Urschel No. 15.

I. Insert in opening panel: Complying with telephoned instructions, Kirkpatrick is ready at Kansas City to ransom his friend, Urschel, for $200,000-- (Have arrow pointing to next block).
Scene showing Catlett opening door for exit of Kirkpatrick, who has grabbed bag of money from bed and rushed to door. Catlett is saying: "Don't you think I'd better come, anyway?" Kirkpatrick replies: "No- when they warned me to come alone, they meant it!"

II. Scene showing Kirkpatrick getting into taxicab in front of hotel, pushing money bag ahead of him. He is saying to driver: "To the LaSalle Hotel!"

III. Scene showing Kirkpatrick carrying bag along nearly deserted street, taxicab pulling away from curb. A rough-looking man is walking down the street toward him. Group of two or three "gangster" type men, hands in pockets menacingly, standing in nearby alley or doorway. Insert under picture: As Kirkpatrick, carrying the $200,000 bag, started walking west, he noticed a stranger watching him intently.

IV. Scene showing stranger (one of original kidnapers-Kelly) reaching for bag carried by Kirkpatrick, who is reluctantly relinquishing it. Stranger is saying: "I'll carry that bag for you, Mr. Kincaid!" Kirkpatrick replies: "Just a minute- I want some instructions!"

Urschel No.16

I. Insert in opening panel: While guns he could not see covered his every move, Kirkpatrick handed the $200,000 bag- Urschel's ransom- to one of the kidnapers-- (Have arrow pointing to first block)

Draw scene similar to final block of strip No.15, showing kidnaper holding money bag and starting to walk away, while Kirkpatrick pulls at his arm to detain him, and says: "Hold on! Don't I get any instructions?" Stranger replies: "You'll get them- I can't talk with you now!"

II. Scene similar to foregoing one, except that stranger has paused a moment at Kirkpatrick's insistence. Kirkpatrick is saying: "But someone who is very much interested is waiting for me to phone her! I must tell her something definite!" Kidnaper replies: "Go back to your hotel. The title to the farm will be delivered in the next 12 hours!"

III. Scene showing Kirkpatrick arriving back in hotel room, with Catlett greeting him with "What happened, Kirk? Where's Urschel?" Kirkpatrick replies: "~~They took the~~ money and promised Urschel's release in 12 hours! I must phone Mrs.Urschel."

IV. Scene showing Kirkpatrick at telephone in hotel room, saying: "I've just paid the ransom. Your husband will be home tomorrow, they said. I'm leaving for Oklahoma City. See you in the morning!" Insert in circle close-up of Mrs. Urschel at phone, saying: "Thank heavens!" Insert in final panel or arrow: "Tomorrow: Urschel's Return!"

Urschel No.17

I. Insert in opening panel: With mixed emotions of fear and hope, Kirkpatrick and Catlett, Urschel's ransom negotiators, returned to Oklahoma from the pay-off at Kansas City.
Draw scene showing Kirkpatrick and Catlett seated in parlor car of train. Kirkpatrick is saying: "I hope I handed that $200,000 to the real kidnapers. I don't like the way they changed plans on us!" Catlett replies: "It couldn't have been a hoax-we followed instructions carefully!"

II. Scene showing Kirkpatrick, back in Urschel home, describing pay-off to Inspector Woodrow and Mrs. Urschel. Kirkpatrick is saying: "He said the title- meaning Urschel-would be ~~brought~~ delivered in 12 hours". Inspector says: "It's been more than 12 hours since you paid the ransom." Mrs. Urschel says: "Surely they would not double-cross us!"

III. Half-strip scene showing Urschel, hatless and disheveled, being helped into room by an agent. Urschel extends arms toward wife, who is rushing forward to greet him. Inspector Woodrow also has hand extended toward Urschel, as if to help him to chair. Agent is saying: "~~He says~~ he is Mr. Urschel!" ~~Urschel says: "I'm all right, Berenice! Just tired!"~~ Mrs. Urschel says: "Charles! You're not hurt? Heaven be praised!" Inspector Woodrow says: "Sit down and ~~catch your breath, Mr. Urschel-~~ there's lots to do!"
In final panel insert: Tomorrow we begin Urschel's ~~weird~~ story of his "snatch" and imprisonment, as related to G-men.

Urschel No.18

I. Insert in opening panel: Urschel, ransomed for $200,000, told Inspector Woodrow of the F.B.I. what had happened since his seizure by two armed kidnapers 9 days before-- (Have arrow pointing to next scene)

Draw scene showing ~~kidnapped~~ Urschel telling his story to Inspector, who is taking notes. Urschel is saying: "I'll begin the story at the point where they released Jarrett, shoved me into the bottom of their car and drove off." Inspector is saying: "Fine. Don't omit the slightest detail, Mr. Urschel".

II. Close-up of Urschel telling story. He is saying: "As Jarrett has told you, the two kidnapers drove north east from Oklahoma City. I was blindfolded with adhesive tape and could see nothing".

III. Scene showing kidnapers' car passing through a field of oil derricks and tanks, at night, with lights illuminating machinery. Over or under this picture insert in italics and quotation marks (to indicate Urschel talking): "About an hour later I smelled gas and heard the pumps of an oil field."

Have arrow ~~pointing~~ to the wording ~~and~~ insert in arrow: Urschel's Story.

IV. Scene showing blindfolded Urschel seated in clump of weeds beside car parked at side of road, with one kidnaper guarding him ~~while companion is starting off~~ with can to ~~get~~ gasoline. It is almost dawn. ~~Continue Urschel's story in italics:~~ "Two or three hours later we halted, I was placed in a clump of weeds and one of the kidnapers went in search of gasoline".

Urschel No.19

I. Draw half-strip scene showing kidnaper leading blindfolded Urschel from small sedan into large limousine. Both cars are parked in a barn. It is daybreak outside. Other kidnaper is changing license plates on big car. Kidnaper with Urschel is saying:"Get in there, Urschel!" Kidnaper with license plates is saying: "We've gotta make it snappy-- it's daybreak!"

Under this scene, or over it, insertin italics: "About daybreak the kidnapers pulled into a barn of some sort and put me into a larger car. I could hear them changing tags."

In arrow pointing to Urschel italics insert:Urschel Told The G-Men- .

III. Scene showing close-up of Urschel lying on pillow and blankets in bottom of large sedan, guarded by kidnaper on back seat. Insert in italics: "They made me lie on a berth in the bottom of the big car and again warned me to keep quiet--"

IV. Scene showing kidnapers' car at country filling station, taking on gas with aid of woman attendant, ~~xhxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ One kidnaper is seated in rear to shield view of victim on floor, while the other is standing beside car and saying to woman:"How's crops around here?" The woman replies: "They're all burnt up,Mister but we may save some broom corn!"

Insert in italics: "We gassed up about three hours later at a filling station attended by a woman,who said the drought had hurt the broom corn--"

~~Insert in final vertical panel: "Barn", "drought", "Broom~~ corn"--All were clues for the G-men!

Urschel No.20

I. Insert in Opening panel: Urschel continued the story of his kidnaping to Inspector Woodrow, Federal Bureau of Investigation--
Have arrow pointing to next scene.
Draw scene showing kidnapers' car driving through heavy rain and thunderstorm, in rural section- no houses in sight. Insert in italics: "A few hours after reaching the dusty broom corn section described by the gasoline attendant, a heavy rainstorm broke--"

II. Scene showing car mired in ford of stream swollen by downpour of rain, with one of kidnapers trying to push it out while other remains at wheel. Insert in italics: "At one time we got mired, and one of the kidnapers got out and pushed. I huddled, blindfolded, in bottom of the car--".

III. Scene showing car turning off muddy dirt road into weed-grown driveway leading to ramshackle wooden garage about 15 feet from small frame farmhouse of flimsy construction. A narrow boardwalk leads from garage to house. House is on right of garage. Wooden farm-type gate in fence crossing boardwalk near garage. Farm animals visible (Cows, chickens). Insert in italics: "Finally, we turned into a burry lane and stopped in what seemed to be a small barn or garage--"

IV. Scene showing Urschel seated on running board of car in garage, eating sandwich and holding cup of coffee just handed to him by one of kidnapers. Other kidnaper is gone. Kidnaper is saying: "That'll make you feel better". Urschel replies: "Thanks. Where do we go from here?" Insert in italics: "They brought me some sandwiches and coffee. One of the men was gone for hours. As I learned later, he was preparing my prison".

Urschel No.21

I. Insert in opening panel: Urschel's story to the G-men of his kidnaping experiences gave vital clues to investigators--
Have arrow pointing to next scene.
Draw scene showing Urschel, still blindfolded, being helped to his feet from car running board, where he has been seated, by one of kidnapers, while other kidnaper, with gesture of arm, says: "Come on, Urschel- the picnic has just begun!" Show darkness outside, dim lantern inside. Insert in italics: "It must have been nightfall when they hustled me out of the garage--"

II. Scene showing kidnaper carrying lantern in one hand and opening gate with other, while other kidnaper guides Urschel along narrow plank walk toward house. Insert in italics:"I heard the rusty hinges of a gate squeak as they opened it for me to pass, a few feet outside the garage--"

III. Scene showing Urschel stepping up two wooden steps from boardwalk into doorway of house, with one kidnaper holding his arm to guide him and saying: "Watch those two steps, Buddy!" Other kidnaper holds lantern to light steps. Insert in italics: "After walking about 15 feet along a narrow boardwalk, I was led up two wooden steps into the doorway of a house--"

IV. Scene showing poorly furnished bedroom, with Urschel being seated on a single iron bed by kidnaper who has him by arm. Other kidnaper has just placed lantern on small table and is closing door. Kidnaper with Urschel is saying: "Sit down, ~~pall~~ pal. That's your bed for tonight- you might as well turn in!" Show a second iron cot in room and have kidnaper at door saying:"One of us has gotta do guard duty on that other cot!" Insert in italics: "I was taken into a bedroom and told to get some sleep on a cot. One of the kidnapers occupied ~~the~~ another cot."

Urschel No.22

I. Draw scene showing Urschel, blindfolded and fully clothed, lying across cot in bedroom, with one of the kidnapers taking off shoes as though preparing to retire in second bed. Lantern on table casting feeble light. Have this scene more of a close-up of Urschel's head and upper part of body than any other details in room. He is supposed to be listening to voices in next room. Insert in italics: "As I lay on the cot I heard one of my kidnapers talking in low tones with a woman in the next room--"

Have arrow pointing to italics and insert in arrow: Urschel tells his story--/

II. Scene showing kidnaper putting wads of cotton in Urschel's ears and taping them so he cannot hear. He is still blindfolded, of course. Kidnaper is saying: "This'll fix those keen ears of yours!" Urschel says: "I didn't hear anything." Insert in italics: "My guard, suspecting I was listening, placed cotton wads in my ears and taped them--"

III. Scene showing Urschel eating a sandwich and holding cup of coffee, as he sits at small table in bedroom. Kidnaper, with machine gun lying beside him, is stretching his arms ~~xndxyxwxing~~ as he sits on the bed. It is daylight outside. Second kidnaper is standing nearby, eating sandwich, and saying: "This is goin' t' be our busy day". Kidnaper on bed says: "What a night that turned out t' be!" Insert in italics: "The next morning they gave me some food off a small table which had no cover--"

IV. Scene showing glimpse of cows, chickens and dogs through window of room in which Urschel is eating breakfast. Show dogs chasing chickens. Insert in italics: "Despite the cotton wads in my ears, I could hear ~~AAAAA~~ cows, chickens, guinea hens and dogs--"

In a final vertical panel insert: The G-men, seeking clues to Urschel's kidnapers, noted his mention of a woman's voice and barnyard noises!

Urschel No.23

I. Scene showing Inspector Woodrow questioning Urschel and taking notes. Inspectpr is saying: "What did the kidnapers do with you after that first night in the farmhouse, Mr.Urschel?" Urschel replies: "They moved me frpm that house the next day. They put me in a car and--" Have arrow pointing to next scene and insert in arrow:Urschel's Story.

Insert over or under scene:Prompted by questions from Inspector Woodrow of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Urschel, ransomed for $200000,related his kidnaping adventure.

II. Scene showing Urschel, blinfolded,being driven in small coupe along coutry road in daytime tpward farmhouse in distance. No other cars or people in sight. Have road more of a cow-path than highway, with ~~rail~~ fence bordering it.

Insert in italics: "We drove over a bumpy road for perhaps 15 minutes without hearing traffic noises or human voices--"

III. Draw half-strip scene showing coupe entering farmyard of Shannon place, with general view of house, outbuildings and grounds, drawn from photographs to be furnished. Show man with machine gun held in crook of arm, carelessly, waiting for cuupe to stop near front door.

Insert in italics: "Then we pulled into what I took to be a farmyard and my captors ordered me out. As I learned later, this was the kidnapers' hideout- and my prison!"

Urschel No.24

I. Scene showing two kidnapers leading Urschel through dark hallway and about to have him step up one step into doorway of shabby room. One of kidnapers is saying: "Step up, Urschel. Now- this way!" Insert in italics: "My kidnapers led me through a narrow hall that had no carpet and up one step into a room--"
Have arrow pointing to italics and insert in arrow: Urschel Tells the G-men--

II. Scene showing Urschel starting to get down on pile of blankets in corner of nearly bare room(dining chair, uncovered small table, iron cot). His kidnapers have just released their grip on his arms, and one of them is saying: "Lie down on them blankets, Pal, and enjoy some solid comfort!" Other kidnapers says: "Yeah, like a good boy".

