

SAC, Oklahoma City

3/30/51

SAC, San Antonio

GEORGE KELLY, was., et al.
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Reurlet 3/9/51.

There is enclosed a copy of my letter to the Bureau dated 12/16/50,
reflecting the results of the interview with Mr. URSCHEL.

Encl.

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cc. Bureau

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 2, 1951

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

SUBJECT: GEORGE R. KELLY, was., et al
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING
(Bufile 7-115)

Rebulet to San Francisco, dated 9/13/48.

For the Bureau's information, GEORGE KELLY was transferred from U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, to U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on Monday, May 28, 1951.

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cc: Kansas City (7-8)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 14, 1951

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

AIR MAIL

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, was, et al
 CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim
 KIDNAPING
 (Bufile 7-115)

This office is in receipt of a letter dated June 6, 1951, from [REDACTED] U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, noting that there is a notation in the prison file of GEORGE R. KELLY, formerly an inmate at the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, requesting that the San Francisco Office be informed in the event KELLY was discharged or released. Instant letter requested that the Penitentiary at Leavenworth be informed if this Bureau still desired to be advised in the event KELLY is released. As the Bureau will recall, the above stp was placed with the officials at Alcatraz in accordance with Bureau letter dated September 13, 1948.

If the Bureau still desires to be informed of any application for pardon or parole by KELLY, it is suggested that the Bureau have the Kansas City Office contact the record clerk at Leavenworth.

The letter received from the Record Clerk at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, dated June 6, 1951, is being acknowledged by this office, and the penitentiary is being informed they will be advised by the Kansas City Office in this regard.

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Set to Kansas City
 cc: San Francisco
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SAC, Kansas City

June 25, 1951

Director, FBI

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, was, et al
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim
KIDNAPING

Relet from San Francisco dated June 14, 1951.

The Bureau does indeed desire to be immediately informed of any application for pardon or parole by subject Kelly, and if such action has not already been taken, you should see that appropriate arrangements are immediately made to be informed of any action of that nature. The Bureau should be advised of the arrangements made.

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cc: San Francisco

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUN 17 1951

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Alden	
Mr. Belmont	
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Mr. Nease	
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FBI, OKLAHOMA CITY

6-11-51

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DIRECTOR

URGENT

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WAS., KIDNAPING.

REURTEL FOUR FIFTYNINE PM THIS DATE. OKLAHOMA COUNTY ATTORNEY-S
OFFICE, OKLA. CITY, ADVISED THEIR RECORDS REFLECT THAT ROBBERY
WITH FIREARMS CHARGE FILED BY SHERIFF [REDACTED] OCTOBER
SECOND, THIRTYTHREE, CHARGING KELLY AND BATES WITH ROBBERY OF
WALTER R. JARRETT AND CHARLES F. URSCHER ON JULY TWENTYSIX,
THIRTYTHREE. CHARGE IS STILL OUTSTANDING AND DEPUTY SHERIFF

[REDACTED] IS OF THE OPINION THAT A DETAINER WAS PLACED ON THIS
CHARGE, BUT RECORDS FAILED TO REFLECT IT WAS. IF DETAINER NOT
PLACED [REDACTED] WILL OBTAIN ALIAS WARRANT AND HAVE SAME FILED.
FILES OF THIS OFFICE AND INQUIRIES OF TULSA AND OKLAHOMA COUNTY
OFFICIALS AND FEDERAL COURTS, SAME LOCATIONS, FAILED TO REFLECT ANY
ADDITIONAL CHARGES OUTSTANDING. HOWEVER FEDERAL COURT CLERK, TULSA
WILL CHECK FURTHER AS BELIEVES POSSIBLY SOMETHING ON FILE.
KELLY STILL OWES ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR FINE LEVIED FEB. FOUR NINETEEN
TWENTYEIGHT IN CASE NO. TWO TWO ONE SEVEN USDC TULSA, OKLA.

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cc: Mr. Rosen

Gus T. Jones,
[REDACTED]

June 5, 1951.

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

Dear Mr Hoover;

You have no doubt noticed the publicity ^o
given to the recent transfer of George (Machine Gun) Kelly
from Alcatraz to Leavenworth.

I believe there is a move on to try and
obtain a parole for Kelly and of course those of us that
had any part in the handling of the Urschel kidnaping case
desire to offer all opposition possible to a parole for
this individual.

While I am afraid that any indictments that
may have been pending against Kelly, at the time of his
conviction, have long since been dismissed I would like to
make a check and see/any indictments- that were pending
at the time of his prosecution (1933) may still be pending.

The only way I know of to find this out is
to check his record in the Identification Division. Of
course I realize that no criminal record can be furnished
anyone except a bonifide law enforcement agency- I thought
it might be possible for you to have someone in the Ident.
Division write me a personal and confidential letter simply
advising whether or not there were any charges pending at
thetime of his arrest in the Urschel case. I can check and
see if there is a possibility of any charge still pending.

With best personal regard, I am,

Yours Sincerely,

Gus T. Jones
Gus T. Jones.

PS.
Tecnically I am still a
law enforcement officer
as I hold a commission as
a Special Texas Ranger.

Mail address [REDACTED]

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OKLAHOMA CITY

URGENT

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GEORGE KELLY BARNES WITH ALIASES, KIDNAPING. SUTEL TODAY
INFORMATION REGARDING DETAINERS ON FILE AT ALCATRAZ PRISON
AGAINST KELLY. OKLAHOMA WILL SUTEL TODAY INFORMATION
REGARDING FEDERAL OR STATE INDICTMENTS PENDING AGAINST KELLY
IN OKLAHOMA.

E.I.R.-8

HOOVER

NOTE: Information has been received that "Machine-Gun"
Kelly is to be transferred from Alcatraz to Leavenworth
and that this has been confirmed by the Bureau of Prisons.
Former SA Gus T. Jones indicated that the transfer was
possibly a forerunner to possible parole. He requested
information concerning any indictments still pending against
Kelly.

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Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Allen	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

WASH 35 FROM SAN FRANCISCO

6-11-51

8-09 PM PDST

DIRECTOR URGENT

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WAS., KIDNAPING. REBUTEL TODAY. INFORMATION REQUESTED CONCERNING KELLY NOT AVAILABLE AT ALCATRAZ PRISON UNTIL TOMORROW A.M. BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED WHEN INFORMATION OBTAINED.

KIMBALL

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JUN 12 8 1951

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7-9-51

FROM: SAC, Kansas City

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, was., et al.
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim
KIDNAPING.
Bufile 7-115.

Re Bureau letter to Kansas City dated 6-25-51.

It was ascertained through a check of BARNES' file at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas that he has no application for pardon or parole now pending. Arrangements have been made with officials at the U. S. Penitentiary so that this office will be notified in the event any such application is filed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: JULY 11, 1951

FROM : ^{FMM} SAC, SAN ANTONIOSUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY, was., et al
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Retel Oklahoma City July 3, 1951.

Contents of the above captioned teletype were furnished to Mr. CHARLES F. URSCHEL, JR., in view of the fact that his father is absent from the country at the present time and will not return to San Antonio for approximately sixty days.

Mr. URSCHEL, JR. stated he was already familiar with these facts, but that he did sincerely appreciate the Bureau's furnishing him with this information. He stated that he was at this time writing to his father and would include this information in his communication.

In expressing his appreciation to the Bureau for its interest in the matter, he stated he would immediately contact this office, should there be any developments in which he thought the Bureau would be interested, and in the event either he or his father desired assistance in any situation arising in connection with this matter.

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cc: Oklahoma City

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7/13/51

FROM : SAC, Kansas City

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, was., etal
CHARLES F. ARSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING
(Bufile 7-115)

[REDACTED] U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, advised that on 7/6/51 he received two warrants from the Oklahoma City Sheriff's Office, charging GEORGE "Machine-Gun" KELLY with armed robbery.

[REDACTED] said confidentially that in view of this detainer against KELLY, he was of the opinion that KELLY would not be able to make parole.

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cc - Oklahoma City (info)

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Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Alden _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Laughlin _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

FBI, OKLAHOMA CITY 7-3-51 10-47 AM CST
DIRECTOR AND SAC, SAN ANTONIO URGENT

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WAS., ETAL, KIDNAPING. SHERIFF [REDACTED]
OKLAHOMA COUNTY, OKLA., ADVISED THAT DETAINER IS BEING FORWARDED
TO USP, LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, TODAY. WARRANT CHARGES ROBBERY WITH
FOREARMS FOR ROBBERY OF CHARLES F. URSCHER AND WALTER R. JARRETT ON
JULY TWENTYSIX THIRTYTHREE. SAN ANTONIO ADVISE MR. URSCHER.

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SA TO BE ADVISED

ACK PLS.

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WASHINGTON FROM SFRAN 56 6-12-51

11-30 AM

DIRECTOR AND SAC KANSAS CITY

U R G E N T

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WAS, KIDNAPPING. OFFICIALS ALCATRAZ PENITENTIARY ADVISE CENTRAL FILE OF KELLY TRANSFERRED WITH KELLY TO U. S. PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH AND THAT INFO AS TO DETAINERS PLACED AGAINST KELL ARE IN THIS FILE. FOR INFO OF KC FOLLOWING TEL RECEIVED FROM BUREAU JUNE ELEVEN LAST. ^{SUTEL} ~~RECEIVED~~ TODAY INFORMATION REGARDING DETAINERS ON F AT ALCATRAZ PRISON AGAINST KELLY. KC IMMEDIATELY REVIEW KELLYS FILE AND ADVISE BUREAU OF INFO REQUESTED.

KANSAS CITY ADVISED

CORRECTION - 4TH WORD LINE 5 IS "SUTEL"

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cc: Mr. Rosen

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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JUN 12 1951

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Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Laughlin ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

FBI OKLAHOMA CITY

6-12-51

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DIRECTOR

URGENT

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WAS., ET AL, KIDNAPING

M. M. EWINGS, USDC CLERK- S OFFICE, TULSA, OKLA. ADVISES UNDER CASE NO. TWO SEVEN ONE TWO, BARNES WAS INDICTED JAN. TWELVE, TWENTYEIGHT IN NINETEEN COUNTS FOR CONSPIRACY TO VIOLATE AND VIOLATION NATIONAL PROHIBITION ACT. ENTERED PLEA OF GUILTY TO ELEVEN COUNTS. SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS TO RUN CONSECUTIVELY WITH CASE TWO TWO ONE SEVEN AND FINED EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS. FINE WAS NOT PAID. NO ACTION TAKEN ON REMAINING EIGHT COUNTS UNTIL DISMISSED ON APRIL SEVENTEENTH, THIRTYFOUR, ON REPEAL OF EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT. COURT CLERK- S OFFICE ADVISES CURRENT INTERPRETATION BY ATTORNEY GENERAL- S OFFICE IS THAT STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS WOULD HAVE RUN ON SIMILAR FINES.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUN 12 1951

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FBI KANSAS CITY 6-12-51 5-08 PM
DIRECTOR.....U R G E N T

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WAS, KIDNAPPING. RE SF TELETYPE TO BUREAU
AND KC THIS DATE. BARNES INCARCERATED LEAVENWORTH PRISON
UNDER NAME OF GEORGE R. QUOTE MACHINE GUN UNQUOTE KELLY HAS
NO DETAINERS AGAINST HIM.

BOARDMAN

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CC: Mr. Rosen

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June 13, 1951

Mr. Gus T. Jones

G.I.R. 5

Dear Gus:

I have received your letter of June 5, 1951, and it was a pleasure to hear from you again.

Knowing of your interest in the George R. "Machine Gun" Kelly case I thought you might like to know for your personal and confidential information that there are no detainers filed against him with the prison authorities.

I have been advised that the records of the Oklahoma County Attorney's Office, Oklahoma City, reflect a charge of robbery with firearms filed by Sheriff Stanley Rogers on October 8, 1933, charging Kelly with the robbery of Walter R. Jarrett and Charles F. Urschel on July 26, 1933. This charge is still outstanding although there is no indication that a detainer has been filed.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

cc: San Antonio

(see next page for note)

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NOTE: Gus T. Jones, EOD as a Special Agent 6-23-18, and was dropped from the roles, optionally retired, on 1-31-43. In 1948 it was noted that former SA Jones had been making inquiry in Oklahoma in connection with the preparation of a petition to the parole board, protesting any possible parole for Kathryn Kelly. In July, 1948, Jones forwarded a copy of a brief together with correspondence protesting Mrs. Kelly's parole. His letter at that time was acknowledged by Miss Gandy in the absence of the Director. By teletype the Kansas City Office was advised that there are no detainers against Kelly. Information concerning the state charge at Oklahoma City was furnished in a teletype of June 11, 1951.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. L. LAUGHLIN

DATE: August 8, 1951

FROM : V. P. KEAY *VPK*SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY, was.; et al
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING
(Bureau file 7-115)

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[redacted] a member of the United States Board of Parole and a contact of Special Agent [redacted] of Liaison Section, advised Agent [redacted] on August 3, 1951, that the Parole Board had just received a telegram from a [redacted] of Oklahoma, who is allegedly a friend of the Shannon family. [redacted] advised the Board that Kathryn Kelly's grandmother is seriously ill and that she felt Ora Shannon (mother of Kathryn Kelly) should be immediately paroled and furnished air transportation home.

[redacted] advised that no action was being taken on this request and he desired the Bureau to have this information. He stated that since 1948 many many attempts have been made to obtain parole for Kathryn Kelly, Ora Shannon and George Kelly. [redacted] also desired the Bureau to know that as long as he was a member of the Parole Board he would do everything in his power to see that none of the individuals involved in the Urschel kidnaping received paroles.

ACTION:

It is recommended this memorandum be furnished to the Investigative Division.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols ✓
 FROM : M. A. Jones ✓
 SUBJECT: ALAN HYND

DATE: March 18, 1952

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At your request, the following summary of information on captioned individual is furnished, with a summary prepared in February of 1946 being supplemented to include information in the files of the Bureau concerning this individual subsequent to February of 1946.

Hynd, a former newspaper reporter, was a writer for True Detective Magazine in November, 1932, and was also a writer for Liberty Magazine and contributed some articles to Official Detective in April, 1942.

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Two books by Hynd were released in November, 1943, "Passport to Treason" and Betrayal from the East." Both of these books treated the FBI in a favorable light although they did contain gross exaggerations and some inaccuracies. This Bureau did not approve or disapprove either of these books or any other works by Hynd, and most of his information for these two books apparently was collected from court records and newspaper morgues. In the files of the Bureau, Hynd is described as a highly imaginative writer with a flair for the sensational and his material is described as quite interesting but at times greatly exaggerated. His book, "Betrayal from the East," was used in 1945 by RKO as the basis for a movie by the same name for which movie Drew Pearson did the prologue and epilogue. Reviewed at the Bureau, this film was described as quite fantastic.

