very closely associated and might have been called the brains of the gang along with Tommy Banks. [REDACTED] stated that he knew nothing favorable that he could say concerning subject and that as long as he has known him he has been engaged in illicit business.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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TITLE  <b>EDWARD BERMAN</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>Application for Pardon</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

United States Attorney, Okla. City, Okla., advises that subject's application for pardon had been denied, and that he desires no further investigation in this case.

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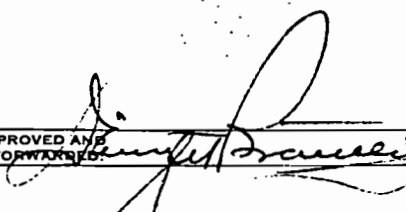



Letter from the St. Paul office dated December 2, 1935.

**DETAILS:**

The records of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma reflect that on October 26, 1935 the Court entered a final order further staying commitment of subject Berman to January 1, 1936.

Agent consulted Honorable William C. Lewis, United States Attorney, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who advised that subject's application for pardon had been denied by the Department, and that he desired no further investigation in this case.

C L O S E D

<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: </p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

December 9, 1935.

Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Baughman.....  
Chief Clerk.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Coffey.....  
Mr. Edwards.....  
Mr. Egan.....  
Mr. Foxworth.....  
Mr. Glavin.....  
Mr. Joseph.....  
Mr. Keith.....  
Mr. Lester.....  
Mr. Quinn.....  
Mr. Schilder.....  
Mr. Tamm.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....

Time - 5:05 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: URSCHER CASE.

[redacted] in the office of Mr. Keenan telephoned [redacted] and stated that she would like to have right away the Bureau's file relative to MOLLY O. EDISON, who was a friend of Ben B. Laska, involved in this matter. She said that some persons had been referred to Mr. Keenan's office from [redacted] office to discuss the activities of this woman, and they did not have any information relative to her and her connections, etc.

[redacted] explained that the files of the Bureau are compiled relative to cases, not by persons; that this woman is involved in the Urscher Kidnaping Case, of which the Bureau has about 32 volumes; that we have no reports or communications which relate particularly and exclusively to the activities of this person, and to get a comprehensive memorandum of her activities, it would require about a week's work and a review of most of the 32 volumes of this case.

[redacted] said that they had to have it in about 15 minutes if at all, adding that she did not, of course, realize it would require that much work to get the necessary information. She said that we need not get this, then.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

December 10th, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Re: EDWARD LERMAN  
APPLICATION FOR PARDON

Inasmuch as [REDACTED] an agent of the United States Bureau of Industrial Alcohol, has been interviewed by the Washington Field Office, as indicated in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated Washington, D. C., December 5th, 1935, this matter is being considered referred upon completion by the Chicago Bureau Office.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Bureau

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Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

December 10th, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Re: CLIFFORD SKELLY  
APPLICATION FOR PARDON

In view of the fact that this matter has been closed  
by your Office, the lead set forth for this Office  
and for the Washington Field Office to interview [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] will not be covered and this matter will  
be considered referred upon completion at Chicago.

Very truly yours,

DEL: [REDACTED]  
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D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Bureau  
Washington Field

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P. O. BOX 1469,  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS,  
DECEMBER 10, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

Dear Sir:

Investigation is being conducted by the Bureau for the purpose of locating G. J. Adrienne who as disclosed by the report of Special Agent [REDACTED], dated at Birmingham, Alabama, January 29, 1935, advised [REDACTED] of Florence, Alabama, that he had secured \$2,000.00 of the Urschel ransom money; that he had placed this money in a safe deposit box having purchased the same for \$500.00. He also stated that [REDACTED] of the Rogers Redemption Bureau, [REDACTED] had \$10,000.00 of this ransom money which he had secured for \$2,500.00. Adrienne also mentioned to [REDACTED] the fact that he was reared in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and appeared to be exceedingly troubled in regard to the recent prosecution of lawyers and others at Oklahoma City with reference to the Urschel case advising [REDACTED] that these parties were guilty.

[REDACTED] of Mrs. G. J. Adrienne, resides at [REDACTED] Jonesboro, Arkansas. Mrs. Adrienne has corresponded with her mother at intervals but she and her husband have always moved from the addresses which were furnished to her mother before investigation could be conducted by the Bureau at such places.

A cover has been placed on the mail of [REDACTED] and I am today in receipt of a tracing of a letter addressed to [REDACTED] Jonesboro, Arkansas, which is postmarked at Erie, Pennsylvania, December 8, 1935, with return address of either 254 or 2514 [REDACTED] Erie, Pennsylvania. This office does not have a handwriting specimen of Mr. and Mrs. Adrienne and it is not known if this letter was written by these individuals. However, it is believed advisable to conduct an appropriate investigation at the address above stated at Erie, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of ascertaining if Mr. and Mrs. Adrienne are located there.

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It is believed that Adrienne is presently employed by the Rogers Redemption Bureau, Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The following is a description of C. J. Adrienne:

Age	40 years
Height	6' 2"
Weight	241 lbs.
Build	Heavy
Hair	Black
Complexion	Dark
Race	White
Nationality	American
Residence	Detroit, Michigan
Occupation	Salesman - Coupons, Rogers Redemption Bureau

If Adrienne should be located at Erie, Pennsylvania, he should be thoroughly questioned concerning his statement with respect to his possession of part of the ransom money paid in this case and also the amount which he is reported to have stated was in the possession of [REDACTED] of the Rogers Redemption Bureau.

It is suggested that if you are successful in locating Adrienne, the Bureau should be notified immediately.