III. Show backs of man and woman conversing in next room- partly visible through half-opened door of room in which Urschel is seated on blankets, holding his head. Kidnapers starting to leave through door. Make this a half-strip scene and insert in italics: "Not long after being placed on the blankets in the corner by my kidnapers, I heard the voice of a man and a woman conversing excitedly in the next room. They were voices strange to me.I couldn't hear what they were saying."

Urschel No.25

I. -Insert in opening panel: Urschel, home after payment of $200,000 ransom, told Inspector Woodrow of the F.B.I. of his first day in the kidnapers' mysterious hideout--

Have arrow pointing to first scene and insert in arrow: Urschel's Story--.

Show scene, half-strip long, showing three gangsters and two women(one an old, disreputable farm woman and the other a well-dressed young woman, supposed to be Kathryn Kelly, wife of Machine Gun Kelly) in a huddle in back yard of Shannon place. Kidnapers' limousine and a small coupe are parked nearby. Show men armed with machine guns and shotguns and pistols. In yard, plainly visible, show four cows, some chickens and several hogs.

Insert in italics: "The wads in my ears didn't prevent me from hearing voices of two or three men other than the two original kidnapers-and I also heard ~~[illegible]~~ voices of two women and noises of barnyard animals--"

III. Show Urschel on blankets in corner of room, with an old man in farmer's clothes seated nearby, guarding him with a shotgun. Farmer is saying: "Reckon I'll have to be gettin' the stock in." Urschel says: "Go ahead, I won't run away!"

Insert in italics: "Part of the time I was guarded by a farmer. I recall that he mentioned having four milk cows--"

IV. Scene showing one of original kidnapers shackling Urschel to leg of chair with handcuffs- one cuff around wrist and other around leg of chair. Farmer-guard is standing nearby. It is night, and oil lamp dimly illumines room. Kidnaper is saying: "That'll prevent any monkey business tonight!" Urschel says: "How can I sleep with that thing around my wrist?"

Insert in italics: "The first night in the hideout they shackled me to a chair with handcuffs, so I wouldn't 'walk in my sleep'--"

Urschel No.26

I. Scene showing Urschel, still blindfolded, eating breakfast of bacon, eggs, bread and coffee off bare table, with handcuff unlocked from his wrist and hanging from chair. Farmer-guard sits at table with shotgun, but is not eating. Farmer's wife(Mrs. R.G. Shannon's photo may be copied for this) is serving breakfast. Urschel is saying:"Could I have a drink of water?" Woman says: "O.K. I'll have to draw a bucket at the well".

--Have arrow pointing to Urschel's story in italics:"The next morning I was served a good breakfast of farm products by one of the women, presumably wife of my farmer-guard--"

Insert in arrow: Urschel's Story of Kidnaping-

II. Scene from room where Urschel is eating, showing glimpse through window of farm wife drawing bucket of water from old-fashioned pulley-type well. Show part of Urschel in foreground.

Insert in italics: "I heard water being drawn from a well by means of a pulley that squeaked and rasped loudly--"

III. Scene showing Urschel taking tin cup of water from proffered hand of farm woman. He is still at breakfast table. Show handle of tin cup missing. Woman is saying: "Careful, Mister.This tin cup ain't got no handle!" Urschel says: "Thanks."

Insert in italics: "I was given water out of an old tin cup that was minus a handle--".

IV. Scene showing close-up of Urschel drinking water from tin cup. Insert in italics: "And the water had a very noticeable mineral taste that I won't soon forget!"

Insert in final panel: Inspector Woodrow, ace G-man, made special note of the well, tin cup and water clues detailed by the ransomed millionaire!

Urschel No.27

I. Insert in opening panel: Urschel continued his amazing story of his imprisonment by kidnapers, as Inspector Woodrow of the Federal Bureau of Investigation took notes--

Insert in arrow pointing to first scene: Urschel related--

Draw scene showing half-strip view of Shannon farm, with commercial air liner flying low overhead.

Insert in italics: "Not long after breakfast I heard the roar of an airplane passing over the hideout--"

III. Scene showing farm woman clearing away last of breakfast dishes, husband seated nearby with shotgun and Urschel pushing chair away from table and saying: "About what time of day is it?" Farmer looks at watch and says: "It's nine-fifty a.m.- but don't start worrying about time- yet, Mister!"

Insert in italics: "I waited what I judged was about 5 minutes and then inquired the time. The plane had passed overhead about 9:45 a.m., I figured--".

IV. Scene showing two original kidnapers back in room with Urschel, who has been handcuffed again to the chair on which he is seated. One kidnaper is sitting on a chair drawn up in front of Urschel and other is standing at his side. One of kidnapers is saying: "We want to talk a little business with you!" Other kidnaper says: "Yeah, Urschel, serious business. How much is your life worth to your family?"

Insert in italics: "My two kidnapers returned later that day and broached for the first time the matters of ransom and a 'contact' or intermediary--".

Urschel No.28

I. Insert in opening panel: Urschel related to G-men his bargaining with ~~kix~~ kidnapers over ranson plans--
Have arrow pointing to first scene.
Draw scene showing two kidnapers discussing ranson with Urschel. Scene similar to IV in No.27. One of kidnapers is saying: "You're ready to talk business? O.K. First, we gotta select a contact man!" Other kidnaper says: "Somebody we c'n trust- how about your minister?" Urschel says: "My pastor is out of town."
Insert in italics: "The kidnapers suggested using the pastor of my church as intermediary, but I told them he had left Oklahoma City--"

II. Close-up of kidnaper, with worried look, saying: "I think we'd better choose a contact outside of Oklahoma City, anyway. The papers say those G-men are messing around there!"

III. Close-up view of one of kidnapers, face close to that of Urschel, saying: "Have you got a friend you can trust in Tulsa?" Urschel replies: "Well, yes. John G. Catlett is a good friend".
Insert in italics: "When they suggested that I name someone in Tulsa as intermediary, I mentioned John Catlett--"

IV. Scene showing one of kidnapers handing paper and pencil to Urschel, while other one loosens bandage over his eyes. Kidnaper with paper is saying: "Here, write a letter to Catlett just like I say!" Other kidnaper says: "I'll loosen this enough for you to see what you're writin'".
Insert in italics: "They brought me paper and pencil and made me write a letter to John, substantially as they dictated it. I asked him to serve as intermediary--"

Urschel No.29

I. Scene showing Urschel writing letter, while two kidnapers stand over him and look over his shoulder. One of kidnapers is saying: "--and more instructions will be sent later." Other kidnaper says: "Now sign it, Urschel!"

Insert in italics: "I wrote the letter to Catlett just as the kidnapers dictated it, asking him to be intermediary--"

In arrow pointing to italics insert: Urschel told the G-Men--

II. Close-up of Urschel writing letter addressed to "Dear Berenice"

Insert in italics: "They let me write a letter to my wife- but they dictated most of that, too, as she must of realized from its curtness--"

III. Scene showing one of kidnapers taking both letters out of room, while other remains to guard Urschel. Kidnaper leaving room calls back: "I've got a couple more letters to write, myself!" Urschel says: "Please send that letter to my wife at once- to let her know I'm all right!"

Insert in italics: "After writing the letters to John Catlett and my wife, I was blindfolded again--"

IV. Scene showing airplane flying over Shannon farm in direction opposite to that of morning plane previously depicted (No.27).

Insert in italics: "That afternoon I heard another plane flying almost directly over the house- but in the opposite direction from that of the morning plane--"

Urschel No.30

I. Insert in opening panel: Questioned by Inspector Woodrow of the F.B.I., Urschel, freed by kidnapers, related that--
Have arrow pointing to next scene.
Draw scene showing young farmer guarding Urschel, who has slight growth of beard. Use photo of Armon Shannon as guide. Urschel is saying: "Where have the others gone? When will I be released?" Farmer is saying: "Search me, Mister. I'm not the head man".
Insert in italics: "At times the elderly farmer guarded me, but sometimes a younger man, whom I took to be his son, was on watch--"

II. Scene showing Machine Gun Kelly chatting with Urschel as he sits guarding him. Kelly is saying:"Sure, I been robbin' banks f'r 25 years. Big jobs- that's me!" Urschel says: "I see."
Insert in italics:"One of my kidnapers talked freely of crimes he had committed.He said his gang made the Barrows look like ~~pickxxpickxxxx~~ pikers!"

III. Scene showing Kelly still talking with Urschel, as in foregoing scene. Kelly is saying: "Yeah, the gang will treat yuh O.K. if you play fair- but if you double-cross us- well, use your imagination!"
Insert in italics: "He warned me of tortures I would suffer if there was any double-crossing in ransom arrangements--"

IV. Scene showing kidnapers chaining Urschel to chair with long cattle-chain attached to handcuffs. One of them says: "This chain will let you move around a little better." Urschel says: "Thanks".
Insert in italics: "On Friday, fifth day after my kidnaping, they chained me to the chair with a long cattle chain attached to my handcuffs--"

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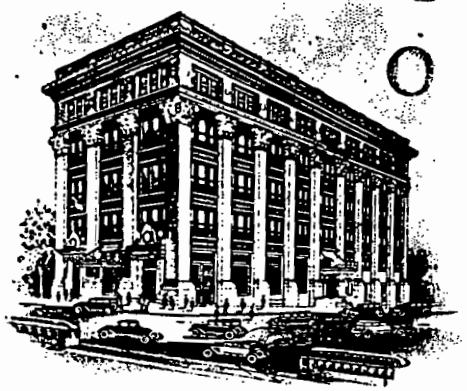

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your note. I am grateful that a man as busy as you would go to the trouble of expressing pleasure over so brief an encounter.

Out of that encounter I got a fine exclusive story, thanks to you and Ryley. You must know that anything touching on the Urschel case still is news of the first magnitude here, and thousands of speculative words have been printed on the finger man angle.

I am enclosing a clipping of the yarn, printed on page one of our afternoon paper.

One of these days I want to write a story on three local men with your department and something of their work--Hurt, Campbell and Bryce. Would that be going off the reservation and into the realm of things the department wants left unmentioned? All are friends of mine and I wouldn't want to write anything that would injure them in the bureau.

Sincerely,

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The Urschel Case Had No Finger Man

J. Edgar Hoover, No. 1 G-Man, Discredits Theory.

By DICK PEARCE
Of the Times Staff

TULSA, Jan. 14.—That phantom figure in the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping case—the finger man who cloaked his crime behind respectability—does not exist.

This dope is straight from J. Edgar Hoover, chief of all the G-men, who left here Monday night for Chicago after visiting for the first time the state in which his department earned so much of his fame. He came ostensibly to assist at the southwestern crime conference, but his real errand was to pay tribute to a brave Oklahoma officer who died in action.

Hoover revealed that government agents did not quickly discard the theory that an Oklahoma City citizen, probably a man with an outwardly respectable life, fingered the oil millionaire for George "Machine Gun" Kelly and Albert Bates. So thoroughly did the kidnapers know the daily habits and movements o. Urschel, and his financial abilities that there was plenty of reason to believe an Oklahoma City man involved.

"But we have never been able to get any proof of that, and we've explored it thoroughly," said Hoover. "I feel that we have made as thorough

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an investigation as it is possible to make."

Sitting in his hotel room with Dwight Brantley, his lieutenant who has charge of the Oklahoma City office, Hoover talked briskly of Oklahoma criminals. Floyd, Kelly, Bates, Underhill, Nash, Richetti, Ma Baker and her boys—they all flourished until Hoover's men went after them.

They're all dead or in prison now—but Hoover still won't give them an inch.

"Rats, yellow rats, everyone of them—I won't call them dogs because I'm a lover of dogs."

He's said that before, and he'll never say anything else about big criminals. That is part of the psychology that he uses every minute of every day to change the attitude of the average citizen toward criminals.

Floyd Died Begging

"Dutch Schultz died whining—Pretty Boy Floyd died begging for his life—the eastern city gangsters, the western desperado, they're all alike."

Back of this psychology, the whole meat of it, in fact, is the romance of adventure. Hoover believes that he and his men are romantic figures. He encourages that conception for the good it does.

"I noticed at Christmas the stores were selling G-man guns and G-man automobiles," he smiled. "That's a good sign. Boys once wanted to play bandit. Now they want to play G-man. This changing attitude of the small boy is a hopeful sign."

Approves "G-Man" Stuff

Kelly did hang the name G-man on his agents when they walked in on him at Memphis, and Hoover doesn't object to it. Short, romantic sounding, it is another psychological help.

"It's created a certain amount of popularity for us," he said. The same goes for G-man movies.

Of the many factors that permitted criminals to flourish in Oklahoma, Hoover emphasized a "clan instinct" in the hill country that led otherwise respectable citizens to harbor Floyd and his ilk.

"A community gets no better government than it wants," he commented.

Praise for Watt, Rogers

Hoover could not long remain away from the Urschel case, which he described as "the red letter case" in department of justice files. His praise was unbounded for Sheriff Stanley Rogers and John Watt, police chief.