In January, 1945, Hynd requested from this Bureau some illustrative cases for an article of his to appear in Coronet Magazine and in which article he assertedly intended to blast prominent so-called responsible individuals who through fraud had delayed the war program. He had already received some data from other sources, including the Public Relations office of the Department of Justice. The Director at this time stated that he felt the Bureau should give Hynd some assistance and a few illustrative cases were made available to him. His story entitled "Blood and Sweat and Fraud," submitted to

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Memo to Mr. Nichols

March 18, 1952

the Bureau for review, utilized some of our material and contained no factors objectionable to the Bureau. His book, "Giant Killer in 1945," purporting to be the story of the Intelligence^{Unit} of the Internal Revenue Department, was considered upon review by the Bureau to be written in a vein highly biased in favor of the Intelligence Unit. (94-4-5707)

Hynd's request in April, 1950, for background information regarding Willie Sutton was granted, and he was furnished information of a non-libelous nature. (91-5583-314)

In October, 1950, Hynd requested material concerning the topic of salaries for law enforcement officers, and he was furnished a copy of the address of the Director before the IACP, Miami Beach, Florida, in December of 1945, and a copy of the address of the Director before the Peace Officers Association of the State of California in October of 1938. (94-34-303-26)

His request in July of 1950 for information for his proposed book on Soviet espionage was declined inasmuch as the Bureau had been declining all comments on this subject.

You will recall that in this instance you noted that the Bureau has always been very cautious in its dealings with Hynd because of his flamboyance although he is a good writer. (94-4-5707)

Hynd's article concerning the Urschel kidnaping case was submitted to the Bureau for review in December, 1950, and was considered "an excellent job of portraying in an interesting fashion the facts surrounding this case." (7-115-2239)

In January, 1951, Hynd's request to the Bureau for material concerning hijacking cases to be used by him for a national magazine story was granted, and several Interesting Case write-ups were furnished.

In February, 1951, he requested information and material for his proposed story concerning Alexander D. L. Thiel, the "Mr. X forger," who was identified by the FBI as the actual perpetrator for some forgery in New York City for which Bertran Campbell was erroneously convicted. At this time the Bureau noted that Hynd's article was for the New Yorker Magazine, which magazine for years had indulged in petty sniping against the FBI, but the Bureau also noted that Hynd was a writer friendly to the FBI. With consideration

Memo to Mr. Nichols

March 18, 1952

being given to the fact that the Bureau's participation in this investigation should be accurately and duly reported, it was recommended that the Thiel Interesting Case write-up be furnished to Hynd. Hynd's request on January 31, 1952, for material concerning [REDACTED] who was apprehended on January 15, 1952, by Agents of the FBI in Washington, D. C., was refused inasmuch as prosecution of [REDACTED] was still standing. In this instance, Hynd was satisfied to abide by Bureau policy in this matter and requested that the FBI's Interesting Case write-up concerning [REDACTED] be furnished him when it was possible for the Bureau to do so. (94-4-5707)

He has always
be pro FBI and
his writings on
the FBI have been
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson
 FROM : L. B. Nichols
 SUBJECT:

DATE: March 21, 1952

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 Gandy ☒

I previously advised you that Alan Hynd is doing a feature story on the Urschel Kidnaping Case for True Story Magazine which has rapidly developed into a leading slick magazine and now has a million and a half circulation. As you know, the Urschel case has been fairly well publicized.

Early in 1934, Kathryn Kelly wrote what purports to be her life story, captioned "History of My Checkered Career." It was furnished to us at the time she was incarcerated at the U. S. Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan. She gave the original of the manuscript to Superintendent John J. Ryan, who in turn gave it to former SAC William Larson. This has never been used. I can frankly see no objection to giving it to Hynd. to be used as source material from Kathryn Kelly.

cc: Mr. Jones

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I don't think

we should do this.

See attached summary
 on Hynd

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HISTORY OF MY CURRENT CAREER

BY: MRS. KATHRYN
"MACHINE-GUN" KELLY BARKES

I moved nearer my locked door early this morning to bask in the precious rays of a tiny bit of sunshine that penetrated the darkness and drabness of my prison cell and, as I breathed deeply of the fresh air coming through the open corridor window nearby, I thought, appreciatively, of God's great wonders - the warm, bright sunlight, the fresh, bracing air, the green trees, and the beautiful wonders of nature. Most of us insignificant humans scarcely ever take time to fully appreciate and to give thanks for, in this hectic, gay, rushing life of today. I think a lot of people like myself more or less take the beauties of our world for granted, and a lot of the earth-while things of life also. We never fully appreciate them until a terrible jolt, perhaps, awakes us.

I have known the ecstasy of supreme happiness. I have experienced the extreme of despair and now my proud head is bowed low, drinking deeply of my life's most bitter cup. My heart is an open wound, empty aching with the knowledge of the life I have wasted and the loss of all I hold dear. I have only memories for company, memories of what might have been. Perhaps this true story of the jumbled, hectic years of my life may cause some careless person to stop and obtain a grip upon the better things in life before it is too late. Perhaps it will help some person to value the beauty of their small cottage and their loved ones, no matter how humble their surroundings. It's so easy to drift carelessly along with the wrong associates. It's so easy to idle the best years of life away, to live each day fast, and furiously gay on a merry-go-round of pleasure with never a thought of the tomorrow.

I look back far across the past and I visualize myself as a child, a slender, auburn-haired, blue-eyed miss of ten years, perfect in body and health, carefree, tender and innocent and idolized by the truest, best, honest, Christian parents a girl ever possessed - an only child whose tiny

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hands held the hopes and happiness of father and mother alike. A child in which the pride of an old Southern family was centered - the joy of a proud, aged grandfather and grandmother heart whose forefathers had reared high as loyal confederates in a now historical cause. I can close my eyes and almost see it all - the old plantation, its huge fields of cotton, its loyal slaves patiently gathering the white, fluffy baskets of cotton as they sang merrily at their work. I see father holding me upon his knee, perhaps idly fanning away with a palmetto fan as he teased and sometimes seriously talked to me. I can almost hear him saying, "Kitten, you've got a grand old name. You must always uphold the honor of the Brock name. Proud blood flows in your veins child and the hopes and aspirations of your mother and I are centered in you dear. Try to grow up to be the woman your mother is and you'll be perfect."

I was christened Dorothy but De De was his pet name for me.

The huge Brock plantation had been in our family for generations but even then I had dreams of sometime leaving it. I created a paradise of another world. My grandfather and grandmother lived in the big house with its numerous piazzas and halls, daily cared for by a retinue of loyal, trusty slaves who refused to leave them under any circumstances. They were happily content with their little cabins and with the generosity of my grandfather.

My parents and I lived in a smaller house, perhaps one-half mile away. We were all happily contented, living simply but peacefully and enjoying occasionally a trip to our nearest small town and the few neighborhood pleasures of the dear old Southland. I gaily trudged to and fro to the little country school house, wondering and dreaming what life held in store for me and eager to grow up to find out. I loved to read and constantly read every book I could, even anxiously awaiting the arrival each week of the newspaper from our State's largest city and carefully reading the society column. First I would imagine myself grown up, seen in society some place, that very city perhaps. Naturally, as children will, I even dreamed of my prince charming. He would be handsome, dearly in love with me and together we would taste the gaiety of the world. He would travel and see all of the big cities - no dull old plantation for me, no Sir, I demanded an entirely different life.

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I was indeed thrilled a few years later to overhear mother and father discussing plans to leave the old plantation. They had been offered a wonderful opportunity in a small town across several states, to go into business. I listened eagerly as I lay in my little bed as they discussed the advantages of the move, "She would be near a good college. She could even be at home each night with us and attend this college and, too, money is scarce on the plantation, perhaps we could be more for her financially by making the move." So, after several days of discussing the matter over and over with grandfather and grandmother, they decided to move to Ashland and to purchase the grocery and hardware store my uncle had written them about. I was in a whirlwind of joy. I eagerly watched and gaily danced about as I saw our household furnishings being packed, crated and finally dispatched to the railroad by the carters. I remember grandfather Enoch, long since deceased, calling me to his side as we waited for our train and with tears flowing down his aged cheeks he clipped a Twenty Dollar gold piece in my coat pocket saying, "Money, if the new home doesn't suit you, if you are ever in trouble, fly back to the peace of the old plantation. Perhaps I'll be passed on, but it will still be here for your father and you." But I never returned, later he died and soon afterwards grandmother followed him and father made a trip back, calling to strangers that dear old place. Amid tearful good-byes we boarded the train and sped onward toward our new home. I recall how grandly I sat hour after hour at the window eagerly viewing mile after mile of new scenery. How I gazed rapturously out at the twinkling myriads of electric lights as we sped through the large cities and how thrilled I was at an hour's wait for a ferry to cross the Great Father of Waters in one large city.

situated and well pleased. My mother's brother gaily greeted us and daisy and he began investing and soon the new venture and for our cozy home. I immediately started to school and soon had friends and chums and for a while I blithely enjoyed this small town, its one picture show and its

twelve hundred inhabitants. I helped father in the store on Saturdays and soon knew everyone in the county, but as I grew older it became harder for me to be content. I longed for new faces, for a larger city. I was restless and discontented and not even interested in school or the thoughts of college.

Soon - so impulsively, one day in my father's car, I ran away to the County Seat and married a school mate, the son of a prosperous land owner and farmer and thirty minutes afterward I bitterly regretted my rash act but I determined to make the best of it. He was well over suspicion I was sorry, I told myself. I was yet a child, only sixteen, and my boy husband nineteen, but I felt sure that marriage would cause my restless soul to be content. I felt now that I was safely married. I was settled down and wouldn't eternally be dissatisfied with life and longing for another environment and I made lots of good resolutions to be the one perfect wife toward my boy husband. My parents were very much disappointed in my runaway marriage. They insisted that I return to school but I told them I was perfectly happy and immediately we two youngsters began our life together on a small farm, the gift of my father-in-law. My father furnished our cozy little cottage and we began housekeeping in great happiness. I was contented temporarily and when my little daughter was born one morning, in early June, my cup of happiness seemed running over. As I gazed down at my miracle baby I was overly content with my lot in life, with my little home and my proud young husband. He named her June, and what a pleasure my doll-like baby was. I dressed her several times each day just to admire her little precious body in new clothes her grandmothers were forever bringing her, but when June was a little past a year old, the old unrest and discontentment began to haunt me. I fought many and many a battle in the depths of my heart then. Something seemed to be calling and calling to me from outside my little world. I grew happier as the days passed on. I began finding fault with every little thing. I wasn't looking at my husband through rose colored glasses anymore. Just a common farmer he was now, not my former sweetheart. The tasks of a busy wife and mother became an irksome drudgery, my small cottage stifled me and became a prison, keeping me from a world I wanted to enjoy. So at last I just had to get away and secretly packing a bag, I asked

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a neighbor to carry baby and me into Oakland. There I poured out my whole heart and its longings to my parents and, despite their sympathetic plans that I not act hastily but remain with them a few days to contemplate my future, I stubbornly caught the four o'clock train for our state's largest city, sixty-five miles away, leaving my June in the arms of my mother and choking back a sob as I kissed them both good-bye. I ran toward the train and soon seated, I speedily began to plan a future in the unknown city. Soon I'd be earning my way, I thought, then I would return for June, I'd give her the best in life. No farm life with its hardships for my baby.

I soon found a position as salesgirl in the cosmetics department of a large store and I applied myself diligently to my work and when my duties were over each afternoon I eagerly tramped the streets, scanning everything - the tall buildings, the busy activity, the people hurrying to and fro, the noise - I loved it all. Not even the dirty, smoky, drab walls of my boarding house appalled me. I soon began to dress my hair becomingly, to dress plainly and strikingly, to use cosmetics and to look the part of a city bred girl. Father sent me a check often and once each month, sometimes twice, I spent a week and at Oakland with my family, there to marvel upon the astounding growth of my baby's perfect little body, to revel in her sweetness and to hear her lisp "De De". I loved to see her delight when I'd pile her arms full of gay toys and I wanted without much more than once to be able to take her fluffy little garments fit for a princess. I knew mother idealized her - I knew she was in excellent surroundings and I tried not to miss her baby hands so, but at first I missed her terribly but I little realized then that by giving mother the precious privileges of enjoying the sweetness of her babyhood hours and her little mannerisms, I was giving up the greatest experience in a mother's life - the joy, the happiness derived from caring and watching over one's own wee baby. I knew now I was too young to fully appreciate and to value my treasure.

Soon, by father assisting me financially, I finished a course in beauty culture and obtained an excellent position in a large hotel beauty shoppe. I was able to dress well now, had quite a few friends and together with another girl, Mae Thompson, a stenographer, I leased a small, nicely furnished apartment

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and on my next visit to Ashland, hardening my heart to my parents' pleas and, despite tears in the eyes of my young husband, I asked for, and obtained, his signature to a waiver for a divorce and immediately obtained one.

Now, I told myself, I'm free, I'm enjoying myself, I'm securing my own livelihood and I am my own boss, I am happy - but I wasn't - I immediately buried the past episode deep in the recesses of my brain and almost forgot entirely the cozy little farm home and the few months of marriage I had experienced. My days were filled with my work, which I enjoyed, a pleasant lunch with some acquaintances, perhaps the theatre in the evenings or leisurely, a cozy informal supper at the apartment with girl friends and a book from the library until I became sleepy. Surely I was content now, I told myself, but something seemed eternally missing from my life - something I could not quite define. I still longed for something and deep down in my heart I was lonely. I needed love, yet I was afraid of love. Wasn't the love that I once thought I had for my first sweetheart, my husband, proved unstable and untrue? I could be fooled by my heart again. How was I to know which true constant love touched my heart, I asked myself. I remember knowing if I ever loved again it would be with my entire heart and soul and I was afraid of getting hurt. I resented the power I knew the right kind of a lover would have over my heart and I truly hoped I would never love, but wholly susceptible I soon found love, real true love at last.

Mae, my roommate, and I, were both lucky enough to get our two weeks' vacation at the same time and we were all enthused at the prospect of spending the two weeks at her brother's ranch among the wide open spaces of the ranch country in southwest Texas and we left our city with wild enthusiasm, our bags bulging with outdoor apparel, thrilled at the prospect of participating in a "round up" he had promised to have for us. I had never seen a large ranch and was properly awed at Mae's talks of bronco riding, cattle branding and all of the details of ranch life.

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Well, amid all of the fun there I met, instantly fell in love with and married Charles Young, a prosperous young handsome ranch man who had recently inherited the vast holdings of the Lazy Y Ranch. His brown eyes looked into mine just once and I knew whatever this man was or wherever he might go, I would adore him forever and he afterwards told me he felt the same feeling toward me as he looked at me and when he insisted upon an immediate marriage, I was happy beyond words. I telephoned my parents in a whirlwind of joy and obtained their consent and blessing on my second venture in matrimony. They must have realized how real this was with me from my excited happy voice and as I stood before the Minister in a little church with only Mae, her brother and two cow hands to wish us joy, I seriously realized the meaning of the words as I promised to love, honor, cherish and obey this handsome brown eyed man. We left immediately in his big sedan for Ashland. There I proudly introduced my parents and my darling June and just as proudly presented my husband. My parents liked Charles immensely and he adored my precious baby. I asked mother and father's consent to take my baby back with us to my new home and, although it hurt them terribly to part with her, they agreed. June's own father, my former husband, had remarried and was willing that I completely have June. So, bidding my parents adieu, we drove to the city I formerly had lived in, leisurely packed my trunks and clothes and I resigned my position and we were on our way to the Lazy Y.

What soul-satisfying days I spent there and how Charles loved my baby and me and soon she loved her daddy Charles almost as much as her "Pa Pa". He bought a Shetland pony for her and together they rode daily, he on his high-spirited bay and she, proudly sitting straight on the Shetland. I used to meet them at the big gate and, kissing them both, I would thank God for my happiness for my beloved husband and for my precious little daughter. I was mistress of a huge rambling ranch house and I ran it smoothly and wisely with the efficient help of my old darkie, Lucinda, who was ever a friend of mine. Together she

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and I often planned surprise parties for Charles and his friends, who soon became staunch friends of my own. The three happy years I spent at the Lazy Y will ever stand out in my memories as the happiest days of my life. I reached the heights of supreme happiness there with Charles. I loved him with a love so deep, sacrificing and true that even now I can feel the pain of my empty heart without him.