Very truly yours,

R. L. SHIVERS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

RLS [REDACTED]  
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cc Bureau ✓  
cc Oklahoma City

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: ST. PAUL

DECEMBER 14, 1935

RE TELEPHONIC INQUIRY IN MATTER OF ISADORE BLUMENFELD ALIAS "KID CAN",  
MINNEAPOLIS POLICE AUTHORITIES CAN BE ADVISED, IN RESPONSE TO THEIR REQUEST,  
THAT CRIMINAL RECORD OF BLUMENFELD, IN POSSESSION OF BUREAU, IS AS FOLLOWS:  
ARRESTED AS ISADORE BLUMENFELD, MINNEAPOLIS PD NO. 16676 ON JUNE 11, 1920,  
CHARGE PICKPOCKET, NO DISPOSITION. ARRESTED AS ISADORE BLUMENFELD  
ALIASES HARRY FREEMAN, HARRY BLOOM, "KID CAN", ST. PAUL PD NO. 24190 ON  
AUGUST 25, 1933, CHARGE CONSPIRACY - KIDNAPING. ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1933  
ACQUITTED BY JURY IN U.S. DISTRICT COURT, OKLAHOMA CITY. AS ISADORE  
BLUMENFELD ALIASES "KID CAN", ISIDORE BLUMENFELD, ARRESTED UNITED STATES  
MARSHAL, ST. PAUL, MN, 1933, ON DECEMBER 21, 1933, CHARGE - CONSPIRACY TO  
VIOLATE INTERNAL REVENUE LAWS. DISPOSITION - ONE YEAR MINNEAPOLIS CITY  
WORK HOUSE. FOLLOWING RECORD UNSUPPORTED BY FINGERPRINTS: AS HARRY BLOOM,  
NO. 18375, ARRESTED ST. PAUL, JANUARY 20, 1923, INVESTIGATION, RELEASED.  
AS HARRY BLOOM, NO. 18375, ARRESTED ST. PAUL, SEPTEMBER 15, 1924, SUSPICION,  
RELEASED. WITH REGARD TO REQUEST MINNEAPOLIS PD FOR INFORMATION AS TO  
ASSOCIATES OF ISADORE BLUMENFELD ADVISE THEM THAT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS  
WERE INDICTED WITH BLUMENFELD IN URSCHEL CASE: SAM KOSBERG, SAM KRONICK,  
CLIFFORD SKELLY, EDWARD BARNEY BERMAN, CHARLES ALBERT WOLK, AND PETER VALDER.  
OF THESE, SKELLY AND BERMAN WERE FOUND GUILTY BY JURY.

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Per

*Division of Investigation*

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 812

Chicago, Illinois

December 14th, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith an anonymous letter received at this Office suggesting that [REDACTED] of Toledo, Iowa, be checked in view of the fact that he may have some of the ransom money of Albert Bates.

This matter is being forwarded to the Bureau for their information.

Very truly yours,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. LADD  
Special Agent in Charge

DEL: [REDACTED]  
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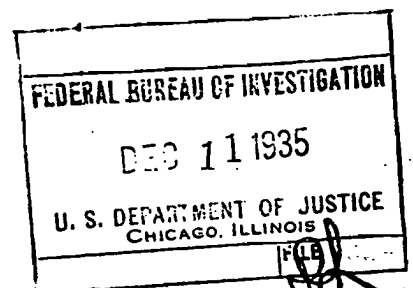
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United States, Bureau of Investigation  
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:-

Check up on a person by  
the name of [REDACTED] b7C and  
his wife [REDACTED] who are now  
business at Toledo, Iowa  
these people were friends of the  
Sindergarten Bates you have in  
Alcatraz prison.

These people have a lot of  
wealth in the last few years for  
some unknown source which he  
not been made in the  
grocery business. The rumor here  
is that he is dealing in hot  
merchandise.



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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to: ST. PAUL

*8* WITH FURTHER REFERENCE TO INQUIRY OF MINNEAPOLIS POLICE AS TO CHARACTER  
*Witness* WITNESSES APPEARING FOR BLUMENFELD, alias "KID CAN", AT URSCHER TRIAL,  
ADVISE THEM THAT COURT RECORDS SHOW ONLY APPEARANCE FOR DEFENSE WAS  
FORMER CHIEF OF POLICE LEHMEYER OF MINNEAPOLIS, WHO TESTIFIED THAT BLUMENFELD  
SURRENDERED TO AUTHORITIES VOLUNTARILY.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

**Dallas - FILE NO. 7-7-**

REPORT MADE AT <b>DALLAS, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-14-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-13-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE <b>GEORGE KELLEY BARNES, with aliases; ET AL; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[REDACTED] East Texas Hospital, Kilgore, Texas, has secured no additional information since November 21, 1935, when last interviewed relative to whereabouts of Dr. C.J. Adrienne. She is again writing Rogers Redemption Bureau, Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, Minn., for Adrienne's address.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Dallas, Texas, 11-25-35, and Bureau letter dated 11-9-35.

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**DETAILS:**

[REDACTED] trained nurse, East Texas Hospital, Kilgore, Texas, was again interviewed, but advised that she had been unable to date to secure any information relative to Dr. C.J. Adrienne's whereabouts. [REDACTED] addressed a letter on this date to the Rogers Redemption Bureau, Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, Minn., Attention [REDACTED] asking that she be advised of Dr. C.J. Adrienne's whereabouts at present.

[REDACTED] advised that she would forward the letter should one be received, directly to the Dallas Bureau office. [REDACTED] further advised that she was reared at Jonesboro, Arkansas and that through mutual friends at that place was acquainted with Adrienne. He had married the daughter of Mrs. [REDACTED] of that city. She further informed agent that since she had been visited a number of times by Bureau Agents she was convinced her story was not doubted by the Government and she was going to make special effort through friends to locate him.

PENDING.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>F. J. Blake</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
December 16, 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.

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

Dear Sir:

On December 14, 1935 a long distance telephone call was received from [redacted] of the Bureau, requesting that this office obtain the names of the character witnesses who appeared in behalf of Isadore Blumenfeld, alias Kid Cann, in connection with this case at Oklahoma City during the fall of 1933.

Please be advised that Special Agent [redacted] of this office contacted Herbert K. Hyde, former United States Attorney, and Bill Hodges, former Assistant United States Attorney, both of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who handled the prosecution of this case and these men stated that one Joseph A. Lehmyer, Chief of Police, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, is the only character witness who appeared in behalf of Blumenfeld. The transcript of the testimony taken in this case reflects that Joseph A. Leymeyer testified in behalf of Blumenfeld and the substance of his testimony is to the effect that on one occasion in St. Paul, Minnesota, he contacted Assistant Director Nathan of the Bureau and he further testified that Blumenfeld appeared at the Police Station or at some point, for interview when so requested by the Police Department, that he had known German, Kelly and Blumenfeld for seven or eight years, and that they did not try to flee when they knew he wanted to question them and that apparently they had nothing to fear.

