

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

JUL 23 1953

TELETYPE

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FBI OKLAHOMA CITY 7-23-53 5-10 PM PM CST

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

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WAS, ETAL, CHARLES F. URSCHER - VICTIM,

KIDNAPPING. REBUAIRTEL JULY SEVENTEEN, FIFTYTHREE. MR.

HUBERT GIBSON, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY, OC, ADVISED HE AND

GRANVILLE SCANLAND, COUNTY ATTORNEY, DISCUSSED INSTANT ROBBERY

CASE WITH MR. CHARLES F. URSCHER AND FORMER SAC GUS JONES OF

THE OC OFFICE AT TIME OF KIDNAPPING, AT MR. URSCHER-S OFFICE

IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. SINCE MR.

URSCHER CANNOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THE PRELIMINARY HEARING IN

OC ON AUGUST TWENTYSEVENTH NEXT, IT WAS DECIDED TO PRESENT

THE MATTER TO A GRAND JURY WHICH WILL BE CONVENED THE LAST

WEEK OF SEPT., FIFTYTHREE, BEING CALLED BY JUDGE CARLYLE.

MR. GIBSON CONTEMPLATES NO EFFORTS TO OBTAIN CUSTODY OF

SUBJECT UNTIL AFTER INDICTMENT RETURNED BY GJ. STATES HIS CASE

WILL BE A QUOTE, ONE WITNESS LAW SUIT, END QUOTE, THE

WITNESS BEING MR. URSCHER. CASE WILL BE FOLLOWED AND BUREAU

KEPT ADVISED.

ELLSWORTH

EN CORRECTION LINE TEN AND ELEVEN SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS

THE MATTER TO A GRAND JURY WHICH WILL BE CONVENED THE LAST

WEEK OF SEPT., FIFTYTHREE, BEING CALLED BY JUDGE CARLYLE.

MR. GIBSON ETC.

END AND ACK

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EX-126 JUL 26 1953

CC: MR. ROSEN
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FBI OKLAHOMA CITY

7-28-53

DIRECTOR

AIRTEL

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WAS, ETAL, CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING. REMYTEL JULY 23, 1953. US MARSHAL [REDACTED]
OC, WAS SERVED WITH WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS AD PROSEQUENDUM ON
JULY 27, 1953, REQUESTING THE APPEARANCE OF SUBJECT FOR TRIAL
AT OC ON OCTOBER 15, 1953. ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY GIBSON
ADVISED CASE WILL BE PRESENTED TO STATE GRAND JURY TO BE
CONVENED LAST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER, 1953, AT WHICH TIME CONTEMPLATES
SECURING INDICTMENT. STATES IF SUBJECT STILL DESIRES SPEEDY
TRIAL, SAME WILL BE SET FOR OCTOBER 15TH. MATTER BEING FOLLOWED.

ELLSWORTH

END

G.I.R.

All b7c

CC: MR. ROSEN
AND SUPERVISOR
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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Special Agent in Charge

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *Vim*

DATE: July 24, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols *Ra*

SUBJECT:

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For record purposes, I saw former SAC Gus Jones. He called at the Bureau on July 24th. He inquired about everyone. He was very affable and friendly. He told me in confidence that he was in Washington to see [redacted] over at the White House as he thinks there is a movement on foot to effect a parole of both Kathryn and "Machine-Gun" Kelly. Jones feels very keenly they should not be paroled, but he also feels that the stage is being set and that the old Parole Board will probably let them go; that Killinger was the only decent individual on the old Parole Board. Jones further observed that Jim Bennett felt that Kelly has reformed. He would be in favor of their parole.

Jones further told me that he had recently talked to Judge Vaught who had tried the Urschel Kidnaping Case and Vaught's feelings were running very high on the possibility of a parole. Vaught also told him that Bennett felt that the Kelly's were reformed.

Since Jones prefaced his conversation by stating it was for our confidential information, I asked him if Judge Vaught was going to write a letter to the Attorney General setting forth his views since Vaught had indicated he would fight for the parole of the Kellys publicly. Jones thought this was a good idea and he was going to suggest it to Vaught.

He then asked about the new Parole Board. I told him that 7 nominations had gone up yesterday. He seemed to be somewhat relieved.

cc - Mr. Ladd
cc - Mr. Rosen

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All b7C

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 24, 1953

11:37AM Former SAC Gus Jones, of the San Antonio Office called at the Reception Room and stated that he would like to pay his respects to the Director if he was not too busy. He was informed that the Director was not in and he asked that his best regards be given to the Director.

Mr. Jones said that he was on his way to Canada for a month.

He left his address as 126 E. Wildwood Drive, San Antonio, Texas.

I saw him. He merely wanted to pay his respects.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Gearty
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Miss Gandy

memo from
Mr. Tolson
7-24-53

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Miss Gandy _____

AIRTEL

Transmit the following ~~PLAIN~~ message to:

FBI, OKLAHOMA CITY

9-4-53

DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115) ATTENTION: MR. ROSEN

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WAS., ETAL; CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VIC.,

KIDNAPPING. RETEL SAN ANTONIO TO DIRECTOR 7-21-53. STATE

GRAND JURY, OKLA. CITY, CALLED FOR SEPT. 27, NEXT. U. S.

MARSHAL [REDACTED] HAS RECEIVED, IN ADDITION TO THE WRIT OF HABEAS

CORPUS AD PROSEQUENDUM, A COURT ORDER DIRECTING HIM TO DELIVER

BARNES TO JUSTICE OF THE PEACE BEN LAFON-S COURT, OKLA. CITY, AT

9:00 AM, OCT. 15, 1953. THIS MATTER WILL BE FOLLOWED AND BUREAU

ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

ELLSWORTH

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SEP 15 1953

Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M

Per _____

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: September 8, 1953

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, wa.
GEORGE "MACHINE GUN" KELLY, et al
CHARLES F. URSCHER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

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On July 14, 1953, a wire dispatch stated that George "Machine Gun" Kelly, sent to prison 20 years ago for kidnaping, would return to an Oklahoma City courtroom August 27, 1953, to face robbery charges.

The Oklahoma City Division advised that records of the Oklahoma County Attorney's Office reflected that the subject 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.

The San Antonio Division by teletype of July 21, 1953, advised that the County Attorney at Oklahoma City deferred any action until September or October. He plans to ask for an indictment of Kelly and feels certain one can be obtained. After the return of the indictment he will renew the detainer presently outstanding against Kelly. The San Antonio teletype quoted Urschel as saying both he and Granville Scanlan, the County Attorney at Oklahoma City, feel the evidence is good enough to obtain a conviction and he, Urschel, would be glad to testify when necessary. The Oklahoma City Division by teletype of July 23, 1953, advised that Urschel would not be available for a preliminary hearing on August 27, 1953, and it was decided to present this matter to a grand jury in September. The County Attorney's Office at Oklahoma City plans to use just one witness, Urschel.

By airtel of September 4, 1953, Oklahoma City advised that the grand jury would be called September 27, 1953, that the U. S. Marshal [redacted] has received, in addition to a writ of habeas corpus ad prosequendum, a court order directing him to deliver Barnes to Justice of the Peace Ben Lafon's Court, Oklahoma City at 9 A.M., October 15, 1953. Barnes is confined in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached airtel be sent to the Oklahoma City and Kansas City Divisions. This airtel reiterates prior instructions to the effect that the Kansas City Division should maintain close liaison with officials of the U. S. 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 his movements.

Attachment
cc: Mr. Holloman

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Memorandum to Mr. Ladd

The Oklahoma City Division is again instructed to maintain close liaison with the County Attorney concerning all developments in the local trial.