"I don't know of any locality in the country where we got more cooperation," he said. "There was one of the finest examples of how a case should be handled. I cite that as proof that Oklahoma has a basis of fine enforcement officers on which to build."

There was contempt in his voice as he swung the conversation to "sentimental, sob sister parole boards." He didn't mention Oklahoma specifically, but he had Oklahoma in mind. Both Dock Barker and Alvin Karpis, the Bremer kidnapers, received clemency in Oklahoma.

"All five of my men killed in the last year have been killed by the recipients of some kind of clemency," he said.

At the end he explained the real reason for his coming to Oklahoma. He always has turned down invitations to peace officers' conventions.

There are 48 of them every year and he never would get any work done if he went, as much as he would like to, he explained.

But Otto Reed, the peace officer who died at the Kansas City union station massacre when the attempt was made to free Frank Nash, was an Oklahoman. He was chief of police at McAlester.

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February 4, 1936.

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Mr. Dick Pearce,
c/o Oklahoma City Times,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Pearce:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 25, 1936, in which you enclosed a clipping of your article entitled "The Urschel Case Had No Finger Man," which appeared in the January 14, 1936, issue of the Oklahoma City Times.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to send me this article and I have read it with a great deal of interest. I wish to commend you upon the masterful manner in which the article is written.

With reference to your expressed desire to write a story concerning Special Agents Hart, Campbell and Bryce, I wish to advise you that it is not the policy of this Bureau to publicize individual members of its personnel. I am sure you will appreciate the reasons for this policy.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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January 7, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

Dear Sir:

[redacted] Postmaster, Erie, Pennsylvania forwarded to the Pittsburgh Office under letter dated December 31, 1935, a mail tracing from Jonesboro, Arkansas, dated December 29, 1935, addressed to [redacted] Erie, Pennsylvania, showing a return address 714 Union Street, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

This tracing is herewith being transmitted to your office for whatever further attention you deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]
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R. L. SHIVERS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
January 7, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Dear Sir:

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

This will confirm teletype message from this office dated January 4, 1936.

On January 4, 1936, there was received from the Postmaster at Jonesboro, Arkansas, a tracing of a letter received by [redacted] Jonesboro, Arkansas, the mother of Mrs. C. J. Adrienne. This tracing disclosed that the letter received by [redacted] was postmarked at Covington, Tennessee, December 31, 1935, and bore a return address of [redacted] Covington, Tennessee.

By reference to the report of Special Agent [redacted] St. Paul, Minnesota, dated November 14, 1935, page 3, it will be noted that C. J. Adrienne sold advertising to the Maple Hill Dairy of Covington, Tennessee.

This office does not have a specimen of the handwriting of Mrs. Adrienne, but in view of the fact that Adrienne has operated in and around Covington, Tennessee, in the past, it appears advisable to make inquiry at the return address mentioned above.

It appears that your office is in possession of the necessary serials showing the descriptions of both Adrienne and his wife and the desire of the Bureau that Adrienne be located and interviewed concerning his alleged possession of some ransom money in this case.

Very truly yours,

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R. L. Shivers,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FILE NO. 7-1

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NASHVILLE	1-11-36	1-4-36	[redacted]

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, ET AL. Charles F. Urschel, - VICTIM.	KIDNAPING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted], Covington, Tenn., wrote to her niece, [redacted] Jonesboro, Ark., on 12-31-35 and put her return address on the envelope. [redacted] states she never met C. J. Adrienne nor Mrs. Adrienne, although the latter is related to her by marriage, and knows nothing of their whereabouts. Adrienne worked Covington, Tenn., during spring of 1935, but has never returned.

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REFERENCE: Teletype from Little Rock Office, dated January 4, 1936.
Letter from Little Rock Office, dated January 7, 1936.

DETAILS:

AT COVINGTON, TENNESSEE:

The data contained in the referenced teletype was referred to Agent at Memphis, Tennessee, on January 4, 1936, and Agent, accompanied by Special Agent [redacted] proceeded immediately to Covington, Tennessee.

Postmaster [redacted] Covington, Tennessee, informed Agent that the owner and occupant of [redacted] Covington, Tennessee, is [redacted] a very respectable old lady and a pioneer in that section; that [redacted] and her daughter, who is a teacher in the Covington Public School, are the only occupants of [redacted] and if anyone else was

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staying there, he would know about it. He said [redacted] could be approached directly, as she bore the highest reputation in the community.

[redacted] Covington, advised Agents [redacted] Jonesboro, Arkansas, is her niece, and she has other relatives at Jonesboro and Pine Bluff, Ark., but for years they have drifted apart, and she seldom hears from any of them; that [redacted] sent her a small Christmas package, and asked that it be acknowledged, and on December 31, 1935, she wrote to [redacted] acknowleding the package, and put her return address on the letter.

[redacted] said she had never met C. J. Adrienne nor Mrs. Adrienne, though related by marriage to the latter, this being due to the fact, she said, that some years ago, she made a visit to her Arkansas relatives, and was received so coldly that she came back to Tennessee and thereafter let them severely alone. She said the Christmas package from [redacted] was the first time she had heard from the Arkansas relatives in years. However [redacted] stated that in the spring of 1935 one [redacted], who conducts a dairy at Covington, Tennessee, had come to her and told her a man giving the name of Adrienne was telling in the community that his wife was related to [redacted] and [redacted] stated to Agents this was true, but that neither Adrienne nor his wife had come near while Adrienne was working the territory around Covington, Tennessee.

[redacted] stated that according to her information, [redacted] is the aunt of Mrs. Adrienne. She said [redacted] of Jonesboro, Arkansas, [redacted] hostler on the railroad at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and [redacted] _____, (married name unknown) are the three children of her sister; that it is her understanding this man Adrienne married the daughter of [redacted] _____, who used to live at Cotton Plant, Arkansas. However, [redacted] admitted that she might be wrong about these relationships, as she said she and the Arkansas relatives had not done much writing or visiting; so little, she said, that she actually had never met the girl Adrienne married.

Postmaster [redacted] advised Agents that Adrienne worked the Covington territory in the spring of 1935, selling Rogers Redemption Certificates to [redacted] a dairyman, but has never returned there, nor, he said, after inquiry of all clerks, has any mail for Adrienne or Rogers Redemption Bureau passed through that office since Adrienne was in that community last spring.

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[redacted] still residing there; that he visited Jonesboro, Arkansas in July, 1932 and 1933, when his daughter, [redacted] met [redacted], aged twenty-one; that both have been corresponding since that time. [redacted] advised that she had written the letter dated December 6, 1935 to [redacted], which caused the instant investigation. Since it was thought inadvisable, no inquiries were made relative to Adrienne inasmuch as such inquiries might be relayed back to the [redacted] family and spoil the effects of the mail cover.

Since there are no further leads to be covered the case at this time is being

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT: [redacted]

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

January 13, 1936.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Ryan
Mr. Lester
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Time - 12:10 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

[redacted] Chief Clerk and Fiscal Agent of the Taxes and Penalties Unit of the Department, telephoned and said that he has in his office a woman he thought the Bureau might want to talk to. This woman, [redacted] by name, is the wife of a person in Fort Worth, Texas, for whom the wife of "Machine Gun" Kelly worked for some time, and she might have some information in which the Bureau might be interested.

I told [redacted] that if he would send this woman to my office, I would have the Supervisor handling that case interview her.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
January 23, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

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

This letter will serve to confirm my teletype message to the Salt Lake City Office of even date.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a memorandum made January 6, 1936 by [redacted] Special Agent, of the summary of the data contained in the Oklahoma City file relative to efforts made to locate Dr. C. J. Adrienne.

At 11:45 a.m. I received a telephonic communication from Agent [redacted] of the Little Rock Office in which he stated that information had been received by the Little Rock Office this morning, resulting from the cover placed at Jonesboro, Arkansas on the mother of Mrs. Adrienne, that a Railway Express package had been delivered at Jonesboro, Arkansas on January 13th. This package was traveling under Waybill No. 7977 and was forwarded from Salt Lake City, Utah on January 9, 1936, addressed to [redacted], Jonesboro, Arkansas. The Waybill was signed Payson, No. 9140 and the package bore the return of B. M. Adrienne. Mrs. Adrienne was formerly [redacted]

It will no doubt be possible to ascertain the definite address of Mr. and Mrs. Adrienne from a proper contact with officials at the Railway Express Agency at Salt Lake City. Dr. C. J. Adrienne should be thoroughly questioned relative to his statements concerning the ransom money in this case, and if he is located, you should communicate immediately with the Director for further instructions as to what action should be taken relative to Adrienne.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI OKLAHOMA CITY 1-25-56 12 20 P M [redacted]

SAC SALT LAKE CITY

PHONE. GEORGE KELLY BARNES WAETAL CHARLES URSCHEL VICTIM KIDNAPING.

C J ADRIENNE BEING SOUGHT FOR QUESTIONING ADVISED [redacted] OF

FLORENCE ALABAMA THAT HE HAD BOUGHT TWO THOUSAND OF URSCHEL RANSOM MONEY

FOR FIVE HUNDRED AND PLACED IN SAFE DEPOSIT BOX MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA

ALSO THAT [redacted] OF THE ROGERS REDEMPTION BUREAU HAD

TEN THOUSAND THIS MONEY WHICH HE HAD SECURED FOR TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED.

[redacted] ADRIENNE, [redacted] JONESBORO,

ARKANSAS RECEIVED RAILWAY EXPRESS PACKAGE JANUARY THIRTEENTH LAST

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FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

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Special Agent in Charge 7-115-1798

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Little Rock, Ark.	1/23/36	1/23/36	[redacted]

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, ET AL; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM.	KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: On January 13, 1936, [redacted] Jonesboro, Arkansas, mother of Mrs. C. J. Adrienne, received express package from Mrs. Adrienne shipped from Salt Lake City, Utah, on January 9, 1936. Office of origin advised telephonically.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] Little Rock, Arkansas, dated November 27, 1935. Bureau letter to St. Paul Office dated November 9, 1935.

DETAILS:

On January 23, 1936, Deputy Sheriff [redacted] of Jonesboro, Arkansas, telephonically advised that he had ascertained from [redacted] mother of Mrs. Adrienne, that she had received a package on January 13, 1936, that was shipped from Salt Lake City, Utah, and bore a return address of B. M. Adrienne.

Deputy Sheriff [redacted] advised that [redacted] told him that this package consisted of Christmas presents for the [redacted] family; that he then went to the Express Office and ascertained that this express package arrived at Jonesboro, Arkansas, on January 13, 1936, and was covered by Railway Express Waybill number 7977, dated January 9, 1936, at Salt Lake City, Utah, which waybill was signed by Tayson, number 9140.

The above information concerning the possible location of C. J. Adrienne and his wife was telephonically communicated to the Oklahoma City Office, the office of origin, on the same date.

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Although the cover placed on the mail of the [redacted] family at Jonesboro, Arkansas, has expired, through the courtesy of the postmaster tracings are being received at the Little Rock Office on all mail received by this family. In view of this arrangement and until information is received that Adrienne has been located, this matter is being held pending in the Little Rock Office.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

AR: [redacted] b7C

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 13, 1936.

Time - 12:15 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In compliance with your request, I interviewed [redacted] who formerly was the wife of one [redacted] who resides in Fort Worth, Texas, and maintains an office under the name [redacted], Fort Worth, Texas, where he maintains a practice of medicine. [redacted] stated that she had previously given information to the Dallas Office of this Bureau, the date of which is unknown to her, in connection with the location of one [redacted] She had in her possession numerous papers which were the recapitulation of the bank accounts and other property held by [redacted] from whom she was divorced in the year 1930. She made a statement tracing her activities from the year 1925 through 1930 which culminated in the divorce action aforementioned. I asked [redacted] after hearing her statement in connection with the activities of her former husband who she believes has filed false income tax returns covering the period from 1925 to 1930 what the purpose of her visit to Washington concerned.

She stated that she was interested primarily, now that she has obtained her divorce, in receiving the 10% fee which would be allotted to her by the Government under the Federal statute which pertains to the recovery of moneys which are due the Government as a result of the filing of false income tax returns. She therefore is primarily interested in locating as much money as possible which she claims her husband should have accounted for to the Government. This amounts to approximately one million dollars, covering the period 1925 to 1930. During the period [redacted] was married to [redacted] she was not aware of the apparent wealth of her husband who maintained a very moderate practice in medicine. Since, however, her divorce, she has been able to locate sums which she states amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. In view of the fact that she stated that Kathryn Kelley worked for her husband for approximately one year, I asked her whether she knew of any associations the Kelley woman might have had with persons other than her husband. She stated that her conclusions are not based upon any facts, but that she believed her husband associated with persons who were engaged in narcotic traffic, and as a result of these associatic was able to receive amounts of money far in excess of that which his practice warranted.

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[redacted] stated that her husband was interested in a ranch located in San Miguel County, New Mexico, approximately 80,000 acres in size; that another ranch is now operated by a Mexican named [redacted] a former foreman of the aforementioned San Miguel ranch. [redacted] now resides at Tucumcari, New Mexico.