Very truly yours,

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

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December 14, 1935.

Time - 10:35 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: ~~Murder of Walter Liggett.~~

[redacted] telephoned Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley at the Oklahoma City Office and advised him that the Bureau desires that he get in touch with former United States Attorney Herbert K. Hyde for the purpose of ascertaining from him what character witnesses, if any, appeared at the Urschel trial in Oklahoma City in 1933 in behalf of Isadore Blumenfeld, alias Kid Ken. Mr. Nathan had suggested to [redacted] that undoubtedly Mr. Hyde would have this information, since he prosecuted the Urschel case.

You will recall that Isadore Blumenfeld is charged in Minneapolis with the murder of Walter Liggett, and the Bureau has been requested by the Minneapolis Police Department to furnish them with the names of the character witnesses who appeared at the Urschel trial in behalf of Blumenfeld.

Mr. Brantley said that it may take hours to get in touch with Mr. Hyde since his present whereabouts is not known readily; that, however, he would furnish the desired information to the Bureau just as soon as humanly possible.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Murder of Walter Liggett.

Special Agent in Charge Brantley telephoned [redacted] from the Oklahoma City with reference to the request made on that office previously today for information as to who, if anyone, appeared at the Urschel trial in behalf of Isadore Blumenfeld as character witnesses.

Mr. Brantley advised that they had checked the transcript of this trial, and also had talked with former United States Attorney Herbert Hyde, and the only witness they can find who appeared in behalf of Blumenfeld was the then Chief of Police of Minneapolis, Mr. Joseph Lehmeyer, who testified generally as to the facts of the situation, principally to the fact that Blumenfeld voluntarily surrendered.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-10**

<b>REPORT MADE AT</b> <b>PITTSBURGH, PA.</b>	<b>DATE WHEN MADE</b> <b>12-19-35</b>	<b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b> <b>12/14,16/35</b>	<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; margin-top: 5px;"></div>
<b>TITLE</b> <b>GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al</b> <b>CHARLES F OURSCHEL - Victim</b>			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b>  <b>KIDNAPING</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">No such address as [REDACTED] in Erie. [REDACTED] and family reside at [REDACTED], Erie, Pa. Confidential inquiries of reliable neighbors indicate [REDACTED] family reputable. No person answering description of C. J. Adrienne observed at [REDACTED] home. Letter written to [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] formerly a resident of Jonesboro, Arkansas where he has friends and relatives.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Letter from Little Rock, Arkansas Office dated December 10, 1935. <span style="float: right;">All b7C</span></p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <b>AT ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA.</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Chief of Police [REDACTED] and Captain [REDACTED] of the Erie Police Department advised that [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] and a [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] were very reliable people and could be safely interviewed for information regarding any families in that neighborhood. They also advised that there was no such number as [REDACTED].</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] when contacted, stated that they have lived in that neighborhood for over twenty-five years and that the [REDACTED] family has lived almost directly across from them for a period of seven years; that [REDACTED] was a very reputable type of man who has been unemployed for about three years, having been formerly employed by the Grand Union Tea Company; that there were four children in the family,</p>			
<b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</b> <i>[Signature]</i> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; font-size: small;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</div> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">7 1115 + 1787</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; margin-top: 5px;">DEC 21 1935</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">JAN -2 1936</div>	
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>Bureau (3)  Oklahoma City 3  Little Rock  Pittsburgh</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; transform: rotate(-10deg);">COPIES DESTROYED 20 MAR 17 1965</p>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 100px; width: 100%; position: relative;"> <div style="position: absolute; top: 50%; left: 50%; transform: translate(-50%, -50%); font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">R</div> </div>	

[REDACTED] that the two oldest girls are employed while the two youngest children attend school; that the [REDACTED] family has never had any boarders, to their knowledge, and that they had never observed any person visiting their home answering the description of C. J. ADRIENNE, as reflected in the reference letter. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised agent that they had not observed anyone at the [REDACTED] home, answering the description of Adrienne; they further promised to advise the Pittsburgh Bureau office if they observed any person answering his description at any time in the future.

[REDACTED] stated that the [REDACTED] family has resided next door to her for about seven years; that the entire family possesses a very fine reputation in the neighborhood; that the family for some time has been on relief due to the fact that [REDACTED] has been unable to secure employment. She further advised that [REDACTED] often visits in her home; that, although, she is quite talkative, she is a very fine woman; that she was quite certain that the [REDACTED] family had no boarders; that she had never heard [REDACTED] mention anyone by the name of Adrienne and that if anyone answering his description had visited the family she would have either seen him or heard something about him. She also advised that if she does observe anyone answering Adrienne's description at the [REDACTED] home she would gladly advise the Pittsburgh Office.

[REDACTED], letter carrier, stated that he has been carrying mail to the [REDACTED] family for about six or seven years; that the family as far as he knew was reputable; that he has never noticed any strangers at the [REDACTED] home and no one who answered the description of Adrienne; that he could likewise recall no letters addressed to any C. J. Adrienne at the [REDACTED] home. [REDACTED] was given the description of Adrienne and he advised that if he ever observed any letters for such a person he would arrange to notify the Pittsburgh Bureau Office.

In view of the above investigation agent thought it was advisable to contact the [REDACTED] family directly. [REDACTED] advised that he was born and reared in Jonesboro, Arkansas, moving from that town about 1914; that he presently knew a number of people residing there including [REDACTED] that in fact, he had

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December 9, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS.

Re: Lindbergh and Urschel exhibit.

I would like to suggest that possibly the Bureau would desire to consider the elimination of the Lindbergh exhibit from the exhibit room on the fifth floor and the substitution of, in lieu of the Lindbergh ransom notes, map of the New York office, photograph, ladder, box, etc., a large map depicting the activities in the Urschel investigation. I had in mind the map which was prepared for the Atlantic City Convention and which I had intended to take to the St. Louis Academy of Science exhibit. This map would occupy approximately the same space as that now devoted to the Lindbergh exhibit and it will be recalled that the thermos jug, chains, red wig, and money belt now on display in the case in the exhibit room could be shown effectively as physical evidence of items seized in the Urschel case.