The Oklahoma City Division is also again 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 precautions may be taken to prevent his escape.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SEPTEMBER 8, 1953 AIRTEL

RECORDED 79-115-2285

SAC'S KANSAS CITY AIR MAIL
OKLAHOMA CITY AIR MAIL

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WA., GEORGE "MACHINE GUN" KELLY, ET AL,

CHARLES F. URSCHEL DASH VICTIM, KIDNAPING. RE OKLAHOMA CITY

AIRTEL OF SEPTEMBER FOUR, FIFTY THREE. OKLAHOMA CITY IS

INSTRUCTED TO MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AT

OKLAHOMA CITY IN ORDER THAT THE BUREAU IS ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS

IN THE LOCAL CASE AGAINST KELLY. OKLAHOMA CITY IS INSTRUCTED TO

ADVISE ALL INTERESTED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES INCLUDING THE

SHERIFF'S OFFICE, THE MARSHAL'S OFFICE, ETC., CONCERNING THE

DANGEROUS CHARACTER OF KELLY IN ORDER THAT ALL STEPS MIGHT BE

TAKEN TO PREVENT HIS ESCAPE. THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION IS

INSTRUCTED TO MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON WITH OFFICIALS OF THE

U. S. PENITENTIARY LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN ORDER THAT THE KANSAS

CITY DIVISION WILL BE AWARE OF ALL MOVEMENTS ON THE PART OF KELLY

IN ANY ACTIONS HE MIGHT TAKE TO OBTAIN A PAROLE. THIS MATTER

MUST BE GIVEN CONTINUOUS ATTENTION AND THE BUREAU ADVISED OF ALL

DEVELOPMENTS.

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SENT FROM B. O.
 TIME 8:10 PM
 DATE 9-8-53
 BY [Signature]

SENT VIA

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Per

G.I.R.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Jones
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Winterrowd
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY 9-15-53

DIRECTOR AND SAC KANSAS CITY AIRTEL

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WA. GEORGE "MACHINE GUN" KELLY, ET AL,
CHARLES F. URSCHER - VICTIM, KIDNAPING. REBUAIRTEL SEPT. 8,
1953. MR. HUBERT GIBSON, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY, ADVISES
THAT JUSTICE OF THE PEACE BEN LA FON HAS APPOINTED AN OC
ATTORNEY, MR. I. C. OWENBEY, TO REPRESENT SUBJECT AT HIS
PRELIMINARY HEARING. MR. OWENBEY REQUESTED A CONTINUANCE
OF THE PRELIMINARY HEARING, STATING HE DESIRED TO TALK TO
HIS CLIENT AND THAT HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE CASE. JUDGE
W. A. CARLILE GRANTED A "REASONABLE DELAY" AND IT IS BELIEVED
BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE THE PRELIMINARY HEARING SET
FOR OCT. FIFTEENTH NEXT WILL BE STRICKEN. MR. GIBSON STATED
PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO PRESENT THIS CASE TO THE STATE GRAND
JURY WHICH CONVENES THE LAST WEEK OF THIS MONTH. THE COUNTY
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS OF THE OPINION THAT KELLY IS BLUFFING
AND WILL NOT REQUEST THAT HIS CASE BE TRIED IN THE EVENT AN
INDICTMENT IS RETURNED. U.S. MARSHAL [REDACTED] OC, ADVISED
HE HAS RECEIVED NO DEFINITE INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING THE REMOVAL
OF SUBJECT FROM LEAVENWORTH TO OC AND UPON RECEIPT OF SAME
WILL IMMEDIATELY ADVISE THIS OFFICE SO THAT ALL PRECAUTIONARY

MEASURES DEEMED ADVISABLE MAY BE TAKEN. OKLAHOMA COUNTY SO

62 OCT 1 1953

Approved: [REDACTED]

Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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AND U.S. MARSHAL OF OC HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE DANGEROUS
CHARACTER OF KELLY AND STATE THAT ALL EXTRA-PRECAUTIONARY
STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO PREVENT HIS ESCAPE. [REDACTED] b7C

HAS ADVISED THAT MR. JAMES V. BENNETT, DIRECTOR OF THE
BUREAU OF PRISONS, DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH U.S. DISTRICT
JUDGE EDGAR S. VAUGHT IN THE PRESENCE OF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE
WILLIAM R. WALLACE AT A RECENT JUDICIARY CONFERENCE. AT
THAT TIME MR. BENNETT ALLEGEDLY STATED IN HIS OPINION SUBJECT
SHOULD BE RELEASED FROM THE PENITENTIARY. THIS MATTER WILL
BE FOLLOWED AND ALL DEVELOPMENTS FURNISHED.

ELLSWORTH

*I am not surprised
at Bennett's attitude.
It is running true to
form.*

H.

edw Rosen

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1953

AIRTEL

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY AIR MAIL (7-6)

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WA., GEORGE "MACHINE GUN" KELLY, ET AL,
CHARLES URSCHEL-VICTIM, KIDNAPING. RE OKLAHOMA CITY AIRTEL OF
SEPTEMBER 15, 1953. REAIRTEL REFLECTED THAT MR. HUBERT GIBSON
ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY STATED PLANS WERE BEING MADE TO
PRESENT THE CASE INVOLVING THE ARMED ROBBERY OF URSCHEL TO THE
GRAND JURY WHICH CONVENED THE LAST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER. OKLAHOMA
CITY IS INSTRUCTED TO CLOSELY FOLLOW THE GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS
AT OKLAHOMA CITY AND KEEP THE BUREAU ADVISED OF ALL
DEVELOPMENTS.

HOOVER

(7-115)

NOTE: The Oklahoma County Attorney's Office has a charge
outstanding against Barnes in that he is charged with armed
robbery of Urschel on July 22, 1953.

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Per

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Belmont
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Nease
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Egan
Miss Gandy

AIRTEL

Transmit the following ~~TELETYPE~~ message to:

FBI, OKLAHOMA CITY

10/1/53

DIRECTOR, FBI (71-115)

AIRTEL

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WA., GEORGE "MACHINE GUN" KELLY, ET AL,
CHARLES URSCHEL - VICTIM, KIDNAPING. REBUAIRTEL 9/28/53. FOR
INFORMATION BUREAU ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY HUBERT GIBSON RESIGNED
AND CAPTIONED CASE BEING PERSONALLY HANDLED BY COUNTY ATTORNEY GRANVILLE
SCANLAND. SCANLAND ADVISED THIS DATE THAT DEFENSE ATTORNEY OWENHEY
HAD REQUESTED ADDITIONAL TIME TO STUDY FACTS INSTANT CASE AND JUDGE
CARLILE HAD ISSUED ORDER STRIKING CASE FROM DOCKET. PLANS FOR
PRESENTING TO GRAND JURY AND SCHEDULED PRELIMINARY HEARING HAVE BOTH
BEEN HELD IN ABEYANCE INDEFINITELY. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF
ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

END

ELLSWORTH

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We certain we watch
closely & take steps
to see Kelly does not
get a parole. We can
expect anything from
Bennett's outfit.

Airtel to OC & KC 10/1/53
as instructed
10/1/53

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Mr. Rosen

Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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CC: MR. ROSEN
AND SAC, DIVISION
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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OCTOBER 12, 1953

AIRTEL

SAC'S, OKLAHOMA CITY
KANSAS CITY

AIR MAIL
AIR MAIL

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EX-126

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WA., GEORGE "MACHINE GUN" KELLY, ET AL.
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM, KIDNAPING. RE OKLAHOMA CITY

AIRTEL OCTOBER 1, 1953. THIS IS TO RE-EMPHASIZE TO ALL
OFFICES THE NEED FOR MAINTAINING CLOSE LIAISON WITH
APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES SO THAT BUREAU IS ADVISED OF ALL
DEVELOPMENTS WITH RESPECT TO KELLY. OKLAHOMA CITY TO INSURE
THAT BUREAU IS PROMPTLY ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN LOCAL
CASE AGAINST KELLY. KANSAS CITY IS TO MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON
WITH OFFICIALS OF U. S. PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS
AND ADVISE BUREAU OF ALL EFFORTS ON PART OF KELLY TOWARD
OBTAINING A PAROLE. YOU ARE TO KEEP BUREAU CONSTANTLY
ADVISED.

HOOVER

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OCT 27 1953

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OKLAHOMA CITY BUREAU OFFICE

(Name and address of Contributor)

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C. Date August 7, 1935.