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Inasmuch as all of the information disclosed by [redacted] concerns the period prior to 1930 and which information pertains to her activities in connection with the location of properties and moneys which her former husband failed to reveal as being his in his income tax returns, no action is being taken in this matter.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

A. ROSEN.

AR: [redacted]

January 24, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

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

Dear Sir:

For your information, [redacted] of Fort Worth, Texas, who is now divorced from [redacted] a physician with offices in the [redacted] Fort Worth, Texas, called at the Bureau for the purpose of disclosing information she had in her possession relative to the above entitled case.

The only information she was able to furnish was the fact that Kathryn Kelly had previously worked for her husband. Of course, the Bureau is aware of this fact; however, it is understood that she previously was interviewed by your office at which time she furnished the same information.

Her visit to Washington, D. C., concerned a matter which involved the failure on the part of her former husband to file proper income tax returns with the Government. She believes she will be able to assist the Government in attempting to account for sums of money which allegedly were in the possession of her former husband. She was referred to the Internal Revenue Bureau of the Treasury Department.

It is suggested that you furnish the Bureau with any additional information concerning [redacted]

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

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

Dear Sir:

Upon receipt of telephonic communication of Special Agent [redacted] of the Little Rock office on January 23, 1936, the following teletype message was furnished to the Salt Lake City office:

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In response to this teletype the Salt Lake City office has replied under date of January 24, 1936 that the investigation at Salt Lake City in connection with the shipment of the said express package had been negative; that waybill #7997 had covered a shipment from Salt Lake City to Kansas City, Missouri on January 14, 1936, and to a

consignee other than [redacted] Express shipments for January 9, 1936 were checked, and no record found of any shipment to [redacted] or to Jonesboro, Arkansas. The check of the records of the Railway Express Agency at Salt Lake City were extended through January 10, 11 and 12, 1936, and the auditor stated that he didn't understand the meaning of the number 9140, as such numbers were not used by his agency after the name of the person who signed as the shipper.

The report of Special Agent [redacted] Little Rock, 1/23/36, copies of which have been furnished to all the offices receiving a copy of this letter, reflects that the information concerning this express package was obtained in a telephonic conversation with Deputy Sheriff [redacted] of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

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It is suggested that an agent from the Little Rock office immediately make investigation at Jonesboro to verify the receipt of this express package, and to secure all possible data in connection therewith, transmitting the data obtained to the Salt Lake City office for investigation there.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.
Salt Lake City, Utah.
January 27, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 23, 1936, in the above entitled case in confirmation of your teletype message to this office of the same date. It is noted in your letter that the information concerning the Railway Express Shipment is identical with that furnished in your teletype message, except the Waybill number is given in your letter as 7977 while it was carred in the teletype message as 7997.

Special Agent Val C. Zimmer again contacted [redacted] of the Railway Express Agency, D. & R.G. Railway Station, Salt Lake City, today, at which time [redacted] advised that he had previously checked his records for the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th, of January for shipments both collect and prepaid to Jonesboro, without finding any shipments to that point, but agreed however to again check his records for Waybill No. 7977, which he did, and subsequently advised agent Zimmer that the shipment originating at Salt Lake City on that waybill had been sent to Chicago, Illinois.

It appears from the information which has been furnished that the Railway Express Agency at Salt Lake City has no record of a shipment to Jonesboro, Arkansas.

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Very truly yours,

W.A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FILE NO. 7-8

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
St.Paul, Minnesota	1-28-36	1-20-36	[redacted]

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; ET AL CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim	KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Cover on mail going to C. J. Adrienne at the Rogers Redemption Bureau, 419 Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, during the past 30 days discloses that no mail has been received for Adrienne.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] St.Paul, Minnesota, 12-20-35, and Bureau letter of 12-5-35.

DETAILS:

Mail carrier [redacted] who handles the mail going to Rooms 419-427 in the Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advises that during the 30 day period prior to January 18, 1936 he watched all mail going to the Rogers Redemption Bureau at the above address, and is certain that no mail was received at that place addressed to C. J. Adrienne. He states that although the cover has expired, that in the event mail for Adrienne should be received at the Rogers Redemption Bureau in the future that he will immediately notify the St.Paul Office, which will then reopen the case.

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May we have a memo on this?

Charles Overruled

Memo to Holtzoff, space rest
to Atty. Gen. 1/25/36 - AB

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NATHAN TAMM ONE

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Dallas Texas
Dec. 29 1935

Hon. Homr Cummings,
Atty. General, U. S. Government,
Washington, D C.

My dear Mr. Cummings,

Will you please be so kind as to review my correspondence with Mr. John Edgar Hoover in regard to services rendered the Government in the Harvey Bailey case. I was assigned to the jail investigation by members of the Dallas Dept of Justice and carried out my work as a result of [redacted] statement that the Government' fee for such work was $50.00 per day. Had [redacted] suggested a lower fee I would not have accepted the work at the beginning.

In numerous letters I have requested Mr. Hoover to present my correspondence to you but it is quite evident that he did not comply with my request. There is this difference in the matter before you--it is hardly fair for the Government to say what it will pay after service is rendered. The statement as to fee could be stated in advance of work done for acceptance or rejection before service is rendered. The fee stated before service was rendered and another amount offered after service was rendered. I was subpeonaed as a witness and offered first a check for two days at $25.00 per day--$50.00. Then for some reason along came a check for an additional day at $25.00.

The fee that had been named by [redacted] was $50.00 per day.

The three days that had been offered me as a witness didn't take into account the time that I had spent in the jail with [redacted] in his office and elsewhere.

While I was contending for my total fee of $250.00 on the basis proposed by [redacted] and after the total of $75.00 had been offered me by checks [redacted] approached me with an offer to pay me an additional sum of $100--102.00, (you will find the amounts referred to in the record) but when I had to tell him that in my effort to get the full amount due me that I would have to present his offer to you, he said, if I did he would have to deny it. So, you have my word against [redacted] Mr. Blake says [redacted] has denied making me the offer. I can only say I am not surprised.

However we have a parallel to such statements as to who is presenting the truth. In this instance I shall quote unquestionable documentary evidence. Mr. Hoover selected one paragraph from my letter of April 1st, 1934 to quote back to me to suit his convenience. I quote a part of his letter as follows:

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[redacted]
Dallas, Texas.
Dear Sir:

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"August 23, 1934"

7-115-1803

. . . . . .

Your attention is invited to your letter dated April 1, 1934, in which you stated that you performed certain work on September 7 and 8, 1933, and again on September 11, 1933, on which date you further stated that you were dismissed with the statement that no money was available to compensate you

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for your services. . . . . .

Very truly yours,
(Signed) John Edgar Hoover,
Director"

I did not state that I was dismissed on September 11th, 1933.

My letter read as follows:

"In addition to the work done for the Government on the 7th and 8th, of Sept. I was given a special seventeen (17) day assignment on Sept. 11th. My first work on that day was to make the rounds of some pawn shops with Mr. [redacted]. The next day I was handed the pieces of hack saw blades, as given the Government by the Sheriff with instructions to find where exact duplicates could be purchased in an effort to find where the original blades were purchased"
(Signed) [redacted]

Now, Mr.Cummings, it may be a question of [redacted] word against mine but, it cannot be a question of Mr. Hoover's word against mine, you have the records before you.

With copies of all my letters before me, you may account for my requesting Mr. Hoover to present my correspondence to you in duplicate that you might send me a copy for me to know how my correspondence had been presented to you. It did not reach you to be presented to me thru you with changes but it did reach me with the change of facts as above set out.

With these unusual facts before you the Government owes me $250.00 less the checks for $50.00 + 25.00 which I have. I fully realize that I am at the mercy of the Government and you could at least see that I am paid the amount in full or the additional amount that [redacted] proposed paying me before he was advised that I would present his proposition to you.

I regret to say that this is not my first experience with certain Government officials. Some years ago I was doing some special work in an office to ascertain certain facts and closed my investigation when I was given a letter to a gentleman Berlin German which contained the following paragraph.

"I might state in this letter that there came to my attention while I was Speci Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States in Alien Property Matters many complaints with reference to action of the Company in Syracuse, to wit, that they were holding out on you certain commissions due and placing the under a column in their books know as "Exploitations".
There also came to my attention complaints to the effect that their income tax returns and certain ledger books did not conform to actual facts and status of the Company. You no doubt will be surprised to know that the man from the Department of Justice who reported on this company satisfactorily was the private attorney for the Company."

The above is a part of a letter written in a Government Office by a Government Official. Note the last sentence of his letter. I was in the office observing the Attorney he refers to until he became a member of the Department of Justice.
I have documentary evidence which shows that the Government Official who wrote the letter was correct. He was representing the Syracuse Company and in the employ o

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the Government at the same time. The Atty used Government letter heads when writing private letters regarding legal matters regarding the Syracuse Company.

I venture to say that an investigation at this time would show several hundred of thousands of dollars due the Government as a result of just what the Government Official says in his letter.

I might add that I am an experienced Sherman Act investigator and know of several conspiracies of the most ____ form that are working at this time in perfect freedom without apparent investigation.

I sincerely trust that you will approve my account. Thanking you in advance and for an early reply, I am

Yours very truly,

/s/ [redacted]

[redacted]

Dallas, Texas.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 16, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ALEXANDER HOLTZOFF

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

With reference to your request of January 11, 1936, relative to the letter addressed to the Attorney General by [redacted] Dallas, Texas, under date of December 29, 1935, I am transmitting herewith a summary of the information contained in the files of this Bureau reflecting the circumstances incident to the employment of this person and the payment of services rendered by him.

On April 11, 1934, the Bureau acknowledged [redacted] letter of April 1, 1934, advising him that the Division, the name under which the Bureau was then known, had no jurisdiction over the payment of witness fees and that [redacted] should take this matter up with the United States Attorney at Dallas, Texas. It appears that [redacted] complained of not receiving proper witness fees in connection with his attendance at the case of the United States vs. Thomas Manion and G. C. Bevill. At this time [redacted] stated that he could secure additional information concerning the prison break by Harvey Bailey and, in addition, disclosed his belief that part of the Urschel ransom money was removed from a certain yard in Dallas, Texas. He was advised to communicate with the Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas Office of this Bureau.

On April 17, 1934, a letter was directed to me by the Dallas Office to the effect that further communication with [redacted] relative to the above stated matters was inadvisable.

Due to the numerous letters from [redacted], wherein he claimed that arrangements were made with the Dallas Office for the payment of his services in furnishing information regarding the escape of Harvey Bailey from the Dallas County Jail, a letter was directed under date of June 13, 1934, to the Dallas Office stating that on September 11, 1933, Assistant Director Harold Nathan sent a telegram from the Dallas Office recommending the employment of [redacted] as a confidential informant for a period of seventeen days at six dollars per day, and that on the same date authorization was given to hire [redacted] as a confidential informant.

This was proposed letter. It was not sent. It should be filed. R

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However, in a letter dated at Dallas, Texas, September 12, 1933, Mr. Nathan stated that since requesting authorization to hire [redacted] an investigation had been conducted relative to [redacted] character and as a result of this investigation it was not deemed advisable to proceed with this employment and it was requested that the authorization be canceled. Inasmuch as it was not determined whether [redacted] performed services for any length of time for this Bureau, the Dallas Office was requested to determine whether [redacted] was entitled to any remuneration and for what services this money was due.

In response to a letter from [redacted] dated June 6, 1934, relative to the payment alleged to be due him for services rendered in connection with the escape of Harvey Bailey from the Dallas County Jail, he was advised that this matter was referred to Special Agent in Charge Frank Blake of the Dallas Office.

Subsequent to the aforementioned correspondence, the Dallas Office of the Bureau advised that [redacted] was in error in making a statement wherein he claimed he had made arrangements with Mr. Blake to be paid for services rendered in connection with the information furnished relative to the escape of Harvey Bailey from the Dallas County Jail. It appears that [redacted] did assist Agents [redacted] and [redacted] in that investigation. However, arrangements were made through the United States Attorney with the Department whereby [redacted] would be paid as an expert witness but subsequent developments made it inadvisable to call [redacted] as a witness. He was tendered the expert witness fee for his attendance and declined to accept this inasmuch as he claimed a larger amount. It also appears that [redacted] did render valuable assistance in connection with the investigation, as disclosed by Mr. Blake's letter, but his claim for a period of seventeen days at six dollars per day appeared to be unreasonable.

In a letter dated July 17, 1934, from the Dallas Office reflecting the opinion of Special Agent [redacted] it is stated that [redacted] did materially assist in the investigation of the escape of Harvey Bailey from the Dallas County Jail and that at this time the employment of [redacted] as a confidential informant was discussed with Mr. Nathan. However, [redacted] was not employed. Mr. Nathan at no time talked to [redacted] relative to employment, nor did Agent [redacted] ever promise him employment.

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On authority secured from the Department by the United States Attorney, [redacted] was tendered by the United States Attorney, seventy-five dollars as an expert witness fee. He refused to accept this and demanded fifty dollars per day for three days. It should be noted that [redacted] was not called as a witness by the Government, although he was called by the defense.

