FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY ACTS

SUBJECT: GEORGE BARNES

(AKA "MACHINE GUN KELLY")

FILE: 7-115

PART 18 OF 23



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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629 First National Bank Building, Omnha, Nebraska July 8, 1937

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Dear Birs-

Reference is made to your letter of June 17, 1937 ecocerning the disposition of a remoon bill now in the possession of the Receivership Division at Lincoln, Hebrasha.

In accordance with instructions contained in the letter of reference, the letter of reference, the letter of the Receiver-ship Division, Lincoln, kebrasks, was contacted at which time it was suggested to him that arrangements might be made through the Federal Reserve Beak for the substitution of snother bill so that the reason bill, was in his possession, could be forwarded to washington, D. C. for destruction.

Such a procedure would be immediately edopted.

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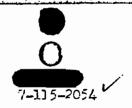
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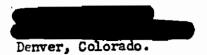
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July 9, 1937.



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Dear

Your letter of July 1, 1937, has been received, and in compliance with your request I am enclosing a copy of the Identification Order issued by the Federal Eureau of Investigation some years ago in its efforts to effect the apprehension of George R. Kelly.

As of possible interest, in order to more fully acquaint you with the various activities of this Bureau, I am enclosing cooles of the publications entitled The Federal Bureau of Investigation, and The Selection and Training of Personnel.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director.

Enclosure #A-9191

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Federal Bureau of Investigations Dear Mr. 71 vouer, firgerprints and indentification card the so-called Machine Hun Yelly Sincerely 9 All bic Denver, Estoradi 115-2054 INDEXED U 1507 .. S. _ الأف

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past week, and that he had been unable to see him; that he doubted if had been able to obtain any additional information due to his present illness.

Agent contacted at his residence. , Enid, Oklahoma. stated he had been ill for the past week and had just returned from the hospital, but expected to be back to his place of business in a day or two. He advised that he had known one for about five or six months, and that she worked for him as a waitress for several weeks, and since that time has been engaged in collection work, collecting accounts for various merchants around Enid; that since she had left his emplcy she was in his place of business often to eat, and he had had many conversations with her; that about one month ago, when she was in his place of business, she told him she was suing some man in Enid for breach of promise, and that , an attorney located in the Stephenson Building, Enid, was representing her; that he remarked to her at the time that if she obtained anything. would get it all, and she replied by making the remark that he would not as they hed "bigger fish to fry." At the time she told him that, bed…ap.= proached her with a proposition whereby she was to go to Minneapolis. Minnesota and contact one Tom Banks, who, according to her information, was supposed to be a whiskey salesman, and that following this she and Tom Banks would go to St. Paul and obtain \$15,000.00 of the Urschel ransom money, which she was to bring back to Enid, Oklahoma. She further stated that she and divide \$5,000.00 of this money, but she did not state what disposition was to be made of the \$10,000.00 belance. In addition she informed him that she was to make some kind of a contact, to make a trip to Oklahoma City with but she did not furnish the names of any parties whom they were to contact in Oklahoma City.

through a number of conversations with up until the time of his illness, and that due to his present illness he did not know whether she had made the trip to Oklahoma City or whether she had made the trip to St. Paul, but he had heard that she had left town. Stated he was inclined to believe there was something to the information she had furnished him, as it was all furnished entirely voluntarily; that after she first brought up the subject he had attempted in future conversations to draw out more information without causing

suspicion. He stated that the supposed to be from around woodward, Oklahoma, and he furnished the following description of her:

Name Age - 24

Height - 5', 6"

Weight - 160

Build - Heavy

Complexion - Medium

Hair - Black

Marital status - Divorced.

Walks in stooped fashion.

stated that he expected to return to his business in a day or two, end that he would follow up this matter cautiously; that he would furnish any additional information he might obtain to Chief at Enid.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Enid, Oklahoma, will contact Chief of Police, and of the Broadway Tavern, 124 E. Broadway, for any additional information they may have relative to one who has stated she was supposed to make a trip to St. Paul to obtain \$15,000.00 of the Urschel ransom money.

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July 22, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge, Detroit, Michigan.

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I am transmitting herowith coules of a letter duted July 9, 1937 from Rhodes, Michigan, together with a copy of the Sureau's reply thereto.

In view of the fact that George Burkholder, mentioned in this latter, has an alias of George Bennett, your attention is invited to Identification Order No. 1411, of which Gorton Nelson Bermett is the subject. In this connection it will be noted that one of the uliases of subject Bermett is George Bennett.

It is desired that your office conduct appropriate investigation within the near future, to determine if these individuals are identical.

Very truly yours.

John Edgar Hoover, Director.

Inclosure No. A-16718

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Rhodes, Michigan.

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I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 9, 1937, concerning an individual named George Eurkholder, alies George Bennett, who may be wanted by this Bureau.

I am transmitting copies of your letter to Mr. J. C. Nemman, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 911 Federal Building, Detroit, Michigan, who will have an Agent call upon you in the near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director.



Bureau

Rhodes, Mich. July 9, 1937

Dept. of Justice Washington. D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I would like to ask a few questions first where was the Urschel kidnapping pulled off and when what date where was Geo. OBetes the man that was convicted of the crime from did he belong to any certain gang the reason I have asked this is because Geo. Burkholder come here to this country from Toledo Ohio in Jan. 1935 while under the influence of Liquor he would talk about Slim Bates and that they had a meeting place supposedly in Toledo and after reading the articles of a Davis who has just been released from the Alcratas prison I know that this Bates is the same man that Geo Burkholder alias Geo Bennett was speaking of. He intimated that he was connected with some gang in Toledo, O. and Monroe, Mich. He has stayed around this territory every since coming here he is seeming to be hiding out here as he has made no effort to go back to Toledo, but he did write one letter to Toledo, O. it never was called for so it came back here he said in that letter you are the only one there that knows where I am at if you wish to investigate him he can be located in or near Rhodes, Mich. at any time. He told me that was a member of the Capone gang. I hope you will give him a thorough investigation.

Very truly yours,

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July 28, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: George Barnes Kelly, et al; Charles Urschel, Victim - Extertion.

Deer Sir:

The Bureau is desirous of obtaining as early as possible the original ransom latters in this case, for permanent retention in the Bureau.

Please take the necessary steps in an effort to obtain this material and advise the Sureau in the precise.

Very truly yours,

John Edger Hoover, Birector.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUL 29 1937

P. M. STEPAKTHENT OF BUSINES

P. O. Box 1276 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma August 5, 1937

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your letter dated July 28, 1937 there are attached hereto, in a cellophane envelope, the original ransom letters in the above captioned case, which are being forwarded-for-permanent-retention-in-the...Bureau ...

In addition to the ransom letters, there are also being forwarded to the Bureau, by express, two thermos jugs of one gallon capacity and four glass quart fruit jars, these containers having been used by Clara Feldmann, the wife of Albert Bates, and her son, Edward Feldmann, to bury ransom money which they obtained from Albert Bates. These jugs and jars, containing ransom money, were dug up on the ranch of William A. Hurtienne, father of Clara Feldmann, six miles northeast of Woodland, Washington.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,

Special Agent in Charge.

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ERNEST E. KIRKPATRICK

Mr. J. Edger Hoover, Mashington, D. C.

appreciate their confidence.

Dear I'r. Hoover

is on her way from Los Angeles tour Tasse 🗸 Tashington to see you. You remember that and in the final Urschel trials. wes absolved of any guilt. I think that !r. Spears and Fr. Nathan will tell you that both and Clara confided..... considerable information to me before we dug up the money at Portland. I told them both at the time, to keep in touch with me and if anything of importance ever developed, I would

stopped over today in Tulsa to see me. She says she has some information of deep importance, but will not convey it to any one but you. I am under the impression, since talking to her, that she perhaps has some information which you would be interested in getting. She is an intelligent girl and I think your records will show that she has borne a good reputation throughout her life up to the time that she was involved in our case, you please give her an audience, because I am sure she will talk to no one but you.

I am curious, of course, to know just what she has learned, but I know the rules of your organization too well to hope to gratify my curiosity.

will arrive in Mashington by Grey Hound Bus Sunday afternoon at 3:30 and will endeavor to see you Monday. She says if you are not there, she will remain in Washington until she can see you.

the first time Give my regards to you see him. Also to my good friend, Harold Mathan.

"ith kindest personal regards to yourself, I am

Aug. 13, 1937.

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Sincerely your friend.