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been
mailed to the United States Bureau of Investigation:

Bureau File Number	Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
478	U. S. Marshal	Ben B. Laska alias	10 years in Federal
	Denver, Colorado, Beryl Benjamin Laska		Penitentiary to be
	#2856 0		designated by Attorney
	3-28		General

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge
(Official Title)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

AUG 10 1935 A.M.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

IDENT.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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This form to be submitted to the United States Bureau of Investigation to report dispositions of cases in which prints have been forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, acquittals, dismissals, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

Where the Bureau file number is available it should be used.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

(Name and address of Contributor)

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Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
United States Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Date June 26, 1935

7-1-35

Dear Sir:

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been
mailed to the United States Bureau of Investigation:

Bureau File Number	Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
884413	#2372, SO, Okla. City, Okla.	A. H. SCOTT 10-15 12 posted	5 years suspended sentence; placed on probation.
857350	#6769, Multnomah County, Oregon	EDWARD GEORGE FELDMAN 10-15 77	5 years suspended sentence; placed on probation.
	#6778, Multnomah County, Oregon	CLARA FELDMAN 859407 10-13 88	5 years suspended sentence; placed on probation.
#-- Bureau Office, Okla. City, Okla.		JAMES CARSON MATHERS 10-13 88	Directed verdict of not guilty. Released.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge,
(Official Title)

JUN 23 1935

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following ~~TELETYPE~~ message to:

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FBI KANSAS CITY

10-16-53

DIRECTOR

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WA., GEORGE "MACHINE GUN" KELLY, ET AL
CHARLES F. URSCHER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING.

REBUAIRTEL TO OC AND KC 10/12/53.

[REDACTED] U. S. PENITENTIARY,
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, SAID IRVEY C. OWNBEY, 718 CRAVENS
BUILDING, OKLAHOMA CITY, AN ATTORNEY, HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY
BEN LA FON, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, OKLAHOMA CITY, TO REPRESENT
KELLY IN CASES #4997 and #4998, WHICH ARE PENDING IN OKLAHOMA
CITY STATE COURT. OWNBEY VISITED KELLY AT USP-L ON 9/15/53.

BUREAU OF PRISONS HAS AUTHORIZED WARDEN C. H. LOONEY,
USP-L TO RELEASE KELLY INTO THE CUSTODY OF THE U. S. MARSHAL
FOR APPEARANCE IN OKLAHOMA STATE COURT WHEN THE PROPER WRITS
WERE PRESENTED BY THE USM.

NOTICE FROM CLERK OF OKLAHOMA CITY COUNTY COURT WAS
RECEIVED AT USP-L THAT KELLY WAS TO APPEAR IN OKLAHOMA CITY
COURT ON 10/15/53. HOWEVER, [REDACTED] SAID ON 10/15/53 THAT
HE HAD AS YET RECEIVED NO NOTICE FROM THE U. S. MARSHAL RE
TAKING KELLY FROM USP-L. HE SAID HE HAS NO INFORMATION AS

KC 7-8
CC(2)OKLA. CITY(7-6)(AMSD)(ENCLS.2)

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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU(2)

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

Mr. Rosen

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, ETC. 10-16-53

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

TO WHEN KELLY WILL BE TAKEN TO OKLAHOMA CITY AND SAID WHEN
HE IS NOTIFIED BY THE U. S. MARSHAL OF KELLY'S EXACT DATE OF
TRANSFER TO OKLAHOMA CITY, HE WILL IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONE THE
KC OFFICE.

THE BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

b7C [REDACTED] SAID THAT KELLY AND [REDACTED] ARE VERY
UNHAPPY BECAUSE OF THE GREENLEASE KIDNAPING CASE IN KANSAS CITY.
HE SAID THEY FEEL THAT PUBLIC OPINION HAS BEEN SO AROUSED
AGAINST KIDNAPERS THAT THEIR CHANCES OF PAROLES ARE CONDISER-
ABLY LESSENER.

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b7D [REDACTED] CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED THAT ONE 10/5/53, DEPUTY
USM [REDACTED] DALLAS, BROUGHT SOME PRISONERS TO USP-L. [REDACTED]
TOLD [REDACTED] THAT [REDACTED] SHERIFF, DALLAS, HAD ASKED HIM
TO FIND OUT WHEN KELLY WOULD BE TAKEN TO OKLAHOMA CITY; THAT
[REDACTED] HAD SAID HE WANTED TO INTERVIEW KELLY WHILE HE WAS IN
OKLAHOMA CITY. [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED] THAT [REDACTED] DID NOT TELL HIM
WHY HE WANTED TO TALK TO KELLY. [REDACTED] SAID HE REMINDED [REDACTED]
OF THE RULES IN ATTACHED CIRCULAR #3331, WHICH GOVERNS VISITORS
TO INMATES WHILE TEMPORARILY OUT OF USP-L. [REDACTED] TOLD [REDACTED]
THAT HE WAS GOING TO FORGET [REDACTED] REQUEST; THAT HE WASN'T
GOING TO CONTACT [REDACTED] ON HIS RETURN TO DALLAS, AND THAT IF
[REDACTED] SAID ANYTHING TO HIM ABOUT KELLY, [REDACTED] WOULD TELL
[REDACTED] TO WRITE TO USP-L OR STATE AUTHORITIES IN OKLAHOMA CITY

Approved: _____

Sent _____

Per _____

KC 7-8

Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Page 3.

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, ETC. 10-16-53

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

TO FIND OUT WHEN KELLY WOULD BE IN OKLAHOMA CITY.

██████████ SAID THAT ██████████ NAME WOULD NOT APPEAR ON
ATTACHED FORM NO. 27, AS ██████████ HAS NOT APPLIED TO USP-L FOR
APPROVAL TO VISIT KELLY.

██████████ SAID HE HAD ALWAYS HEARD THAT ALL OF THE RANSOM
MONEY HAD NOT BEEN RECOVERED FROM KELLY AND HIS ASSOCIATES AND
██████████ OPINED THAT ██████████ POSSIBLY WANTED TO DISCUSS THIS WITH
KELLY.

██████████ REQUESTED THIS INFORMATION BE KEPT STRICTLY
CONFIDENTIAL.

All b7C b7D

ENCLOSURES:

TO BUREAU: Copy of Circular #331 and Record Form #27.

TO OKLAHOMA CITY

Do.

*We should be
certain to watch
this carefully.*

K.

CC: MR. ROSEN
AND MR. TOLSON
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

TO UNITED STATES MARSHALS AND OFFICIALS IN CHARGE OF NON-FEDERAL INSTITUTIONS:

Re: _____

(Name of Prisoner)

(Number)

In compliance with the provisions of Circular No. 3331 (copy of which is attached) restricting the privileges of prisoners removed from Federal institutions on writs, there is listed below the names of authorized visitors and correspondents for the above-named prisoner during his confinement in a non-Federal institution.

VISITORS

RELATIONSHIP

CORRESPONDENTS

RELATIONSHIP

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Warden or Superintendent

Institution

I understand the regulations restricting privileges of the above-named prisoner while he is held in my institution and agree to comply with them.

Date

Name of Official

Title

Name of Non-Federal Institution

7-115-2087
ENCLOSURE

CIRCULAR No. 3331

January 17, 1940.

TO ALL UNITED STATES MARSHALS:

Re: Restrictions upon Sentenced Prisoners Held in Non-Federal Institutions on Writ

Hereafter when a Federal prisoner confined in a Federal institution is being delivered to the custody of a United States Marshal under a writ of habeas corpus, the Warden or Superintendent of the Federal institution will furnish the United States Marshal with a list (in duplicate) giving visitors and names of persons with whom he may be authorized to correspond in the event he is confined in a non-Federal institution. The prisoner shall not be permitted to correspond with any person or have any visitors while enroute from the Federal institution to any non-Federal institution or detention quarters.

In this connection the United States Marshal will be required to comply with the following regulations:

1. The United States Marshal shall instruct the official in charge of any non-Federal institution to which he commits the prisoner that the prisoner's privileges concerning visitors and correspondence will be restricted as follows:
 - a. The prisoner will be permitted to receive only visitors whose names appear on the list of authorized visitors, his attorney, and other persons with whom it may be necessary for him to confer to prepare properly the defense of his case. The official in charge will be held responsible for the close supervision of these visits.
 - b. The prisoner will not be permitted to have any letters mailed from the non-Federal institution. He will be permitted to prepare letters only to persons whose names appear on the list of authorized correspondents. These letters when prepared must be held by the official in charge for the United States Marshal who should arrange for their collection. The United States Marshal will forward the letters for examination and mailing to the Federal institution from which the prisoner was removed. This regulation, however, shall not apply to letters to the prisoner's attorney of record.
2. After discussing the regulations with the official, the United States Marshal shall obtain his signature on the original list which the United States Marshal will keep until the prisoner is returned to the Federal institution at which time he shall return it to the Federal institution. He should give the carbon copy of the authorized list to the official of the non-Federal institution for his reference during the time that the prisoner is in his custody.