~~I think the Urschel exhibit possibly could be shown effectively as indicative of Bureau activities on a national scale. Then too, it was primarily a Bureau case, solved, it is true, by police cooperating with Bureau officials and the subjects thereof were convicted in Federal Court.~~

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With regard to Mr. Schilder's memorandum addressed to Mr. Edwards recommending that the Urschel exhibit be substituted in the Bureau's exhibit room for the Lindbergh exhibit in view of the fact that he believed the Urschel case could be shown effectively as indicative of Bureau activities on a national scale, Mr. Edwards stated that he does not believe Mr. Schilder's suggestion should be accepted in view of the fact that the Lindbergh exhibit attracts much attention.

I concur with Mr. Edwards, and believe that for the time being at least the Lindbergh exhibit should remain intact, awaiting the arrival of the Bureau's exhibit from San Diego at which time the Urschel case can be displayed in the new exhibit to be erected.

Respectfully,

T. D. QUINN.

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Time - 5:15 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Murder of Walter Liggett.

Special Agent Clinton Stein, acting in charge of the St. Paul Office, telephoned [redacted] relative to the above matter, and said that since his talk with you today, the following situation has arisen:

Captain of Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] Superintendent of the Minneapolis Police Department Identification Unit, telephoned the St. Paul Office relative to the above matter, and advised that they would like to know who the character witnesses were for Isadore Blumenfeld, alias Ed Ken, at the time that Blumenfeld was indicted in connection with the Urschel Kidnaping Case. Isadore Blumenfeld is now charged with the murder of Walter Liggett.

Mr. Stein said that there was a large question right away in his mind as to furnishing this information, particularly in view of the rule of the Bureau about furnishing information contained in our files to any unauthorized person. It is further to be noted in this connection that the furnishing of the information would prove somewhat embarrassing to the Minneapolis Police Department, in that one of the character witnesses of this man was former Chief of Police Joseph Lehmeyer of Minneapolis. The Minneapolis Police also want to know who some of the associates of this man were. They also want to know what other criminal record this man is known to have, other than that reported on the criminal record received from the Bureau's Identification Division in Washington.

[redacted] pointed out to Mr. Stein that all of the known criminal record of this man is contained on the criminal record as disclosed by the files of the Identification Division of the Bureau. With reference to his associates, it would appear that the Minneapolis Police ought to know this in any event. However, since [redacted] pointed out that this information is public information, the same being contained in the transcript of the trial of the Urschel Case in Oklahoma City, there would appear to be nothing wrong with furnishing the Minneapolis Police with the names of the associates of this man, and who his character witnesses were at the trial; that unless contrary instructions were issued to that effect by nine o'clock St. Paul time in the morning, the requested information should be furnished.

Time - 6:30 P.M.

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[redacted] after consulting with Mr. Nathan on this matter, called Mr. Stein back and instructed him not to furnish this information to the Minneapolis Police direct; that the Bureau has decided to forward to the St. Paul Office.

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Office the first thing in the morning a complete teletype summary of the information desired, as taken from the files of the Bureau, this summary to include the names of the character witnesses, the complete criminal record, and, in so far as the associates are concerned, the names of those persons who were indicted with Blumenfeld.

Mr. Stein said that a thorough search of the files of that office had revealed an impersonation case many years ago, in which Kid Ken (Blumenfeld), one Eddie Gow, one Hess and Verna Miller were subjects, and during which two Minneapolis policemen were killed. Verna Miller is, of course, dead, and Eddie Gow is in the penitentiary. Kid Ken is now in custody, but Hess is still being sought by the Bureau. Mr. Stein wanted to know if he might furnish this information to the Minneapolis Police; that it is just more or less to put them on notification again of the fact that Hess is being sought by the Bureau, and is an associate of Kid Ken.

b7C [REDACTED] told him that this would be taken under advisement by the Bureau, and if authorization is granted in the teletype furnished to the St. Paul Office in the morning, above mentioned, the information might be furnished.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

P. O. BOX 1469,  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS,  
DECEMBER 23, 1935.

Postmaster,  
Jonesboro, Arkansas.

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

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the request from this office to place a cover on the mail received by [REDACTED] at either [REDACTED] Jonesboro, Arkansas, it is observed that this cover was placed for thirty days and, accordingly, expired on December 18, 1935.

It is respectfully requested that this cover be continued until January 1, 1936, as it is anticipated that the [REDACTED] family will receive communications from their daughter, Mrs. C. J. Adrienne, during the Christmas holidays and this office is anxious to locate her husband for an interview.

If any mail is received which indicates that it was written by Mrs. C. J. Adrienne and bears a return address, I shall appreciate it if you will advise me by long distance telephone collect, number 6734, at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

R. L. SHIVERS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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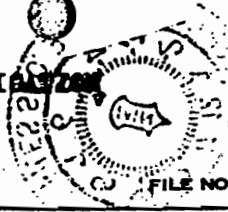
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

DEC 31 1935



REPORT MADE AT: <b>St. Paul, Minnesota</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>12-20-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>12/18-19/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE: <b>GEORGE KELLEY BARNES, with aliases; ET AL; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

30 day mail cover placed on mail going to C. J. Adrienne at the Rogers Redemption Bureau, Rooms 419-427, Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis. Mail carrier states Rogers Redemption Bureau receives at least 50 pieces of mail per day, hence it would be impracticable to place general cover on mail received there.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter of 12-5-35, and report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas, 12-14-35.