1209 Atlas Life Bldg. Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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August 16, 1937

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Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick, 1209 Atlas Life Building, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Your letter of August 13th, concerning the visit of to Mashington, has been received in the absence of Director Hoover. Arrangements will be made for to see one of Mr. Hoover's assistants when she arrives.

I shall be very glad to convey your greetings to and to Assistant Director Harold

Sincerely yours,

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Clyde Tolson, Assistant Director.



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E E Kirkpatrick, Tulsa advises that will arrive in Washington Sunday (tomorrow) afternoon and will try and see the Director Monday.

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FFICE OF DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Record of Telephone Call or Visitor. Ingust. 16 1937. Time 5 pm Name_

> In response to message left at the Raleigh Hotel at 3:42 pm, telephoned and was informed by the writer of the Director's absence. The message was given her that the Director-requested-that-she-talk-with-Mr. Tamm concerning the matter she desired to take up.

She stated she would think it over tonight and advise in the morning whether she would take it up with Mr. Tamm.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

	THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT		FILE NO. 7-6		
	REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City	8-17-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-28; 8-5-37	REPORT MADE BY	
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visits to Woodward, Oklahoma.

be directly contacted relative to her statements regarding plans which had outlined to her, for her to go to St. Paul to obtain \$15,000.00 of the Urschel ransom money.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

in a discreet manner, to ascertain the facts in her possession relative to plans outlined to her by for her to proceed to St. Paul for the purpose of obtaining \$15,000.00 of the Urschel money.

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Office of Director

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Record of Telephone Call or Visitor.

August 19 1937.

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Mr. Michael

Mr. Jane

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Stated she has been thinking over the matter of talking to Mr. Tamm and has arrived at the conclusion that she will not talk to anyone but the man whom she came to Washington to see.

She is checking out of her hotel today and is returning to Tulsa where she will confer again with Mr. Kirkpatrick. She intimated that the information she desired to give to Mr. Hoover is important and that her life would not be worth much if it got out - therefore she would not see Mr. Tamm, or other assistant.

I expressed Mr. Hoover's regrets-in hisabsence and informed her if she changes her will wind mind before leaving town to call me again.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Record of Telephone Call or Visitor. 1937. Referred to Details Req. to speak with the Director. The writer advised the operator that Mr. Hoover was not in the city and that his return was indefinite and asked if Mr. Kirkpatrick would speak with one of Mr. Hoover's assistants which he aid not wish to do. This is no doubt in connection with the visit RECORDED NESXED & 2.62

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CKLARCES CITY, CKLAHCMA.

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Kansas City	8-24-37	8-20/22-37		
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GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, Et al; CHARLES F. PURSCHEL - VICTIM.		KIDNAPING		
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age 21, had left three weeks ago for Colorado, where he was to be employed as a tractor operator on a road geng, and that his mother had been unsuccessful in her attempts to persuade him to go to Chicago, Illinois, to work in a laundry.

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BRIEN MCMAHON

Department of Justice Washington

August 27,1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION.

Please note the attached correspondence which was referred to the Department from the White House concerning the desire of to divulge certain information. Don't you think it would be advisable for you to direct an Agent to contact for the purpose of ascertaining what facts she may have.

Respectfully,

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Assistant Attorney General.

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Secretary to the Fresident

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August 21, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY MCINTYRE

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checked out of the Raleigh Hotel on the 19th. She registered from 3942 Portala avenue, Los angeles, California. Attached letter gives her address as Atlas Life Building, Tulse, Oklahoma, C/o E. E. Kirkpatrick.

E. W. Starling

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W a shington D. C. August 16, 1937.

President F. D. Roosevelt White House Washington, D. C.

Mr. President:

Arrived in Washington from Los Angeles California for an audience with Mr. J. E. Hoover, of the Department of Justice. Talked with one of his assistants this morning, who informs Mr. Hoover will be out of the city until September.

Enroute here, stopped off to see Mr. E. E. Kirk-patrick, a very close friend to Mr. C. Urschel of Oklahoma City; who was kidnapped and held for ransoma July 1933.

Who was the wife of Albert Bates, convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment in the Urschel case.

I was unjustly accused and arrested, and held in connection and taken to Oklahoma City for trial, no trial was given me, tho later was absolved of any guilt. Clara and I was to keep in touch with Mr. Kirkpatrick if ever anything developed. He was very curious to know the nature of my information. It was not disclosed to him. He asked me to see Mr. Hoover a nd wrote that Department a letter stating when I would arrive. This I consented to do. Now I find that Mr. Hoover is out of the city, and the only way to get in touch with him is to tell his assistants what Information I have. This was not given.

Is it possible that you could grant me an audience Mr. President? That I may give you this information, or be given the privilege to see Mr. F. J. Wilson, of the Secret Service Division. I fear for my life if it is given to any one else.

Mr. President, I sincerely hope that you will believe me, and I am here only for the good interests of the Government. A m stopping over at the Hotel Ra leigh, an answer arrives. I am

All 67C jointly

Washington D.C. A ugust 19, 1937.

I.A. Bowman White House Washington.

I.A .Bowma n:

In regards to waiting for an answer to the letter sent to the President August 16th, it is unwise to delay my sta y a my longer than to-day, with the limited amount of money I have.

Since my arrival have had several interviews with different persons, and find it is impossible for me to see any one but Mr. Tamms of the Department of Justice. Will phone him of my departure.

It is regrettable that an interview was denied me with the persons I have so much faith in.

Yours very Sincerely.

7-115-2064

October 20, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge, Chicago, Illinois.

Re: OBORGE KELLY BARNZS, with slinges, et al; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIH; KIENAPING.

Dear Sir:

There are being forwarded to you herewith copies of a letter dated September 9, 1937, received by the Bureau-from the San Intonio office, which pertains to information furnished the San Francisco office by which letter is self-explanatory.

Your attention is called to the following statement contained in the first paragraph on page two of the attached letter: woman who edvised the woman that this bunch was also using 745 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, as a Post Office and a place of communication for information passed out of Alcatrax by Betes.

The Bureau decires that appropriate investigation be conducted at 745 South State Street, Chicago.

Very truly yours,

John Edger Hoover, Director.

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cc - San Francisco

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Tederal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice



1216 Smith Young Tower, San Antonio, Texas, September 9, 1937.

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C. Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, w.a. et al Charles F. Urschel, Victim, Kidnaping

Dear Sir:-

E. E. Kirkpatrick, Tulsa, Oklahoma, a business associate of Charles F. Urschel and the person who delivered the ransom money in instant case, advised the writer that during the time of the errest of Clara Feldman Bates and the recovery of a considerable amount of the ransom money in the State of Oregon, he had occasion to have several talks with had always created the impression that she was bitterly incensed against Albert Bates, George Kelly, et al, for bringing what she termed disgrace on her family.

recently made a trip to Washington, D.C. in an attempt to see the Director personally. However, he was not in the City and she did not disclose her business to anyone in the Bureau. On returning to Los Angeles from Washington, D.C. she confided in Kirkpatrick the reason for her trip to Washington. D.C. She stated that she had recently been living with a Angeles, California, and that on a recent trip to Tacoma, Washington, of Ed Bentz and who she met who she states is Woman she gave the impression to the woman that resides at with the she was very bitter towards Government officials for placing her in jail at the time of the arrest of that upon learning her frame of woman stated, "Thy don't you line up with us". On being asked what she meant by the remark the woman stated, "You should know that regardless of the fact that Bentz and Bates are still in confinement they still have many friends on the outside and we are working hard for them and trying to attend to some of their business. raterials & industrial 7

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A copy of this letter is furnished under confidential cover to the Special Agent in Charge at San Francisco, with the suggestion that when the woman does contact him, he can then best judge from her story whether or not the matter should be followed out. It might be interesting to know if Bates or any other inmate of Alcatraz has perfected any scheme of communication out of that institution.

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Very truly yours.

Gus T. Jones.