In all other respects the prisoner will be subject to the regulations in Circular 2676 and amendments.

United States Marshals are requested to acknowledge this circular.

EDWARD G. KEMP,
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

7-115-2267

ENCLOSURE

October 22, 1953

Mr. James V. Bennett, Director
Bureau of Prisons

Director, FBI

RECORDED-57

EX-125

7-115-289
GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with alias;
GEORGE "MACHINE GUN" KELLY;
CHARLES F. CURSHEL, VICTIM
KIDNAPING

2 1/2 K 3

George Kelly Barnes who was convicted of the 1933 kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel is as you know presently serving a life sentence in the United States Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kansas. In 1933, Oklahoma authorities charged Barnes with the armed robbery of Charles F. Urschel and Walter R. Barrett, who is now deceased, and it is contemplated that Barnes will be tried on these local charges in the Oklahoma City State Court in the near future.

This Bureau was recently advised on a confidential basis that a local law enforcement officer was interested in learning when Barnes would be removed from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, for his appearance in Oklahoma City. The law enforcement officer indicated he wanted to interview Barnes while the latter was in Oklahoma City, but the officer did not give any indication of his reasons for desiring the interview.

In view of the extremely dangerous character of Barnes and the national interest attached to kidnaping as a result of the Greenlease case, the foregoing is being made available to you for your information.

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DATE 10-22
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AIRTEL

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI, OKLAHOMA CITY 10/26/53

DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WA. GEORGE "MACHINEGUN KELLY", ETAL;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM, KIDNAPING. REBUAIRTEL OCT. 12, 1953.

COUNTY ATTORNEY GRANVILLE SCANLAND, OKLAHOMA CITY, ADVISED THIS
DATE THAT BARNES' TRIAL STILL HAS NOT BEEN SET AND THAT NO EFFORTS
HAVE BEEN MADE BY HIS OFFICE TO PRESENT CASE TO GRAND JURY. STATED
FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH DEFENSE ATTORNEY OWENBEY HE IS OF THE
OPINION THAT BARNES IS NOT ANXIOUS TO STAND TRIAL AT OKLAHOMA CITY
IN VIEW OF NATIONWIDE PUBLICITY CONCERNING GREENLEASE KIDNAPING.
BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

ELLSWORTH

2 - KANSAS CITY (7-8)

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Mr. Rosen

CC: MR. ROSEN
AND SUPERVISOR
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Approved:
Special Agent in Charge

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OCTOBER 30, 1953

AIRTEL

SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (AIR MAIL)

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WA., GEORGE "MACHINE GUN" KELLY, ET AL;

CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VICTIM, KIDNAPING RE OKLAHOMA CITY

AIRTEL OCTOBER 26, 1953. YOUR OFFICE TO MAINTAIN CLOSE

LIAISON WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES, TO DETERMINE ANY INDICATION

ON PART OF KELLY, TO OBTAIN CHANGE IN LOCATION OF TRIAL AS WELL

AS ANY OTHER ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF THE DEFENSE. KEEP BUREAU

ADVISED.

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Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Jones
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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI KANSAS CITY

11/2/53

AIRTEL/AIRMAIL

DIRECTOR

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WA., GEORGE, "MACHINE GUN" KELLY, ETAL, CHARLES

F. URSCHEL, VIKID. REBUAIRTEL TO OC AND KC 10/12/53.

[REDACTED] USP, LEAVENWORTH, KS., CONFIDENTIALLY DISPLAYED TO
AN AGENT OF THIS OFFICE A COPY OF THE FBI'S LETTER TO MR. JAMES V.
BENNETT, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS, DATED 10/22/53. ON THE BOTTOM
OF THIS LETTER WAS A NOTE TO WARDEN LOONEY, USP, LEAVENWORTH, WHICH
IS: "WARDEN LOONEY: DON'T PRODUCE KELLY IN OKLA. CITY OR HONOR
THE WRIT WITHOUT CONSULTING US FURTHER. J.V.B." MR. LOONEY WROTE A
MEMO DATED 10/28/53, STATING "WE WILL NOT HONOR A WRIT TO PRODUCE
KELLY UNTIL FIRST WE CLEAR WITH DIRECTOR."

ROBEY

7-8

1 cc - Okla. City (7-6)

CC: MR. ROSEN
AND SUPERVISOR
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

October 21, 1953

MEMORANDUM TO MR. TOLSON:

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George Kelly Barnes
[redacted] called me yesterday afternoon to advise that [redacted] had ridden to the Star from the George Washington Trustee meeting with the Director, that the Director, in a casual and personal conversation, was outraged over the efforts being made to get Machine Gun Kelly paroled. [redacted] did not have a chance to ask the Director whether it would embarrass him if the Star looked into this. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was outraged by this just as the Director was, and [redacted] told [redacted] to contact us to see if there would be any embarrassment if the Star started bird dogging this situation. I told [redacted] that there would be no embarrassment, although I, of course, assumed that they would keep the Director out of the picture. [redacted] stated that most assuredly this would be the case.

[redacted] wondered how they could start on this. I told him about the UP dispatch on July 14 regarding the returning of Kelly to Oklahoma City to face robbery charges and of the UP statement that apparently facing these charges was clearing the way for a parole request. I further told [redacted] that they might want to look into the background of the revival at this late date of the state charges and they would probably find that Kelly was demanding a trial; that they could check with the U. S. Parole Board as it was our understanding that emissaries of Mr. Urschel have already appeared and protested before the Board. I further told [redacted] that if the truth were known, Jim Bennett was probably in favor of this. [redacted] had forgotten that Bennett was a protege of Sanford Bates and this was all that was needed to set him off. I further told [redacted] that Kathryn Kelly was at Alderson and that attempts were being made to parole Mrs. Ora Shannon, and Kathryn Kelly herself, who was the brain of the Urschel Kidnaping Case, and they ought to check.

10-27-53
I mentioned E. E. Kirkpatrick, whom [redacted] recalled as the intermediary in the Urschel case, was a possible source.

[redacted] stated that he felt that they would start right out with Bennett and the Parole Board and they would probably deny it, but the Star would smoke the story out elsewhere. I did not tell [redacted] about Gus Jones coming up and appearing before the Parole Board. It might be well to wait for a couple of days and see how they make out and if it appears they are getting the run around, while I don't particularly like the idea, the ends of justice might be served in telling [redacted] to check with Gus Jones.

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Respectfully,

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L. B. Nichols

LBN

Give all the help we can.
10-21-53
All b7C

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MR. TOLSON:

George Kelly Barnes
[redacted] of the Evening Star has been assigned the "Machine Gun" Kelly case. He called me today to state that he was working on some angles in the case and he was amazed in going through the Star morgue to find very little material dealing with the actual case and that he assumes it has either been misplaced or misfiled. I, accordingly, furnished him with the IC in the Urschel case.

He told me that he had talked to the former Chairman of the Parole Board, Dr. George Killinger; that Killinger had denied that "Machine Gun" Kelly had even applied for a parole and stated that a Mr. E. Kirkpatrick about three years ago had been before the Parole Board protesting a parole and that nothing had been heard of this since. I asked [redacted] if they had gotten in touch with Mr. Urschel. He stated Urschel was now traveling and they had not. *C. H. H. E. F.*

I wonder if I should go ahead and tip [redacted] off on Gus Jones whom I am certain will be glad to talk.

Respectfully,

LBN
L. B. Nichols

LBN:ptm

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*me me
Gus Jones
10/25/53
10/25/53
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: Oct. 29, 1953

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

██████ tells me that ██████ of the Evening Star had a reporter working with him on the Daily Oklahoman in connection with the Machine Gun Kelly parole. The reporter talked to Federal Judge Vaught and asked if Bennett had ever talked to him. The Judge denied Bennett had talked to him. ██████ asked Bennett if he had discussed the matter of the parole of Kelly with the prosecutors and the judges. Bennett denied this.