DETAILS:

Pursuant to instructions in Bureau letter of December 5, 1935, Mail Carrier [REDACTED] who handles the mail going to Rooms 419 to 427 in the Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was contacted. [REDACTED] home telephone number in Minneapolis is [REDACTED]. He states that 419 to 427 Lumber Exchange Building is the address of a sales promotion bureau which is operated by [REDACTED] who evidently is the proprietor for a number of sales promotion companies, chiefly among them being the Rogers Redemption Bureau, the Thompson Pottery Company, and the Universal Film Company. [REDACTED] states that he has made numerous inspections of the mail going to [REDACTED] and his numerous companies during the past several years, chiefly for Post Office Inspector [REDACTED] who was checking to ascertain whether [REDACTED] was in any way violating the Postal Laws, but that the results were always favorable to [REDACTED]. Carrier [REDACTED] further states that the Rogers Redemption Bureau and the parties connected therewith, personally receive in excess of fifty pieces of first class mail each day, and that in his opinion it

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would be impracticable to place a cover thereon. He did, however, state that he recalls C. J. Adrienne received pieces of mail at the Rogers Redemption Bureau during the winter of 1934-35; that Adrienne has not received mail at that place during the past five or six months, with the exception of one letter which was received for him either during the latter part of November or early December 1935. (NOTE: This may have been from [redacted] as reported by Special Agent [redacted] Dallas, 12-14-35).

Carrier [redacted] further states that after delivering this particular letter to the Rogers Redemption Bureau for Mr. Adrienne, he does not know what became of the letter inasmuch as he merely delivers mail and does not pick any up; that the Rogers Redemption Bureau may have forwarded the letter on to Adrienne at some other address, or may have opened it themselves, or else marked it "Not at", in which instance it would have been returned to the sender if there was a return address thereon, otherwise it would be sent to the dead letter office. [redacted] has noticed that much of the mail received at the Rogers Redemption Bureau is from the salesman of that bureau and of the other companies operated by [redacted] these salesman being all over the United States; that other mail is from parties who are sending orders to the various companies of [redacted] and still more mail consists of goods which have been sent by mail from [redacted] and for some reason or other are not taken up (C.O.D'S) and which are returned to [redacted]

Report of Special Agent [redacted] St. Paul, Minnesota, November 13, 1935, quotes [redacted] as stating that he has the agency for about twenty different advertising companies, one of which is the Rogers Redemption Bureau, which has a number of travelling salesman on the road selling advertising plans to various businesses who can use such advertising plans.

In view of the character of the mail received by [redacted] and the Roger Redemption Bureau, it was thought impracticable to cover all of this mail. However, Carrier [redacted] on December 18, 1935 agreed to watch closely all mail received by all parties at 419 - 427 Lumber Exchange Building, which is the Rogers Redemption Bureau, and the other companies operated by [redacted] and to immediately notify the St. Paul Office in the event he sees any mail passing through for C. J. Adrienne, making tracing of the envelopes and all that appears thereon, up to January 18, 1936.

The information furnished by Carrier [REDACTED] was corroborated by Carrier [REDACTED] who assists Carrier [REDACTED] in carrying the mail for the Lumber Exchange Building in Minneapolis.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**The St. Paul Bureau Office**

Will maintain contact with Carrier [REDACTED] of the Minneapolis Post Office (Home telephone [REDACTED]), and report result of cover on mail of C. J. Adrienne, received at the address of the Rogers Redemption Bureau, 419 - 427 Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, up to January 18, 1936.

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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 <b>DALLAS, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/31/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/27/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em;"></div>
TITLE <b>GEORGE KELLEY BARNES, with aliases; ET AL CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim -</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

New Plaza Hotel, Kilgore, Texas, unable to ascertain whereabouts of Dr. C. J. Adrienne.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent  Dallas, Texas, dated 11-25-35.

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**DETAILS:**

nurse, New Plaza Hotel, KILGORE, TEXAS, furnished the Dallas Bureau Office a letter from the Rogers Redemption Bureau, Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, dated December 20, 1935, wherein she was advised that they had no information or knowledge of the present whereabouts of Mr. Adrienne; further, that the last several orders which the Bureau had received from Adrienne came from some Eastern state but no return address was shown; that Adrienne is indebted to this company for more than \$75.00 and they attribute his failure to furnish them his present location to this.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **74-72**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Oklahoma City, Okla.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-2-36</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-27-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE <b>MRS. MOLLIE O. BERT, with aliases</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Perjury</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Assistant U. S. Attorney F. M. Dudley, Oklahoma City, advises that trial of subject Bert has not yet been set, but this case will likely be set for trial during March, 1936.

P.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** Okla. City, Okla., 12-3-35.

DETAILS: - At Oklahoma City.

Agent conferred with Assistant United States Attorney F. M. Dudley at Oklahoma City relative to the trial of subject Bert, and Mr. Dudley advised that date of trial has not yet been set, but that this case will likely be set for trial during the month of March, 1936.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Oklahoma City will keep in touch with the United States Attorney's Office and report prosecutive action in this matter.

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## Urschel No.2

I. J. Edgar Hoover, in dressing gown, at telephone in his home. (He was awakened by Mrs. Urschel's call- but don't show him disheveled or otherwise undignified) He is saying: "Yes, Mrs. Urschel, I will have the Oklahoma City office investigate immediately! Give my men all the facts- they will do the rest." As a preceding initial panel use this wording: "Mrs. Urschel's frantic plea for help of the G-men in rescuing her kidnaped husband and his friend, Jarrett, flashed across the country to the telephone of J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice." Insert at top or bottom of drawing: "--And Hoover, awakened at his home, assures the desperate wife:"

In circle overlapping first and second scenes insert close-up of an agent at Oklahoma City receiving telephonic instructions from Hoover at Washington.

II. Scene of officer in charge of F.B.I. field office at Oklahoma City. Same agent shown in circle has just hung up phone and is giving orders to several serious-looking federal agents who have just been summoned to the office. Show large map spotted with thumb-tacks hanging on wall, and possibly one or two "Wanted" notices on bulletin board. Do not depict any of G-men as smoking cigarettes or conducting themselves slouchily while giving or receiving orders. Officer in charge is saying: "There's been a kidnaping at the Urschels- He's the oil magnate, you know. Get out there quickly and take charge. Get all details. I'll be organizing a manhunt!"