On July 26, 1934, a letter was directed to the Dallas Office referring to a letter dated July 17, 1934, from that office to the effect that this Bureau did not believe that [redacted] was entitled to any compensation, inasmuch as there was no agreement entered into by this Bureau and [redacted] relative to the payment of money for services which he agreed to render. Accordingly, [redacted] was advised that this Bureau did not deem it advisable to compensate him for services allegedly rendered, and that any arrangements made between [redacted] and the United States Attorney was a matter which should be taken up with the United States Attorney. Subsequently, [redacted] having been advised of the Bureau's opinion in this matter addressed a letter to this Bureau acknowledging the receipt of this communication and made inquiry concerning a position in this Bureau. He was furnished with a pamphlet citing the duties and qualifications necessary for appointment for the position of Special Agent.

Again, on August 23, 1934, [redacted] having inquired of the Bureau as to compensation allegedly due him, was advised of the previous correspondence relative to this matter and that arrangements were made whereby he was tendered the sum of seventy-five dollars as an expert witness fee by the United States Attorney, as a result of which this Bureau was unable to compensate him for services which he alleged to have rendered.

~~Very truly yours,~~

All b7C

~~John Edgar Hoover,~~
~~Director.~~

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AR: [redacted]

January 25, 1956

7-115-1803

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ALEXANDER HOLTZOFF,
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Relative to the letter addressed to the Attorney General under date of December 29, 1955 by [redacted] Dallas, Texas, concerning his allegations in connection with the circumstances incident to his employment and the request for payment for services rendered by him, the files of the Bureau reflect in summation the facts contained herein.

[redacted] was a confidential informant of the Dallas, Texas Office of this Bureau and rendered assistance to that office in the investigation conducted at that point relative to the escape of Harvey Bailey from the Dallas County Jail. However, the Dallas Office at no time entered into an agreement with [redacted] nor were any statements or representations made relative to the payment of any service which he might have rendered to the Dallas Office. [redacted] was called as a witness in connection with the case of the United States vs. Thomas Manion and G. C. Bevill and was tendered by the United States Attorney the expert witness fee in connection with this case. He refused the amount tendered to him and on authority of the Department was tendered a fee of $75.00 by the United States Attorney. He refused this amount and demanded $50.00 a day for a period of three days. It should be noted that [redacted] was not called by the Government as a witness, although he was called by the defense.

In view of the information contained in our files relative to this matter, this Bureau does not feel that it is financially obligated in any way for the payment of services which [redacted] alleges are due him by this Bureau. [redacted] letter is returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
MAILED
JAN 25 1956
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Inclosure No. 1091535

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See 62-134457

420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

March 21, 1936.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
MAR 25 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of March 16, 1936, you are advised that a review of the files in this office does not indicate there is any record of a bank robbery in this district in which the Urschel Kidnapers participated, in which the loot consisted of bonds not yet recovered.

Very truly yours,

F.J. BLAKE,
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB: [redacted] b7c

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February 5, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

RE: MR. COLLIER'S SCRIPT
ON THE URSCHEL CASE.

Mr. Collier's script has been reviewed in this Section using the interesting case write-up as a basis upon which a check was made of Mr. Collier's data.

The following suggestions are made:

Page 1, No. II, in lines 2 and 3, "It's a kidnaping! Which one of you mugs is Urschel?", does not appear to be the language used by the kidnapers as set forth in the interesting case write-up. However, it is believed that this is not objectionable.

Page 2, No. II, it is suggested that the last sentence, "I'll be organizing a manhunt," be revised as this sentence indicates that the Bureau immediately started looking for the culprit and might give the erroneous impression of the Bureau's policy of securing facts first and doing nothing which might jeopardize the victim's life.

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Page 3, no suggestions.

Page 4, No. I, the I.C. does not reflect that Urschel's kidnaping was flashed by short-wave radio to police cars. However, it is believed that this statement is not objectionable.

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Page 5, no suggestions.

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Page 6, No. I, the authenticity of the letter to Catlett has not been checked against the files. However, it does not appear there is anything objectionable in this portion.

No. III, the I. C. does not reflect that Agents were at the Urschel home at the time of Catlett's arrival.

No. IV, the I. C. does not indicate that Mr. Urschel's identification cards were enclosed in the letter referred to. However, this portion, as presented, does not appear to be objectionable.

Page 7, no suggestions.

Page 8, No. I, line 3, the I. C. indicates that the proper wording of the kidnaper's message was, "If there should be any attempt at any double-XX, it will be he that suffers the consequences." However, the wording of this portion does not appear objectionable.

No. II, according to the I. C. the proper wording of the add is as follows: "For sale--160 acres land, good five-room house, deep well, Also cows, tools, tractors, hay, and corn. $3,750 for quick sale. Terms. Box number."

No. III, line 3, "Box 807" should correctly read "Box E-807."

No. IV, the note referred to in this portion stated that "The family was under constant surveillance," and not that they are being watched "this very minute." However this does not appear to be objectionable.

Page 9, No. I, Train 28, referred to in the I.C., alluded to "The Sooner" and not "The Katy express."

Page 10, no suggestions.

Page 11, No. I, line 3, the "Katy limited" should be correctly referred to as noted above.

No. II, it is suggested that the portion relating to Kirkpatrick's reading the ransom letter again should be deleted, as some future case difficulty might be encountered in securing all ransom notes.

Page 12, No. III, it is suggested that the wording for the insertion be revised to more clearly indicate that the name E. E. Kincaid, was the name designated by the kidnapers.

Page 13, no suggestions.

Page 14, no suggestions.

Page 15, No. I, it is suggested that the wording for the opening panel be revised to indicate that Kirkpatrick was ready to pay the ransom and have his friend released, otherwise an erroneous impression might be given that Kirkpatrick was a party to the kidnaping from the words "ransom his friend."

Page 16, No. II, in line 5, it is suggested that "deeds" be inserted after "title."

Page 17, No. II, line 3, it is suggested that "deeds" be inserted after "title."

No. III, it is suggested that the scene portraying Agent as saying "He says he is Mr. Urschel.", be revised as otherwise the impression of Agent's doubting the identity of Mr. Urschel might be given after he had been greeted by his wife.

Page 18, No. II, line 2, it is suggested that "North" be inserted before the word "east."

Pages 19, 20, 21, and 22, no suggestions.

Page 23, No. II, line 4, it is suggested that the scene referred to herein not depict any rail fences as it is understood that there are comparatively few rail fences in Oklahoma.

Pages 24, 25, 26, and 27, no comment.

Page 28, No. II, line 3, in connection with the use of the term "G-Men" it is pointed out that we have previously stated that the term "G-Men" was first used by "Machine-Gun Kelley" at the time of his apprehension in Memphis, Tennessee. However, it does not appear that the use of this term could be objectionable, whereas Kelley probably used the term long before we first heard of it.

Pages 29 and 30, no suggestions.

Mr. Collier's script seems to be very well written and closely follows the I. C., except in instances noted. Of course, he has had the characters conversing at different places in the above mentioned script, and conversation does not appear in the I. C. However, the subject-matter does appear, and the script is not believed to be objectionable.

I desire, however, to point out a possible objection to this script in that the public might assume that the F.B.I. is giving this material to Mr. Collier for publication, and in doing that we might also give out similar data in the future which individuals probably would desire not to have published.

In this connection it is respectfully suggested that Mr. Collier should be required to secure permission from Urschel, if he has not already done so prior to the publication of this script.

It is believed that it would be desirable to have some mention made in the publishing of these articles to the effect that Mr. Urschel is being quoted and characterized with his permission. For the protection of the Bureau, it is believed advisable to have our files reflect that this was being published with the permission of Mr. Urschel.

Unless advised to the contrary in the future these scripts will be checked against the I.C's. as a basis except in instances where a varying in consistency appears. I do not believe it advisable to call the files down to check every statement attributed to the characters if, in general, they clearly quote the subject-matter as it actually happened, and are not otherwise objectionable.

Respectfully,

R. E. Joseph.

CC - Mr. Quinn.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVES .GATION

Room 5744 2/3 1936.

To: ____Director
____Mr. Nathan
____Mr. Clegg
____Mr. Tamm
____Mr. Edwards
____Mr. Egan
____Mr. Quinn
____Mr. Glavin
____Mr. Douglas
____Miss Gandy
____Mr. Tracy
____Mr. Renneberger
✓ Mr. Joseph
____Personnel Files Section
____Files Section
____Communications Section
____Miss Sheaffer
____ _____

See Me For Appropriate Action ✓

Send File Note and Return

Clyde Tolson

503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
January 24, 1936.

VCZ[redacted]
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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your teletype of January 23, 1936 requesting investigation at Salt Lake City, Utah.

I have to advise that Special Agent Val C. Zimmer contacted [redacted] for the Railway Express Agency at Salt Lake City, Utah, and after checking his records he finally located Waybill No. 7997. However, the same was for a shipment from Salt Lake City on January 14, 1936, to Kansas City, Mo., and the consignee was not identical with any of the names furnished in your teletype, while the consignor was a Salt Lake City business house.

[redacted] then examined his express shipments, both those sent collect and prepaid, for January 9, 1936, but was unable to find any express shipment to [redacted] at the address mentioned in your teletype. Furthermore [redacted] personally examined his records for January 10th, 11th and 12th, for shipments both collect and prepaid, and was unable to find a record of any shipment to [redacted] on those dates. Furthermore [redacted] stated that he did not understand the meaning of the number 9140, inasmuch as such numbers were not used by his agency after the name of the person who signed as the shipper.

An examination of the Salt Lake city and telephone directories failed to indicate any individual by the name of Adrienne.

I recall that approximately a year ago while I was at the Nashville, Tenn., Bureau office, an investigation was conducted in this case by the Nashville office in connection with an individual who, while at Memphis, Tenn., informed a woman that he possessed some of the ransom money in this case. It is possible that that individual was [redacted] mentioned in your teletype to this office, and I believe that the Rogers Redemption Company was mentioned during that investigation.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JAN 28 1936

In the event additional information may be furnished concerning the alleged shipment originating at Salt Lake City for [redacted] further investigation will be made by the Salt Lake City office. However, there being no outstanding investigation at this time, this case is considered referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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Very truly yours,

W.A. ROHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

AIR MAIL.

cc - Bureau
cc - Nashville - AIR MAIL.

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CC: BUREAU
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

February 8, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

RE: George Kelly Barnes, w.m.
et al.
Charles F. Urschel-Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith a news item taken from the Dallas Dispatch of 2/7/36, which is self-explanatory.

I have no knowledge as to the source of the information upon which this story is based other than: One [redacted] giving the address of [redacted] Dallas, on 2/3/36 called at the Dallas office and stated that while in a barber shop located on Ervay Street in Dallas, just South of Jackson Street, he heard the barber in the second chair from the front, tell a patron that J.A. LONG (a deceased lawyer and the attorney who defended TOM ANION at the time he was tried for assisting HARVEY BAILEY to escape) at one time had in his possession $28,000.00 of the URSCHEL money.

No other details were ascertained; however, as soon as the work of this office will permit, an effort will be made to locate the unknown barber and ascertain what information he has concerning the matter.

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Very truly yours,

All b7C

F.J. Beone

FEB 25 1936

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:[redacted]
cc 7-7-

Dallas 2/25/36

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DISPATCH STREET
IN DALLAS 3 CENTS
TEXAS FEBRUARY 7 1936 14 PAGES

PAY-OFF MAN' ALLEY JAIL BREAK

INFORMER LINKS NAME OF DALLAS ATTORNEY IN NOTORIOUS PRISON PLOT

Harvey Bailey, George ("Machine Gun") Kelly and Albert Bates, chieftains of the fantastic Charles F. Urschel $200,000 kidnap plot, hear the lapping waves beat on "The Rock" of Alcartraz Island, but Dallas G-men, their superiors having never officially closed the case, are hot on a new trail, it was revealed at the federal building Friday.

Furnished with a tip by a man who at one time served a term in state penitentiary, the Dallas department of justice agents, who did not reveal the investigation, have renewed efforts to clear up one tantalizing angle of the case.

Who paid Tom Manion and Grover C. Bevell for helping Harvey Bailey, "brains" of the ring to escape from the Dallas co jail, and how much were they paid?

Altho federal agents have guarded their renewed probe with secrecy, it has leaked out that new evidence regarding the man behind the payoff which ultimately resulted in Bailey obtaining a pistol and saws and fleeing from the "escape proof" jail has been uncovered.

Names Attorney.

The name of a late Dallas lawyer has been linked with the payoff.

The tipoff man informed the G-men that the Dallas attorney who acted as the go-between in the escape of Bailey had $28,000 of the Urschel ransom bills. It was said that he made the deal, either thru minor agents or directly, with Manion and Bevell, the former a deputy sheriff and the latter a butcher.

The lawyer, the informer told Frank Blake, Dallas department of justice office head, made one contact in Dallas in an effort to sell part of the $28,000 ransom money to the owner of a prominent Dallas barber shop at a reduced price. The deal was never consummated.

After Manion and Bevell were paid off, it was said, another agent of the gang took charge of the money in the lawyer's possession. The attorney did not have it when he died, it was learned.

Tip In Barber Shop.

The informer who is known to have been conferring with Blake during the past week, received his first tip in a barber shop, it was learned. Not long after he overheard a conversation regarding the case two G-men, having been notified, walked into the shop.