Our love was beautiful, a deep abiding affection of loyalty, comradeship, respect and understanding that few people ever experience, and if I could but call back those days again, if I could feel his arms about me, my honor alone and untroubled, I would ask no greater blessing from God than to dwell forever more again in the heights of the ecstasy of the perfect love life we knew. We usually drove to a nearby city on week ends, there to enjoy the busy activity of city life, to attend the theatres, etc., and would return on Monday, tired and happy, to our peaceful home. I had no desire for city life any more. I was content at last. I believe Charles and I would have been happy in the poorest hovel, but I had most anything in worldly goods I wished for. I had my own car, an expensive eight cylinder, but I enjoyed most my pony and the gallops about the ranch with Charles. June was in school and I drove her to and fro, returning to idly dream and plan our future with Charles each day as life gaily passed onward.

My husband had one failing, the love of drink, and often he would disappear for hours visiting the bunk house of the Lazy Y Boys, to return far from sober. Sometimes he would spend the night with them together with a ranch friend, Dick Hayfield, who owned the adjoining ranch, the Bar M, and I know they drank, gambled and boisterously passed the night away, but I didn't worry much. Charles was always kind, a little ashamed and penitent upon his return and I felt that in time, as he grew older, he would refrain from this failing as I counseled him to drink at home whenever he felt the urge of drink maddening him and he began to do this, drinking steadily most of the time, but never heavily. I playfully would occasionally drink a glass of whiskey with him and he would laugh heartily at my distaste and grins, but still, every so often he would ride over to see the boys and remain over night.

My parents frequently leaving their business cares, would drive down to visit us and to enjoy the relaxation of our home. We would have horses

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andled and together we would ride over the ranch, showing them the vast herds of white faced Herefords peacefully grazing, or perhaps enjoying a day's fishing in our own long lake and they were as pleased at my happiness my mother would always say, "Do Do, I thank God at last child you are contented and happy." They always left relaxed, rested and usually happily taking June with them for a long visit. They missed her terribly I know, and she loved Daddy and Mother Brock, as she called them, with a child's love for mother and father. I think June always treasured me more as a sister. She never would call me mother, just "Dorothy" and my parents idealized her as they do yet.

One day just at sunset, I was alone in the big house with Lucinda. June was visiting my parents and Charles had been gone since early morning with the ranch hands, getting everything in preparation for the fall round up. I was busily arranging some late flowers for the dinner table when I glanced through the window and I perceived a rider far down the lane, fast and furiously lashing his horse en route to the house. I recognized him as Dick Mayfield, my husband's greatest pal, and somehow, a premonition of trouble gripped my heart. Hastily I rushed to the door and as he dismounted and flung the reins aside, I knew from his pale strained face, trouble was near. My first thought was of Charles and the first word I spoke was "Charles." He said "Dorothy, now don't lose your head, Charles has met with an accident." "Tell me quickly, Dick, I almost screamed." "He has been shot Do Do and I want the car quickly to carry him to the hospital" he said, and he took me by the shoulders and gave me a strong shaking as my knees slowly began to give way. "Hurry up girl, we've got to hurry" he said, and together we ran to the garage and quickly in the car we tore down the lane and across into the wagon trail that led to the boys' quarters. "Oh Dick" I screamed, "Tell me the truth, is he hurt badly?" "We don't know Dorothy" he answered, as we pulled up in front of the bunk house. "Oh" I cried, "Help me to keep my happiness, don't let him die." I scared, almost sober bunch of cowhands stood near the door. I rushed in to find Charles bleeding profusely from a bullet wound in his chest. He was unconscious. Quickly they placed a mattress in the rear seat and, holding

his head tightly in my arms, we wildly drove to the nearest city, placing him in the hospital where the doctors marvelfully told me he had a chance to live. "Dear Lord" I prayed, "Give him that chance" and all night Dick and I sat nearby as the doctors and nurses busily moved to and fro waiting and praying. It seemed to me Charles was in the operating room for hours. Dick told me as we waited, how Charles had ridden by his place early in the morning. Now, together he and Charles had gone to the boys' quarters, how they had gambled and drunk practically all day, how, late in the afternoon they had practiced shooting and how, Charles believing his revolver to be empty and extolling the merits of his true-shooting gun, had accidentally discharged it, receiving the full impact of the forty-five bullet at close range in his chest. I sat there immovable, as still as death and as cold as ice. I would send Dick every little while to ask if I might come into the room where Charles lay and just at sunrise the kind-hearted doctor came to me and said, "Mrs. Young, I've done my best but your husband cannot live, only by a miracle, you may see him now." Choking back my sobs I entered the room. Charles was breathing loudly. I knelt down by his bedside and, taking his dear hand in mine, I kissed it over and over as I said, "Beloved, you are my life, you must recover for my sake" and with a slow sweet smile he bravely muttered, "Precious, I'm trying." Those were his only words. A little later they removed his limp hand from mine and let me, hysterically screaming and praying from the room. I immediately fainted and lay for days unconscious with brain fever, in the same hospital and when I regained consciousness, there stood father, mother and June. All I had left, I thought, as they kissed me. I learned my dear husband lay buried and I felt no desire to live. Mother had long talks with me. She tried every way to arouse me out of the strange, quiet stupor I lay in. Finally June put her little arms about my neck and said, "Be up, you still have me." That brought the tears and I immediately made my first effort to get well. I was soon able to be moved and they moved me to Dick's home. I couldn't bear the thoughts of entering the old home where we had been so happy, to find Charles gone, so I grieved my great grief out, outwardly in mother's ready arms, but inwardly my heart was raw and bleeding. I couldn't see how I could take up life again. My parents,

as I grew stronger, returned to their career of business, taking Jane with them. They tearfully pleaded with me to go also but I persistently refused. I did not feel like sharing my grief with them. I wanted to crawl off some place alone with my grief. I turned the affairs of the Lazy Y entirely over to Dick and at my instigation he placed the ranch, its cattle and furnishings upon the market. Lucinda came over with my clothes and I sent her back to pack and ship my trunks into a city six hundred miles away. Soon a buyer was found for our home and I didn't even visit it to say good-bye. Friends, neighbors and our employees came over to Dick's to offer advice and condolences but I refused all plans they advised. I just wanted to get away alone from anyone I knew, no matter how kindly they might be, so I soon found myself with only Lucinda for company, seated in my car en route to the city I had expressed my trunks to, a city of four hundred thousand inhabitants, not caring much what happened and with no plans for a future. Lucinda seemed to know the turmoil my mind was in. She cheerfully chatted casually about different things but never the Lazy Y.

Upon reaching the city she found the apartment, she unpacked the bags, she tried so hard to make a home for me there, but I brooded and brooded constantly. I think I was near insanity. I would lay for hours and gaze at a photograph of Charles. "Why should a just God take him away?" I asked myself over and over and I soon began drinking heavily in an attempt to drown my heartbreak and sorrow. I loathed the taste of liquor at first but I loved the stupor and rest it brought me. I wrote my parents often, as cheerfully as I could manage. Almost every day I would get in my roadster and tear out on the highways, the wind blowing against my muddled brain always refreshed me.

One day, after I had driven mile after mile, I parked near the edge of beautiful White Rock Lake and lost in dreams of the past, I sat idly gazing into the blue waters, wholly unconscious of two cars parked nearby and the gay, hilarious crowd in them. Suddenly I was aroused by a masculine voice nearby addressing me, "Why so pensive, beautiful?" it asked. I looked up into a handsome face and I saw twinkling gay eyes smiling into mine. I smiled back, not answering him, but he came quickly to my side saying, "May I introduce myself, I'm Phil Brand of no place in particular and I've been wanting to speak

to you for ten minutes. I recall saying, "How do you do, Mr. Brent" and soon he was seated in the car by me, telling me I needed cheering up, that there was too much sadness in my eyes and later at his insistence we strolled over and joined the crowd. I was soon drinking beer and devouring sandwiches with this jolly, friendly bunch and later we piled into the cars and astonished Lucinda by throwing into my small apartment where they all made themselves perfectly at home and we threw a party far into the night. I found my heart did not ache so with my new friends and that meeting brought more and more of them. One of the girls in the bunch I especially liked. She was Irene Vintere, a brown-eyed, lustrous brunet, hard and disillusioned in her conception of life. She was a young wealthy widow of thirty and through her I soon knew all of the friends of her late gambler-cum-husband and herself. He had been a notorious gambler, known from coast to coast and his death in a brawl had broken her heart. Any good impulses I may have had were soon forgotten in a continuous round of gaiety and noisy drinking parties. I listlessly began lazily drifting on the downward path, too weak to resist and not caring enough to try. "Hain't my happiness been snatched from me?" "Did God care?" "No" I told myself and month after month I drank more and more.

I wrote June often and sent her a check now and then or a lot of finery and once in a while in the next two years I would go to see my parents and June. She was in school and mother could look out for her better than I, I told myself. I explained to my parents I was happier alone for they ever pleaded with me to live with them but I always put them off with vague, evasive answers of a business I expected to enter into.

I soon numbered gamblers, bootleggers and gatherers of easy money as my closest friends. Lovers drifted in and out of my life, never touching my heart. I casually cast them aside when I grew tired of them. "Hard hearted Dorothy", that was I, the gayest of the gay, forever in the midst of a gay crowd at some place of amusement was I, drinking and carousing the nights away, drifting with the tide. Irene and I were close friends. She now shared my apartment and together, she and I journeyed to all of the race tracks. She had a mania for gambling in any form but especially betting on the ponies.

so, wherever the horses ran, be it New Orleans, Chicago, Louisville or New York, Irene and I followed them about and, fashionably groomed, we stopped at the most luxurious hotels, drank constantly and spent the nights at some gay cabaret or private party with the habitués of the race tracks. I played the ponies incessantly sometimes winning and sometimes losing, but back to Lucinda and our apartment we always drifted. There was ever a soft spot in my heart for faithful Lucinda and I had two beautiful little bay Pekingese dogs, a gift from an admirer, which dogs Lucinda dearly loved and kept her company while Irene and I were away.

Lucinda tried to reason with me just once about my daily drinking but I stormed back at her so fiercely she never attempted it again and she cheerfully brought my liquor in with my black coffee each morning now. I am sympathetic with a drunkard. I know how every nerve in your body calls for its soothing power. I made only one effort to stop my over growing habit. One morning I felt ill after an all night party and I couldn't sleep. I was nervous and restless. I paced the floor. I finally got out my baby's picture and looked at it. I hadn't seen her in three months I reflected, although I had telephoned her once or twice. A great longing for her came over me. I nervously lit a cigarette and I began to contemplate my future. I realized I was drifting. I saw my friends for the first time in their true light. I realized I was growing older, knew the love of intoxicants had me. Curiously I reached for a mirror, examined my face minutely - yes, there were tiny dissipation lines. My face looked old and haggard in the early morning light despite the make-up I had neglected to remove. I determined to get out of the rut I was in. "Yes" I promised myself, "I'm through with my mode of living, I'll never take another drink." I knew I could quit it. I glanced over in the twin bed at Irene who was breathing heavily in a saddened stupor. I noticed the tiny crease fast about her fine brown eyes. "Poor kid" I reflected, "that fools me too have been" and with my right mind triumphant, I shudderingly wondered how I had endured the past two years, how the embraces of drunken companions could have thrilled me, how I, Dorothy Young, beloved respected wife of Charles, adored mother of June, could have sunk so low. I thought of my former life at The Lazy Y and tears of repentance ran down my cheeks as I bravely made my resolutions for a new ex-

instance. I would get away from my so-called friends, they would tempt me again, I was very fond of Irene. I would have a talk with her and perhaps she would be willing to begin all over with me, I thought. I went to the bank and, taking out my bank statements, most of them unopened, I rapidly ran over them and I found I had spent exactly twenty-eight thousand dollars in the past two years and I had nothing to show for it but an expensive restaurant and a lot of filth. Irene came. I watched her twirling head ring for Lucinda for the usual first drink and when Lucinda promptly appeared, I quickly ordered "Coffee only, please" and Irene looked at me wonderingly. "Irene, I want to talk to you seriously" I began, "and no drink please until I have finished." I smiled at her grimace. I earnestly expressed my thoughts to her. I pointed out the sordid life we led. I showed her how empty our hearts were and she agreed with me as she replied, "Dorothy, you are a very dear gal. The world has nothing to offer me but forgetfulness. My heart is buried with Johnnie. I'm tired of life. Perhaps I'm young in years but I'm aged in experience and I'll make an effort. I'll try your plan and see what fate brings me." So, nervous and shaking and craving our morning's eye opener, we dressed, scorned breakfast and walked to the park, there to enjoy the freshness of the first early morning we had enjoyed for months. We sat there hours making our plans. The next day she left for her former home to attend to her sadly neglected business affairs. I was left alone with Lucinda who, at my request, promptly informed all callers I had left for Chicago. I drank sparingly, I had to drink some my nerves were quivering so. In a few days I called at a real estate office and under my direction they found for me my dream home, a beautiful Italian style brick set back in the midst of masses of shrubbery and a large smooth lawn. I promptly purchased it and became busily engaged in purchasing furnishings, draperies, etc. preparatory to moving in. Gradually now, I was craving less sleep. I intended to take my remaining capital and invest it in a business that I could be interested in - a beauty shoppe was what I had in mind. I think my main reason for buying a home was that I feared breaking my good resolution and I thought if I returned to the easy spending, pleasure loving bunch I knew, I would at least have most of my cash invested in my home and would be unable to squander it. Irene returned

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and we gaily moved in. What fun we had arranging the furniture, dashing out to buy something necessary toward keeping house, I had forgotten. Lucinda was delighted with the kitchen, her weakness always, also her new quarters in the rear of the house. My two dogs ran excitedly about the lawn. I felt very domestic. My parents visited me and June was pleased with the place, but as she was very interested in school and in her school chums, she was ready to return in a few days. I made her very happy by giving her one of my tiny dogs.

Following their departure Irene and I hardly knew what to do with ourselves. We were lonely, we walked the floor constantly craving a drink. We had not drunk a drop in three days and every day it seemed we craved it more and more. At last, one afternoon we both agreed to telephone our friends for just one more party. Well, we did and what a party. The bunch was pleased to find us situated so nicely and my home became a rendezvous for them all. We were immediately plunged back into our former life, cabarets, drinking, gambling and wild trips here and there filled our life. One after one of champagne and liquor was emptied in my home. Rich suppers I served often, getting help for Lucinda. I excused myself to my conscience as having no incentive for bettering myself. I deposited cash enough in a savings account for June to take care of her and to see her through college in later years and I decided to enjoy every pleasure I could while I could. It was so easy and luxurious to just drift along with the tide.

One night a gambler, Tony, arrived early, bringing with him a tall, handsome, dark haired, gray eyed stranger whom he introduced as Femie Watson from Chicago, a big shot in the liquor business. I immediately liked this well groomed, perfect mannered gentleman and of course I suggested he remain with Tony for the party later on. He sat and talked until the gang began to arrive and I soon found myself in his arms, leaning contentedly, my head close against his shoulder. I was quieter that night and drank less than usual. I felt for the first time since my husband's death that it wouldn't be hard to fall in love with this stranger and when he said good-bye I was half way in love with him. He was leaving for Havana the next day and asked my permission to write, which I eagerly gave. I thought of Femie Watson continuously the next few weeks.