III. Preliminary to this scene have vertical panel: "While the agents were talking with Mrs. Urschel and Mrs. Jarrett at the Urschel home, Jarrett himself- disheveled and excited- arrived back with a weird tale of his brief experience in the hands of Urschel's kidnapers--" Then show scene of Jarrett bursting into living room, to the surprise of the two women and two or three agents, whose hands instinctively reach for their guns, but who have not drawn them. Descriptive panel and drawing should occupy two blocks of strip.

Urschel- No.1

I. Scene showing Mr. and Mrs. Urschel and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jarrett playing bridge on screened sun porch of Urschel home. It is near midnight. In background, through screen, show headlights of automobile drawing into yard. Mrs. Jarrett's photo not available, so have her back toward reader. Insert, either as first vertical panel or as horizontal section of drawing, this wording: "Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Urschel, wealthy Oklahoma City residents, were playing bridge with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jarrett, on the porch of their home shortly before midnight of July 22, 1933, when a car glided noiselessly into the driveway—". Insert in arrow pointing to and overlapping next block: "And suddenly—"

II. Scene showing two gunmen thrusting themselves through screen door of porch and announcing in balloon: "It's a kidnaping! Which one of you mugs is Urschel?" Both kidnapers are heavysset, rough-looking characters. The stouter of the two is pointing a Thompson submachine gun at Urschel and Jarrett (he should resemble Machine Gun Kelly). The other (Albert Bates) aims an automatic. The Urschels and Jarretts register alarm, but make no response.

III. Scene showing kidnapers forcing Urschel and Jarrett to accompany them through door toward waiting automobile. Machine Gun Kelly says: "Well, if you guys won't talk, I'll take ya' both! Get goin'!"

IV. Show Mrs. Urschel at telephone—perhaps Mrs. Jarrett, distracted, beside her. Mrs. Urschel says: "Operator, Operator! This is an emergency! Get me National 7117, Washington, D.C. Please hurry!" Insert as horizontal or vertical panel: "As the kidnapers' car roared away with Urschel and Jarrett, Mrs. Urschel fortunately remembered a telephone number she had read about—the magic kidnaping-alarm number of the G-men."

Urschel No.4.

I.. Close-up of uniformed policemen in radio-equipped car listening to these words emanating from loud-speaker: "Call all cars— Calling all cars—Oklahoma City area— Watch out for black sedan with two armed men and a prisoner. It's a kidnaping—" Insert: "The news of Urschel's sensational kidnaping was flashed by short-wave radio to police cars".

II. Scene of state highway patrolmen, with drawn guns, stopping an automobile and checking it for the kidnapers. Insert: "While armed posses of aroused citizens scoured the countryside, police blocked roads and searched suspicious cars for the kidnapers and their helpless victim."

III. Introduce in this scene central G-man character, "Inspector Woodley" (fictitious name), who is interviewing Mrs. Urschel at her home. Precede scene with panel: "—And one of the ace investigators of the F.B.I. (Federal Bureau of Investigation), Tom Woodley, veteran of the war on crime, arrived by plane and hurried to the Urschel home to take charge of the government's work in the case." Depict Woodley as a man ~~— about 40, well dressed, serious countenance.~~ Mrs. Urschel is addressing Woodley: "Inspector Woodley, I'm so glad you've come— I'll do anything you say— only rescue my husband— please!"

IV. Scene showing Inspector Woodley pointing finger <sup>or pounding fist</sup> at several assembled agents in ~~affairs~~ Oklahoma City field office of F.B.I. and saying: "Men, it looks like a big-time job— by a gang. We've got to break this case, but first— we must get Urschel back—ALIVE!" Insert wording: "Inspector Woodley repeats Director Hoover's telephonic instructions to the agents at Oklahoma City as the G-men swing into action on the west's biggest kidnaping".

## Urschel No.5

I. Opening panel: "A flood of false tips on the kidnaping poured into the Urschel home by mail and telephone from well-meaning citizens, cranks and underworld 'chiselers'." In arrow pointing to wording of next scene put word "But—" In this scene show police officer, in uniform, and one or two plain-clothes men, presumably G-men, questioning rough-looking underworld character. This scene may be laid in a "joint" or in a police station. ~~Insertxxxxxxx~~ Have policeman saying: "Now, 'Spike'— tell us what that mob of yours was going the night sixths Urschel was kidnaped— and, by the way, where were you?". Insert: "No lead was overlooked. Every clue was run down. Suspicious characters were investigated by police and government agents."

II. Show Mrs. Urschel slipping out side door at night to enter car parked nearby, or show her lying huddled on floor of car. Insert: "Mrs. Urschel displayed remarkable courage in aiding the G-men and police to check cruel hoaxes perpetrated by 'chiselers' seeking to collect the ransom ahead of the real kidnapers. In one instance Mrs. Urschel eluded reporters by slipping out a side door and lying on the floor of her car while a friend drove it on a futile rendezvous."

III. In vertical panel: "On the fourth day, at Tulsa, Okla., a telegraph messenger called at the office of J.G. Catlett, a friend of the missing oil company executive—" Show messenger handing a small package to Catlett in his office. On Catlett's desk is a newspaper with headlines "No Word From Kidnappers", which he has just laid down.

IV. Close-up of Catlett reading letter which he has just removed from opened package. Three other envelopes remain in the package's wrapping paper. Amazement, concern on Catlett's face. He says: "Good heavens! It's from Charles Urschel. That's his writing and signature, all right! He says—" Final panel has wording: "The package contained four grim and amazing letters, one of which— addressed to Catlett— electrified him into action..... Tomorrow: The letter!"

Urschel No.3

I. Vertical panel with wording: "Returning to the Urschel home from his harrowing ride with Urschel's kidnapers, Jarrett graphically told the G-men what had happened to him and Urschel immediately after their abduction less than two hours before by two gunmen--"

Show close-up of Jarrett, still disheveled, relating his story, with gesticulations, to the G-men. Insert arrow overlapping first and second scenes, with words: "Jarrett's story"

II. Scene showing the two kidnapers and their two prisoners after getting out of car at lonely spot on road- at midnight. One kidnaper is pointing machine gun at Urschel and Jarrett, who have their hands raised. Other kidnaper is examining wallets of captives. Insert in italics and with quotation marks, to indicate telling of story in Jarrett's own words: "They pulled off the main highway 10 miles east of Oklahoma City and searched our wallets to learn which one of us was Urschel- the man they had come for.."