In this connection, the Oklahoma City office advised by airtel dated September 15, 1953, that U. S. Marshal ██████ of Oklahoma City had advised that James V. Bennett, Director of the Bureau of Prisons, discussed with Federal Judge Edgar S. Vaught, in the presence of Federal Judge William R. Wallace, the matter of Machine Gun Kelly's prosecution in Oklahoma on State charges and ██████ states that Bennett allegedly stated that in his opinion, Kelly should be released from the penitentiary. The Director noted, "I am not surprised at Bennett's attitude. It is running true to form." (7-115-2286)

I gave ██████ the name and address of Gus Jones and he is going to communicate with him for a follow-up.

I told ██████ I thought he did quite a job on his editorial. ██████ stated he had one humorous incident happen. An individual called him on the phone and berated him for picking on the Irish. ██████ told him he could not see where the caller came to that conclusion, whereupon, the caller told ██████ he mentioned the name Kelly in every paragraph, that Kelly was an Irish name and therefore he was picking on the Irish, and furthermore why did he not call Kelly by his true name, George Barnes. ██████ stated he blew up at that point and told the caller he was Irish himself and the Star was not picking on the Irish just because Kelly happened to be an Irish name, that that was just too bad because Kelly ought to stay in prison the rest of his life.

I think it might be well to send ██████ a note on the editorial and ██████ work.

cc: Mr. Jones
LBN: ██████

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Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
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Transmit the following ~~teletype~~ message to:

FBI, OKLAHOMA CITY

12-11-53

DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WA., GEORGE "MACHINE GUN" KELLY, ET AL; CHARLES

URSCHEL - VICTIM, KIDNAPING. Remyairtels 9-15-53 and 10-26-53. MR.

CARROLL FREEMAN, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY, OKLAHOMA CITY, IN THE ABSENCE OF GRANVILLE SCANLAND, COUNTY ATTORNEY, ADVISES CASE AGAINST SUBJECT NOT PRESENTED TO GRAND JURY AND NO FURTHER ACTION CONTEMPLATED ON STATE CASE AGAINST BARNES AT THIS TIME SINCE BARNES APPARENTLY DOES NOT DESIRE TO BE TRIED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. BARNES' ATTORNEY, IRVEY C. OWNBEY, ALLEGEDLY ADVISED THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE DEFENSE WITNESSES NEEDED AND ADVISED IN VIEW OF THE DEATH PENALTIES GIVEN SUBJECTS OF THE GRENAP CASE FELT THIS WOULD BE A POOR TIME FOR BARNES TO BE TRIED, SINCE UNDER OKLA. LAW BARNES COULD RECEIVE THE DEATH PENALTY IF CONVICTED ON THE ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE. OKLAHOMA CITY TIMES OF DEC. 10, 1953, CARRIES AN ITEM CAPTIONED "GREENLEASE CASE COOLS KIDNAPER'S ARDOR," WHICH CONTAINS INFO SIMILAR TO ABOVE. THIS MATTER WILL BE FOLLOWED AND SHOULD EFFORTS BE MADE TO BRING BARNES TO TRIAL IN THE FUTURE, THE BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

JOHNSON

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Mr. Rosen

MR. ROSEN
AND PETERMAN
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI OKLA. CITY 3-30-54
DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115) AIRTEL

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WA. GEORGE "MACHINE GUN" KELLY, ETAL;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL -VICTIM, KIDNAPING. DEFENSE ATTORNEY IRVEY
C. OWNBEY ISSUED STATEMENT TO PRESS LAST NIGHT HE WILL TAKE DEPOSITION
FROM JAMES A. SMAILEY, ^{OKLA. CITY} OC, WHO WAS OWNER OF NORMAN, OKLA. CAB CO.,
AT TIME OF KIDNAPING. DRIVER OF CAB WHO DROVE URSCHEL TO OC AFTER
URSCHEL'S RELEASE IS NOW DEAD. OWNBEY IS SEEKING TO PROVE URSCHEL HAD
CASH IN HIS POCKET WHEN CAB HIRED TO SHOW URSCHEL WAS NOT ROBBED OF
HIS MONEY WHEN HE WAS KIDNAPED. OWNBEY INDICATED TO PRESS HE MAY SEEK
EARLY TRIAL FOR BARNES. IT WILL BE RECALLED BARNES IS FACING STATE
CHARGES OF ROBBING URSCHEL OF \$32.00 AND \$54.00 FROM W. R. JARRETT
WHO WAS KIDNAPED WITH URSCHEL. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF
DEVELOPMENTS.

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Mr. Rosen

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CC: MR. ROSEN
ADVISOR
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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Approved: *[Signature]*
68 APR 8 1954 Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following ~~teletype~~ message to:

FBI OKLAHOMA CITY

4/20/54

DIRECTOR, FBI

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WA. GEORGE MACHINE GUN KELLY, ET AL., CHARLES F.

URSCHEL - VICTIM, KIDNAPPING. REMYAIRTEL DATED MARCH THIRTY, LAST.

THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN, LOCAL NEWSPAPER, ON APRIL FOUR, LAST, REPORTED THAT JAMES A. SMALLEY, FIVE ONE NAUGHT S.W. FIFTH ST., OKLA. CITY, TESTIFIED IN A DEPOSITION THAT HE DISPATCHED A CAB TO DRIVE MR. URSCHER TO OKLA. CITY DURING JULY, NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE, AFTER URSCHER'S RELEASE BY SUBJECT. MR. SMALLEY IS REPORTED TO HAVE OWNED THE NORMAN TAXI COMPANY AT THE TIME AND RECALLED THAT URSCHER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF OVER THE TELEPHONE. THE DRIVER WHO MADE THE TRIP WAS NAMED JOE NEAL AND IS NOW DECEASED. MR. GRANVILLE SCANLAND, COUNTY ATTORNEY, OKLA. CITY, IS HANDLING THIS CASE PERSONALLY AND HAS ADVISED THAT TRIAL DATE HAS NOT BEEN SET. SHOULD FURTHER INFORMATION BE RECEIVED, YOU WILL BE ADVISED.

JOHNSON

END

Mr. Rosen

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Approved: *S. R. P. Allen*

Special Agent in Charge

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Per *[Signature]*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI 7-115

DATE: May 25, 1954

FROM : SAC, Oklahoma City 7-6

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SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, wa.
George "Machine Gun" Kelly; et al.;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Remyairtel 4/20/54.

Attached is a newspaper article appearing in the Oklahoma City Times May 21, 1954, concerning testimony of WALTER M. HARRISON, former Managing Editor of the Daily Oklahoman and Oklahoma City Times, at a deposition hearing held in connection with captioned matter.

Enclosure (1)

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MAY 27 1954

EX-123

Famed Kidnap Case Revived; Details Bared

Details of the sensational Charles F. Urschel kidnaping here July 22, 1933, were recalled Friday by Walter M. Harrison, former managing editor of The Daily Oklahoman and Oklahoma City Times, at a deposition hearing at the courthouse.

Harrison was subpoenaed to give a deposition by Ivey C. Ownbey, attorney for George "Machinegun" Kelly, one of the millionaire oilman's abductors.

Kelly is now serving a life sentence in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan. He is seeking dismissal of a state armed robbery charge filed here which alleges Kelly robbed Urschel, now living in San Antonio, Texas, of \$35 shortly after the kidnaping.

Conference Recalled

Ownbey, court-appointed defense lawyer, is seeking to establish that Urschel was not robbed, as claimed, but had \$35 in his pocket when released July 31, 1933, at the north edge of Norman.

Harrison testified Mr. and Mrs. Urschel held a press conference in their home on the morning of Aug. 1 or 2, 1933. It was attended by some 25 newsmen, FBI agents and local authorities.

Ownbey asked Harrison if Urschel ever made the statement in his presence that he was robbed by his kidnapers. Harrison said the oilman did not.

Money Mentioned

The witness recalled, however, there was some mention of money during the two-hour press conference, but he does not now recall the origin of the question.