Special Agent in Charge

cc-San Francisco (Airmail-Special Delivery)

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. 7-6 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT FILE NO. REPORT MADE AT DATE WHEN MADE PERIOD FOR REPORT MADE BY Okla. City, Okla. 9/13/37 9/4/37 CHARACTER OF CASE GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; et al; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM. KIDWAPING SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: described by peace officers at Woodward, Okla. as common prostitute. She is on trip to Colo. Officers at Woodward will notify Okle. City office on her return to Woodward. -P-REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Oklahoma City, 8/17/37. DETAILS: At Woodward, Oklahoma. Inquiry was made at the Post Office, and Assistant Postmaster, stated that he was quite certain had until recently received meil in care of general delivery at Woodward. , Sheriff, was contacted, and stated he knew very well; that she engaged in street walking and common prostitution at Woodward; that for some time she had made Woodward her headquarters, but she hitchhiked around the country, and was not in Woodward much of the time. made incuiry, and learned that had lived with recently. is well known to Sheriff at the request of this Agent he contacted; as to the location of had APPROVED AND FORWARDED: COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 - Bureau 2 - St. Paul 2 - Oklahora City Sylkin

left Moodward about August 20, 1937, and she had not heard from her except once, which was by meens of a postal card mailed by at some point in Coloredo, in which stated she was not stopping in one place long enough for to write to her, but she would get in touch with her later, and would probably return to Moodward also stated something before long.

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the parents of had come to Moodward from Fargo, oklahoma just two or three days prior to Agent's visit, and had inquired as to the location of had come to Moodward from Fargo, as to the location of had inquired that they knew nothing about her present whereabouts. Stated that they knew nothing said she was worried about and wanted to know, if possible, locate her for a reconciliation. Due to this information, the parents of strange, Oklahoma were not contacted.

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THE OKLAHOLM CITY FIELD DIVISION

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POST OFFICE DOX 1276
OFLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
SEPTEMBER 15, 1937

Special Agent in Charge Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

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

Agent Cklahoma City, dated July 20, 1937 and reports of Special Agent Oklahoma City, dated July 20, 1937 and August 17, 1937 and September 15, 1937.

is now reported to be working in Alisan's Coffee Shop; Des Plaines, Illinois. Please interview her openly for any information she may have as to ranson money that attorney or any other attorney, may be attempting to secure.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Federal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice

1105 Mills Tower, Sen Francisco, California September 14, 1937

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

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE KEILY BARNES, with aliases, ET AL; Charles F. Curschel, Victim. KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to the letter dated September 9, 1937, directed to you, by Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones, regarding

Kindly be advised that called at my office on September 13, 1937, at which time I talked with her several hours since she requested to tell her story from the beginning. It amounted to a reaccounting of facts already known to the Bureau, and the manner in which she was acquainted with ED BENTZ and his family, and ALBERT BATES, through CLARA FELDMAN BATES,

as Mr. Jones pointed out, she is bitterly incensed against Albert Bates and the Bentz family for bringing disgrace upon her family; it is her purpose to watch them continuously and determine whether or not they are involved in any activities which, if brought to the attention of the authorities, would in turn subject them to prosecution.

I believe that is probably sincere but I don't know whether she is entirely mentally competent from the conversation I had with her. She is presently in touch with and who of KD BENTZ. She tells me she is very friendly with them and that it is the Bentz sisters idea to get her to go to Alcatraz to talk to Ed Bentz. She advised me she had no particular reason for wanting to see him & other than to find out whether or not the statements made by were true, to the effect that there were outside in Alcatraz. connections able to get to Bates and 1-115-206

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At the present time is endeavoring to get a job in San Francisco, and will keep in close touch with the activities of the Bentz family. She likewise expressed a suspicion that there must be money buried out somewhere which the Bentz family is using, and that she might be able to get a line on where it is buried.

At the present time I can see nothing other than supposition as to purported activities of outside connections working with Alcatraz inmates, and I am, therefore, taking no action other than to maintain contact with since she is desirous of digging out these facts personally, in order to bring discredit to the Bentz family. I feel confident, should she develop anything of value, that she will immediately furnish the same to me and upon receipt of anything worth while I shall immediately advise you.

Very truly yours,

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N. J. L. PIRPER, Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORALIDUM FOR THE FILES

The ransom notes designated below taken from the cases indicated, have been placed in the ransom note exhibit, contained in a cabinet in the Director's office reception room: .

Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I. O. #1218, et al.; Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping, Bureau File -7-576

> One Ransom note beginning "We are now dealing with you as you requested ** ".

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One ransom note beginning "You are hereby declared in on a very desperate undertaking**".

Unknown Subjects; Caleb Jones Milne, Fourth, with aliases; Caleb Jones Bilme, Second - Victim; Kidnaping; Extortion.

- 7-1533-1 A. Original extortion letter composed of words clipped from newspapers beginning "Your brother he**".
 - C. Envolope addressed to Frederick Milne and postmarked "Poughkeepsie, New York, December 14, 1935, 7:30 P. M.".

Hanap, Bureau File #7-77

Two ransom notes addressed to Mr. William Dunn by kidnapers of Milliam Hamm, Junior, which are mentioned in Laboratory Report #7-77-148

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George R. Kelly, et al. - Gabjects; Charles F. Orschel - Victim; Kidnaping. Bureau File #7-115

One ransom note beginning "In view of the fact that you have"*".

One ransom note beginning "The enclosed letter from Charles F. Urschel**".

William Mahan, with aliases, et al.; George Weyerhaeuser - Victim; Eidnaping. Bureau File #7-1367.

- 7-1367-1 A. Original ransom letter beginning "To whom it may concern 1. 0200,000 in cash. 2. 0100,000 in 020.00 bills.**".
 - B. Envelope in which above letter was mailed to J. P. Reperhaguser,
 420 North 4th Street, Tacoma, Washington, postmarked "Tacoma, Mashington, May 24, 1938, 5 P. M.".
- 7-1367-243-B-Original typewritten note beginning
 "esclose letter from George**".
 - C Original letter beginning "May 28, 1935 I don't know where I am Tother."
 - D Original typewritten note beginning "You were informed last night by letter from us also one from George that you were to be here***.
 - J Original typewritten note beginning "Follow directions closely leave your car here motor running done light on leave money**".

E. P. Coffey.

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POST OFFICE BOX 812 CHICAGO, ILLINGIS

November 15, 1937

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Bureau letter of October 20,1937, Bureau file 7-115, regarding the above entitled case, wherein the Bureau requested that appropriate investigation be conducted at 745 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, on the basis of information centained in a letter to the Bureau under date of September 9,1937 from the San Antonio office.

The statement as contained in the last mentioned letter was to the effect that 745 South State Street, Chicago, was being used as a place of communication for information passed out of Alcatraz prison by ALBERT BATES, one of the subjects in the above entitled case.

Please be advised that 745 South State Street is occupied by the Frank Hays Hotel, and it might be noted that has been interviewed innumerable times regarding various cases investigated by the Chicago office. He has been particularly interviewed regarding bank robberies in which EDWARD BENTZ has been a subject.

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Very truly yours

D. M. LADD.

Special Agent in Charge

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December 8, 1937

MEMORIZIDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS.

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARRIES. with alieses; et al; CHARLES F. TRECHEL, Victim - KIRNAPING.

The following memorandum is being submitted in connection with possible contacts of Albert Bates, an inmate at Alcatraz Penitentiary:

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The woman advised Mr. Kirkpatrick that the woman was due in San Francisco sometime in September, and would, no doubt, visit Bates at Alcatraz.

In connection with the address mentioned, 745 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, further investigation has been conducted by the Bureau in an effort to ascertain the connection that address might have with the above facts.

The following information has been obtained through this investigation:

745 South State Street is occupied by the Frank Favs Hotel and it might be noted that has been interviewed immunerable times regarding various cases investigated by this Bureau. He has been interviewed particularly regarding bank robberies in which Edward Bentz has been a subject.

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The above is being forwarded to you for your information and consideration.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director. JOHN M. REITH
ROOM 415
Beury Bldg.
3701 N. Broad Street
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

November 29, 1937.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Pennsylvania Ave. at9th Street, Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL AND CONFERNIAL.

IN RE: ROSS KIDNAPPING.

Dear Boss:

Confirming information furnished you over the telephone, Friday November 26th, I desire to record certain data which I received from informant #4 which may or may not be of possible value in following up this case. As I told you, informant #4 got in touch with me because of his desire to procure my assistance in obtaining, if possible, what he believes to be certain reward to which he is entitled in connection with the recent conviction at New York of Meyer Frenkenberg for the theft of approximately a million and a half dollars worth of United States Treasury notes from the Bank of the Manhattan Company. You, of course, recall that I handled this investigation as well as that of the United States Trust theft just prior to my resignation from the service. A separate letter is being written you as to the claim of #4 for this reward.