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III. Scene showing Urschel after being placed ~~in~~ car, with one of kidnapers putting adhesive tape over Urschel's eyes. Jarrett's story continues in insert: "They taped Urschel's eyes, shoved him into the bottom of the car and threatened to shoot him if he made an outcry".

IV. Scene showing kidnapers' car pulling off in darkness, with Jarrett standing at roadside with back toward car, but turning his head enough to watch disappearing car. Jarrett continues story: "I was ~~put~~ ~~the~~ ~~ordered~~ ordered to one side, told to look in the opposite direction and warned under threat of death to Urschel and myself not to notify police-- Then the car sped away in the darkness."

Urschel No.6

I. Close-up of Urschel's letter to Catlett, in longhand, with <sup>arrow</sup> insert: "Plea of the kidnaped Urschel to his Tulsa friend, John G. Catlett-" Here is letter: "Dear John: You undoubtedly know about my predicament. Please deliver enclosed letter to Kirkpatrick in person. Tell no one, ~~nothing~~ as police must be kept off this case or my release impossible. For my sake follow instructions to the letter and do not discuss with anyone not mentioned. This is my final letter. If this contact fails, I fear for my life. Keep out of sight, as you probably will be used later in this capacity. Give enclosed letters to Berenine <sup>my wife</sup> and Kirk. Your friend, C.F. Urschel".

II. In Vertical panel: "Catlett also received a brief typewritten note from the kidnapers directing him to proceed to Oklahoma City at once and warning him not to wire or phone ahead of his coming." Scene showing Catlett, with suitcase, entraining at depot for Oklahoma City.

III. Vertical panel: "Arriving in Oklahoma City, Catlett, carrying the ~~letters from the kidnapers~~, hurried to the Urschel home and told Mrs. Urschel and the G-men of the startling developments." Scene showing Catlett telling Mrs. Urschel: "We must get Kirkpatrick here at once, Mrs. Urschel. There is no time to lose!" Letters are lying on table, while Mrs. Urschel has just finished reading one.

IV. Scene showing Kirkpatrick opening letter and several small identification cards falling out as he does so. Catlett and Mrs. Urschel are reaching for them. Mrs. Urschel is saying: "My husband's calling cards! He carried them in his wallet!" Insert wording: ~~Kirkpatrick~~ E.E. Kirkpatrick, friend of Urschel, quickly responded to a telephone call from the Urschel home. When he opened the letter addressed to him by the kidnapers several cards fluttered to the table.... Tomorrow: The Kidnapers' Demand".

Urschel- No.7

I. Opening panel: In the presence of Mrs. Urschel and Inspector Woodley of the G-men, Kirkpatrick began reading the letter from the kidnapers of Urschel. Follow with two-strip scene showing Kirkpatrick reading letter and saying: "They say: 'The enclosed letter from Charles F. Urschel to you and the identification cards will convince you that you are dealing with the real abductors'".

II. Close-up of part of letter, reading: "Immediately upon receipt of this letter you will proceed to obtain the sum of two hundred thousand dollars in genuine used Federal Reserve currency in twenty dollar bills--"

III. Close-up of Woodley expressing amazement and saying: "Nearly a quarter million for ransom! Or else!" Insert: Tomorrow: The Cryptic Ad".

**Ursochel No. 8**

1. Scene of Inspector WoodKey reading letter to group (Mrs. Urschel, Catlett, Kirkpatrick) in Urschel home. He is saying: "Listen to this- the kidnapers say: 'If there should be any attempt at a double-cross, it will be Urschel that suffers the consequences!'" Insert: "Inspector WoodKey, of the F.B.I. (Federal Bureau of Investigation) examined the ~~xxxxxx~~ demand for \$200,000 ransom received from Urschel's kidnapers four days after the abduction."

II. Close-up of part of kidnapers' letter: "Run this blind ad for one week in the newspapers: 'For sale- 180 acres land, good 5 room house, deep well. Also cows, tractor, hay. \$3,750 for quick sale. Box....' This letter was typewritten. Insert over letter: 'The kidnapers demanded a novel acknowledgment of their letter in token of acceptance of their demands'.

III. Scene showing Catlett being handed a letter by counter clerk at newspaper office. Insert wording: "In response to the blind ad ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ giving Box 807 of the newspaper office as the return address, an airmail plane the next day brought another letter from the kidnapers".

IV. Scene showing Inspector Woodley reading letter and saying: "This new letter from the gang was mailed in Joplin, Mo. Here are full directions for paying the ransom. The kidnapers say we are being watched this very minute- we must act carefully and quickly!" Insert: "Inspector Woodley read the latest communication from the desperadoes with evident concern--"

## Urschel No.9

I. Opening panel: "Inspector Woodley of the F.B.I. studied instructions of Urschel's kidnapers that Kirkpatrick should pack the \$200,000 ransom in a light-colored Gladstone bag and catch Train 28, the Katy express, for Kansas City, Mo." Show Woodley, ransom letter in hand, addressing Kirkpatrick, with Catlett in background. Woodley is saying: "Train 28 leaves at 10:10 p.m. You haven't any time to waste!" Kirkpatrick replies: "I'll get the money from the bank at once- and the bag to put it in!"

II. Scene similar to above, but with Catlett stepping forward and saying: "I'm going with you, Kirk. They might double-cross you!" Inspector Woodley says: "A good idea. Your job will be to carry a duplicate, dummy bag. If there's a hi-jacking, switch bags." Insert wording: "The letter directed Kirkpatrick to sit on the rear platform of the observation car and watch for two signal fires- then he was to throw the bag of money from the train."

III. Scene of Inspector Woodley and several agents recording serial numbers of ransom money- all in \$20 bills. Insert wording: "Inspector Woodley and his men hastily recorded the serial numbers of the \$20 bills making up the heavy \$200,000 ransom bundle prepared for the kidnapers of Urschel". Woodley is saying: "We can't afford to make a single error in these numbers, men-- each bill will be a possible clue!"