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Irene and I left for New Orleans for the Mardi Gras Festival and upon our return I eagerly read a letter and two wires from Fannie Watson. Lucinda also informed me I had had a telephone call from Havana and I immediately telephoned his hotel but found he had gone. I wrote him at his address in Chicago, a cabaret, but received no answer so gradually, I almost forgot Fannie until later - but - I drifted on down life's by ways, month after month I depended more and more upon the easy money group for sales and entertainment. I firmly believed by now that this was the only life. I had no more impulse to leave it. I was thoroughly disillusioned toward the good things in life. "Play while you may", that was my motto and I drained deeply the cup of pleasure. Irene sold some property and we decided to spend a year traveling. Perhaps we would go abroad. I found responsible tenants for the house. I sent Lucinda to mother and Irene and I were on the go constantly - we might be in Havana or Florida one week, San Francisco or New York the next and we usually knew friends in each city who would gladly greet us. I never looked back at the past nor into the future. Whatever fate offered I was willing to accept. I began to be a fatalist and I felt what is going to be will be anyway, regardless of how we insignificant humans struggle.

Well, I was seeing the cities that I'd planned to see as a child, but they were not as entrancing. I had sweethearts in different cities but they meant nothing to me. I took their expensive gifts and refused to consider them seriously.

One night found Irene and I in the midst of a gay crowd at a select cabaret in a large city. I idly walked into the gambling room and was seated with a stack of chips, watching the wheel go round, when I looked up and straight into the eyes of Fannie Watson again. He recognized me instantly and hurriedly he made his way toward me answering hellos as he came from the people standing about. "Do do my dear, my dear" he breathed as he grasped my two hands and a little sadness or happiness ran through my heart again. Together we returned arm in arm to the main floor, weaving our way among the tables as the orchestra softly played. I learned after talking to Fannie that he had an excellent reason for not writing me. He had just been released from prison for violation of the prohibition law. He told me he had thought of me often but he had too much

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respect for me to expect me to correspond with him while he was in prison. I liked that word "respect". I wanted someone to respect me and I squeezed his hand tightly as I told him it made no difference with me about the prison sentence, he had just been unlucky - "So let's forget and drink to the future" I said and I started myself to entertain him that night, his first cabaret visit since his release. He seemed to know almost all of the guests there and someone strolled by every few moments to say, "Hello Fannie, sure glad to see you back" and I recall about three o'clock in the morning after the floor show was over singing a song to Fannie the title "My Man". It ended with the words, "For whatever my man is, I am his for evermore" and as he lifted me down from the table he said, "De De, could you ever love me like that?" I replied gaily, "Well Fannie, I like you a lot on such short acquaintances" and he said, "You'll soon know me dear for from here on out you are Fannie Watson's girl" and as such I became known. There were not sweethearts for me anymore but Fannie. Together we played merrily up and down "The Great White Way". I began to care more for him each day. Irene, I believe, realized it when she found I was serious in my regard for Fannie. Her motto ever was heartfree and carefree. She told me often, "De De" falling in love will just be heartaches for you. Don't trust your heart to Fannie, he will not appreciate it long" but Fannie adored me always, I knew. He showered me with expensive gifts. I often questioned his ever ready supply of money and the ease with which he sometimes lost thousands at the gambling tables and he always smiled and said, "It's honest money honey. Don't worry your little head, you'll never see Fannie flat" and I never did. He always had the best money could buy, be it automobiles, clothes or a seat at the races, it had to be the best. I soon knew all of his friends and most of them were careless, idle appearing gentlemen at ease, well dressed, likable and seemed to possess an unlimited supply of money and were usually introduced to me by Fannie as gamblers, cabaret owners or beer barons or the head of ——— Fannie's place ——— marriage grew more persistent but I seemed unable to decide that. I couldn't bear the thought of parting from him and yet I didn't want to marry him. Irene sailed for Europe without me. Fannie came by my apartment one evening and after a glass of champagne he talked to me seriously. He began by

asking me what I had planned for my future. I could only answer nothing.

He said, "Do Do I love you and I shall forevermore. I want you to marry me dear and let me try to make you happy." I sat quietly considering it.

"Oh Tommie, marriage is so serious" I said, "Why can't we just be the good pals we now are." He said, "No Dorothy, you are going to make up your mind right now. Either you marry me tomorrow or I go out of your life forever.

I've never wanted to make any woman my wife but you sweetheart and I've got to have you as my wife or I bid you good-bye." Quickly thoughts ran through my brain. I knew he meant exactly what he said and I couldn't bear parting from him - well, why not marry him, why not snatch a little happiness with Tommie; if he proved untrue and unworthy as most men I know of his type had, I'd only be hurt that's all. So, turning to him I said, "Tommie, I care more for you than I've cared for anyone since my husband's death years ago. I haven't much of a heart to give you but I will be a good wife to you."

He took me into his arms and said, "Do Do, you'll never be sorry. I will be as good to you and you will always be my sweetheart wife, 'till death we do part', no divorces ever for as pet, I don't believe in them." So the next

afternoon at six o'clock we were married among a gay crowd of friends and to a large cabaret which my husband partly owned, we went for our wedding supper and celebration. There must have been at least one hundred and fifty of our friends there. Some of them had chartered a plane from another city to arrive in time. Tommie and I were a handsome couple that evening. My still slender girlish figure despite my years of dissipation, was becomingly gowned in a soft white velvet evening gown with superb twin diamond bracelets on each arm, the gifts of my husband, a beautiful eight karat solitaire graced my finger along with my diamond set platinum wedding ring, also gifts from him and he with his tall, immaculately clad figure was a husband to be proud of I thought as I looked up at him. Our wedding celebration lasted until sun up and came after

after champagne was served. Tommie says loved me. I know he was ever true. I know he respected me as few men ever respect a woman, even their wife. He was ever a perfect good pal and our years together were ideally content, if hectic. I young in years but old in sordid experiences. However, our intentions were to go out west for away from everyone we knew and go into a

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legitimate business and most of our sober moments were spent building air castles and planning our future life far away together but somehow we never got around to begin that life. Money flowed like water through Tammie's fingers, nothing was good enough for his wife. He showered expensive gifts upon me constantly, new gowns, new furs, new wraps, my very own limousine. He loved to see me at all times fashionably groomed and we bestowed daily the night life. Occasionally we would get into his expensive coupe and dash away alone for a few days honeymooning at some quiet resort. We made several trips to visit June and my parents but I never mentioned taking June from them. They loved her so and I knew they would miss her and she them and too, I didn't want her to learn of my still heavy drinking. We had a lovely lake view apartment, although we were never home much. I was quite happy. Leslie was with me again. I never loved Tammie as greatly as I loved Charles but I cared for him with all of the heart I had left and I was ever a devoted wife to him. I used to ask Tammie when we were going to leave for the west and settle down. He would always say, "Very soon yet, I have some business arrangements to make yet and some money to collect first" and when I'd beg him not to spend so much money on me he'd smile and say, "Now Dorothy, you're my wife. All I want of you is to be my sweetheart ever. I'm capable of always taking care of you financially and I don't want you talking business affairs over" and he would kiss my frows away.

Months flew by into years - years of gay luxurious fun - to Florida and Cuba in the winter and one gay resort after another - something amusing constantly. We never settled down but always had money and spent it daily and freely. I see Tammie and me now as persons of an inverted environment and fate, just like two bits of seaweed teasing about so happily engaged in gurgling down gulps of pleasure. We never thought of a tomorrow, a butterfly existence; we never had time to be serious, eternally gay. We hysterically flitted where the brightest lights were, drinking, dancing and pleasure mad. We were like two kids. We owned a small yacht and daily cruising along with friends we el, - highballs with them and spent many days aboard it, dancing and merry-making, but ever we two were sweethearts 'the married.

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Fennie had lots of gentleman callers and I knew they had long talks concerning business but I didn't know what kind of business. In the past year I have learned most of his callers had a criminal record and they were high type gangsters. Very often Fennie would say, "Get, I have to drive over to such and such a city to see a fellow on some business, so pack your bag and come with me." Lucinda would pack my bag and we would gaily depart and if I asked the nature of his business he'd always say, "Oh, nothing interesting, just wanted to see a fellow to collect a debt and I thought you would enjoy the trip." I've learned since most of those trips were not so uninteresting. Prison rules will not permit me to give the details of the end of our romance. Nevertheless, after the terrible agonizing notoriety of a trial, I found myself convicted as an accomplice of Fennie and his gang. Fennie was sent up for a crime. I learned my husband and his friends were members of a coast to coast gang of criminals.

1, by my carefree drifting, my luxurious mode of living and my unwise associates, have carelessly tossed the worthwhile beauties of life aside. I've wrecked and ruined my father and mother's life. My precious little daughter has the stigma of my disgrace to combat. I have brought disgrace on a proud old honorable name. I simply threw the best years of my life away too weak to resist after one disappointment came into my life - the death of Charles. I spent the best years of life burning the candle at both ends, blindly ignoring the ties of my loved ones I had left. In trying to forget one severe jolt in life, I sunk to the lowest depths in search of pleasure and forgetfulness, when I could have created a beautiful memorial by living clean and sane, when I could have derived happiness by entering into the worthwhile things of life by controlling my restless soul in doing kind deeds, by occupying my mind with beautiful thoughts, by living closer and not drifting away from the father and mother who loved me and by enjoying the bliss of the sweet companionship of my own dear little daughter. I am now drinking deeply of life's most bitter cup and I've placed the bitters in that cup with my own hands. I blame no one, not even Fennie. I know he didn't intentionally compromise me - it's so easy to get into trouble - it's so easy to drift gaily down life's stream. My heart is a wound

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that is ever raw and bleeding with the knowledge of the hurt and grief I've brought into the lives of my loved ones, my family. I have left only my hopes, hopes to begin life anew in the world again sometime and to live a life so pure and clean that the beautiful soul of me will shine forth radiantly from my every movement, hopes that I may be able to advise and guide my baby's footsteps upon the right path and to teach her the beautiful worthwhile things in life. I have my memories too, haunted memories of the wasted years I spent, to recall with a prayer for forgiveness to an ignored and almost forgotten God for another chance. I have known life and love, I have known death and disaster, been the friend of fools, succumbed to sin, been not unacquainted with crime, loved and lost, sailed and wept, but now, God is my only Master.

The End.

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March 22, 1952

Mr. Alan Hynd
Greenfield Hill
Fairfield, Connecticut

Dear Alan:

I do not know whether you have seen a prison publication entitled "Terminal Island Gull," which is the publication of the inmates of the Correctional Institute of Terminal Island.

Many years ago we secured several clippings containing poems and stories by Kathryn Kelly which I thought might be of some interest to you in your present work on the Urschel Case.

Sincerely,

LBN

Enclosures (12)

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NOTE: Enclosures consist of articles in "Terminal Island Gull" published by inmates of Correctional Institute of Terminal Island, as follows: Issue, 9-15-40, entitled "Yesterday," and "An Episode in the Life of Molly O'Day."; issue 10-15-40, entitled "The Adventure of Molly O'Day," "You"; Issue 8-15-40, entitled "August" and "Sally"; Issue 7-15-40, entitled "Memories"; Issue of 6-15-40, entitled "Determination", "Thoughts" and "The Storm"; Issue of 11-15-40, entitled "We Gild the Lily," "The Want of You."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ROSEN

DATE: May 7, 1952

FROM : MR. EGAN

SUBJECT: URSCHER KIDNAPING CASE

File Gus Jones, former SAC at San Antonio, called at my office today and advised me that he appeared before the Federal Parole Board yesterday morning in Washington in order to prevent the release of the subjects in the above case and he got a bad time he said from [redacted] and [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] and [redacted] the other individual is a [redacted] and he stated that he felt the Bureau should know of their attitude as it is not good and he did not know whether he had anything on them or not.

This is submitted for your information.

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Chairman
Board of Parole

July 30, 1952

Director, FBI

GEORGE R. KELLY, was., et al
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

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This memorandum is being furnished to you in response to your telephone call on July 29, 1952, in which you advised that Mrs. Ora Shannon, one of the subjects in this case, is being tentatively considered for parole. You noted that she has now been in prison more than nineteen years.

Our files reflect that Mrs. Ora L. Shannon is the mother of Kathryn Kelly and the mother-in-law of George "Machine Gun" Kelly. Mrs. Shannon is now serving a life sentence for her participation in the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, an Oklahoma City oil man, in 1933.

You will recall that Mr. Urschel was held captive for a number of days while his release was being arranged upon the payment of \$200,000 ransom. The hide-out at which Urschel was held was a farm owned by Mrs. Shannon and her husband which was located near Paradise, Texas.

Our investigation indicated that Mrs. Shannon probably influenced her husband to engage in this enterprise. It is believed that Mrs. Shannon received approximately \$10,000 as her share of the ransom money. Investigation disclosed that she actively participated in holding Urschel as a prisoner on the farm.

Prior to her marriage to Shannon, Mrs. Ora Shannon operated a small hotel in Fort Worth, Texas, which was possessed for a very questionable reputation. The farm which she later operated with her husband had been used as a hide-out and rendezvous for individuals engaged in illegal liquor operations and for other underworld characters, and Mr. and Mrs. Shannon received money for the protection which they thus afforded. The character, conduct and attitude of Mrs. Shannon's daughter Kathryn Kelly toward law enforcement is, of course, well known and unnecessary to relate here.

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Based on these considerations, it is not believed that Mrs. Shannon should be favorably considered for parole and the above is being furnished to you in order that you may have this information regarding her readily available in your files.

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NOTE:

The above is based upon a memorandum addressed to Mr. Ugo Carusi, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, under date of February 26, 1941, when information appeared that an application for clemency had been filed with the Department on Mrs. Shannon's behalf. (7-115-2130)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. ROSEN
 FROM : MR. H. H. CLEGG
 SUBJECT: MRS. ORA SHANNON

DATE: 7/29/52

Dr. George G. Killinger, Chairman of the U. S. Board of Parole, telephoned 7/29/52, spoke with Mason and advised:

Mrs. Ora Shannon, one of the subjects in the Charles Urschel kidnaping case is being tentatively considered for parole. She has now been in prison more than 19 years.

Dr. Killinger emphatically advised that there is no attempt or thought of paroling Kathryn Thorne Kelly or George "Machinegun" Kelly. Dr. Killinger stated that he recalls that Director Hoover promised victim Urschel and Mr. Kirkpatrick that the Government would use every means at its disposal to protect them and their families from the principals in this investigation.

Dr. Killinger stated that the matter of paroling Mrs. Shannon has arisen inasmuch as she is now an elderly woman who has served more than 19 years in prison and still maintains that she was a victim of circumstances in the Urschel case in that she was involved under pressure from others.

Dr. Killinger emphasized that it is the responsibility of each member of the U. S. Board of Parole to express his own views as to whether Mrs. Shannon should or should not be paroled; however, he wanted to communicate with the Director as a matter of courtesy to see whether the Director had any later information concerning Mrs. Shannon or the case which he desired to furnish and to ascertain whether the Director desires to transmit to Dr. Killinger any views concerning the likelihood of paroling Mrs. Shannon.

Dr. Killinger's entire attitude was one of gentleness and a desire to do what he thought would be right in accordance with the Bureau's wishes.