The lawyer had never been linked with the case until the last 10 days. Agents seek identity of the man who took charge of the remainder of the money after Manion and Bevell had been paid and the attorney had failed to find a market for the money.

Government agents have closed the Urschel [illegible] the fact all the [illegible] are either in the pen[illegible] have served [illegible] has not [illegible]

[illegible]

served their [illegible]

YOU'LL FIND WHAT YO

[redacted]

MRS. M. H. POWELL, a son,

MRS. FRANCIS S. COFFIN, Route Mont Clair, daughter, Feb. 4.

MRS. E. T. HAWKINS, Route Jan. 31.

MRS. R. E. McCLELLAN, daughter, Feb. 3.

MRS. FRANK O. PERKINS, daughter, Feb. 8.

MRS. HERBERT C. Mo 1926 Waweenoc, son, Feb. 1.

MRS. CHARLES E. HALL, Pittsburgh, a daughter, Feb. 2.

MRS. JAMES R. RIGGS, 4608 Jan. 31.

MRS. ROBERT BLACKBURN, Akard, a daughter, Feb. 2.

MRS. THOMAS VEACH, 3411 Feb. 4.

MRS. MITCHELL BOOK, Feb. 4.

FUNERAL AND DEATH NOTICES

Willie Ann, 79 years old, 1323 Forest-av, passed away at survived by husband, W. E. daughter, Mrs. Alpha Lee children, three sons, Jewell and Philip, Clyde Hart of Hous aged twenty-eight and one C. F. Jones, Eustace, Texas, Welland's Funeral Church, 3000

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AR: [redacted]

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February 20, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 8, 1936 transmitting a news item which appeared in the Dallas Dispatch under date of February 7, 1936, pertaining to the above entitled case.

It is noted that information was furnished to you by one [redacted] Dallas, Texas to the effect that he overheard a conversation relative to a portion of the ransom money in this case. In view of this information, you should at the earliest practicable date ascertain the identity of the person who originally made the statement concerning the ransom money in this case and determine from him the full particulars which he may have in his possession.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

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Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

February 6, 1936.

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

RE: George Kelly Barnes, a.a.; etal.
Charles F. Urschel-Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to Bureau letter of 1/24/36 (7-115): The Dallas office has no additional information concerning [redacted] and will not make a special investigation to develop new evidence - unless so instructed by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FJB:[redacted]
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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma FILE NO. 7-1

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Little Rock, Ark.	2/13/36	2/5/36	[redacted]

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, ET AL; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM.	KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Additional investigation conducted at Jonesboro, Arkansas, reveals that express package received on January 13, 1936, by [redacted] mother of Mrs. C. J. Adrienne, from her daughter was shipped from Payson, Utah. [redacted] advises she has heard from her daughter on several occasions but that all letters she sends to her are returned unclaimed; also, that she has heard nothing from her since the receipt of the express package. [redacted] has a brother residing in or near Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 23, 1936, Little Rock, Arkansas.

DETAILS:

Agent, together with Deputy Sheriff [redacted] of Jonesboro, Arkansas, interviewed [redacted] Agent, Railway Express Agency, Jonesboro, Arkansas, who made a search of his records and located register of a shipment, Waybill #7977, which indicated that on January 12, 1936, he received an express shipment for [redacted] Jonesboro, Arkansas, which was shipped from Payson, Utah, located about sixty-seven miles out of Salt Lake City, Utah. [redacted] stated the original waybill covering the shipment could be located in the District Accounting Bureau of the American Railway Express Agency at St. Louis, Missouri.

[redacted], Jonesboro, Arkansas, was interviewed and informed the writer she had heard from her daughter, Mrs. C. J.

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[redacted] Adrienne, on several different occasions since she left Jonesboro but had never been able to reach her at any of the return addresses appearing on her letters, since all letters written by her to her daughter had been returned unclaimed. She further stated she had heard nothing from her daughter since January, 1936, at which time she received an express package from her. Agent inquired of [redacted] whether she had retained the wrapper and she stated she believed she could locate it among some old papers. After making a search, [redacted] exhibited to Agent a wrapper which she stated was on the package of toys received from her daughter and the label was written by Adrienne. The label containing the handwriting of Adrienne is being forwarded to the Oklahoma City Office and the waybill is being forwarded to the Salt Lake City Office with their copies of this report. The wrapper shows that the express shipment, Railway Express Agency Waybill #7977, was shipped prepaid on January 9, 1936, from B. M. Adrienne, Payson, Utah, to [redacted], Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Information concerning the correct waybill number and point of origin was telegraphed to the Salt Lake City Office on February 5, 1936.

It will be noted that the letter of reference refers to the waybill as number 7997 whereas the correct number of the waybill is 7977.

There was recently received by the Little Rock Office from the Postmaster at Jonesboro, Arkansas, a mail tracing indicating that [redacted] had received a letter from some one in Albuquerque, New Mexico, postmarked January 30, 1936. In view of the fact that the letter might possibly have come from Mrs. C. J. Adrienne, daughter of [redacted], it was deemed advisable to interrogate [redacted] regarding the same. Agent, without disclosing the purpose of the inquiry, questioned [redacted] regarding her relatives and their whereabouts and in this manner ascertained that [redacted] has a brother who is now residing in Albuquerque, New Mexico or vicinity.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE at Payson, Utah, is requested to contact officials of the Railway Express Agency in an effort to obtain the address of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Adrienne. Dr. C. J. Adrienne should be thoroughly questioned relative to his statements concerning the ransom money in captioned case, and if he is located, the Salt Lake City Office should communicate immediately with the Director for further instructions as to what action should be taken relative to Adrienne.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the investigation which has been undertaken in an effort to locate and interview Dr. G. J. Adrianne, who has advised [redacted] of Florence, Alabama that he has secured $2,000 of the Urschel ransom money, and had this money in a safety deposit box at Minneapolis, Minnesota, having purchased the said sum of money for $500.

Your attention is directed to Bureau letter dated December 5, 1935, wherein reference is made to Bureau letter of November 9, 1935, requesting certain offices to conduct an investigation looking to the location and interrogation of Dr. G. J. Adrianne. The St. Paul, Minnesota Office was requested to make appropriate inquiries at Minneapolis, Minnesota to determine whether an effectual mail cover could be placed on the mail received by the Rogers Redemption Bureau. It appears that Adrianne is employed by this concern which maintains offices in the Lumber Exchange Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota. It is noted that Adrianne is employed on a commission basis and is a free lance agent.

Since the original receipt of the information concerning Dr. Adrianne, which was obtained on January 29, 1935, as reflected by the report of Special Agent [redacted], dated at Birmingham, Alabama, efforts have been made to locate Dr. Adrianne. The supervision of this phase of the case has not been receiving concentrated attention.

It is believed that a more suitable setup can be arranged by the St. Paul Office to ascertain the present whereabouts of this person, and it is, therefore, suggested that additional discreet inquiries be made concerning the Rogers Redemption Bureau, and that arrangements be made to ascertain the present location of Adrianne.

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This, it is believed, can be accomplished within a period of thirty days, and it is desired that this matter receive preferred attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-St. Paul
Little Rock
Salt Lake City
Birmingham

C. J. Adrienne is
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F B I ST. LOUIS MISSOURI FEBRUARY 16, 1936. 8-41 PM [redacted]

DIRECTOR AND SAC LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS

PHONE. OURSCHEL KIDNAPING. REFER MY TELEGRAM THIS MORNING ENTITLED [redacted]

NMVTA. [redacted] NOT [redacted] INTERVIEWED CORNING, ARKANSAS BY AGENT [redacted]

STATES WHILE CONFINED COLORADO STATE PENITENTIARY HE BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH A

BROKER FRIEND OF SUBJECT LASKA WHO WAS ALSO AN INMATE. [redacted] STATES UPON RELEASE,

DECEMBER 24, 1935, HE OBTAINED FOUR OR FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FROM THIS BROKER'S

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX IN A DENVER BANK AND OBSERVED THE BOX CONTAINED CONSIDERABLE

MORE MONEY AND BONDS. [redacted] FURTHER CLAIMS THAT BETWEEN JANUARY 5TH AND NINTH,

THIS YEAR, AT ST. PAUL HE HAD ACCESS TO A SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX IN WHICH HE SAW

EIGHT THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS WHICH HE KNOWS WAS DEPOSITED THERESOME TIME AGO

BY THE ABOVE BROKER FRIEND AT THE REQUEST OF LASKA. [redacted] ALSO CONTENDS HE SAW

[redacted] IN ST. PAUL BETWEEN JANUARY 5TH AND 9TH, THIS YEAR, AND THAT [redacted]

STATED HE FEARED PROSECUTION IN WASHINGTON STATE CONNECTION WEYNAP CASE. [redacted]

ALSO CLAIMS HE WAS TO MEET [redacted] SUBJECT OF STOLLNAP CASE, AT WEST PLAINS,

MISSOURI, FEBRUARY 7, THIS YEAR, BUT WAS A WEEK LATE. [redacted] REFUSED TO REVEAL

NAMES OF BANKS, NAME OF BROKER OR MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION TODAY. SINCE

INFORMATION FURNISHED IS INDEFINITE AND PART DOES NOT APPEAR PLAUSIBLE, IT IS

BELIEVED DESIRABLE THAT [redacted] BE THOROUGHLY RE-INTERVIEWED. THE LITTLEROCK

OFFICE IS REQUESTED TO HAVE AN AGENT MEET AGENT [redacted] AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE,

CORNING, ARKANSAS, AT NOON TOMORROW.

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Dallas
February 6, 1936

The Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.
Sir:

[redacted] Dallas, Texas, has presented to me a letter from Hon. Brien McMahon, The Acting Assistant to the Attorney General, of which the inclosed is a copy.

From the tenor of the letter, I believe the Department is disposed to pay this fee, even though the claim is two and one-half years old. On February 13, 1934, we reported this claim as unpaid, and it is my understanding we would have to receive new authority to pay [redacted] The original authority was issued on October 10, 1933, for two days, and on October 18, 1933, for one additional day. Form 25-b is inclosed herewith.

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Respectfully,

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CLYDE O. EASTUS,
United States Attorney.

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January 28, 1936.

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Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

The Attorney General has received your letter of December 29, 1935, relative to the claim for compensation for certain services said to have been rendered by you to the Government.

It is noted that you are not satisfied with the fee heretofore offered you. I regret to say, however, that the Department does not consider you are entitled to any greater sum than that heretofore mentioned.

Very truly yours,

Brien Mc Mahon
Brien McMahon

The Acting Assistant to the Attorney General.

Dept. Form 25 B.

Department of Justice.

Northern District of Texas

Fort Worth, February 7, 1936
(Place and date.)

The ATTORNEY GENERAL,
Washington, D. C.

SIR: Authority to incur the following-described expense is hereby respectfully requested:

Nature of expense: (Describe fully, explaining the necessity—if for personal services giving proposed rate of pay, probable duration of employment, etc.)

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To pay expert engineer witness in criminal case of U. S. v. Harvey J. Bailey, et al, jail break, tried in October 1933 at Dallas, for three days at $25

Attached: letter to Attorney General explaining request.

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Estimated total expense:
(a) Personal compensation $ 75.00
(b) Personal expenses
(c) Other items

Clyde O. Eastus
(Name.)
CLYDE O. EASTUS U S ATTORNEY
(Official title of officer.)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Approved:

You are authorized to incur the above expense.

The United States Marshal for the said District is hereby directed to make payment under the above authorization upon the presentation of accounts in duplicate properly prepared. Payment to be made from the appropriation

For the Attorney General:

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Assistant Attorney General.

INSTRUCTIONS.

Use this form exclusively in making applications for authority to incur expenses.

Prepare the request on the heavy sheet and make four copies on the thin sheets. Sign each copy, as well as the original. The original and one copy will be returned for appropriate disposition and the remaining three copies will be retained by the Department.

Should the space allowed for a description of the expense to be incurred prove insufficient, supplemental sheets may be attached.

The estimated total expense, as indicated by the form, MUST BE GIVEN in each instance.

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February 24, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ALEXANDER HOLTZOFF,
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

There is returned herewith the communication addressed to the Attorney General by Honorable Clyde O. Eastus, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, dated at Dallas, Texas February 6, 1936 with the enclosures thereto, which refers to the claim for compensation for services alleged to have been rendered to the Government by Mr. [redacted] Dallas, Texas.

With reference to this matter I desire to call to your attention my memorandum of January 25, 1936, which refers to the information contained in the Bureau files relative thereto.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma St. Louis FILE NO. 7-17

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
St. Louis, Mo.	2-24-36	2-16, 18-36	[redacted] [redacted]

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases et al. CHARLES F. URSCHEL-VICTIM -	KIDNAPING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [redacted] who is confined in the County Jail at Corning, Ark. on various forgery charges, furnishes information with reference to persons involved in this case as well as other Bureau fugitives whom he claims to have contacted in recent months, but little credence placed in statements made by him.

R. U. C.

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REFERENCE: Teletype message to the Bureau and the Little Rock Office dated 2-16-36.