While on the telephone, informant #4, whose present eddress is unknown to me but who can be reached through in New York, and whose telephone, as I understood it, is told me that during the period of his long residence in Chicago, he became quite well acquainted with one Abel Kaplin of Indiana Harbor, Ind., and that on one occasion, after we had captured machine-gun Kelly at Memphis, Tenn. in the Urshell case, Kaplin informed #4 that he had on one occasion herbored machine-gun Kelly when the latter was a fugitive on the kidnapping charge; that he had furnished Kelly with an automobile when Kelly got ready to leave his place. This possibly is the automobile which Kelly used in getting from Chicago to Memphis, but #4 has no positive information to this effect; he knows only what Kaplin told him. Kaplin further told #4 that Kelly, while hiding at his place, had approached him

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MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER.

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with reference to handling some of the ransom money obtained in the Urshall kidnepping. Number & believes that the Moss kidnepping was engineered by a professional mob out of Chicago, and, knowing Kaplin as he does, thinks it entirely possible that Kaplin might be approached to change in the ransom money in the Ross gase.

Number & said that Kaplin is intimately associated with Murray Humphries, Halph Pierce, and Sam Hunt, all of Chicago. Number 4 states that he can procure information as to the present addresses of these parties, but is of the opinion that they already are well known to the Bureau, and that such information is undoubtedly on file at Washington. Number 4 also stated that one Domineo Mucia (phonetic), who lives on the north side of Chicago, is quite a friend of Aba Maplin, and that in fact Maplin, Nucia, or any of the other threementioned might have a hand in changing the ransom money for other bills.

I questioned #4 as to his reasons for arriving at these conclusions, but he would give no reason except press motices which he has seen to the effect that a few of the ransom bills have shown up in the above mentioned localities.

This information is passed onto you for any value which it may possess; and in procuring it, I want you to understand that it came to me only because #4 called me on the telephone in the effort to procure my assistance in claiming the reward offered for the conviction of Meyer Frankenberg.

Sincerely,

/s/ J. M. Keith.

J. K. KEITH.

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December 7, 1937.

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Dear

Your letter of December 1, 1937, has been received in which you request information concerning the criminal life of "Machine-Gun" Kelly. I regret that I do not have available for general distribution the information you desire. However, as of possible assistance to you in your studies of crime at the Manchester High School, I am pleased to enclose copies of this Bureau's publications which I thought you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Dear Liss:

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This information we'll be used the Social Problems class of the Man High School. We are studying crime and pinishment.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Reference is made to the conversation had with you the other day concerning the use of Rand McNally maps showing the Ourschel Kidneping Case ectivities. CAN A whole

For your information Mr. Nichols has had a map prepared and has duplicated the Urschel activities thereon, and for that reason permission will not have to be secured from the Rand McNally Company for further reprints.

This policy will be followed in the future so that the Bureau cannot be criticized for using copyright matter.

Respectfully,

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W. R. GLAVIN

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POST OFFICE BOX 1276 CHILAHOLA CITY, CHILAHOLA JAMU/RY 7, 1933

Special Agent in Charge Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliasos, ET AL Charles F. Orschol - Victim

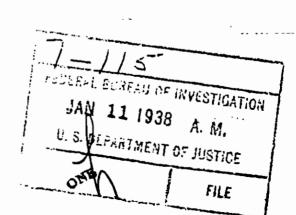
By letter of September 15, 1987, is faintly calling for your attention.

Very truly yours,

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C. W. STILL SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE



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December 17, 1937.

HEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

He: Address before Goodsyn Institute Forum, December 14, 1937, and contacts with peace officers - 1,100 present.

At 8:00 P.M., Fuerday, December 14, 1937, I spoke before the Goodwyn Institute Forum in the Goodwyn institute Auditorium, demphis, Tennessee. The house was literally packed to its full cupacity, there being present slightly in excess of 1,100 persons.

I was introduced again by Ar. Clarence C. Ogilvie, Director of the Goodmyn Institute, the is Memphis attorney and personal friend of mine. He spoke of the Director and the Bureau in the highest terms and it is suggested that a personal letter from the Director to him, thanking him for his kind references and for his courtesies to me as a representative of the Sureau, sould be greatly appreciated by him. His address is: Ar. Clurence C. Ogilvie, Director, Goodwyn Institute, Goodwyn Institute Bullding, Remphis, Tennessee.

I spoke for fifty minutes and received splendid attention. by talk being repeatedly interrupted by applause. At its conclusion, I found opportunity to renew my acquaintance and friendship with several hundred wembers of the audience, most of whom expressed themselves as very interested in the Director and the pork of the Bureau.

Opportunity was also found to pay tribute to the caphis / 100 Police Dependent for the assistance rendered us in the "Mechine Guo" Okelly episode of the Urschol kidnaping case and in other cases. Inspector Parker and Lieutement Raney of the Mamphia Police Commrtment were present at this talk and I chatted with them for a few minutes, extending to them the birector's best regards. They asked especially to be remembered to the Director and Mr. Clegg.

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Commissioner Clifford Davis of the Lemphis Police Department had been invited to introduce me but had a speaking engagement of his own that night and was unable to be present. I will spend the entire day of December 20, 1937, visiting the Lemphis Police Department and making the necessary contacts.

A cordial invitation was extended the members of the audience, on the Director's behalf, to visit the Bureau whenever any of them happen to be in Washington.

Mr. Clarence C. Ogilvie, the Director of the Institute, will probably write for fifty copies each of our publications entitled respectively, "The Federal Bureau of Investigation" and "The Selection and Training of Personnel," to be placed in the Goodwyn Institute Library for reading and reference purposes.

This Institute is an outstanding one in the South and presents well-known speakers from all over the country. It is endowed through a trust fund set up by a former resident of demphis, Tennessee,/%r. Goodwyn, and all of the lectures are free to the public. The Goodwyn Institute audiences are considered to be the best generally assembled in the tri-states of Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Respectfully,

W. H. Dilac Lester.

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January 20, 1939.

General Delivery, Odessa, Texas.

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Dear

I wish to acknowledge your letter dated January 12, 1938, concerning an individual whomyou believe to be connected with the Charles F. Urachel kidnaping case.

For your information the individuels responsible for the perpetration of this offense have been apprehended and sentenced for this kidnaping. I want to thank you for the interest shich prompted you in calling this matter to my attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edger Hoover, Director.

cc-El Paso

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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OCOESSA TEXAS JAN. 12 - 37 تعدر mr J. E. Hoover. washington. D.C. Dear Siri Thank been hold in Conversations with a man have in obessee. in regarded to the Stick Wishell bilingping case that happined in Oplations of City EKla. jesty . eKla. assorbing to his talk, he are support as 12 layer cards with the gong the nite before The hidrapping of also had a characto have hun in on the sked. I have only been here three weeks can here from boklahama City, at gained his los - stence as acting as a crook from okla. C. However I she not boson wheither this life - ation will bridge any or not but feel that it should be looked into. I show not have the me name. but he is employed by me. Hays ow graper hayer and painter and goes by the name painter at mentioned Hotel. Mayor parter at Hays Hatile NDEXED Tolle JAN 15 1938 1.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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	Chicago, Illinois	1/19/38	PERIOD FOR WITCH MADE 1/13/38	REPORT MADE BY
A. C.	GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al; CHAPLES F. URSCHEL - Victim;		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING	
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worked Olson's Coffee Shop, Desplaines, Illinois, one week Fell of 1937; quit and left; whereabouts not known.

R. U. C.

REFERENCE:

Letters from Oklahoma City Field Division.

September 15, 1937 and January 7, 1938.

DETAILS:

AT DESPLAINES, ILLINOIS

At the Post Office, Desplaines, Illinois, Agent ascertained that there was no place in the city known as Alison's Coffee Shop; that there was an Olson's Coffee

Shop located on Miner Street. Likewise there was no

information relative to at the Post Office.

At Olson's Coffee Shop, 1518 Miner Street, Agent ashad worked at the place for certained that a woman named about one week in the Fall of 1937; that she had come into the city on a truck from an unknown place and had left her employment without notice; that no one knew where she had lived and no one had known that she was leaving and did not know where she had gone; that she had not corresponded with anyone in the lunch room since she left.

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Special Agent in Chargo Mansas City, Missouri

Cor Sir:

RE: GEORGE WELLY BARIES, ET AL CHARLES F. PRECIES. - VICTIM. KIDHAPING

On Jammry 31, 1938, the Victim, Fr. Urschel, called at this office stating he desired to interview Boss Channon, at Leavenworth Penitentiary, to learn whether Channon could not inform him as to where some of the ranson money in this case might still be hidden. He said he had no definite information that Shannon possessed this imposed but thought if he did he would probably disclose it, since it might entitle him to consideration at a later date.