Mr. Rosen was informed telephonically of this call and his division will handle this matter, including notification to Dr. Killinger of the Director's wishes.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)
 FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (7-11)
 SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLEY, was., ET AL
 CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim
 KIDNAPPING

DATE: 10/6/52

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 Mr. Harbo
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Reference is made to Dallas teletype to the Bureau, Oklahoma City and San Antonio dated September 30, 1952, and the Bureau reply thereto also dated September 30, 1952.

Mr. CHARLES F. URSCHEL, SR., was contacted at his office, Milam Building, San Antonio, and furnished information contained in the referenced Dallas teletype. The identities of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were not disclosed to him. Mr. URSCHEL advised he doubted that there would be any of the ransom money located, but that he was certainly willing to find out and that he would be agreeable to paying the individuals furnishing information 25 per cent of any sum handled.

Mr. URSCHEL further advised that he did not desire to utilize the services of Mr. ERNEST E. KIRKPATRICK as an intermediary as he feared that Mr. KIRKPATRICK would bring about publicity in the matter. He stated he desired that Mr. GUS JONES, retired former SAC of the FBI, serve as intermediary in the matter.

At the time of the interview with Mr. URSCHEL, Mr. URSCHEL telephonically contacted Mr. JONES, and Mr. JONES stated that he would be glad to serve in this capacity and would effect any arrangements necessary with the individuals furnishing the information as to the location of the ransom money. Mr. JONES advised that he was leaving town on October 4, 1952, and will be in Washington, D. C. and New York for approximately ten days. He requested that in the meantime the individuals in possession of the instant information be contacted by Dallas agents and that it be ascertained if it was agreeable with them for him to act as the intermediary. He stated if that is agreeable, then a date should be made for a meeting with them at some time after October 15, 1952.

Mr. JONES stated that on his return from the east he would contact the San Antonio Office for additional instructions or information in this matter.

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FBI SAN ANTONIO

DIRECTOR, FBI ADN SAC, DALLAS
GEORGE KELLEY, WAS, ET AL.

CHARLES F. URSCHEL DASH VIKID. URSCHEL
CONTACTED TODAY JUST PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR DALLAS. STATES HE HAS NO
SUBSTITUTE IN MIND FOR GUS JONES AS INTERMEDIARY, URSCHEL WILL CALL
AT DALLAS OFFICE TOMORROW MORNING, OCT. ELEVEN, BETWEEN TEN THIRTY
AND ELEVEN A. M., AND WISHES TO TALK TO SAC WITH VIEW TO DECIDING UPON
A SUBSTITUTE INTERMEDIARY WHO WILL BE ACCEPTABLE. UACB, DALLAS WILL
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MR. ROSEN
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TO : Mr. Rosen *Ru*
 FROM : Mr. Kepp *Kepp*
 SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLEY, was., ET AL
 CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
 KIDNAPPING

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A check of Bureau indices on Charles F. Urschel, Jr., has been made by the Records Section and search slips are attached hereto. Pertinent references were reviewed by [REDACTED] on October 12, 1952, and no derogatory information reflecting upon the desirability of Charles F. Urschel, Jr., acting as intermediary in the recovery of additional funds in this case was located. SAC Fred McIntire of the San Antonio Division was questioned telephonically on October 12, 1952, and reported that nothing was contained in the files of the San Antonio Division or known to that office which would preclude this individual's being acceptable as an intermediary.

The above is solely for your information and for record purposes.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

U R G E N T

GEORGE KELLEY, WAS, ETAL. CHARLES F. URSCHEL DASH VIKID. URSCHEL

APPEARED DALLAS OFFICE TODAY AND SUGGESTED HIS SON, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, JR. OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS AS HIS INTERMEDIARY AND STATES HE IS AGREEABLE TO DEMANDS OF [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] UACB BY NOON CST THIRTEENTH INSTANT THIS INFO WILL BE FURNISHED [REDACTED] AND PROCEEDINGS CONTINUED TOWARD RECOVERY OF MONEY.

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cc: Mr. Rosen

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

FROM : Mr. Rosen *Amel*

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLEY, was., ET AL
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
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DATE: October 12, 1952

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PURPOSE

To advise that Charles F. Urschel has suggested the use of his son, Charles F. Urschel, Jr., of San Antonio, Texas, as his intermediary in an effort to locate an additional \$20,000 of unrecovered ransom money in this case.

BACKGROUND

SUMMARY

\$200,000 in \$20 bills was paid to the kidnapers as ransom in this case in June, 1933. Following the release of the victim, Charles F. Urschel, and the identification and apprehension of the subjects, \$123,394.50 of the ransom money or money obtained in exchange for ransom notes was recovered. Other sums spent or disposed of by the subjects which were accounted for but not recovered left the sum of \$45,205.50 which has never been recovered.

In 1950 the Bureau received information originating with one [redacted] who had served time in Alcatraz with Albert L. Bates, one of the subjects in this case, regarding some of the kidnap money allegedly buried by Bates prior to his death. Mr. Urschel was furnished the facts by us and agreed to meet [redacted] demand for 20% of the money recovered. [redacted] information as to the hiding place for the money proved nebulous, however, and no recovery was made. Mr. Urschel was appreciative of the Bureau's efforts to locate the money based on [redacted] statements.

OFFER OF [redacted] AND [redacted]

On September 30, 1952, [redacted] a retired attorney considered reliable and financially independent, brought into the Dallas Office one [redacted] a former client and bootlegger in prohibition days, who said [redacted] Louise Seaton had imparted to him information and a map regarding the

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location of \$20,000 of the unrecovered ransom money in this case. Louise Seaton, it will be recalled, was convicted of harboring George and Kathryn Kelley and is now deceased. According to [REDACTED] the ransom money was buried by Louise Seaton on a chicken farm near Brownwood, Texas, and she furnished a map showing its exact location.

[REDACTED] advised that if Urschel agreed to pay 25% of the money recovered and if their names were not made known to Mr. Urschel or otherwise publicized, they would accompany Bureau Agents on a search for the money and assist in its location and recover it. [REDACTED] claimed to be acquainted with Urschel and said that he did not trust Urschel and wanted no direct contact with him.

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

On the basis of the Bureau's instructions, the offer of [REDACTED] was discussed with Mr. Urschel and it was suggested that Mr. Urschel deal directly with [REDACTED] through Mr. Ernest E. Kirkpatrick, who originally served as intermediary in this case, and that at the time of search by Agents, Mr. Urschel's representative be present with [REDACTED]. It was pointed out that the Bureau desired to take no part and should not be involved in the matter of any reward paid by Urschel to [REDACTED].

Mr. Urschel, upon interview, said that he would be entirely willing to pay the individuals furnishing the information 25% of any sum recovered, but instead of using Mr. Ernest E. Kirkpatrick as his intermediary, he suggested the use of former Bureau SAC Gus Jones. The San Antonio Division was advised that if Jones was to be utilized as Urschel's intermediary, then the whole matter should be turned over to Urschel and the Bureau would play no part in it. The San Antonio Division was instructed that if Urschel suggested any other arrangements, such suggestions should be immediately referred to the Bureau for approval.

On October 11, 1952, Mr. Urschel appeared at the Dallas Office and suggested that his son, Charles F. Urschel, Jr., of San Antonio, Texas, act as his intermediary in an effort to locate any additional unrecovered ransom money. Mr. Urschel further stated that he was agreeable to the demands made by [REDACTED] that they be compensated by payment of 25% of any of the money so recovered. The Dallas Division has stated that unless advised to the contrary by noon on

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October 13, 1952. This information from Mr. Urschel will be furnished to [redacted] and proceedings continued toward the recovery of the money.

It is noted that a search of the Bureau files has failed to disclose any derogatory data bearing upon the qualifications of Mr. Charles F. Urschel, Jr., for acting as intermediary in this matter. SAC Fred McIntire of the San Antonio Division has advised that there is nothing in the files of the San Antonio Office which would preclude his being acceptable as an intermediary.

ACTION RECOMMENDED

10-13-52
In view of this situation, it is suggested that the attached teletype be forwarded instructing the offices concerned that the information received from Mr. Urschel should be furnished to [redacted] in order that arrangements may be perfected for the recovery of the money allegedly known to Seaton.

If you agree, the attached teletype should be immediately forwarded.

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mistake in ever getting in-
volved in this in the first place.
The whole thing smells bad.
We are a party to a "bun of f"
for money offered
by a crook. *3*

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: October 10, 1952

FROM : Mr. Rosen

TIME OF CALL: 12:27 p. m.

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLEY, was., ET AL
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim
KIDNAPPING

Reference is made to the attached letter from the San Antonio Division dated October 6, 1952, and captioned as above. This letter refers to the fact that Gus Jones has been asked to serve as an intermediary in connection with the approach to obtain information as to the location of ransom money paid in this kidnapping case.

SAC Fred McIntire at San Antonio was telephonically contacted and advised that the Bureau would not permit any participation in any arrangement if Urschel is planning to use Jones. McIntire was further advised that if Jones was being utilized as an intermediary, then the whole matter should be turned over to Urschel and that the Bureau would not play any part in it.

McIntire was instructed to immediately handle this matter with Urschel and further to immediately contact the Dallas Division and have them stop any contact that that office may be making with the informants as to possible arrangements for Jones to serve as a go-between.

McIntire was instructed to immediately advise the Bureau if there are any changes in the plans of Urschel to utilize Gus Jones as a go-between. He was told that any other arrangements that might be suggested must be immediately referred to the Bureau for its approval.

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This has been traditionally handled. I never intended to try & Urschel should be taken as my objective to Jones. I stated if Urschel was going to use Jones then we should turn the whole matter over to Urschel & we get out of it. However since it has become

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- Mr. Tracy
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- Mr. Holloman
- Miss Gandy

Transmit the following Teletype message to: SEND AIR MAIL

FBI DALLAS 10-27-52 PM CST

DIRECTOR URGENT

GEORGE KELLEY, WASETAL, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VIKID.

[REDACTED] HAS ADVISED CHARLES F. URSCHEL, JR. AGREEABLE AS
INTERMEDIARY. [REDACTED] HOWEVER, HAS NOT AS YET BEEN ABLE TO
LOCATE [REDACTED] INFORMANT, TO COMPLETE DETAILS AND SECURE
FOR US IDENTIFICATION OF FARM, SO THAT NECESSARY RELEASES CAN
BE SECURED FROM OWNERS OR OCCUPANTS. CONSTANT CONTACT IS
BEING MAINTAINED AND YOU WILL BE ADVISED.

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G. I. R.

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cc-San Antonio

Approved: 311
Special Agent in Charge

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Miss Gandy ✓

FBI, DALLAS 9-30-52 1210 PM PST
DIRECTOR AND SACS, OKLA CITY AND SAN ANTONIO

URGENT

GEORGE KELLEY, WAS, ETAL, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VIKID

[REDACTED] A FORMER ATTY. ACTIVE IN CRIMINAL PRACTICE, FEDERAL COURT, FT. WORTH, TEX., CONTACTED BY AGENTS DALLAS OFFICE TODAY.

[REDACTED] IS RETIRED ATTORNEY NOW ACTIVE IN OIL BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED ENTIRELY RELIABLE AND FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT. HE RELATES THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A BOOTLEGGER IN PROHIBITION DAYS, WAS ONE OF HIS CLIENTS AND WAS CONTACTED BY [REDACTED] A FEW DAYS AGO FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TWENTYTHREE YEARS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RELATED TO [REDACTED] AND TO BUREAU AGENTS TODAY, THAT [REDACTED] CONVICTED OF HARBORING GEORGE KELLEY AND KATHRYN KELLEY, WHICH FACT IS SUBSTANTIATED BY FILES OF DIVISION IN CASE ENTITLED LOUISE MAGNESS WA, HARBORING FUGITIVES. [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] HAD DISMISSED [REDACTED] FROM MIND UNTIL NINETEEN FORTYONE WHEN MET A MUTUAL FRIEND AT MINERAL WELLS, TEX, WHO ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT LOUISE WAS AT HER MOTHERS HOME IN MANGRUM, OKLA., BEDRIDDEN WITH TUBERCULOSIS AND DEATH WAS IMMINENT. FRIEND ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT LOUISE STILL LOVED HIM AND WANTED HIM TO CONTACT HER AS SHE HAD TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS SHE WANTED TO GIVE HIM. [REDACTED] CLAIMS CONTACTED

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LOUISE AT MANGRUM APPROX FOUR WEEKS PRIOR TO HER DEATH IN FORTYONE, AT WHICH TIME SHE ADVISED HIM OF TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS WHICH SHE HAD BEEN GIVEN BY THE KELLEYS FOR HARBORING THEM, WHICH MONEY SHE HAD HIDDEN ON THE CHICKEN FARM WHERE SHE RESIDED NEAR BROWNWOOD, TEX. LOUISE ALLEGEDLY FURNISHED [REDACTED] WITH A DETAILED MAP SHOWING THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND STATED SHE HAD BURIED THE MONEY IN SUCH A FASHION THAT IT WOULD BE PERFECTLY PRESERVED. [REDACTED] CLAIMS TO HAVE REFORMED AND PRESENTLY ACTIVE IN OIL BUSINESS. STATES HAS DONE NOTHING ABOUT THE MONEY EXCEPT TO DRIVE PAST FARM AND OBSERVE LANDMARKS DESCRIBED IN MAP PREPARED BY HIS WIFE. STATES LAST BY FARM APPROX NINE MOS. AGO AND HIDING PLACE STILL INTACT. [REDACTED] CLAIMS TO BE ACQUAINTED WITH URSCHER, APPARENTLY THRU OIL TRANSACTIONS, AND ADVISES DOES NOT TRUST URSCHER. CLAIMS TO BASE SUCH FEELING ON KNOWLEDGE THAT URSCHER REFUSED TO PAY INFORMANT FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE EARLIER. DESIRES A WRITTEN STATEMENT FROM URSCHER AUTHORIZING AGENTS CONDUCTING SEARCH UPON RECOVERING MONEY FORTHWITH TO PAY HIM TWENTYFIVE PERCENT OF AMOUNT RECOVERED. ALSO INSISTS THAT HE, ALONG WITH HIS ATTORNEY [REDACTED] ACCOMPANY AGENTS ON SEARCH. [REDACTED] BOTH ADVISED THAT THEY MUST INSIST UPON NO PUBLICITY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS

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MATTER, THAT THEIR NAMES NOT BE DIVULGED IN CONNECTION WITH THE
RECOVERY, AND THAT THEIR IDENTITIES NOT BE MADE KNOWN TO URSCHEL. ^{b7C b7D} b7C

ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT [REDACTED] IS THOROUGHLY RELIABLE AND [REDACTED]
DURING INTERVIEW WITH AGENTS, WHICH HE PERMITTED RELUCTANTLY
AFTER INSISTENCE BY ATTORNEY, APPEARS SINCERE. IT IS ASSUMED MR.

URSCHEL CONTINUES TO RESIDE AT SAN ANTONIO. BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS AS
TO CONTACT WITH URSCHEL REQUESTED. SAN ANTONIO HOLD IN ABEYANCE
ANY ACTION ON THIS MATTER PENDING BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS.