At another point in the deposition hearing, Harrison said he could not recall that Urschel had testified in federal district court here that he was robbed by his kidnapers.

Ownbey also attempted to establish that if a robbery occurred, as alleged, it occurred in Lincoln county.

After Urschel and a friend were kidnaped in the oilman's home while playing cards, both were alleged to have been robbed by the abductors at a point north of Harrah, where Jarrett, now deceased, was released.

County Attorney Granville Scanland, who has offered to return Kelly here for a preliminary hearing in Ben LaFon's justice court on the state robbery charge, asked but few questions at Friday's hearing.

Earlier, Ownbey took a deposition from James Smalley, Norman taxicab company operator, who testified that Urschel had \$35 on his person when picked up at the north edge of Norman by Joe Neel, one of his drivers now deceased.

Smalley, father of the late Sen. Joe Smalley, owned and operated the Yellow Taxicab Co. and the P&S Taxicab Co. in Norman at the time.

OKLAHOMA CITY TIMES

DATED MAY 21 1954

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SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (7-6) AIR MAIL

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WA. GEORGE "MACHINE GUN" KELLY, ET AL
CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VIKID. REURAIRTEL APRIL 20, 1954, AND URLET
MAY 25, 1954. ADVISE BUREAU WHETHER TRIAL DATE HAS BEEN SET
RE LOCAL PROCEEDING AGAINST BARNES.

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Transmit the following ~~TELETYPE~~ message to:

FBI, OKLAHOMA CITY (7-6)

6/7/54

DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WA. GEORGE "MACHINE GUN" KELLY, ET AL.

CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VIKID. REURAIRTEL JUNE THREE LAST. TRIAL

DATE HAS NOT BEEN SET AND NOT SCHEDULED FOR JUNE, 1954. THE

MATTER WILL BE FOLLOWED AND BUREAU ADVISED.

JOHNSON

Mr. Rosen

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FBI KANSAS CITY

7-17-54

8-17 AM CST

DIRECTOR, FBI

U R G E N T

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WA, GEORGE ~~W. BARNES~~ MACHINE GUN ~~W. BARNES~~ KELLY,
ET AL, ^{VICTIM - KIDNAPING} CHARLES F. ~~W. BARNES~~ URSCHER, VIKID. RE KC AIRTEL TO BUREAU NOVEMBER
TWO, FIFTYTHREE. D. L. YEAGLEY, SUPERVISOR OF CLASSIFICATION AND
PAROLE, U. S. PEN, LEAVENWORTH, KANS. ADVISED THAT GEORGE ~~W. BARNES~~
"MACHINE GUN ~~W. BARNES~~ KELLY DIED OF HEART ATTACK AT TWELVE FORTY AM,
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Mr. Rosen

CC: MR. ROSEN

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July 21, 1954

Federal Bureau Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Attention Mr. McGuire

Dear Mr. McGuire:

You may recall our meeting in
connection with the hitch-hiking story I wrote for
Cosmopolitan last year. CHARLES F. URSCH

Victim

In a recent New York Times, there
appeared a report of the death in prison of a man
named Kelly, a gangster who was captured by your
men. The story mentioned a girl who was used as a
front by the Kellys and who helped to bring about
their arrest.

Would it be possible for you to
tell me how to get in touch with her? If she would
consent to be interviewed, I am sure the material
would be very interesting.

Thank you for any effort you can
make in this matter.

Sincerely,

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July 28, 1954

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated July 21, 1954, has been brought to my attention by Inspector J. J. McGuire.

It certainly would be a pleasure to be of assistance if at all possible. I deeply regret, however, that we are unable to provide you with any information concerning the present whereabouts of the girl you mentioned.

Please do not hesitate to let us know whenever we may be of service.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Note: No derogatory data in Bufiles could be identified with [REDACTED]. In March, 1953, he came to the Bureau for assistance in preparing an article for "Cosmopolitan." The Bureau provided various facts and figures for use in his article, and there was subsequent cordial correspondence in that regard.

The girl in the Kelly case was Geraldine Arnold, who was 15 years old at the time. She and her family were itinerants, with no permanent address. We later learned that in April, 1934, she was being represented, in a suit to collect reward money, by an Oklahoma City law firm, but we do not have her present address and files do not indicate whether or not she has subsequently married. It is felt that in view of her tender age at the time of the apprehension of the Kellys, and the fact that she may now be married and to live down her part in the case, we should not give little information we have. In any event, it probably would be of little help to him. Above reply is deemed more fitting than a "files confidential" answer.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 5, 1954.

FROM : SAC, DALLAS

SUBJECT: GEORGE "MACHINE GUN" KELLY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Attached is a clipping from the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram, Ft. Worth, Texas, dated 7/20/54 regarding captioned individual. It is believed that the Bureau might be interested in the article.

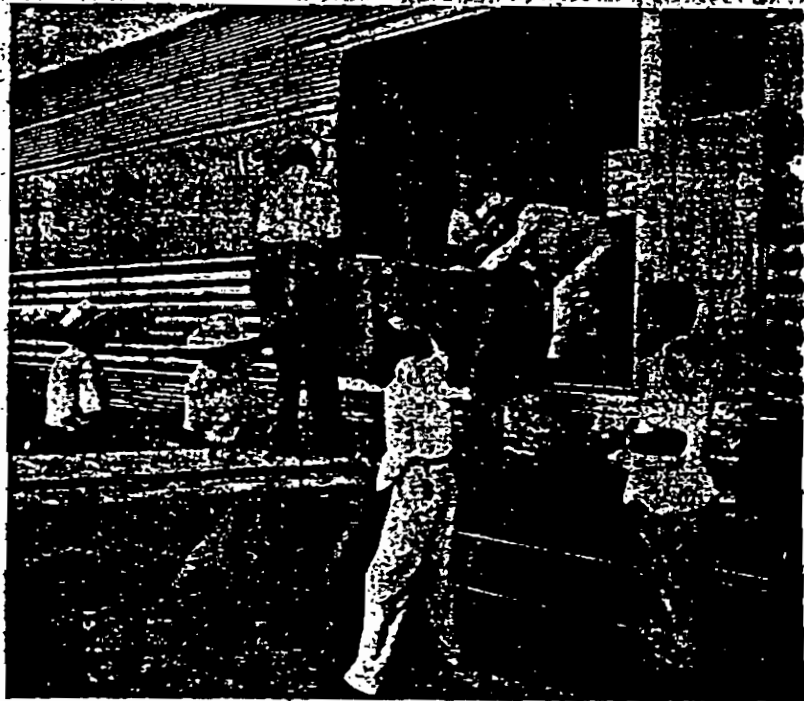
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KELLY BACK IN TEXAS—The body of George (Machine Gun) Kelly was unloaded from the Texas Zephyr at Decatur Monday afternoon for funeral and burial services at graveside in Cottondale Cemetery. The nation's one-time No. 1 badman died of a heart attack Saturday at Leavenworth prison.

Machine Gun Kelly

\$125 Must Be Raised to Bury \$200,000 Kidnap

DECATUR, July 20 (Sp1).—One of the nation's most wanted men of the early 1930's will be buried at Cottondale Cemetery at 3 p. m. Sunday but somebody must provide \$125 to pay the expenses, the funeral director says.

The body of George (Machine Gun) Kelly, a leader in the 1933 kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel in Oklahoma City, will be buried only five miles from where Urschel was held prisoner for eight days until \$200,000 in ransom was paid.

Kelly's body arrived here Monday afternoon after being in Fort

Worth for nearly seven hours during a train change.

C. L. Christian, Decatur funeral home operator, said Tuesday that R. G. Shannon, stepfather of Kelly's wife, Kathryn, who is serving a life term at Alderson, W. Va., for her part in the kidnaping, set the funeral for Sunday to permit time to notify relatives.

Christian said that Shannon, a farmer who served 11 years and three months for his part in the kidnaping, did not have the money to pay the funeral expenses.

Christian explained that the \$125 will cover the many telephone calls he has made in trying to locate relatives.

Kelly was claimed by Kathryn, who will not be allowed to attend the funeral, and she instructed the warden to send the body to Decatur. The prison system, when a body is claimed, pays expense of embalming, casket and transportation to the point where the body is to be claimed.