IV. Close-up of Kirkpatrick packing money into Gladstone bag and saying: "What a lot of money! But Charley Urschel's life is worth more than mere money." Catlett is holding bag nearby in one hand, looking at watch with other and saying: "My decoy bag is packed with old magazines, Kirk. Hurry, it's nearly train time!"

Urschel No.10.

I. Scene showing Inspector Woodley telling his men: "Men, orders from Washington are that we must stand by while the ransom is paid. Remember, the kidnapers warned they would kill Urschel if police interfered!" Insert wording: "Following Director Hoover's instructions, the G-men kept hands off as the friends of Urschel prepared to ransom him for \$200,000."

II. Scene showing Kirkpatrick and Catlett bidding goodbye to Mrs. Urschel. Their Gladstone bags are on the floor. Mrs. Urschel says: "Goodbye, good luck and God bless you!" Kirkpatrick replies: "Don't worry, Mrs. Urschel, we'll have your husband back home in a jiffy!"

III. Scene showing Kirkpatrick and Catlett getting on train at depot. Kirkpatrick is saying: "We just made it, Kiltar John". Catlett says: "I'm with you, Kirk- bag and all!"

IV. Scene showing Kirkpatrick, bag between his knees or on his lap, seated on rear observation platform of train as it rushes through night. Glance of Catlett seated just inside rear door. Kirkpatrick is bending forward to watch for signal cars. Insert this wording: "Kirkpatrick, with the \$200,000 satchel, watched anxiously for the kidnapers' promised signal fires- ready instantly to toss the fortune over the rail when the second fire was sighted. Catlett, with the dummy bag, remained inside the car". Arrow insert: "Tomorrow: An agonizing vigil".

Urschel No.11

I. Half-strip scene showing train speeding through open country at night, with figure huddled on rear observation platform. Insert wording: "For hours Train 28 of the "Katy" Limited roared through the night toward Kansas City, its crew unaware they were playing a part in a tense ~~MM~~ drama of life and death-of kidnapers and their victim. Huddled on the rear platform, Kirkpatrick, the ransom intermediary named by the kidnaped Urschel, kept sharp watch for two fires which were to signal payment of the \$200,000 ransom."

II. Close-up scene of Kirkpatrick on rear platform of train, reading kidnapers' letter again. He is saying to Catlett, who is sticking his head through partly opened rear door: "Let's see- the kidnapers say in this letter Urschel will be tending the signal fires and will pick up the money bag when I throw it off:"

III. Scene showing Kirkpatrick and Catlett standing on rear platform, with sun rising in distance. Kirkpatrick says: "It's morning. We're almost in Kansas City- and not a signal fire along the whole route!" Catlett says: "There's been a bad slip-up somewhere. Have they double-crossed us?" Insert: "Tomorrow: What happened at Kansas City".

Urschel No.12.

I..Scene showing Kirkpatrick and ~~WENNA~~ Catlett getting into taxi at depot, with bags tightly gripped. Kirkpatrick is saying to the driver: "To the Muhlebach Hotel quick!" Insert wording: Having failed to see the promised signal fires of the kidnapers between Oklahoma City and Kansas City, Kirkpatrick, and obeying instructions of Urschel's captors in their letter, took the \$300,000 ransom to a designated hotel, where contact would be made in event of a hitch in the signal fire plans.

II. Scene showing Kirkpatrick and Catlett waving porters aside and insisting on carrying their own bags through lobby of hotel. Kirkpatrick is saying to porter: "No thanks. I'll carry THIS bag myself". Catlett says: "Me, too".

III. Close-up showing Kirkpatrick signing hotel register: "E.E. Wincaid, Little Rock, Ark.". Insert wording: The kidnapers had directed that in case of a slip-up on the train arrangements, Kirkpatrick should register under an assumed name- specified- and "await further instructions".

IV. Scene showing Kirkpatrick seat<sup>ed</sup> beside phone in hotel room, with Catlett pacing restlessly. Bags are on bed. Kirkpatrick says: "This suspense is driving me ~~mad~~. If only something would happen!" Catlett says: "Wait- there's somebody knocking at the door!" Arrow Insert- "Tomorrow: The Message".



II. Scene showing messenger boy standing in front of Kirkpatrick and Catlett, with Kirkpatrick glancing at hastily-opened telegram--envelop dropping to floor. Kirkpatrick is saying: "Who--where did you get this--oh, yes--it's a wire from Tulsa!" Catlett is saying impatiently: "Go ahead, Kirk, read it!"

IV. Scene showing Catlett seated on side of bed, beside bags, and reading telegram- perplexity, concern on his face. Kirkpatrick is pacing floor anxiously and saying: "'Unavoidable incident', eh? I wonder if that means--well, we'll know what it means ~~later on~~." Insert in final panel or arrow: Tomorrow: The ~~Case, 000~~ ~~Pay-off~~.

Urshel No.14

I. Insert in opening panel: The Urshel ransom intermediaries waited for hours in their hotel room for a call from "Mr. Moore".

Have arrow, enclosing word "Then--", pointing to first scene:

Show Kirkpatrick seated at telephone, Catlett bending over him eagerly. Kirkpatrick is saying: "Yes- yes- this is Kirkpat--I mean Kincaid. Is this C.H. Moore?" Catlett is saying "Is it the gang?"

II. Close-up of Kirkpatrick at telephone. He is saying: "All right, Mr. Moore, I'm ready to do whatever you say!"

III. Insert in a narrow vertical panel: While in a phone booth not far away--(have arrow pointing to next scene)

In this scene, drawn with plenty of shadows, have one of the kidnapers seated in darkness of telephone booth, while rough-looking companion keeps guard, with hand on gun in pocket. These two should resemble original pair of kidnapers. Have kidnaper at phone saying: "Listen, Kincaid! Get a cab at once and drive to the LaSalle Hotel. When you get there, start walking west-and carry that bag! I'll meet you!"

IV. Scene showing Kirkpatrick hanging up phone and saying to Catlett: "He rang off after warning me not to bring anyone along with me. That lets you out, Catlett. I'm going- alone!"

Insert in final panel or arrow: Tomorrow- The \$200,000 Pay-Off!