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1-20PM OK FBI WA [REDACTED] b7C

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Mr. T. J. Ford
Mr. J. D. [unclear]
Mr. [unclear]
Mr. [unclear]

AIR MAIL

9-30-52

URGENT

SAC: OKLAHOMA CITY
SAN ANTONIO
DALLAS

GEORGE KELLEY, WAS., ET AL, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VIKID. RETEL

FROM DALLAS TODAY. DETAILS SET OUT THEREIN SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY DISCUSSED WITH MR. URSCHEL AND HIS DESIRES ASCERTAINED. IF HE ELECTS TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF [REDACTED] IT IS SUGGESTED THAT HE DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THEM THROUGH MR. ERNEST E. KIRKPATRICK WHO SERVED AS INTERMEDIARY IN THIS CASE OR SOME OTHER DESIGNATE WITH REGARD TO THE PAYMENT OF TWENTY FIVE PER CENT OF THE RECOVERED FUNDS, AND THAT AT TIME OF SEARCH BY AGENTS MR. URSCHEL'S REPRESENTATIVE BE PRESENT WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BUREAU DESIRES TO TAKE NO PART AND SHOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN MATTER OF REWARD PAID BY URSCHEL TO [REDACTED] SUGGESTED THAT IDENTITY OF FARM MENTIONED BY [REDACTED] BE IMMEDIATELY ASCERTAINED AS WELL AS PRESENT OCCUPANTS AND TITLE TO PROPERTY IN ORDER THAT IF SEARCH TO BE MADE, PROPER CONSENT TO SEARCH AND FULL RELEASE MAY BE SECURED FROM PARTIES IN INTEREST. BUREAU SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY INFORMED OF URSCHEL'S DESIRES BY SAN ANTONIO AND OF DETAILS OF FARM BY DALLAS. UPON RECEIPT OF SUCH ADVICE, FURTHER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE ISSUED BY BUREAU.

OJK: [REDACTED]

NOTE: Of the \$200,000 in twenty dollar bills paid as ransom in this case, \$123,394.50 of ransom money and money obtained in exchange for ransom notes has been recovered. Other sums spent or disposed of by the subjects and which have been accounted for leave the sum of \$45,205.50 which has never been recovered.

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or accounted for.

In 1950, the Bureau received information originating with one [REDACTED] who had served time in Alcatraz with Albert L. Bates, one of the subjects in this case, regarding some of the kidnap money allegedly buried by Bates prior to his death. Mr. Urschel was furnished the facts by us and agreed to meet [REDACTED] demand for twenty per cent of the money recovered. [REDACTED] information as to the hiding place for the money proved nebulous, however, and no recovery was made. Mr. Urschel was appreciative of the Bureau's efforts to locate the money based on [REDACTED] statements.

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SAC'S DALLAS
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GEORGE KELLEY, WAS, ET AL, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VIKID. RETEL 6-1 101

FROM DALLAS ELEVENTH INSTANT STATING THAT URSCHEL SUGGESTED

HIS SON, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, JR., OF SAN ANTONIO ACT AS

INTERMEDIARY AND THAT HE WAS AGREEABLE TO DEMANDS OF [REDACTED]

DALLAS SHOULD FURNISH THIS INFORMATION TO

[REDACTED] IN ORDER THAT ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE PERFECTED

FOR ATTEMPT TO RECOVER MONEY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRIOR BUREAU

INSTRUCTIONS. NOTE THAT BUREAU HAS SUGGESTED THAT IDENTITY OF

FARM MENTIONED BY [REDACTED] BE IMMEDIATELY ASCERTAINED AS WELL AS

PRESENT OCCUPANTS AND TITLE TO PROPERTY IN ORDER THAT IF SEARCH

MADE TO BE/PROPER CONSENT TO SEARCH AND FULL RELEASE MAY BE SECURED

FROM PARTIES IN INTEREST. ALSO NOTE THAT BUREAU WILL TAKE

NO PART AND SHOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN MATTER OF REWARD PAID

BY URSCHEL TO [REDACTED] BUREAU SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY INFORMED

OF RESULTS OF CONFERENCE WITH [REDACTED] IN ORDER

THAT ANY FURTHER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS REQUIRED MAY BE ISSUED

BY BUREAU.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)
FROM : SAC, DALLAS (7-7)
SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLEY, WAS, ET AL
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

DATE: Nov. 17, 1952

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[REDACTED] Ft. Worth, Texas, states as of Nov. 13, 1952 he has been unsuccessful in locating his informant and former client [REDACTED]. He has written a letter to a mailing address furnished him by [REDACTED]. The letter has not been returned so he presumes it was delivered. [REDACTED] will advise the agents of this office as soon as he locates his informant. 7

The Dallas Office will maintain contact with [REDACTED]. The Bureau and San Antonio Office will be kept advised of any developments.

cc: San Antonio (7-11)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 12-15-52

FROM : SAC, Dallas (7-7)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLEY, was. ET AL
CHARLES F. MURSCHEL - VICTIM
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[REDACTED] Fort Worth, Texas, states as of December 12, 1952, he has been unsuccessful in locating his informant and former client, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] will advise agents of this office as soon as he locates the informant.

The Dallas Office will maintain contact with [REDACTED]. The Bureau and San Antonio Office will be kept advised of any developments.

cc/ 1-San Antonio (7-11)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 1-16-53

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (7-7)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLEY, was., et al;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Remylet to Bureau 12-15-52.

██████████, Fort Worth, Texas, was contacted 1-13-53. ██████████ stated that he has still been unsuccessful in locating his former client, ██████████. ██████████ stated that it was his opinion that ██████████ is living on the Texas-Mexico border and in all probability is engaged in some illegal activity such as smuggling.

██████████ stated that ██████████ had authorized him to act for him in this matter and to collect 25 per cent of any monies found, which ██████████ stated that he will hold for ██████████. ██████████ stated that it is his opinion that ██████████ actually believes that the money is on the farm that was owned at one time by ██████████, LOUISE SEATON. ██████████ stated that ██████████ on one occasion advised him that the money was hidden under the feed trough by means of a false bottom which had been added to the feed trough. ██████████ stated that any of the old-timers around Brownwood, Texas, would be able to identify the farm.

██████████ stated that he would be willing to accompany agents to the farm, and in the event any monies should be found he would take 25 per cent as per the agreement, which he would hold for ██████████.

In line with Bureau instructions, as set out in Butel to Dallas 12-30-52, it is requested that the San Antonio Office contact Mr. URSCHEL to see if his son, Mr. CHARLES F. URSCHEL, JR., would be willing to meet ██████████ and agents of this Bureau at Brownwood sometime during February of 1953. Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, sometime after February 1, 1953, if Mr. URSCHEL, JR., is willing to meet with agents of this office, such agents will proceed to Brownwood with ██████████ and meet Mr. CHARLES F. URSCHEL, JR., there, following which waivers will be obtained from the present occupants of the farm previously owned by LOUISE SEATON, and efforts will be made to locate the money allegedly hidden there, according to informant ██████████.

San Antonio is again urged not to reveal the identity of the informant in this case, as he has requested that his identity be concealed. San Antonio should advise the Bureau and Dallas Office in the premises.

2 cc San Antonio (7-11)
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SAN ANTONIO (AIR MAIL)

GEORGE KELLEY, WAS, ET AL, CHARLES P. URSCHEL DASH VICTIM, KIDNAPING.
REURLET JANUARY SIXTEEN, FIFTY THREE WITH COPIES SAN ANTONIO.

YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO ENGAGE IN NO ACTIVITY RELATING TO LOCATION
OF RANSOM MONEY WHICH [REDACTED] b7C b7D CLAIMS TO KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF
UNTIL SUCH TIME AS HE IS ABLE TO FURNISH SPECIFIC INFORMATION AS
TO THE IDENTITY AND LOCATION OF THE FARM AND THE CACHE OF RANSOM
MONEY, AT THAT TIME BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH IN BUTEL
DATED SEPTEMBER THIRTY, FIFTY TWO, TO OKLAHOMA CITY, SAN ANTONIO
AND DALLAS SHOULD BE COMPLIED WITH.

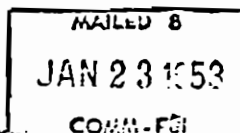
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NOTE: By letter dated 1-16-53 Dallas advised that [REDACTED] b7C b7D
[REDACTED] has been unsuccessful in locating his former client [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] had authorized him to
act for him to collect the 25% of any moneys found and that [REDACTED]
on one occasion advised him that the money was hidden under a
feed trough on the farm formerly owned by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] stated that old timers around Brownwood, Texas,
would be able to identify this farm and that he, therefore, would
be willing to accompany Agents to the farm and in the event any
moneys would be found would take 25% for [REDACTED].

Dallas advised that unless advised to the contrary they would
accompany [REDACTED] in an effort to locate the money sometime after
February 1, 1953, providing this was also agreeable with Mr. Charles
P. Urschel, Jr.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (7-115)
 FROM : SAC, San Antonio (7-11)

DATE: Jan. 22, 1953

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLEY, was., et al;
 CHARLES F. URSCHER - VICTIM
 KIDNAPING

AIR MAIL

Re Dallas letter to Bureau Jan. 16, 1953.

Upon the return of Mr. CHARLES F. URSCHER to the city on Jan. 21, 1953, he was contacted with reference to the proposed meeting of his son, CHARLES F. URSCHER, JR., with Agents of the Dallas Office at Brownwood, Texas, and [REDACTED] sometime after Feb. 1, 1953.

Mr. URSCHER stated that insofar as he was concerned he was willing to arrange for his son to make this contact. He related, however, that Mr. URSCHER, JR. was out of the city and would not be available until Monday, Jan. 26, 1953, at which time he would contact him to determine what date in February would be most agreeable. It was understood that he and his son would be contacted at that time and the suggested date would be furnished to the Dallas Office so that further arrangements might be made for the meeting.

The Bureau and the Dallas Division will be promptly advised of the results of this contact.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FBI, SAN ANTONIO 1-26-53
Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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DIRECTOR, FBI, SAC DALLAS

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GEORGE KELLEY, WAS. ET AL. CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM, KIDNAPING.
REMYLET TWENTY TWO LAST. CHARLES F. URSCHEL, SR. AND JR. BOTH
CONTACTED THIS OFFICE TODAY. URSCHEL JR. WILLING TO APPEAR
BROWNHOOD FEB. FIVE NEXT ABOUT NOON TO MEET DALLAS AGENTS. HE
ASKED WILL IT BE PERMISSABLE FOR HIM TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS
LAWYER. DALLAS SUTEL IF DATE AND TIME AGREEABLE AND IF AGREEABLE
FOR URSCHEL, JR. TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS ATTORNEY. ALSO DESIGNATE
MEETING PLACE.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115) (AIR MAIL)

DATE: February 16, 1953

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (7-7)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLEY, was., et al
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to Bureau Air-Tel dated January 22, 1953 in which the Bureau instructed this office to engage in no activity relating to the location of ransom money which [REDACTED] claims to know the whereabouts of, until he is able to furnish specific information as to the identity and location of the farm and the cache of the ransom money.

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[REDACTED] Fort Worth, Texas, who was the original informant in this matter, was contacted on February 1, 1953. He stated that he has never heard anything further from [REDACTED] and has no idea at the present time as to [REDACTED] address. He was advised that this office would engage in no activity relating to the location of ransom money unless [REDACTED] furnishes specific information as to the identity and the location of the farm and the cache of ransom money. [REDACTED] stated that in the event he should be contacted by [REDACTED], he will so advise him.

This matter is being considered closed in this office.

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cc: San Antonio

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3-9-53

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (7-14)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, Wa. ETAL;
CHARLES FOURSCHEL VICTIM
KIDNAPPING

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This is to advise that on 3-5-53 [redacted] Dayton, Ohio advised a Bureau Agent of the following information concerning the above captioned kidnapping case.

[redacted] stated that while he was in prison at Alcatraz Prison he associated with "Machine Gun" Kelly and GEORGE BATES. He said that it was a known fact that BATES had hidden part of the ransom money and that the FBI had never been able to recover \$165000.00 of the original ransom.

[redacted] stated that before GEORGE BARNES died he gave information concerning the hiding place of the remaining ransom money to his one and only friend at Alcatraz, whose name was [redacted]. [redacted] stated that [redacted] and he had cells next to one another at Alcatraz and that he was able to obtain a photograph from [redacted] which had the address on the back of the photo where the money was supposed to have been hidden. [redacted] stated that he ordinarily would not put much faith in such a story, but he knows that [redacted] was the only person told. He said that the money was supposed to have been hidden on the property belonging to BATES' sister, name unknown.

[redacted] stated that he did not have the photo with the address on the back since it was taken from him at the Atlanta prison at the time when he was transferred from Alcatraz to Atlanta. He said that the last known address of [redacted] was [redacted] or [redacted] or [redacted] in Johnson City, Tennessee. He stated that [redacted] does not have a phone at his residence since he had tried to call [redacted] by this means on several occasions.

[redacted] stated that he and [redacted] were very good friends, and he believed that if he could locate [redacted] and talk to him, he might learn more facts concerning the missing \$165,000.00.

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This information is submitted to the Bureau with the idea that the above captioned file may be reviewed to determine if the enclosed information is of any value and to determine if the ransom money had been recovered in total.

It is suggested that the Cincinnati Office be advised of any developments which may arise from this information.

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[REDACTED] requested that his name be kept confidential in this matter if and when persons are interviewed concerning the above information.

SAC, Cincinnati (7-14)

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Director, FBI (7-115)-2266

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WA., ET AL
CHARLES P. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Re Cincinnati letter to Bureau 3-9-53.

[redacted] was interviewed several times in 1950 and an investigation conducted concerning his statements that he had received some information from George Bates as to the whereabouts of some of the ransom money.

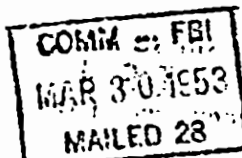
[redacted] information, however, as to the hiding place of the money was found to be nebulous and no recovery was ever made. For your further information, all but approximately \$45,205.50 of the original \$200,000 was either recovered or accounted for.

In view of the above no further action is required in this case nor does it appear necessary to have [redacted] continue his efforts to locate [redacted] for further information in this matter.

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**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. LADD
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: May 13, 1953

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: MRS. ORA SHANNON
INFORMATION CONCERNING

With further reference to the Director's inquiry, the following information is submitted concerning Mrs. Ora Shannon.

On July 29, 1952, Dr. George C. Killinger, Chairman of the U. S. Board of Parole, telephonically contacted the Bureau and advised that Mrs. Shannon (the mother of Kathryn Kelly) was being tentatively considered for parole. At that time she had been in prison more than nineteen years. Dr. Killinger requested the Bureau's views concerning the likelihood of paroling Mrs. Shannon.

By memorandum dated July 30, 1952, to the Chairman of the Board of Parole the Bureau advised that Mrs. Shannon was serving a life's sentence for her participation in the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel in 1933. The hideout at which Mr. Urschel was held was a farm owned by Mrs. Shannon and her husband which was located near Paradise, Texas. Our investigation indicated that Mrs. Shannon probably influenced her husband to engage in this enterprise. It is believed that Mrs. Shannon received approximately \$10,000 for her share of the ransom money. Investigation disclosed that she actively participated in holding Urschel as a prisoner on the farm.

Prior to her marriage to Shannon, Mrs. Ora Shannon operated a small hotel in Fort Worth, Texas, which was possessed of a very questionable reputation. The farm which she later operated with her husband had been used as a hideout and rendezvous for individuals engaged in illegal liquor operations and for underworld characters and Mr. and Mrs. Shannon received money for the protection which they thus afforded.