Ir. Urschol desired to know whether it would be possible for him to proceed directly-to-Leavementh without prior authority from the Attorney General or the Director of the Eureau of Pricess. The nature of Fr. Urschol's request was communicated to you telephonically on that late and you advised no later in the day that such could not be done and that it would be necessary for him to seeme permission from the Attorney General of the United States.

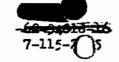
Mr. Urschel on February 1, 1958, stated he plans to request this permission telegraphically from the Attorney Seneral and he will probably proceed to Kansas City on February 5, 1958 and will endeavor to interview Shamon on February 7, 1958. He stated he would appreciate it if an Agent would accompany him on this interview after he has obtained the approval of the Attorney Seneral for his visit. I suggested to Mr. Urschel that he call at the Kansas City office upon his arrival, as in all probability an Agent would accompany him since the Sureau is interested in recovering any of the ranson money which has not yet been located.

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February 3, 1938.

Special Agent in Cherge, San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sirt

Your letter of January 29, 1938 has been received, in which you request a copy of the poem, "Loyalty," together with a copy of the chart entitled "Kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel."

Pursuant to your request, I am forwarding under separate cover the poem, "Loyalty," which you may present to Chief and the chart concerning the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel for your use.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Noover, Director.

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Sire & William

Post Office Box 1630 San Antonio, Texas January 29, 1938

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

Dear Sir:

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Chief, Bureau of Identification and Records, Department of Public Safety, Austin, Texas, has expressed a desire to place in his office a copy of the chart entitled "Loyalty".

fould you please cause to be forwarded to this office a copy of this chart in order that it may be presented with the compliments of the Director.

I would also like to have an extra copy of the chart entitled "Kidnaping of Charles FC Urschel," #37-31.

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Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones, Special Agent in Charge.

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Department of Justice Office of the Assistant to the Attorney General Washington

rebruary 14, 1938

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<u>DIRFOTOR OF THE FEDURAL INTEAU OF INVESTIGATION</u>

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any thanks for the files on the kidnaping of Charles I. Trachel, and the kidnaping of
Edward George Premer, which I am returning herewith.

Latthew F. FoGuire,

Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation United States Bepartment of Justice

Kansas City, Missouri, February 16, 1938.

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

> Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES; ET AL; CHARLES F. OURSCHEL - Victim, Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

On February 16, 1938, I received a telephone call from Mr. Charles F. Urschel, who said he was at the Union Station in Kansas City, on his way by train to the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, where he expected to interview Boss Shannon, subject in this inves-· tigation.

About 1:45 p.m., February 16, 1938, Mr. Urschel called me and said he was in the Union Station, Kansas City, enroute-to-Oklahoma_City; that he had interviewed Boss Shannon but did not learn anything of value from him.

I take it that Lr. Urschel's purpose in interviewing Shannon was in an endeevor to ascertain whether he knew the whereabouts of any more of the ransom money in this case. Mr. Urschel said that Shannon declared to him that he does not know the whereabouts of any of this money.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY.

Special Agent in Charge

Oklahoma City

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OZLAHCMA CITY 7-6 FILE NO. REPORT MADE AT DATE WHEN MADE PERIOD FOR REPORT MADE BY OSTAHOMA CITY 2-9-38 2-18-38 CHARACTER OF CASE GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases; et al. CHARLES F. CURSCHEL - VICTIM. KKINAPING. can furpish no additional infor-SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: mation regarding attorney, in connection with statements allegedly made to her in regard to runsom money. She states told her Govt. knew of money involved and that only a release from Mrs. Kelly was needed. P. REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent City, July 20th, 1937 and Special Agent Oklahoma City, August 17th, 1937 and September 13th, 1937. DETAILS: On February 3d, 1938 Sheriff ward, Oxiahoma, telephonically advised that had returned to that community and that he would take steps to insure her availability for interview. - at Woodward, Oklahoma advised returned to Woodward and vicinity about a week previously; that she had promised she would re-DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES FED 23 頁系 COPIES OF THIS REPORT J DESTROYED 3 - Oklahoma City

main at the home of her father at Fargo, Oklahoma until she had been interviewed by an Agent of this Bureau.

- at Fargo, Oklahoma -

and no further information was secured from her other than that previously reported by the stated however that she did not recall the name Tom Banks, saying it was her belief from voice and manner that he had just said "blank" or "blanks", intending it to be merely a designation for an unnamed person. She said that the had told her the Government knew of the \$15,000 he was desirous of securing; that there was nothing wrong with this money and to secure it a release from Mrs. Kelly, presently confined in a penitentiary, was the only thing needed.

had told her the only thing to fear in securing this money was the possible hijacking by gangsters. She stated that she had come in contact with originally for the purpose of collecting a \$3.00 bill owed by him to the Broadway Tavern, for which place she was collecting at Enid, Oklahoma; that she believed was merely talking and had no definite information; that he has a reputation as a "windjammer" and that she did not believe or take seriously any of his statements in this regard. She statedhad this not been true, he would not have talked so freely concerning the matter. She further advised that no trip to Oklahoma was to be made in connection with securing this money, but that had talked of getting her a political job in Oklahoma City; that this did not have anything to do with the ransom money statements made by him. She stated she expected to be in Enid, Oklahoma in the Pear future and would attempt to get any further information possible concerning this matter, from Roberts.

Following the interview with this matter was discussed with SaC C. W. Stein who stated he believed it advisable to directly interview concerning this matter.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD OFFICE at Enid will interview attorney, Stephenson Building, concerning the statements originally made by him to concerning the securing of \$15,000 of the Urschel ransom money in Minnesota. It is believed that discreet inquiry should be made in Enid concerning reputation and character there, prior to the interview.

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Murch 7, 1938

Coleman, Texas.

Dear

I wish to acknowledge your letter dated February 24, 1938, concerning certain money which you believe may possibly be the ransom money obtained in connection with the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping case.

I am transmitting a copy of your letter to Mr. F. J. Blake, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 1206 Tower Petroleum Building, Dallas, Texas with instructions that he ismediately have an Agent call upon you concerning this matter.

-Please-accept-my-thanks-for-the-interest-which-promptedyou in calling this matter to my attention.

> Very truly yours, for the Director,

Harold Nathan, Assistant Director.

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(photostatic copy incoming letter attached)

Coleman, Texas Feb. 24, 1938

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover c/o F. B. I. Washington, D. C.

Honorable Edgar Hoover:

I have been very deeply interested in the Urschel Kidnapping Case which took place some four or five years ago. As you know
Kathrine Kelly lived within four or five blocks of me. I have always
believed that all of that ranson money was buried right here in Coleman.
County and now I am almost postive.

Two or three weeks ago something happened which I believe throws a new light on this case. A man came to my place of business and he was not drunk and I believe that he was in his right mind and we started to talk business and this man (the first party) recommended me to move to another town (my drug store) and said that I could make better business. I then told him that I did not have the money to move on and that that was what was holding me back. He then ask me how much I needed to move on, I explained that it would cost near \$500.00 and he told me he would loan me the monay if I would keep this quiet, and I told him that I would. He said that he would tell me all about it if I would keep it quiet. I personally know that this man never worked a day in his life and never owned more than \$25.00 at one time bn his whole life, so of course I got a little bit curious about the whole thing. I told him that I couldn't possibly raise enough money to move on but he replied that he could put his hands on the money within five minutes. I then became more interested in the conversation so I ask him how he got this money and he told me the following story. CALUCEDED & INDEXED

One evening about sun down, he was feeding his cattle and OF INVES he glanced out to the road and saw two men stopped near a bridge and noticed them leaving something. After they drove off, he walked over to the same place where he had seen them spop. After looking around he found a jug. He had merely thought that they had hidden some liquor but to his surprise the jug was full of currency instead of liquor. He broke the jug to find out what was in it. He said that he then took the money house and put it in a bucket and tried to count it as far as possible but hewouldn't count it all because there was too much of it. He estimated the amount between \$100,000.00 and \$150,000.00. I now began to learn more about this case after this conversation. He told me that he was afraid to spend this money and wanted some one to help him to dispose of it and that he trusted me with this secret of his. Then I ask him if anyone else knew about this secret and he said that just one man other than myself and that was Mr. XXX of San Angelo, Texas. Then I ask him just about how long it would take him to put his hands on this money, he told me that he could do this within 25 minutes. To get the things a little clearer ix my mind I ask him the name of Mr. XXX and found that this Mr. XXX was relative to him. At once I demanded to go to see this Mr. XXX who lives in San Angelo.