Shannon was not at the depot here Monday when the body arrived but conferred with Christian Monday night.

Because of the heat, Christian said the services will be held under a tent.

"There are a lot of shade trees there, too," he said.

Shannon's wife, Ora L. Shannon, also serving life at Alderson prison for women, will not be able to attend the services.

WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

July 20, 1935

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 11/3/55

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (7-6)

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

On 10/27/55 [REDACTED] U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, advised that inmate HARVEY J. BAILEY, USP-L #63400, employed attorney JOSEPH N. MINIACE, 715 Lathrop Bldg., KCMO, on 10/21/55 for the purpose of obtaining a parole. A fee of \$1,500 will be paid, of which \$1,000 will be paid by HARVEY J. BAILEY from funds which he has on deposit at this prison and \$500 will be paid by a brother of BAILEY. BAILEY will pay \$500 at the present time and will pay \$500 within sixty days.

BAILEY became eligible for parole on 10/6/48 and on 11/15/48 his application for parole was denied by the U. S. Board of Parole. A detainer is on file against BAILEY at USP-L, having been received by federal prison authorities on 10/27/35 from Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, charging BAILEY with escape.

Contact will be maintained with officials at USP-L so that any developments can be immediately reported.

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On 7/22/33, Urschel kidnaped at Oklahoma City by George "Machine Gun" Kelly, and Albert L. Bates. \$200.00 ransom paid for his release. On 8/12/33, Bailey, an accomplice was taken into custody during a raid on the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon. He had \$700 of the ransom money in his possession. On 9/4/33, Bailey escaped from the county jail Dallas. He was taken into custody the same day. On 9/30/33, the jury found Baily guilty. On 10/7/33, he was sentenced to life. On 3/17/41, he filed petition for habeas corpus which was denied 3/28/41. On 11/15/48, his application for parole denied. A state detainer filed 10/27/35, is outstanding in favor of the Kansas State Penitentiary. Bates died in 1948. Kelly in 1954.

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GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WAS.,
VICTIM, KIDNAPING.

November 10, 1955

SAC, Kansas City (7-6)

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Reurlet 11-3-55.

Maintain close contact with officials USP,
Leavenworth, Kansas, to be aware of any action on the
part of Harvey J. Bailey re his filing for a parole.
Immediately advise the Bureau in the event Bailey files,
setting forth in detail the information contained in his
parole request, if available. This matter must be
closely followed and the Bureau advised of all developments.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (7-115)

DATE: November 28, 1955

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (7-8)

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

Rebuairtel to Kansas City dated 11/10/55, a copy of which is herewith enclosed to Washington Field Office.

By letter dated November 3, 1955, the Kansas City Office asked the warden at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, to notify the Kansas City Office in the event that Inmate HARVEY J. BAILEY, USP # 63400, filed application for pardon or parole, or was released or transferred from U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth.

On November 8, 1955, a letter was received from [REDACTED] USP-L, in which he said that notations had been made in inmate BAILEY's prison file to notify the Kansas City Office in the event that BAILEY should file an application for parole or if he should be transferred or released from this prison.

The Washington Field Office is requested to make contact with the office of the U. S. Board of Parole, Washington, D. C., in order that this Bureau will be immediately notified in the event that HARVEY J. BAILEY files application for parole.

For the information of the Washington Field Office, on October 27, 1955, [REDACTED] U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, advised that inmate HARVEY J. BAILEY, USP-L #63400, employed attorney JOSEPH N. MINIACE, 715 Lathrop Building, Kansas City, Missouri, on October 21, 1955, for the purpose of obtaining a parole. A fee of \$1,500 will be paid, of which \$1,000 will be paid by HARVEY J. BAILEY from funds which he has on deposit at this prison and \$500 will be paid by a brother of BAILEY. BAILEY will pay \$500 at the present time and will pay \$500 within sixty days.

BAILEY became eligible for parole on October 6, 1948, and on November 15, 1948, his application for parole was denied by the U. S. Board of Parole. A detainer is on file against BAILEY at USP-L, having been received by federal prison authorities on October 27, 1935, from Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, charging BAILEY with escape.

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TO : Director, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 12/21/55

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (7-8)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, was, etal;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Re Kansas City letter to Bureau dated 11/28/55.

On 12/16/55, [REDACTED] U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Ks., displayed the prison file regarding HARVEY J. BAILEY, USP-L #63400. [REDACTED] said BAILEY is still incarcerated at this prison and has made no application for parole since his application was denied on 11/15/48.

He said that on 11/25/55, BAILEY was interviewed at this prison by JOSEPH N. MINIACE, Attorney, Kansas City, Mo.

He said that BAILEY requested permission to send a letter to CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Milam Building, San Antonio, Texas, on 11/20/55. On the Special Purpose Letter Form requesting permission to send the letter, BAILEY told prison officials at U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, that "Mr. BENNETT advised me to write a letter to Mr. URSCHEL, in my behalf, when he was here on his last call at Leavenworth prison."

BAILEY's prison file also shows BAILEY requested permission to send a letter to Mr. E. E. KIRKPATRICK, Tulsa, Okla., on 11/27/55, and on the Special Purpose Letter Form, he said, "When Mr. BENNETT was here he suggested I write such a letter to Mr. E. E. KIRKPATRICK asking for his assistance in my case."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 12/22/55

FROM : *RLH* SAC, WFO (7-19)*ew* SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, was, et al;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL-VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Re Kansas City letter 11/28/55.

On 12/20/55, [REDACTED] of U. S. Board of Parole, advised SA [REDACTED] that he would put a notation in the file of HARVEY J. BAILEY, USP #63400, to advise WFO in the event he is considered for parole. [REDACTED] stated that BAILEY was last considered for parole in May of 1955, and would normally not come up again for parole until May, 1956. RUC.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 12/22/55

FROM : F. L. Price

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WITH ALIASES, ET AL.;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

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Kansas City airtel 12/17/55 advised the "Kansas City Star," that date, states Joseph N. Miniace, a Kansas City lawyer, visited Harvey Bailey at the US Penitentiary (USP), Leavenworth, on 12/16/55 and had taken steps in a parole application. Bailey, according to the article, is writing to victim Urschel, to Judge Edgar S. Vaught who sentenced him, to Reverend Joseph Clark, Los Angeles, who visited him in Alcatraz, and to a stepson of Urschel asking that they intercede in his behalf. On 12/16/55 Bailey's prison file was checked and it did not show he had made an application for parole.

On 7/22/33 Urschel was kidnaped at Oklahoma City. \$200,000 ransom was paid for his release. On 8/12/33 the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon was raided, at which time Bailey was taken into custody. He had \$700 of the ransom money in his possession. Urschel identified the residence as the place where he was held captive. On 9/30/33 a Federal jury found Bailey guilty in connection with the kidnaping of Urschel. On 10/7/33 he was sentenced to serve life imprisonment. A detainer was filed against Bailey by the Kansas State authorities on 10/27/35 charging Bailey with a prior escape from the Kansas State Penitentiary. This is still outstanding.

Kansas City letter 11/28/55 advised [redacted] USP, Leavenworth, advised that Bailey had employed Miniace for the purpose of obtaining a parole. A fee of \$1500 was to be paid, a thousand of which was to be paid by Bailey from funds he has on deposit at the prison. \$500 was to be paid by Bailey's brother. Bailey was to pay \$500 at this time and an additional \$500 within 60 days.

Bailey became eligible for parole 10/6/48. On 11/15/48 his application for parole was denied. Kansas City has made arrangements with officials, USP, Leavenworth, to be advised of all steps taken by Bailey and has requested the Washington Field Office to make similar arrangements at the US Board of Parole, Washington, D. C. Bufile does not reflect any Bureau recommendation re Bailey's parole application in 1948. On 12/10/50 the Pardon Attorney was advised that Bailey alleged that former Assistant Director Nathan in the presence of former SA [redacted] stated Bailey was not "right" on the job he was being tried for but would be convicted, and that Nathan and [redacted] denied this statement had been made.

cc: 1- Mr. Nichols

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

OBSERVATION:

It is to be noted Bailey has an arrest record dating back to 3/23/20. On 8/17/32 he was incarcerated in the Kansas State Penitentiary on a bank robbery conviction, for which he was sentenced to from 10 to 50 years. Bailey escaped 5/30/33. A detainer is outstanding at the present time concerning this escape.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that the Bureau has in the past opposed the application for parole of George "Machine Gun" Kelly Barnes, his wife, Kathryn Kelly, and his mother-in-law, Ora Shannon, for their participation in the kidnaping of the victim, it is recommended that the Bureau also oppose any application for parole on the part of Bailey. If you agree, an appropriate communication to the Chairman of the Board of Parole is attached.