The memorandum to the Board of Parole further stated that it is not believed that Mrs. Shannon should be favorably considered for parole and the information concerning her was being furnished to the Board of Parole in order that they might have readily available the information for their files. Mrs. Shannon as far as is known is presently incarcerated in the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, and is well over sixty years old.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Bureau oppose any efforts to obtain a parole for Mrs. Shannon in view of her participation in the Urschel kidnaping and her previous record of shielding underworld characters.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: May 13, 1953

FROM : Mr. Rosen *Rosen*SUBJECT: KATHRYN KELLY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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SYNOPSIS:

Pursuant to the Director's inquiry regarding the status of Kathryn Kelly, wife of "Machine Gun" Kelly, who is attempting to obtain a parole, the following is submitted.

Kathryn Kelly was convicted on October 12, 1933, and sentenced to life imprisonment for her participation in the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel. Kathryn Kelly assisted in the abduction by driving one of the automobiles used, prepared the Shannon home as a place to hold Mr. Urschel captive, was active in the ransom negotiations, and reportedly played a prominent part in the planning of the kidnaping. All but \$45,205.50 of the original \$200,000 ransom paid in this case has been either recovered or accounted for. Kathryn Kelly and the other subjects in this case have been continuously uncooperative in assisting in any respect in recovering the balance of the ransom money.

Kathryn Kelly is serving her sentence at the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, West Virginia. She became eligible for parole on October 11, 1948, since which time she has made numerous attempts to obtain a parole without success. She was allegedly the "brains" behind many of the crimes committed by "Machine Gun" Kelly. She was first arrested on October 24, 1925, on a robbery charge; however, her conviction on this charge was later reversed.

On November 1, 1949, in a memorandum to the Attorney General, it was pointed out that the offense for which all of the subjects in this case were tried and found guilty was one of the most heinous against society and consequently any effort to obtain the parole of any of the subjects should be vigorously opposed. The Bureau files reflect that the Bureau has not taken any direct action with the U. S. Board of Parole with regard to the parole of Kathryn Kelly; however, information in the nature of letters from Kathryn Kelly received at the Bureau has been furnished to the Board of Parole as well as information received from Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick, who acted as the intermediary in this case.

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The Bureau has pointed out in letters to Mr. Kirkpatrick and to Kathryn Kelly that the decision as to whether Kathryn Kelly is to be paroled is one to be decided solely by the U. S. Board of Parole and it is the policy of the Bureau not to interfere at any time in matters which are assigned to other branches of the Department of Justice.

Mr. Joseph B. Keenan, according to Bureau files, has had cordial relations with the Bureau since his appointment as an Assistant Attorney General in 1933. Mr. Keenan participated in the prosecution of the subjects of the Urschel case as well as other major kidnaping cases in the 1930's.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Bureau's position with regard to the parole of Kathryn Kelly be that no assistance whatsoever be given to the release of Kathryn Kelly on parole and that the Bureau continue to state that the decision as to whether Kathryn Kelly is to be paroled is one to be decided solely by the U. S. Board of Parole.

DETAILS:

Background on Kathryn Kelly

Kathryn Kelly was born March 18, 1904, at Saltillo, Mississippi, the daughter of Ora Lillian and James E. Brooks. Ora Brooks subsequently married R. G. Shannon and they were both subjects in this case. Kathryn Kelly was married to Lonnie C. Frye and to Charles B. Thorne prior to her marriage to "Machine Gun" Kelly in 1930. She became intimate with such notorious criminals as Vern Miller, Gus Winkler, Frank Nash, Eddy Bentz, Albert Bates, and many other lesser criminals.

After the arrest of Harvey Bailey and Albert Bates in connection with the Urschel kidnaping, the Kellys were the

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subject of wide-spread investigation throughout the Midwest and wrote many venomous letters to the prosecutors with threats of death if the Shannons were harmed. The Kellys were apprehended on September 26, 1933, in Memphis, Tennessee. After a trial in Oklahoma City, Kathryn Kelly was convicted and sentenced on October 12, 1933, to life imprisonment for her participation in the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel. She assisted in the abduction by driving one of the automobiles, prepared the Shannon home as a place to hold Mr. Urschel captive, was active in the ransom negotiations, and reportedly played a prominent part in the planning of the kidnaping. It was reported by persons who knew both Kathryn and George Kelly that she was the dominating factor in this combination. She had more nerve and wisdom in the matter of law violation than George Kelly. She had an insatiable desire for luxurious living.

The Bureau's Position With Respect to the Parole of Kathryn Kelly

On November 1, 1949, a memorandum was sent to the Attorney General concerning the attempts being made by the subjects of the Urschel kidnaping case to obtain paroles. It was pointed out that "Machine Gun" Kelly and Albert L. Bates on the night of July 22, 1933, forced their way into the Urschel home armed with a machine gun and pistol and abducted Mr. Urschel, thereafter removing him to the farm of Mrs. Shannon, (Kathryn Kelly's mother) near Paradise, Texas, where he was held chained to a chair and under armed guard until July 31, 1933, when he obtained his release by the payment of \$200,000 in ransom. It was pointed out that \$45,205.50 of the ransom money has never been recovered or accounted for. The Attorney General was advised that all of the individuals connected with this case who were tried and found guilty had participated in one of the most heinous crimes against society and consequently any effort to obtain paroles by the subjects should be vigorously opposed. In response to this memorandum, Mr. Peyton Ford advised that he had been in touch with the Chairman of the Parole Board for several weeks and he felt that the Parole Board would take no action on the applications. Mr. Ford pointed out that he could not direct the action of the Parole Board but had made clear "our position" is on the applications.

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The Bureau files reflect correspondence with Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick, who acted as the intermediary in the Urschel kidnaping case, in which he vigorously opposed any parole for Kathryn Kelly or the other subjects of the case. On April 30, 1948, in reply to a letter from Mr. Kirkpatrick dated April 3, 1948, he was advised that his views regarding Kathryn Kelly were appreciated; however, inasmuch as the decision as to whether Kathryn Kelly was

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to be paroled was one to be decided solely by the U. S. Board of Parole, his communications were being forwarded to the U. S. Board of Parole.

On July 29, 1952, Dr. George C. Killinger, Chairman of the U. S. Board of Parole, called the Bureau in connection with the parole being considered for Mrs. Ora Shannon, the mother of Kathryn Kelly. He requested the Bureau's views concerning the paroling of Mrs. Shannon. In making this request, he pointed out that there was no attempt or thought of paroling Kathryn Kelly or "Machine Gun" Kelly. In reply to his request, the background of Mrs. Shannon was furnished and it was stated that it was not believed that Mrs. Shannon should be favorably considered for parole in view of her activities in connection with this case.

On March 12, 1939, in a letter to the Director, Kathryn Kelly requested the Director's assistance in obtaining a parole. By letter dated March 25, 1939, Kathryn Kelly was advised that it was not possible to take any action with reference to her request because it was not the policy of the Bureau to interfere at any time in matters which were assigned to other branches of the Department of Justice under Departmental procedure. She was advised to submit her request for executive clemency directly to the Attorney General.

Information Regarding Mr. Joseph B. Keenan

The Bureau files reflect that cordial relations have been had with Mr. Keenan since his appointment as an Assistant Attorney General in 1933 (exact date not indicated).

In connection with the Urschel kidnaping case the Bureau files indicate that he participated actively in the prosecution of this case. It is noted that during the prosecution of the case he received many letters and telephone calls threatening his life.

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GEORGE KELLY, WAS ET AL
CHARLES F. DURSCHEL, VICTIM
KIDNAPPING

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from James V. Bennett, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons dated June 10, 1953, forwarding a letter addressed to the Director. A copy of this letter is attached for your information.

You are instructed to have an agent call upon Mrs. Kelly, No. 5485-W at the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, and advise her that the matter of her mother's parole is entirely up to the Parole Board; also, that the Bureau can make no recommendations of leniency regarding her mother.

The Bureau should be advised of the results of your interview.

NOTE: The letter from Mr. Bennett is for the Bureau's information and does not require a reply.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: JULY 2, 1953

FROM : SAC, PITTSBURGH (7-10)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY, was. - ET AL;
CHARLES F. MURSCHEL - VICTIM;
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Rebulet to Pittsburgh, June 19, 1953.

KATHRYN KELLY, inmate, Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, W. Va., was contacted on June 26, 1953, by SA [REDACTED]. MRS. KELLY advised that she and her mother have been in prison since August 5, 1933; that they were eligible for parole in the fall of 1948; that they have applied for parole nearly every six months since; and that she is unable to understand why her mother cannot obtain parole. She stated that her mother is perfect parole material, according to what is taught in Federal prisons regarding parole and the eligibility therefor; that her mother has never been a disciplinary problem in prison; that various parole boards have advised them that her mother is not a parole risk; and if it is true that a prison's primary purpose is to rehabilitate inmates, then that purpose is defeated by her mother not obtaining a parole. She stated that about one year ago DR. KILLINGER, a parole board member, advised her that she and her mother had the best prison record that he had ever taken to Washington, D.C.; that her mother is in no way a parole risk; and that he would do all that he could to obtain a parole for them.

She stated that her mother is 66 years of age; that she has heart trouble and is not expected to live much longer; and that her mother does not want to die in prison. She also stated that her step-father, BOSS SHANNON, Paradise, Texas, is in very ill health; that he has no one to care for him; and that if her mother were released she could be a comfort and possibly some assistance to MR. SHANNON. She stated that someone is holding up her mother's parole when, according to prison regulations and information regarding paroles, parolees and eligibility for parole, there is no reason why her mother should not obtain a parole. She stated that she believed this to be a matter which the FBI should investigate.

MRS. KELLY was informed that her mother's parole is entirely up to the Parole Board, and that the Bureau can make no recommendation of leniency regarding her mother. She was also advised that the matter of why her mother has not obtained a parole is not a matter under the jurisdiction of the FBI, and is the full responsibility of the Parole Board.

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MRS. KELLY replied that she was under the impression that MR. HOOVER could make a recommendation of leniency for her mother; that she appreciated the visit by an Agent of the FBI in reply to her letter; and that she wrote to MR. HOOVER because she has a high regard for his sense of justice and fair-play and because of the nice way she was treated by Agents of the FBI.

[REDACTED] Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, W. Va., advised that what MRS. KELLY had to say about the health of her mother and step-father is true, and that MRS. KELLY's mother has never been a disciplinary problem. [REDACTED] stated that she believes that MRS. KELLY wrote to MR. HOOVER because she, MRS. KELLY, believes that the FBI is responsible for her mother not obtaining a parole. [REDACTED] stated that GEORGE KELLY, MRS. KELLY's husband, has written to MRS. KELLY stating that "J. EDGAR HOOVER's office," among others," is doing everything possible to prevent their parole.

[REDACTED] confidentially advised that, from her discussions with various parole board members, she has concluded that MRS. KELLY's mother would obtain a parole at the slightest indication of leniency by MR. HOOVER. She explained that should MR. HOOVER state that the FBI has no objection to MRS. SHANNON obtaining a parole, the parole board, in all probability, would be granted.

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GEORGE R. "MACHINE GUN" KELLY, WAS., ET AL; CHARLES F. URSCHEL

DASH VICTIM; KIDNAPING. KANSAS CITY REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY
CONTACT UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, TO
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OKLAHOMA CITY--GEORGE R. (MACHINE GUN) KELLY, SENT TO PRISON 20 YEARS AGO FOR KIDNAPING, WILL RETURN TO AN OKLAHOMA CITY COURTROOM AUG. 27 TO FACE ROBBERY CHARGES.

KELLY, NOW IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KAN., REQUESTED TRIAL ON 20-YEAR-OLD CHARGES GROWING OUT OF THE 1933 KIDNAPING OF CHARLES F. URSCHEL, OR ASKED THAT CHARGES BE DISMISSED. APPARENTLY HE WAS CLEARING THE WAY FOR A PAROLE REQUEST.

KELLY RECEIVED A LIFE SENTENCE, BUT BECAME ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE AFTER SERVING 15 YEARS.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: July 14, 1953

FROM : Mr. Rosen *RM*SUBJECT: GEORGE R. "MACHINE GUN" KELLY, was., et al
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
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David Scruggs, acting for the SAC of the Oklahoma City Division, was telephonically contacted at 3 p.m. on this date concerning a wire dispatch to the effect that Kelly would return to an Oklahoma City courtroom August 27, to face robbery charges.

Scruggs said he did not have the facts concerning this dispatch immediately available but would make a complete check of the Oklahoma City file in this case; would talk to the local prosecutor at Oklahoma City and furnish the complete details to the Bureau by teletype.

On July 22, 1933, Charles F. Urschel was kidnaped. Investigation disclosed that Kelly and his wife, Kathryn Kelly, were implicated in this crime. The subject and his wife were sentenced to serve life imprisonment on October 12, 1933. Kelly at the present time is incarcerated in the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Kelly became eligible for parole in 1948.

[redacted] of the United States Board of Parole had no information concerning a request by Kelly for parole. She said as far as she knew the only detainers against Kelly were by the local authorities at Oklahoma City for robbery.

On July 13, 1951, the Kansas City Division advised that there were two warrants from the Oklahoma City Sheriff's Office charging the subject, Kelly, with armed robbery.

The Bureau has consistently adopted the position of opposing parole for Kelly, his wife and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Ora Shannon.

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As soon as the complete details are obtained from the Oklahoma City Division they will be analyzed and if Kelly is removed to Oklahoma City for trial, the U. S. Marshal and the local authorities will be alerted and advised as to the dangerous character of Kelly in order that no escape will be possible. The attached teletype is being forwarded to the Kansas City Division to check with the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, to ascertain what detainers are presently outstanding against Kelly.

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cc: Mr. Holloman

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: July 16, 1953

FROM : Mr. Rosen *fw sel*SUBJECT: GEORGE R. "MACHINE GUN" KELLY, WAS., ET AL
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING *G. I. R. - 1*SYNOPSIS:

On July 14, 1953, a wire dispatch stated that George R. "Machine Gun" Kelly, sent to prison twenty years ago for kidnaping, would return to an Oklahoma City courtroom, August 27, to face robbery charges.

The Oklahoma City Division advised that incomplete records in the Oklahoma County Attorney's Office reflected that the subject as George Barnes was charged with armed robbery of Urschel, July 22, 1933, at Oklahoma City. A similar charge was filed against the subject in connection with the armed robbery of Walter R. Jarrett, now deceased.

In answer to a request concerning the Government's attitude toward releasing the subject for prosecution in the state court, James V. Bennett, Director of the Bureau of Prisons, by letter of July 6, 1953, advised if financial arrangements were made and the proper writ served on the United States Marshal, there was no objection to having Kelly removed for such a trial.

The preliminary hearing has been set for August 27. The county attorney has scheduled as witnesses, [REDACTED] City Marshal for the town of Nichols Hills, a suburb of Oklahoma City, and Charles F. Urschel. The matter has been telephonically discussed with Mr. Urschel. Other prospective witnesses are Mrs. Urschel and Mrs. Jarrett.

The assistant county attorney said it is his opinion that the charges involving the Jarrett case will have to be dismissed unless Urschel can testify to this robbery. He believes he can make a case on the testimony of Urschel alone but is considering a request to the Bureau for assistance on background information in the event he can't develop it through Urschel or the Police Department. The Kansas City Division by teletype of July 15, advised that a detainer was filed against Kelly July 6, 1951, by the Sheriff of Oklahoma City charging armed robbery. The detainer is still in force.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached airtel be forwarded to the Oklahoma City and Kansas City Divisions. This airtel instructs the Kansas City Division to maintain close liaison with officials of the Attachment.

cc: -1- Mr. Holloman

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United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth in order that the Bureau might be advised as to any move on the part of Kelly to obtain a parole and also to have complete knowledge of the movements of Kelly.