DETAILS: On February 16, 1936 Special Agent [redacted] of the St. Louis Bureau Office interviewed one [redacted] who had been arrested in connection with the case entitled [redacted] with aliases NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT" of which the Indianapolis Office is the Office of Origin, at Poplar Bluff, Missouri and returned to Corning, Arkansas in connection with state charges against him there. Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted] with reference to certain information which he said he possessed concerning unrecovered ransom money in the Urschel Kidnaping case and also concerning the whereabouts of certain Bureau fugitives.

[redacted] was interviewed at the County Jail, Corning, Arkansas and advised that he was born in Mound City, Illinois and subsequently became a member of the Shelton Gang which operated in Illinois and that since that time he had been convicted on several violations of State and Federal laws none of which violations were of an extremely serious nature. He spent two months in the Kentucky State Penitentiary on a

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forgery charge in 1925, was sentenced to one year and one day at St. Louis, Missouri on a Dyer Act charge in 1926 and served time continuously in Federal penitentiaries throughout the country on various charges until 1930 when he received a parole from McNeil Island. He served out his parole and was then convicted on a confidence game charge in Colorado and served almost three years in the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado being released December 24, 1935. He stated that he was driving a car for the Sheltons from Oklahoma when he was arrested on the Dyer Act charge in 1926 and that about four years ago, he drove a liquor truck for [redacted] Cairo, Illinois who, according to [redacted] was very powerful in Southern Illinois among the criminal element.

He stated that while in the Colorado State Penitentiary, he met Machine Gun Kelly, Alfred Bates and others. He also met a former Denver broker whose name he refused to disclose who was serving time in the Penitentiary and who told him that he had placed $8,500.00 of the Urschel ransom money in a safe deposit box in St. Paul, Minnesota at the request of Ben Laska, the lawyer. This broker, he stated, is a young man with grey hair. [redacted] further stated that he then agreed to get this money, as well as Urschel ransom money in a safe deposit box belonging to [redacted] which had been left in a Denver Bank, and turn it over to Federal authorities. His broker friend said that if this were done he would testify for the Government against Laska. Their reason for doing this was to get revenge on Laska who is very powerful among gangsters in Denver and who had been responsible for a number of his friends being sent to the death house. [redacted] further stated that he wants to break up the gang of Machine Gun Kelly who has put him and his friends "on the spot" time after time and who has beaten him and punished him physically on numerous occasions. He stated that if the Government did not wipe out the gangsters controlled by Laska, he intended to get out someday and get them himself. Laska, he said, had made the boast that he could send anyone in the State of Colorado to the gas chamber at twenty-five cents a head. The broker, who is still in the penitentiary, has been afraid to disclose the location of the money for fear of Laska, according to [redacted]

After leaving the Colorado State Penitentiary, [redacted] stated he went to Denver where he actually gained entrance to the safe deposit box containing the ransom money; that money belonging to his friend was also contained in this box and he took four or five hundred dollars in currency, in accordance with the offer of his friend in the penitentiary. He could not state how much ransom money was in the box but believes it to be the remainder of the unrecovered money aside from that deposited in St. Paul by Laska.

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From Denver, [redacted] went to Shawnee, Oklahoma arriving on January 1, 1936. He then went to Fisk, Missouri to visit [redacted] the half sister of a fellow convict at the Colorado Penitentiary with whom he had been corresponding. He stayed at Fisk from January 3 to January 5, 1936 and from there immediately proceeded to St. Paul, Minnesota where he remained until January 9, 1936. He entered the safe deposit box in the St. Paul Bank and saw the money but left it there. In connection with the bank, [redacted] stated that the bankers are crooked and that they admitted him to the safe deposit box. On January 9, 1936 he proceeded to Lansing, Michigan and thence to Flint, Michigan where he stayed with his brother [redacted] who uses the name of the people who adopted both brothers when their parents died. According to [redacted] holds a very responsible position in Flint, lives a respectable life and has a wife and two children. He stayed in Flint until January 27, 1936 working for the Flint Cab Company, but the police found out about his past record and he lost his job. He then went to Lansing, Michigan, rented a 1934 Ford Coach, left a bad check for $20.00 as deposit and took the car to Wabash, Indiana and thence to Kokomo, Indiana where he stored it in a garage and left it. On February 7, 1936 he went from Kokomo to Indianapolis with [redacted] in the [redacted] car, stole this automobile later in the day from the garage in which it was parked and came directly to Fisk, Missouri. He was married to [redacted] of Fisk, Missouri in Piggott, Arkansas on February 10, 1936 and was arrested February 13, 1936 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

[redacted] stated that he is acquainted with [redacted] wanted for robbery of the mails, Alvin Karpis, [redacted] and others wanted by the Government and that he is able to give information which will lead to their apprehension; that he is familiar with the hide-outs in St. Louis, Chicago, St. Paul, Flint and Denver and he can gain entrance for a Bureau agent who will pose as a gangster and go with him as his friend. In connection with these hide-outs, [redacted] stated that in St. Paul the criminals frequent St. Peters St. and that this district covers as much as fifteen blocks; that the doorman at one of the principal places on this street is named [redacted] and has an unusual memory for faces; that a Mexican named [redacted] is hired at this same place to protect it from outsiders; that in Flint, Michigan one of the largest hide-outs in the country is located under the Capitol Theatre.

In Connection with [redacted] stated that he talked to him while he was in St. Paul in January, 1936 and that the latter would give himself up if he were assured that he would not receive the death penalty. An inconsistency was noted at this point when [redacted] stated that

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[redacted] was afraid of being turned over to the State of Washington for the Weyerhaeuser Kidnaping and that he received a share of the Urschel Kidnaping money. [redacted] advised that he had talked to Karpis since his release in September, 1935 but would not say where and that Karpis would kill himself before being taken into custody and for this purpose, Karpis carried a wrist watch in which was contained cyanide.

In connection with [redacted], [redacted] stated that he, [redacted] was in West Plains, Missouri not long ago; that he came to West Plains to get some money from [redacted] but found him gone, and that [redacted] is hanging around a women in St. Paul, who so far has refused to have anything to do with him, [redacted] [redacted] stated that he has not seen [redacted] or [redacted] for three or four years but that he knows some of their associates through whom their location could be ascertained.

In this connection, it should be noted that [redacted] has been in custody since 1933 and [redacted] was apprehended some time ago.

[redacted] stated that he would not give information as to the identities of the persons and places he had mentioned until he could talk to someone who had authority directly from Washington who could accompany him to the hide-outs and banks mentioned and who could assure him that his friend in the Colorado State Penitentiary would not be involved in charges arising out of his possession of the ransom money and who could further guarantee that all Federal charges would be made at one time against him, [redacted] He said that his reason for wanting to supply this information was to wipe out his past record and make it possible for him to earn an honest living after he was free again; that as long as his enemies, as well as gangster friends are free, he will not be able to do this and further that he wants to see certain ones who have done all they could to harm him, put out of the way.

[redacted] further stated that he had met former Special Agent in Charge Melvin Purvis at Chicago, Illinois and had considered giving information to him but was afraid to at that time because he had told [redacted] that he knew where the money was kept and that the information would be traced to him.

The substance of the information set out in the foregoing was furnished the Bureau and the Little Rock Office by teletype on February 16, 1936; a copy of this teletype was sent to the Oklahoma City Office of the Bureau.

[redacted] is presently being held at Corning, Arkansas on forgery charges and hold orders have been placed against him there by authorities at

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Shawnee, Oklahoma and Flint, Michigan on other forgery charges.

On February 18, 1936 [redacted] was again interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted] Little Rock, Arkansas, at Corning, Arkansas. He stated that in 1933 he was sentenced to from five to ten years in the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado on a confidence game charge and served approximately thirty-one months being released December 24, 1935. During this time he became very well acquainted with an inmate of the Penitentiary by the name of [redacted] who had been sentenced about 1930 for handling stolen bonds and who escaped in 1931 or 1932. [redacted] was apprehended and returned to the Penitentiary approximately nine months after his escape. This man was formerly a broker in Denver, Colorado, his number in the Penitentiary being in the thirteen thousands, and [redacted] described him as being about thirty-seven years of age, height - 5 feet 11; weight - 160; hair - grey. [redacted] informed [redacted] that he had dealt in stolen bonds and "hot" money for Ben Laska, Machine Gun Kelly, Bates and others and that he had some of this money in bonds contained in safe deposit boxes in Denver and St. Paul. After being released from the Penitentiary on December 24, 1935, [redacted] proceeded to Denver, Colorado where he contacted [redacted] as instructed by [redacted] He stayed with [redacted] over Christmas and together with [redacted] contacted [redacted] who is said to be wanted by the authorities.

On December 26, 1935 [redacted] accompanied [redacted] and a girl friend of [redacted] to the Citizens' Bank of Denver, on Broadway, where [redacted] gained entrance to the safe deposit box and [redacted] saw a large quantity of money and bonds. Some of the bonds, according to [redacted] came from the mail robbery in 1923 known as the "Wyandotte Robbery" committed by the Shelton Gang in Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] stated that he believes [redacted] said he gained entrance by obtaining a key from the wife of paramour of [redacted] who goes by the name of [redacted], first name unknown. This entry was gained at approximately 10:00 A.M. on December 26, 1935 and [redacted] and [redacted] were the only ones who entered the vault and examined the contents of the box. [redacted] advised that he had been requested by [redacted] to go to the box in Denver to determine if the money and securities were still there. He stated he found a large amount of money in the box as well as the securities. On the previous occasion, [redacted] informed Agent [redacted] that he had taken $500.00 from this safe deposit box which [redacted] had promised him. When interviewed on the latter date, [redacted] advised that he had left the money and securities intact and had received $500.00 from [redacted] former inmate of the Colorado State Penitentiary. [redacted] advised

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he was known in the Colorado State Penitentiary as [redacted]

Upon being interrogated further, [redacted] stated [redacted] still maintains offices in Denver but would not admit that he knew the [redacted] woman's first name or the names of any of [redacted] associates in business. He further stated he did not know where they maintained their offices and advised that the principal business of [redacted] and his associates is the handling of "hot" securities and that [redacted] has more or less of an international reputation.

[redacted] said he proceeded from Denver to St. Paul because [redacted] had told him that he had placed $8,500.00 belonging to Ben Laska, Denver attorney, which had come from the Urschel Kidnaping case, in a safe deposit box in a bank at St. Paul at Laska's request; that [redacted] had informed him he was afraid he might become involved in the kidnaping case if he did not dispose of the money; that [redacted] stated he was afraid of Laska who knew him under another name and did not know he was an inmate of the Colorado Penitentiary; that [redacted] wanted him to get the money and turn it over to one of Laska's attorneys so as to take suspicion off of him, further that [redacted] told him he could gain entrance to this safe deposit box in St. Paul by contacting [redacted] who could be located in St. Paul. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had told him [redacted] was being sought in connection with a kidnaping case and that [redacted] had dealt with him while he was in the brokerage business.

[redacted] stated that while enroute to St. Paul, he stopped over at Shawnee, Oklahoma where he forged a $200.00 check and then proceeded to Fisk, Missouri where he stopped for a day or two; that he arrived in St. Paul around the 8th or 9th of January, 1936 and went immediately to Apartment 17, 610 St. Peters St., St. Paul, which is occupied by [redacted] a [redacted] and a girl named [redacted]. He stated that he received knowledge as to the location of these three girls through underworld sources which he could not recall. He made himself known to [redacted] by describing her brother, also an inmate of the Colorado State Penitentiary, stating he did not know at the time that [redacted] had a brother in the Penitentiary. While in St. Paul [redacted] stayed at this address which covered a period of several days. The first evening he was introduced to the sweetheart of [redacted] who is known as [redacted] and who operates two or three roadhouses in and around St. Paul. They went to a roadhouse owned by [redacted] which is situated on the edge

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St. Paul and is reached by driving through a park and situated near a large manufacturing plant; that the roadhouse sets back from the road, is entered in the rear and has a driveway which circles the place. At this time he told [redacted] he wanted to see [redacted] and while he was there he met [redacted] whom he knew in Leavenworth Penitentiary and who was formerly associated with the Berger gang in Southern Illinois. It should be noted that during the month of July, 1934 [redacted] was sentenced to ten years in a Federal Penitentiary in the Southern District of Illinois on a charge of assaulting a Prohibition Agent. [redacted] took him to various spots in and around St. Paul but they were unable to locate [redacted]. The next morning which was on or about January 9, 1936, [redacted] came to the apartment at 610 St. Peters St. He stated it was the first time he had ever seen [redacted] and described him as follows:

Age - approximately 32
Height - 5 feet 10
Weight - 165
Hair - brown or black
Complexion - Medium fair
Build - Medium.