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The first party told me that if I wanted to go to see Mr. XXX it was O.K. with him. So the next morning (Feb. 12th. 1938) the first party ask me to take him to San Angelo, Texas to take this metter up with Mr. XXX. So that the first party could get hold of this money. We all three met in San Angelo and I found the first party's story true thus far. We three then made arrangements at once to come back to Coleman, Texas that same day to get the money. Mr. XXX was to come from San Angelotto be at my drug store in Coleman, Texas at 7:45 P.M. that same day and we would then meet the first party at 8:00P.M. to see the money. We went to the place where we had agreed to meet. Te got the first party in the car and he was to show us the money. He took us down a lane near one of his relatively farm and told us to wait there and so we did for about 40 minutes. This first party came back without the maoney and had an excuse that a dog was barking to much for him to get the money. I then asked him if he realized what this meant in this case if he didn't find the money. He said, I will, and turned around and went back the second time to get the money and we (me and Mr. XXX) stood for an hour or more waiting for him to come back with the money. Finally we drove around the place and came back and then the first party came back to the car's and said that the money had been removed from the place where he had left it but he said that he believed that some of his relatives had moved the money but if they had that he would get it back and he told us to wait awhile and he would look again so he left and never came back that night but we waited until 11:30 P.M. that same night and then decided to come back home. The next morning Mr. XXX_came_to_see_me_and_he_ask_me_my_opinion_of_this_mrtter_and_I_told_ him that I believed that this money should be turned over to federal agents. (As you know, our bank was robbed of several thousand dollars and some of the Urschel ranson money was found buried in this county and I was postive that this belonged to one of the incidents or both). I also told Mr. XXX that wi if the first party did not turn the money over to the proper authorities or to us (me and Mr. XXX) that I was going to act according to the law. I feel that I ruined everything when I expressed my opinion. because I think that the first party and perhaps Mr. XXX had got cold feet. I feel that my opinion made me loose the first pr party's confidence. And I believe that this is the main reason why he did not turn the money over to me. I told the first party and Mr. XXX that if we would turn the money over to the federal agents and collected any reward that we would divide it amoging the three of us. Mr. XXX went to see the first party this same morning (Feb. 13, 1938) to find out just what the first party meant by making sucha a blunder and why he did not turn the money over to us as he said he would. The first perty told Mr. XXX that he was going to come down to see me, which he did the 13th. of Feb. The first party told Mr. XXX that he did not have any money but when he (the first party) came to see me, he ask me to give him until that night and that he would get the money this time for certain. But it seems to me that some of his relatives gave him some advise (if he did have the money) to not turn the money over to me be cause I might not give the money to the authorities and that maybe if I did, he might not come in for some of the regard offered. Now Mr. Hoover I do not know if this first party has the money or not but I do not see why he would come to me and tell me this story if it wasn't true be-SARRS cause I never suspected such a story from him and he told it on his own free will. As you know Mr. Hoover the part of the money that was found was found buried in this county and this money that I am telling you about is hidden in this county also if the first party's story is true.

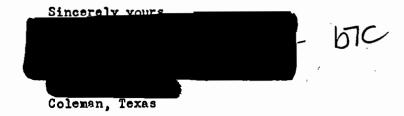
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The first party told me and Mr. XXX that he was positive that the two men he saw stop at the bridge and leave something and then drive off was two of our leading law officers. The same two that recovered a part of the ranson money that was buried on Cass Coleman's farm. These same two officers were/told that this money was buried there but these officers waited until dark to go there and recover it. The man that told these two officers about this money is the one that told me. Isn! Isn!t it possible that all of the money was found but wasn!t turned over? The first party told me not to mention about these two officers because he was afraid that they might kill him. The first party told me that it was only a few days after he found this jug of money that one of these two leading officers resigned to take a less paying salary/and would also have to be away from his family most of the entire time.

If you feel that these facts hold any weight in this case, you may send a man(preferably unknown in this state) to see me and I will give him all of the known facts which are too numerous to write and I will also give him all of the names withheld in this letter of the parties involved. If you send a representative to see me have him bring this letter with him and other F. B. I. credentials as I want this to be strictly confidential.

We can not turn this information over to our law staff in this county or any other county in the State of Texas because the officer that resigned is now working for the state as a Ranger. So please keep this information strictly confidential.

Awaiting to hear from you further, I am,



P.S.

As a respectable citizen, I felt that it was my duty to turn this information over to Federal Authorities.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER DIRECTOR

Rederal Bureau of Investigation **United States Department of Justice** Mashington, D. C.

Time - 4:10 P.H.

March 28, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAHM

At the above time SAC Pieper called and advised that they had just intercepted a letter addressed to George Kelly at Alcatraz and signed by Catherine Kelly in which she advises him that she had a visit from hirkpatrick down in Oklahoma City who Miss Gandy was questioning her regarding the rest of the Urschel money. Pieper advised that she wrote this three-page letter imploring George that if he knew anything to give them the information so that the money could be recovered. Mr. Pieper indicated that the amount of money to be recovered was not known by him. He said that he had talked to "Machine Gun" Kelly the other day and found him to be in a "pretty good mood."

Mr. Pieper inquired if the Bureau would approve sending this letter back to the source from which it was obtained and waiting until it was received by Kelly and then sending an Agent there to interview him.

I advised Mr. Pieper that the letter should be returned and that I could see no reason why this procedure should not be followed as long as there was no other method by which Kelly could furnish them with this information.

Respectfully,

P. E. FOXWORTH

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AIR MAIL

SPECIAL DELIVERY

April 2, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge, Delles, Texas.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 7, Coleman, 1938, to Texas, copies of which were furnished to the Dallas and Oklahoma City offices, relative to the instant case.

Transmitted herewith are copies of a letter dated indicating that March 28, 1938, received from he has not as yet been interviewed and advising that he is leaving about April 5th on a trip of approximately five to ten days' duration. It is desired that if possible be interviewed before he leaves.

letter has not been acknowledged.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director.

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cc - Orlahoma City (with copy of letter of 3/2 letter of 3/28/35)

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mar. 28, 1938 mr. J. Edgar Hoover United States Dept. of Justice Hashington, D.C. Desi Sir: y receipt of yaber flower M. of march 7, 4/25- St. [STUTE !!! Jam at a lass to know why I have not . yet her interviewed by one of your men. asfar us I know there has bee no action taken in my letter I still feel positive that the money I mention

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in imy letter of Feb. 24, 1938 is part of the Charles F. Wrochel Kednaping Sanson Jam being ealled away on a husiness trip about the 5th of april and will he away for about 5 to 10 days and that is why I Sam angious to be interies ed before that time. Man please try to push . This investigation as Jam positive that we are on the right tract and no time should be lost you or one of your agents at an early date, Jane Sincesely yours

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TITLE			CHARACTER OF CASE					
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SYNOPSIS OF PACTS:								
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kidnaping case in which he as attorney defended Mrs.
Katherine (Kelly. He stated that Roberts boasted a great deal about having seen Mr. and Mrs. Kelly in the Young-blood Hotel in Enid while their apprehension was being sought by the police everywhere. He said Roberts claimed to have \$15,000. of the ransom money in this case accessible to his use but did not know exactly where it was, having to make further contacts in order to determine this.

said he did not pay much attention to this story at that time and therefore had not reported it to anyone, and secured no further information than that voluntarily offered by Roberts.

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\$1. 51. Inasmuch as had stated that although John Roberts was separated from his wife, he still associated with her in a business and social sense, efforts were made to locate Mrs. Roberts for the purpose of determining if her deceased husband had ever disclosed to her any information which might be of value in this case and further for the purpose of making a search of personal effects left by Roberts. It was determined that Mrs. Roberts was out of the city but at a later date could be located at the Oklahoma Laundry, for which firm she is employed as a solicitor of business.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

At Enid, Oklahoma will locate and interview Mrs. John Roberts as set forth in the body of this report.

PENDING

Federal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice

1206 Tower Petroleum Bldg., Dallas, Texas.

April 4, 1938.

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

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; et al;

CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM;

KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Replying to Bureau letter of April 1, 1938 (7-115) an agent is now enroute to Coleman, Texas to interview

The investigation has been delayed by other urgent matters.

Very truly yours,

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P. J. BIAKE,

Special Agent in Charge.

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FEIRAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO.