The Oklahoma City Office is requested to maintain close liaison with the county attorney concerning all developments in the local trial involving the subjects to ascertain what witnesses are to be called and whether the county attorney contemplates using Bureau or former Bureau personnel as witnesses. The Oklahoma City Office is also instructed to contact the Sheriff's Office, the Marshal's Office, the Chief of Police, and all interested law enforcement agencies pointing out the dangerous character of Kelly in order that all precaution may be taken to prevent his escape.

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DETAILS:

An Associated Press wire service dispatch of July 14, 1953, reflected that George R. "Machine Gun" Kelly, sent to prison twenty years ago for kidnaping, would return to Oklahoma City, August 27 to face robbery charges. The dispatch continued that the robbery charge was filed because during the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel the kidnapers took all the money he had in his pocket.

The Oklahoma City Division by teletype of July 14, 1953, advised that incomplete records maintained in the office of the county attorney reflect that the subject as George Barnes was charged with the armed robbery of Charles F. Urschel, July 22, 1933, at Oklahoma City when \$32 was taken from the person of Urschel at machine gun point. A similar charge was filed against the subject at approximately the same time in connection with the armed robbery of Walter R. Jarrett.

The county attorney's office was unable to furnish further information except that on July 4, 1951, a detainer was placed against the subject at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. The case is pending in the court of Justice of the Peace Ben La'fon.

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In answer to a request concerning the Government's attitude toward releasing the subject for prosecution in the state court, James V. Bennett, Director of the Bureau Prisons, by letter of July 6, 1953, advised the county attorney's office that if financial arrangements were made and a writ of Habeas Corpus Ad Prosequendum was served on the United States Marshal for the Western District of Oklahoma and the conditions of the Department's circular "Conditions Governing the Production of Persons Under Writs of Habeas Corpus Ad Prosequendum" were met, there was no objection to having the subject removed to Oklahoma for such a trial.

The preliminary hearing has been set for August 27, 1953, before Justice of the Peace Ben Lafon. A writ was obtained July 13, 1953, and served on Rex Hauks, United States Marshal at Oklahoma City on July 14. Arrangements are being made by the Oklahoma county attorney for the marshal to secure custody of the subject for removal to Oklahoma

The county attorney has scheduled as witnesses [REDACTED] who is presently City Marshal for the town of Nichols Hills, a suburb of Oklahoma City and Charles F. Urschel who presently resides at 220 St. Johns Street, San Antonio, Texas.

A. Hubert Gibson, assistant county attorney, has discussed this matter with Mr. Urschel telephonically on July 13 and plans to contact him in San Antonio, July 21. A list of other prospective witnesses are Mrs. Urschel and Mrs. Jarrett whose present address is unknown. Gibson has advised that in his opinion the armed robbery charge in connection with Jarrett will of necessity have to be dismissed unless Urschel can testify concerning this robbery as well as the robbery of himself. Gibson said his file is devoid of background information and he is considering a request to the Bureau for assistance on background in the event he is unable to secure the same from his interview with Urschel and from police records. He said he believed he could make a case with the testimony of Mr. Urschel alone.

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FBI OKLAHOMA CITY 7-14-53 4-45 PM CST

DIRECTOR..... U R G E N T

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WAS, ETAL, CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM, KIDNAPPING. RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM MR. FRANK PRICE, BUREAU, THIS DATE. INCOMPLETE RECORDS OKLA. COUNTY ATTORNEY-S OFFICE REFLECT THAT BARNES WAS CHARGED, EXACT DATE NOT GIVEN, AS GEORGE R. BARNES, WA. GEORGE R. KELLY, WITH THE ARMED ROBBERY OF CHARLES F. URSCHEL JULY TWENTYTWO, THIRTYTHREE, AT OC, OKLA., WHEN THIRTYTWO DOLLARS IN LAWFUL CURRENCY WAS TAKEN FROM THE PERSON OF URSCHEL AT MACHINEGUN POINT. A SIMILAR CHARGE WAS FILED AGAINST THIS SUBJECT AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME, WHICH WAS IN ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE ARMED ROBBERY AT THE SAME TIME OF MR. WALTER R. JARRETT. PERSONNEL OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY-S OFFICE UNABLE TO FURNISH FURTHER PERTINENT INFO EXCEPT AS SET OUT BELOW. ON JULY FOUR, FIFTYONE, A DETAINER WAS PLACED AGAINST THIS SUBJECT WITH THE WARDEN OF THE US PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KANS. THE CASE IS NOW PENDING IN JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT BEN LAFON AND IS CASE NO. THREE SIX DASH ONE TWO FOUR. IN ANSWER TO A REQUEST CONCERNING THE GOVERNMENT-S ATTITUDE TOWARD RELEASING SUBJECT FOR PROSECUTION IN STATE COURT, MR. JAMES V. BENNETT DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF PRISONS, BY LETTER DATED JULY SIX, FIFTYTHREE, END PAGE ONE

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ADVISED THE OKLA. COUNTY ATTORNEY-S OFFICE THAT IF FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE AND A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS AD PROSEQUENDUM WAS SERVED ON THE US MARSHAL FOR THE WDO AT OC AND THE CONDITIONS OF THE DEPARTMENTS CIRCULAR QUOTE CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE PRODUCTION OF PRISONERS UNDER WRITS OF HABEAS CORPUS AD PROSEQUENDUM UNQUOTE, THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO HAVING THE SUBJECT REMOVED TO OKLA. FOR SUCH A TRIAL. THE PRELIMINARY HEARING HAS BEEN SET FOR AUGUST TWENTYSEVEN, FIFTYTHREE, BEFORE JP BEN LAFON IN OC. THE WRIT WAS OBTAINED ON JULY THIRTEEN, FIFTYTHREE, AND WAS SERVED ON [REDACTED] USM AT OC ON JULY FOURTEEN, FIFTYTHREE. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE BY OKLA. COUNTY ATTORNEY GRANVILLE SCANLON FOR USM [REDACTED] TO SECURE CUSTODY OF SUBJECT FOR REMOVAL TO OKLA. FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING. THE COUNTY ATTORNEY HAS SCHEDULED AS WITNESSES [REDACTED] WHO IS PRESENTLY CITY MARSHALL FOR THE TOWN OF NICHOLS HILLS, A SUBURB OF OC, AND CHARLES F. URSCHER, WHO PRESENTLY RESIDES TWO TWO NAUGHT ST. JOHN-S ST., SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. MR. A. HUBERT GIBSON, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY, HAS ADVISED HE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH MR. URSCHER TELEPHONICALLY JULY THIRTEEN, FIFTYTHREE, AND PLANS TO CONTACT HIM PERSONALLY IN SALOON JULY TWENTYONE, FIFTYTHREE. A LIST OF OTHER PROSPECTIVE WITNESSES

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ARE MRS. CHARLES F. URSCHER, MR. WALTER R. JARRETT, NOW DECEASED,
AND MRS. WALTER R. JARRETT, WHO FORMERLY RESIDED AT ONE TWO TWO
ONE NW NINETEENTH, OC, BUT WHOSE PRESENT ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN.
MR. GIBSON HAS ADVISED IN HIS OPINION THE ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE
IN CONNECTION WITH WALTER R. JARRETT WILL OF NECESSITY HAVE TO
BE DISMISSED UNLESS MR. URSCHER CAN TESTIFY CONCERNING THIS
ROBBERY AS WELL AS THE ROBBERY OF HIMSELF. MR GIBSON HAS
ADVISED THAT HIS FILE IS DEVOID OF ANY BACKGROUND INFO RE
INSTANT ROBBERY AND IS CONSIDERING A REQUEST TO THE BUREAU FOR
ASSISTANCE ON BACKGROUND INFO IN THE EVENT HE IS UNABLE TO SECURE
SUCH INFO FROM HIS INTERVIEW WITH MR. URSCHER AND/ OR POLICE
RECORDS. MR. GIBSON STATES HE BELIEVES HE CAN MAKE A CASE WITH
THE TESTIMONY OF MR. URSCHER ALONE. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED
OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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GEORGE R. "MACHINE GUN" KELLY, WAS., ET AL. CHARLES P. URSCHEL -
VICTIM, KIDNAPING. REBUTEL JULY FOURTEEN, LAST. KANSAS CITY
IS INSTRUCTED TO MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON WITH OFFICIALS OF
USP, LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN ORDER THAT KANSAS CITY WILL BE
AWARE OF ALL MOVEMENTS ON THE PART OF KELLY AND ANY ACTIONS HE
MIGHT TAKE TOWARD OBTAINING A PAROLE. OKLAHOMA CITY SHOULD
MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AT OKLAHOMA CITY
IN ORDER THAT THE BUREAU MIGHT BE ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS
IN THE LOCAL CASE AGAINST KELLY AND THAT THE BUREAU MIGHT BE
ADVISED OF ANY ACTION ON THE PART OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO
SUBPOENA PRESENT OR FORMER BUREAU EMPLOYEES. OKLAHOMA CITY
SHOULD ADVISE ALL INTERESTED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES INCLUDING
THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, MARSHAL'S OFFICE, AND SO FORTH, CONCERNING
THE DANGEROUS NATURE OF KELLY IN ORDER THAT ALL STEPS MIGHT BE
TAKEN TO PREVENT HIS ESCAPE. THIS MATTER MUST BE GIVEN
CONTINUOUS ATTENTION AND THE BUREAU ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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GEORGE R. QUOTE 'MACHINE GUN' UNQUOTE KELLY, WAS, ETAL. CHARLES

URSHCHEL, VICTIM. KIDNAPING. REURTEL JULY FOURTEEN LAST. SUBJECT
STILL AT US PEN, LEAVENWORTH. A DETAINER, FILED AGAINST HIM JULY SIX
FIFTYONE, BY SHERIFF OKLAHOMA CITY, CHARGING ARMED ROBBERY IN TWO COUNTS
IS STILL IN FORCE. RUC.

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GEORGE R. "MACHINE GUN" KELLY, WAS., ET. AL., CHARLES F.

URSCHEL - FUGITIVE, KIDNAPING. RE AIRTEL FROM BUREAU 7-17-53

CLOSE CONTACT IS BEING MADE WITH OFFICIALS AT U. S.

PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, KAN., AND AS OF 7-20-53, KELLY,

U. S. PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, # 44131, HAD NOT BEEN

TAKEN TO OKLAHOMA. HIS PRISON FILE SHOWS THAT ON 6-1-51

HE WAS TRANSFERRED FROM U. S. PENITENTIARY, ALCATRAZ, TO

U. S. PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, AND ON 7-6-51 A DETAINER WAS

FILED BY THE SHERIFF, OKLAHOMA CITY, CHARGING ARMED ROBBERY

IN TWO COUNTS. KELLY IS IN "CLOSE" CUSTODY BECAUSE OF THE

DETAINER AND IS EMPLOYED AS A PAYROLL AND TIME CLERK IN

THE FURNITURE FACTORY. HE BECAME ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE ON

10-11-48 BUT ON 8-11-48, WHILE AT ALCATRAZ, HE SAID HE DID

NOT WISH TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR PAROLE UNTIL HE WAS TRANSFERRED

TO ANOTHER PRISON WHOSE POLICY PERMITTED HIM TO SUCCESSFULLY

FILE FOR PAROLE. AS OF 6-15-53 HIS WIFE, KATHRYN KELLY, WAS

STILL INCARCERATED AT FEDERAL REFORMATORY FOR WOMEN, ALDERSON,
W. VA., # 5442-W. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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GEORGE R. QUOTE MACHINE GUN UNQUOTE KELLY, WAS ET AL, CHARLES F.

URSHEL, VICTIM KIDNAPING. REBUTEL JULY SEVENTEEN LAST. GRANVILLE
SCANLAND, COUNTY ATTORNEY OKLAHOMA CITY AND ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
HUBERT GIBSON ARE IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS CONFERRING WITH CHARLES F. URSHEL
CONCERNING HIS RETURNING TO OKLAHOMA CITY TO TESTIFY IN A
PRELIMINARY HEARING FOR SUBJECT. CASE IS BEING HANDLED BY GIBSON WHO
IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO OC JULY TWENTY THREE NEXT. STATEMENT TO
PRESS MADE BY SCANLAND AT SAN ANTONIO INDICATES URSHEL WILLING TO
TESTIFY BUT WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND PRELIMINARY HEARING UNTIL SUB-
SEQUENT TO AUGUST TWENTY SEVEN NEXT, THE DATE TENTATIVELY SET FOR
SAME. SCANLAND INTIMATES EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO HAVE PRELIMINARY
POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER NEXT WHICH WILL BE CONVENIENT
TO MR. URSHEL. SAN ANTONIO HAS BEEN ADVISED OF BUREAU'S INTEREST
AND REQUESTED TO SECURE FULL DETAILS FROM SCANLAND AND GIBSON.
MATTER BEING FOLLOWED AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY

ATTENTION MR. ROSEN.....

GEORGE KELLY, WAS, ETAL, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VIKID. MR. URSCHEL THIS

DATE ADVISED AFTER CONFERENCE WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY GRANVILLE SCANLAN, THEY HAVE AGREED TO DEFER ANY ACTION ON KELLY-S REQUEST UNTIL NEXT COUNTY GRAND JURY AT OKLAHOMA CITY NEXT SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER. SCANLAN, AT THAT TIME, PLANS TO ASK FOR INDICTMENT OF KELLY AND FEELS CERTAIN ONE CAN BE OBTAINED. HE WILL, AFTER RETURN OF AN INDICTMENT, RENEW THE DETAINEE AGAINST KELLY. URSCHEL STATES BOTH HE AND SCANLAN FEEL THAT EVIDENCE IS GOOD ENOUGH TO OBTAIN CONVICTION IF INDICTMENT IS RETURNED. AS TO WITNESSES, URSCHEL AND WALTER JARRETT, HIS COMPANION AT TIME OF THE KIDNAPPING AND ROBBERY, ARE THE ONLY WITNESSES AND JARRETT IS NOW DECEASED. URSCHEL STATES THAT HE WILL BE GLAD TO TESTIFY WHEN NECESSARY. AS TO EVIDENCE, URSCHEL STATES THAT KELLY TOOK BOTH HIS AND JARRETT-S BILLFOLDS IN THE DRIVEWAY OF HIS HOME FOLLOWING THEIR REMOVAL FROM THE HOUSE. SOME OF PAPERS IN URSCHELS BILLFOLD WERE LATER SENT BY KELLY WITH RANSOM NOTE AS IDENTIFICATION. HOWEVER, URSCHEL QUOTES SCANLAN AS SAYING HE IS CERTAIN THAT IF INDICTMENT IS RETURNED KELLY WILL NOT PRESS FOR TRIAL OF CASE. URSCHEL STATES THAT WHILE HE AT FIRST HAD DOUBTS CONCERNING SCANLAN-S MOTIVIES HE IS NOW CONVINCED OF HIS SINCERITY AND THAT HE WILL PROCEED WITH PRESENTATION OF CASE THIS FALL. URSCHEL EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE PAROLE OF KATHERINE KELLY, STATING THAT, IN HIS OPINION, SHE IS FAR MORE TO BE FEARED THAN GEORGE KELLY. URSCHEL REQUESTED THAT YOU BE INFORMED OF THE SINCERE APPRECIATION OF BOTH MRS. URSCHEL AND HIMSELF OF YOUR INTEREST AND THAT HIS PERSONAL REGARDS BE CONVEYED TO YOU.

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