At this point, a photograph of [redacted] was exhibited to [redacted] and he failed to identify this photograph as being that of the person he had seen. A conversation with the person alleged to have been [redacted], which lasted until about 2:00 o'clock that afternoon, disclosed that the money belonging to Ben Laska had been placed in a bank in St. Paul in a safe deposit box and while the banker did not know it was kidnap money at the time it was deposited, he has since learned the character of the contents of the box but is afraid to dispose of it. This banker is known to have dealt with underworld characters on numerous occasions according to [redacted] It was the understanding of [redacted] that [redacted] had placed this money in the bank through [redacted]. During the above conversations, the possibility was discussed by [redacted] and [redacted] of securing the money and using it to blackmail Laska but [redacted] advised that it was extremely dangerous to take this money from its present resting place. On the same night [redacted] appeared at the same apartment on St. Peters St., driving a new LaSalle Sedan, 50 Series, probably dark blue in color, with fenders of a different shade; that he left the apartment with [redacted] and got into the car where he was introduced by [redacted] to his friend whom he introduced as Alvin Karpis. The description of this man was given by [redacted] as follows:

Age - 28
Height-5 feet 10
Weight-150
Hair-very black

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Complexion-medium fair
Face-slender

At this point, the picture of Karpis was exhibited to [redacted] and he identified it after some hesitancy as being that of the person seen by him with [redacted] During that night they visited a number of spots in and around St. Paul meeting several of his former acquaintances he had known in the Penitentiary. The next morning, a man came to the apartment on St. Peters St. who gave the name of [redacted] and whom he knew as the doorman at one of [redacted] roadhouses. This man he stated is rather small in build and is decidedly Irish in appearance.

At about 10:00 o'clock that morning, [redacted] took him to a large bank which is situated across the street from the bus station in St. Paul in a building which is very old in appearance. [redacted] gained entrance to the box and took him into the vault where he showed him a package about two and one-half inches thick and which he stated was the ransom money [redacted] had been asking about. He also let [redacted] take this money but in the meantime [redacted] had decided for his own safety, it would be better to leave it where it was. [redacted] stated he left the same day by bus arriving at Flint, Michigan on January 11, 1936 where he went to stay with [redacted]

On January 27, 1936 [redacted] left Flint, Michigan and went to Lansing, Michigan where he rented a car from the Rent-A-Car Company leaving a bad check for $20.00 as deposit. He then drove to Wabash, Indiana and from Wabash to Kokomo, Indiana arriving at Kokomo on January 29, 1936 where he left the car. On February 7, 1936 he drove with [redacted], whose name he could not recall, in the [redacted] car to Indianapolis, where the car was stored at the Century Garage. He returned later in the day and stole this car driving it to Fisk, Missouri. In company with [redacted] he made two visits to Arkansas in the [redacted] car, the dates of these visits being February 9, 1936 and February 12, 1936. On February 10, 1936 [redacted] married [redacted] under the name of [redacted] at Piggott, Arkansas.

In view of the discrepancies in the statements made by [redacted] very little credence is placed in the information which he furnished and the advisability of conducting further investigation in the matter is

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being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin.

Separate reports are being prepared with reference to the information furnished by [redacted] in connection with the BREKID and STOLNAP cases.

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TEQ [redacted]

February 19, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

For record purposes, this is to advise that [redacted] telephoned today and stated that he had received a telegram from [redacted] who is connected with the "gang busters" program and stated that there were two points to be decided, calling attention to the fact that [redacted] had recently conferred with the Director. The first point was whether the Director would write an introduction to the pamphlet to be used in connection with this program. [redacted] stated that this, of course, was an out-and-out advertising concern and he thought it would belittle the Director's title as well as be somewhat dangerous and thought it would be inadvisable, but that he wanted to have the Director's reaction. After talking with the Director about this matter, I informed [redacted] that Mr. Hoover was going to defer to his judgment in this matter in view of the fact that he, [redacted] has had considerable experience in matters of this kind, and was really expert, whereupon [redacted] stated that he did not think this request should be complied with.

The second point concerned [redacted] wanting to know if identification orders could be furnished in order to be used in connection with the broadcasts and also photographs of the Laboratory. I advised [redacted] that the Director was also going to let him pass upon this in view of his past experience, whereupon he stated that he would endeavor to find out to what use these identification orders would be put, and, therefore, for the time being no action should be taken.

He called later on in the day and stated that he had received another telegram from [redacted] wanting him to send immediately fifty copies of the identification orders and also desiring to know whether the Director would appear on the program for a salary. I told [redacted] that this was very definitely out in view of the fact that I had often heard Mr. Hoover state that he would not commercialize the work of the Bureau. [redacted] stated that he thought this would undoubtedly be the answer.

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While talking with [redacted] he also mentioned the letter that Mr. Rex Collier had requested the Director to write for him in connection with his script. [redacted] stated that he did not think there would be any objection to it if the Director desired to write such a letter; that he had been informed by Mr. Collier that this would not be used for publication purposes, but that it would be merely used to show the newspapers interested in the script.

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I advised [redacted] along the lines indicated above to the effect that until he decided that it was all right for Mr. Hoover to give such a letter to Mr. Collier, no action would be taken. He then stated that he was going to talk to Mr. Collier later on in the afternoon and would find out in detail the use, etc. of the letter, and would advise us further in this matter.

Respectfully,

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T. D. Quinn.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
February 27, 1936.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

The Bureau's attention is invited to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated February 24, 1936 at St. Louis, Missouri, in this case.

It is undoubtedly true that [redacted] has a vivid imagination and I am inclined to believe he is very careless with the truth. After reading Agent [redacted] report the conclusion has been reached that credit should not be given to [redacted] statements. Unless the Bureau directs otherwise, this office as the office of origin in the Urschel Case will not request investigation in other districts based on statements made by [redacted]

Very truly yours,

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Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent ~~in Charge~~.

cc St. Louis

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February 10, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram of February 5, 1936, advising that the correct number of railway express waybill covering shipment to Jonesboro, Arkansas, was 7977 rather than 7997, and that such shipment was from Payson, Utah, rather than Salt Lake City.

Due to the fact that transportation to Payson, Utah, was impossible because of a blizzard, agent contacted [redacted] chief accountant for railway express, Salt Lake City, and he advised he would have copy of the records for Payson. Accordingly, he made a check for a shipment on waybill 7977 from Payson on January 9 to Jonesboro, Arkansas, and located a shipment going forward to [redacted] at Jonesboro, the sender giving the return of B. M. Adrienne, only.

Agent contacted [redacted] Postmistress at Payson, by telephone and she advised she was very well acquainted with all the various persons residing in Payson, inasmuch as it was a small town; that she had no knowledge or recollection of any individual's being in Payson during the past few months under the name of Adrienne; she further advised that had anyone by that name been in Payson she would very likely have been aware of the same.

As soon as transportation to Payson is possible, additional inquiries will be made there.

Very truly yours,

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W. A. RORER,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Bureau
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	2-29-36	2-28-36	[redacted] b7C

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al Charles F. Urschel - Victim	KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: A review of this file at the Kansas City Bureau office discloses all leads have been covered.

R. U. C.

REFERENCE: Letter to the Bureau, 11-20-35.

DETAILS: A review of the file in this case at the Kansas City Bureau office discloses that all leads have been covered and that there is no further investigation pending in this district.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: W. A. Smith, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Salt Lake City, Utah	2-29-36	2-25-36	[redacted]

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, ET AL; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.	KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [redacted] express agent, Payson, Utah, has hazy recollection as to receipt of package shipped by B. M. Adrienne 1-9-36 from Payson to [redacted] Jonesboro, Arkansas. [redacted] clerk, railway express company, Payson, stated middle aged man drove to office of express company and delivered package to be shipped to Jonesboro; could not furnish description or details. Postmaster, city marshal and collector of power bills, Payson, have no information concerning the Adriennes.

R.U.C.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted], Little Rock, 2-13-36.

DETAILS: AT PAYSON, UTAH

Agent interviewed [redacted] express agent, Railway Express Company, and his memory was not clear as to the receipt of package from B. M. Adrienne shipped to [redacted], Jonesboro, Arkansas, and he stated he thought [redacted] who was employed at that time by his office, might have some information regarding this shipment.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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AT SPANISH FORK, UTAH

Agent interviewed [redacted] employed by the telephone exchange. She stated that on or about January 9, 1936, a middle aged man drove up in a large car in front of the express office at Payson, Utah, and came into the office with a small package, asking that it be shipped to Jonesboro, Arkansas. She remembered she asked him how the name of the city of Jonesboro was spelled but she does not remember any other details of the transaction and could not give a description of the man.

AT PAYSON, UTAH

Agent interviewed the following persons who had no information and knew no one in the vicinity of Payson by the name of Adrienne.

[redacted] postmaster; [redacted] city marshal; [redacted] recorder and collector of accounts of power bills.

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March 2, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

Re: Exhibit cases for the new exhibit room.

I have been advised that in the new exhibit room it is desired that there be placed two exhibit cases to contain firearms in interesting cases.

I have collected together the firearms and a bullet proof vest in connection with the Barker case, these being the firearms and bullet proof vest which were recovered at Lake Weir, Florida at the time Fred Barker and Ma Barker were killed in January, 1935. The material contained in this case consists of one bullet proof vest, two Thompson submachine guns with numbers obliterated, two fifty shot drums for Thompson submachine guns, one Browning auto loading shotgun, one Winchester repeating shotgun, one Winchester .33 caliber lever action rifle, two .45 caliber automatic pistols and one .380 automatic pistol. This material completely fills one show case and is a complete exhibit in the Fred and Ma Barker case.

In a second show case to be placed under the Urschel chart, there will be placed an exhibit of Urschel case guns which I believe will be sufficient to make a very interesting exhibit and will be sufficient to fill one show case.

Respectfully,

T. F. Baughman.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

AR[redacted]

March 4, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

With reference to the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping case display which appears in the Bureau exhibit room, Special Agent [redacted] conferred with me relative to the accuracy of this display. He submitted to me a list of notations which appear on this display, numbered from A to Y, inclusive. This list is attached hereto.

With the assistance of the I. C. in this case, I went through the entire list with [redacted] with the purpose in mind of checking the available information against the statements appearing on this list. It is my understanding that Agent [redacted] is at the present time conducting a further search relative to the accuracy of this list.

However, I desire to call to your attention the fact that the comments appearing on the Urschel exhibit are correct, and that Agent [redacted] is of the opinion that the exhibit should be clarified, and he, therefore, will submit suggestions relative to this matter.

It is also my understanding that Agent [redacted] is conducting a review of all the exhibits to determine whether the information contained thereon is accurate. The results of his study will be submitted for approval.

Respectfully,

A. R. Rosen.

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A. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Charles F. Urschel kidnaped July 22, 1933, by George R. Kelly and Albert L. Bates. Kelly, Bates, Harvey J. Bailey and three others sentenced October, 1933, to serve life terms. - Three other conspirators sentenced to life terms.

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B. Cheyenne, Wyoming

Mrs. Clara Feldman resided in this town and buried a portion of the ransom money.

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C. Denver, Colorado

Albert L. Bates apprehended August 12, 1933, by local officers, and $660.00 of ransom money recovered from his person. Two persons who assisted arrested for kidnaping.

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D. Woodland, Washington

Ransom money in the sums of $1520.00 and $38,460.00 recovered from hiding places.

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E. Roseburg, Oregon

Ransom money in the sum of $1360 recovered from personal effects of Alvin H. Scott on November 3, 1934

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F. Medford, Oregon

Ransom money in the sum of $6,140 recovered from its burial places on November 7, 1934.

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G. Dunsmuir, California

Mrs. Clara Feldman and her son Edward were taken into custody on November 9, 1934, and $1,100 of the ransom money recovered from their possession.

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H. San Angelo, Texas

Louise Seaton sentenced April 30, 1934; one year, one day

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I. Coleman, Texas

Ransom money in the sum of $73,250 recovered from farm of Cassey Earl Coleman and Will Casey, September 7, 1933

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J. Paradise, Texas

Urschel held victim July 23, 1933, to July 31, 1933.

Harvey J. Bailey and others apprehended August 12, 1933.

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K. Dallas, Texas

Harvey J. Bailey escaped from Dallas county jail on September 4, 1934, recaptured same date, Ardmore, Okla.

Three other conspirators sentenced.

L. Biloxi, Mississippi

Kelly registered at a local hotel August 27, 1933.

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M. Norman, Oklahoma

Urschel was released July 31, 1933.

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N. Memphis, Tennessee

George and Kathryn Kelly apprehended September 26, 1933

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O. Jackson, Tennessee

Two conspirators sentenced October 21, 1933, to two years, six months, each.

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P. Washington, D. C.

Entire investigation directed from Washington headquarters (along line in red - KIDNAPING REPORTED AT ONCE TO WASHINGTON)

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Q. Cleveland, Ohio

Kelly negotiated for purchase of an automobile on August 8, 1933

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R. Tulsa, Oklahoma

John G. Catlett received ransom letters July 26, 1933, demanding $200,000

S. Joplin, Missouri

Ransom letter mailed July 27, 1933, to E. E. Kirkpatrick, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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T. Indianapolis, Indiana

Registered receipt for letter sent from Madison, Wisconsin, received General Delivery. Addressed to Kathryn C. Kelly.

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U. Chicago, Illinois

Kelly purchased an automobile August 10, 1933, under name of Fred E. Coleman. Two persons who harbored him now under indictment.

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V. Madison, Wisconsin

George R. and Kathryn Kelly mailed $1500 on August 7, 1933, to R. G. Shannon, Paradise, Texas.

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W. Kansas City, Missouri

E. E. Kirkpatrick delivered ransom of $200,000 on July 30, 1933.

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X. Des Moines, Iowa

The Kellys registered August 11, 1933, as Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Coleman.

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