Dallos, Texas	4/14/58	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
GEORGE KELLY BAFFI CHARLES F D URSCHE		L.	CHARACTER OF CASE KIDN4P ING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Coleman, Taxas, was interviewed regarding the letter received by the Dellas Office February 23, 1938 from Fort Worth, Texas, Police Department. Is a nut. He stated he did not dream that a men buried a certain emount of the Urschel remsom money but that he saw it before his eyes.

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This investigation is predicated upon a letter received by the Dallac Office from the property of the Fort Worth, Texas, Police Department, written to him by Coleman, Texas, in which claimed to have imcwledge of the location of some of the Urschel ranson money.

column, Texas, was interviewed relative to the large sum of money which he had reported es having been buried in a cemetery near the Shannon home, at which place that so F. Urschel was held subsequent to being kilnaped.

after a brist interview with it was learned that he was either a Christian Scientist or an atheist. He advised the writer that one night while sitting in front of his fireplace thinking, he saw a man leave the Shannon home while Mr. Urschel was being held there and proceed to a tree stump and turn directly south, and go over the cemetery fance and bury a sum of money beside a large tembetone.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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CHARLES F. URSCHEL	- Victim			
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AT SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

Eank, was interviewed at which time he searched the records of the above bank in an effort to ascertain if either contains or maintained an account or a Safety Deposit Box with instant bank.

The records of the above bank reflected that
has had an account there for the year, but the most money he ever had on
deposit at one time was two hundred and fifty dollars; that at the present
time his balance was only four dollars and eighty seven cents; that neither
or had a Safety Deposit Box. Stated that in the event
either of the two above mentioned persons did deposit a large sum of money,
he would immediately notify the Dallas Field office.

of the First National Bank, was interviewed at which time he searched the records of his bank which reflected that neither or had ever had an account or Safety Deposit Box with instant bank. Stated that in the event either or opened an account, or rented a Safety Deposit Box at instant bank, he would immediately notify the Dallas Field office.

was interviewed at which time the writer was advised that after the records of instant bank were searched, they failed to reflect that or had ever had an account or a Safety Deposit Box.

Angelo on April 5, 1938 to point out and identify if located at the latter place. While inquiring at various cafes and beer parlors for was advised by of the Baker Cafe, that and had purchased a tourist camp outside the city limits of San Angelo on the Sonora road. This tourist camp is known as the Valley Service Station and both and are going to operate the camp.

At the County Clerks office the writer was permitted to examine the records of that office, which reflected that the Tourist Camp was still on record as being the property of After several telephone calls to various Abstract Companies, it was ascertained that the San Angelo Abstract Company had drawn up the deed for Lot 13, of the Concho River Estate, and that had on or about the 25th of February sold instant property to of Coleman, Texas.

for the San Angelo Abstract Company, was interviewed at which time she advised the writer that about the 25th day of February, 1938, and called at that office and requested that she draw up a deed on the above property from to the sheaf drawn up the deed as instructed, insisted that the deed be re-written and made in her favor, stating that it was her money with which the property was being

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bought. Stated that she asked them make up their minds that it was immaterial her who's name was on the decimal stated that the property was sold for \$6,500.00; that there was a \$500.00 cash down payment which was paid by check and not in cash; that the balance was to be in \$1,000.00 notes, due semi-annually. Stated that at the time of the transaction, she wondered if it was legitimate because of the argument between

Superintendent of Mails at the U. S. Post Office, was interviewed, at which time he advised that the records of his office reflected that both and sent to Sonora Route, Valley Service Station. Stated that he knew on sight but did not know that the address given by them is the Tourist Camp in question.

At the Valley Service Station Tourist Camo. interviewed at which time he advised the writer that had lived there in the camp for several months and a few days ago a drove into the camp stating that she had purchased the Camp, and that was going to operate it. stated that he knew little about ; that drank a lot and he knew that disapproved of drinking and would stey away from him. stated that there had been a bunch there several times to see but he did not know any of them; that he did not or any of relatives except that about left there with his house trailer and returned later that three days ago same day without it; that he moved to the Camp in instant trailer: that on April 4, 1938 left the Camp with his wife and son for Coleman, stating he was going to arrange his business at Coleman and return April 5, 1938 and take over the camp within the next two or three days. While interviewing returned to the Camp with his family and was identified to the writer by as

An interview was immediately had with at which time he advised the writer that he did not know the present whereabouts of and is supposed to now be either in Coleman, Talpa, or San Angelo, Texas. When questioned regarding the money that is recorted stated that to have hid somewhere on the farm of mentioned the money to him several days before Christmas and the next time he and drove to San Angelo, on heard of the money was when February 12, 1938, at which time they all discussed the obtaining of the money and disposing of same. That while talking mentioned turning the money over to the Federal Agents. This, stated, caused a change in the extent that was reticent in discussing the affair from that time on. was noted for not telling the truth and would steal anystated thing that could be moved. stated that he did not know what to think having this money: that all during the course of the conversation between the three of them never one time crossed himself up or gave him any reason to doubt him regarding his possession of the money. Further information furnished by was identical to that in letter to the Bureau, and reiterated by him upon interview.

contacted the writer again this same date about 8:30 p.m. at which time he furnished the present and correct address of which is c/o S. M. Harvick Ranch (38 miles south of Ozona, Texas) Ozona, Texas. Stated that he would be glad to accompany Agent to the above ranch and do everything possible to make admit his statements to himself and and insist that if he is in possession of such money that he produce it and avoid further investigation and possible serious trouble.

advised the writer that in the event returned to San Angelo or Coleman that he would immediately notify the Dalles Field office in order that an interview could be had with him regarding his possession of the money mentioned in this report. An addressed, franked envelope was left with for the above purpose.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

Will upon receipt of the above information from interview regarding his possession of the money mentioned in this report.

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April 26, 1938

Special Agent in Charge, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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RE: CEORGE KILLMY PARKES, with aliases, et al; CHARLES P. BRECHEL - VICTIM. KITNAPING.

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to your letter of April 22, 1936 wherein it is reducated that a wanted notice he posted in the Bursan's files for Dr. C. J. Adrience, FFEI-228980, who was then a fugitive.

Further reference is made to your memorandum to all field offices detail September 16, 1936, advising of the apprehension of Adrienne on September 15, 1936.

To date the wanted notice placed in the files of the Identification Division has not been removed, and in the event there is no further reason why the same should be retained, it is desired that your office request the Identification-Division to remove this wanted notice.

Very truly yours,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

7-7 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ONLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FILE NO. REPORT MADE AT PERIOD FOR DATE WHEN MADE REPORT MADE BY 4-28-38 DALLAS, TEXAS 5-4-38 CHARACTER OF CASE GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al. CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim KIDNAPING SYNOPSIS OF FACTS admits telling and Coleman, Texas, and Angelo, Texas, of finding large sums of money but states that he manufactured these tales and that he was surprised that he was taken seriously. presently employed at \$1.75 per day grubbing land on JUDLEY RANCH forty miles south of Ozona, Texas. REFERENCE: Report of SPECIAL ACENT Dellas Field Division, dated 4-16-38. DETAILS: of the Valley Service Station and Tourist Camp located about two miles from San Angelo, Texas, on the Sonore Highway was interviewed and hestated that he has not seen since he had talked to that he was sure that is still employed on THE HARVICK RANCH located 38 miles south of Ozona, Texas. advised that a of San Angelo has a boy employed on the HARVICK RANGH and that she would know whether s still there. The writer telephonically communicated who stated that her son and were working together on the HARVICK RANCH, at the present time. The writer that ascertained from has also told his of Coleman of finding a large sum of money near San Angelo, Texas. stated that to San Angelo shortly after had told APPROVED AND DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 - Eureau 2 - Oklahoma City 2 - Dallás

debt, and that it was properly opinion at that the that the that had told him this story to try to secure another loan.

AT OZONA, TEXAS

The writer interviewed at his ranch located forty miles south of Ozona, and he stated that he did not know but that a crew of men finished some grubbing work on his ranch about one month ago and that they were presently working on the J. M. DUDLEY RANCH.

was interviewed at the DUDLEY RANCH, and he immediately denied that he had ever found any large amount of money. He stated that he had told of Coleman, Texas, and of Coleman, of finding large sums of money but that he was drunk on each occasion he made these assertions and that he was shocked to hear that these individuals had taken him seriously.

stated that he was born and raised in Coleman County. Texas, is married and has four children: that two years ago he went to New Mexico and worked and upon returning to his home in C oleman, caught his wife out with another man; that he immediately began drinking; that he cuit his wife and ever since then has just worked at odd jobs in this part of the State; that in December of 1937 he was working for of Sterling City, Texas, and that CLYDE paid him a commission for selling and some sheep to nother; that he look at these sheep before mother bought them and he told at that time that he had found a large sum of money and at the time he made this remark he was drunk; that he told this story in an attempt to make a build up to borrow a hundred dollars from in order that he could try and get back with his family. Continuing, and get back with his family. Continuing, of Coleman, Texas since 1929, and that he had been drunk together many times; that about February of this year he and bought two half-pints of whiskey in Coleman, Texas, and that they drove out of town and drank this whiskey, as knew that the officers would pick him up if they caught him drunk; that he did get drunk and at the time told of finding a jug containing a large amount of money and all of the particulars of how he found it; that the next day he continued drinking and that approached him about this story Enew that he had found the money; that and he told that insisted that they come to San Angelo and see that they did of them drank on the way to San Angelo and he and both of them drank on the way to San Angelo and he got drunk. for about 30 minutes in San Angelo and then re-He stated they saw turned to Coleman; that CARE TO Coleman that evening and spent the night with his mother and the next day all three of them got drunk; that and accompanied him to where he said he could get the money, and he returned and told them it was gone; that the next day, which was Monday, he schered up and went down to see and told him that he had not found any money and had lied about the whole thing; that would not believe him and threatened him with the Federal Government.

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matter to the Government. Further stated that some time about the first of this year he told of Coleman, Texas, that he had found a large sum of money in a jug under a bridge below the slaughter house in Coleman, Texas; that he was drunk when he told this story.

located about forty miles south of Ozona, Texas. He advised that he intends working another month on his present job in order to make enough money to rent a house in San Angelo, Texas, and prepare to take his wife back for the sake of his children.

\$1.75 per day.

AT SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

was interviewed and he advised has been a drunkard all of his life; that did tell him in December of last year of finding a large sum of money but that he paid no attention denied getting drunk with Texas, but stated that he bought a half pint of whiskey in Coleman when he departed for San Angelo to drink along the way home. that when and came to San Angelo to see him about the money ad found near Coleman was drunk; and that AIGHT have been drinking. stated that he believes that is losing his mind; that is somewhat peculiar in that he will believe anything one tells him.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

Rederal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Instice Washington, D. C.

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while attending the present Retraining School the undersigned agent, during the course of a tour of the building, noted in the exhibit room a chart relative to the Urschel kidnaping case, and it appears that on this chart the subjects in this case are mentioned as Bates, George Kelly and "Batey." Presumably, "Batey" was meant to be Bailey; at least there was no such person by the name of "Batey" involved in this case to agent's knowledge, and it is believed that the name "Bailey", the correct name being Harvey Bailey, should be incorporated instead of the name "Batey."

Respectfully,



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United States Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 1276 OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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Director Federal Bureau of Invostigation Washington, D.C.

Attn: Identification Unit.

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE KELLEY BARNES with aliases, et al; CHARLES FY URSCHEL - VICTIM. KIDITAPING

Please refer to Bureau letter of April 26, 1938 in this case, advising that a wanted notice is still posted in the Bureau files for DR. C. J. ADRIENTE FBI-228980 has requested in letter from this office dated April 22, 1936.

Please cancel this wanted notice.

Very truly yours,

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Federal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice

POST CFFICE BCM 1276 Chlahoma City, Chlahoma May 25, 1938

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Director
Federal Eureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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

Please refer to Bureau letter of May 17, 1958, (7-115-728) requesting whether one Peters .45 caliber bullet case, one .45 caliber bullet, and a box of .45 caliber Colt Automatic Cartridges, which were found in the bedroom occupied by WELLY and his wife at Memphis, Tennessee should now be disposed of permanently.

As far as this particular case is concerned it does not appear necessary to retain these exhibits any longer. However, it is suggested that the Eureau consider the possibility that information might be received in the future connecting KELLY with some murders wherein these exhibits might be of possible use. For this reason it is thought that it would be advisable for the Eureau to retain these for possible future use, for a few years at least.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUIHANE (C)

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May 17, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

Dear Sir:

The Bureau has in its Laboratory Evidence Files a package containing one Peters ..45 caliber bullet case, one .45 caliber bullet, and a box of .45 caliber Colt Automatic Cartridges, all found in the bedroom occupied by Kelly and wife at the home of J. C. Tichenor, 1408 Rayner, Memphis, Tennessee, which evidence was received from the Birmingham Field Division in October, 1933.

will you please advise the Bureau immediately if there is any reason why these exhibits should not be disposed of permanently.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover, Director.

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Rederal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma June 16, 1938

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

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; Et Al. CHARLES F. URCHEL - Victim. KIDNAPING.

Reference is had to telephone communication received from Mr. NICHOLS of the Bureau on June 13, 1938 with respect to securing certain information as to the present location and activities of

Pursuant to instructions Special Agent R. H. COLVIN proceeded to Asher, Oklahoma, where discreet inquiries were made of of the Postmaster at that place, and who-is-personally-well-acquainted-with in that vicinity.

advised that is presently Xiving in Asher with and that she has been attending the East Central Teachers College at Ada, Oklahoma, but during vacation is spending the summer with the above-named relatives in Asher. informed that is not married, bears a good reputation in the community and is apparently a very nice girl. It was indicated by is being principally supported by that in her opinion the former of whom is teaching school and the latter conducting a beauty shop in Asher.

The substance of this information was conveyed to Mr. MICHOLS of the Bureau by telephone on the 15th instant.

Very truly yours,

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E. P. GUINANE, RON DESCRIPTION OF REVESTILATION

Special Agent in Charge. 1938

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Federal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice Los Angeles, California June 23, 1938.

Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

> RE: GEORGE KELLEY BARNES with aliases et al; Charles F. Curschel, Victim. Kidnaping. L. A. File 7-19.

Dear Sir:

On June 18, 1938, Los Angeles, and called at the Los Angeles Field Division and in interview with Special Agent (A) furnished the following information:

advised that he was confined in the Los Angeles County Jail on December 20, 1937, and was released on June 14, 1938, on a charge of violation of probation on a forgery case in the State court at Los Angeles. During most of the period of his confinement a trusty in Ward 110 Los Angeles County Hospital.

On or about May 1, 1938, was told by one at present a prisoner in the Los Angeles County Jail, but then a patient in Ward 110 (the county jail ward) that shortly before one had told that he was involved in instant kidnaping and had the balance of the money, \$100,000.00 buried near Dallas. (since returned to the Texas State Penitentiary) told four other individuals were involved in this case and that the other four had been caught but he was still at large. wanted when released to go to Dallas and get the money which consisted of a package about 12 inches by 14 inches containing the money in \$5's, \$10,s, and 20's. This money was buried near the home of sister on the outskirts of Dallas. was to contact in Texas State Penitentiary and learn the exact location of the money. When found, part of the money The balance of was to be used to pay the costs of an appeal for money was then to be divided between

rankly stated that he was interested in possible compensation for aiding in the recovery of any of this money. Both (his attorney) stated that they had not discussed and would not discuss these facts with anyone else. stated that after had told him of the same upon his release from jail he immediately advised him to come in to this office and furnish us with this information which might or might not have value. RECORDED

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June 23, 1938.

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau and no further action will be taken by this office unless further instructed.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON, Special Agent in Charge:

cc: Oklahoma City

Special Agent in Charge Los Angeles, California

> Ho: GEORGE RELLEY BARNES, with mlineon, ET AL; CHAPLES F. UNECHEL, VICTIM; KIENAPING.

· Pear Sir:

Reference is made to your latter of June 23, 1938, concerning information which has been supplied by indicating the participation of the limited case and concerning a sum of ranson money obtained from the victim said to be buried in the putskirts of Ballas, Texas.

The Bureau is of the opinion that every effort should be made to determine definitely whether or not the information supplied by is reliable and, accordingly, it is believed that he should be further contacted in an effort to establish from him or through the truth of the information contained in reference letter.

It should also be ascertained whether or not presently contemplates proceeding to Texas as indicated in your letter in order to contact at the Texas State Penitentiary in order to learn from his the exact location of the buried money. Likewise, it is desired that opinion be expressed by your office upon your further contact with advising whether or not in lyour opinion negotiations should be continued with him in an effort its establish—the-exact—location-of-this ranson money and as to what iform any further overtures should take.

Very truly yours.

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