MACHINE GUN BARNES

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Mr. Scovel Richardson, Chairman
United States Board of Parole

December 23, 1955

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Director, FBI

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WITH ALIASES, ET AL.;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

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It has been brought to my attention that Harvey Bailey, presently incarcerated at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, has hired an attorney in order that steps might be taken in connection with the filing of a parole application.

Bailey is serving a life sentence in connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel. On July 22, 1933, Urschel was kidnaped at Oklahoma City by George "Machine Gun" Kelly Barnes and Albert Bates. A \$200,000 ransom was paid for his release. On August 12, 1933, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon was raided, at which time Bailey was taken into custody. He had in his possession \$700 of the ransom money. Later, Urschel identified the residence as the place where he had been held captive. Urschel had been held chained to a chair under armed guard for several days at the residence of the Shannons located near Paris, Texas.

On September 30, 1933, Bailey was found guilty in connection with the kidnaping of Urschel and on October 7, 1933, he was sentenced to serve life imprisonment.

It is felt that the offense for which Bailey was found guilty was one of the most heinous against society and that any effort on his part to obtain parole should be opposed.

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See memo Price to Rosen, dated 12/22/55, same caption.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Mr. Tolson
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Transmit the following Teletype message *per* AIRTEL

FBI KANSAS CITY (7-8) 12-17-55

DIRECTOR (7-115)

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

Re Kansas City let to Bureau dated November 28, 1955

The December 17, 1955 issue of the Kansas City Star, Kansas City newspaper, contains front page article stating that attorney JOSEPH N. MINIACE, Kansas City lawyer, had visited HARVEY BAILEY at USP-Leavenworth on 12-16-55 and had taken steps in a parole application. Article states BAILEY is writing to URSCHEL asking him to intercede in BAILEY's effort for freedom; is writing to Judge EDGAR S. VAUGHT, Oklahoma City, who sentenced BAILEY; to Rev. JOSEPH H. CLARK, Los Angeles, who visited BAILEY in Alcatraz; and to a step son of URSCHEL. A check was made of BAILEY's prison file on 12-16-55, and it does not show he had made application for parole.

Bureau will be advised of further developments.

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Mr. Rosen

CC: MR. ROSEN
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Approved: *PWT*
Special Agent in Charge

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 1-26-56

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (7-8)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, was., et al
CHARLES F. MURSCHEL - Victim
KIDNAPING

OO-Oklahoma City

Re Kansas City letter to Bureau dated 12-21-55.

On 1-23-56, the prison file of inmate HARVEY J. BAILEY, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, was examined. It contains a copy of a letter dated 1-6-56 from the Warden of this Prison to Mr. JAMES V. BENNETT, Director, Bureau of Prisons, regarding BAILEY.

It states that the Warden had talked with Mr. HUNTER (Chairman of Kansas Penal Board) about the possibility of BAILEY's release from the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, for the purpose of being returned to Kansas State Prison, Lansing, Kansas to satisfy a sentence of 10-30 years for bank robbery which he was serving at the time of his escape on 5-30-33.

The letter states that Mr. HUNTER suggested that Mr. BENNETT write a letter to him indicating willingness to release BAILEY to Kansas State Prison's detainer, and that Mr. HUNTER feels there is no reason why BAILEY cannot be returned to the state prison for satisfaction of the sentence in question.

The letter continues that the Warden discussed the matter with BAILEY and he realized he must do a portion of the State sentence before he could expect a release from there.

The Bureau will be kept advised of developments.

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EX-121 7-115-2310

Mrs. Kathryn Kelly
Federal Reformatory for Women
Alderson, West Virginia

Dear Madam:

Your letter dated February 12, 1956, was forwarded to the FBI by the Bureau of Prisons and received on March 13, 1956. While I have made a copy of your letter available to the United States Board of Parole, I am sure you can appreciate the factors which prevent my commenting in regard to your request for assistance.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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See Jones to Nichols memo dated March 15, 1956, and captioned "Kathryn Thorne Kelly, aka Mrs. George Kelly Barnes."

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From Isaiah Kelly
Albion, La.

Feb. 12/56
(Date)

To Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
(Name)
Dear Mr. Hoover:

Wash. D.C.
(Address)

May I remind you that my mother, Mrs. Ada L. Skannon and myself are desperately in need of our Country's assistance. We have been in prison since 1933 & have pleaded in vain for parole. Thus far, our prison records are extra-ordinary - we have been outstanding model inmates for 23-12 months & I strongly feel that the U.S. Parole Board is hampered by the Justice Department in rendering a just decision in our cases - as something is hampering their just, honest desire to send us home. You could ascertain this. You know the 2 men who committed the crime are dead. As Mr. Kenan said before he died "the two women should be released and were sentenced too heavily" - it seems to me as fine a man as you are, it would be within your power to at least recommend to the Justice Dept - as the Parole Board our release. Everyone in Texas and Okla. desire us at home. We will be an asset to society - we are completely rehabilitated. I am 52 now and an adult, with 2 lovely grand children and I could keep putting them through college and live a life they could take pride in. My mother is in a bad shape and cannot live much longer.

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Wm. Board of Parole 3-16-56 1 John & Nicholas memo 3-15-56

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parole risks. There is not a personell member
here who doesn't desire our release, but we
merit & deserve it and who are not puzzled
we are still here. The sentencing Judge Edgar Vaughn
has urged 2 rec. parole & hundreds of rec. have
gone in. our family have tried in vain to talk with
you. unable to ask his help. Surely he must feel we
hold no enmity - we have been too severely punished
and as Luther brings real Christian help.
Will you talk with the atty. General and also
the parole Board in our behalf?
23 years in prison most certainly pays for any
mistake in life, I know you will feel, as
everyone else does and we deserve
our country to give us one chance.
I beg you, as a Government official I have
the utmost respect for to save my mother's
last breath by sending her home to die
honorably with loved ones, and may
God bless you

Sincerely

Harry Selby

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TRUE COPY

From Kathryn Kelly

Feb. 12/56

(Date)

Alderson W. Va.

To Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Wash. D.C.

(Address)

Dear Mr. Hoover:

May I remind you that my mother, Mrs. Ora L. Shannon and myself are desperately in need of our Country's assistance. We have been in prison since 1933 and have pleaded in vain for parole thus far. Our prison records are extra-ordinary - we have been outstanding model inmates for 23 - 12 month yrs. I strongly feel that the U.S. Parole Board is hampered by the Justice Department in rendering a just decision in our cases - or something is hampering their just, honest desire to send us home. You could ascertain this. You know Sir the 2 men who committed the crime are dead. As Mr Keenan said before he died "The two women should be released and were sentenced too heavily"- it seems to me as fine a man as you are, it would be within your power to at least recommend to the Justice Dept - or the Parole Board our release. Everyone in Texas and Okla. desire us at home. We will be an asset to society - we are completely rehabilitated. I am 52 now and an adult, with 2 lovely grand children and I could help put them through college and live a life they could take pride in. My mother is in a bad shape and cannot live much longer. We would be on a secluded farm and certainly not parole risks. There is not a personell member here who doesn't desire our release, feel we merit & deserve it and who are not puzzled we are still here. The Sentencing Judge Edgar S Vaught has urged & rec. parole and hundreds of rec. have gone in. Our family have tried in vain to talk with Mr. Urschel to ask his help. Surely he must feel we hold no enmity - we have been too severely punished and as human beings need Christian help. Will you talk with the atty. General and also the parole Board in our behalf?

23 years in prison most certainly pays for any mistake in life, I know you will feel, as everyone else does and we deserve our country to give us one chance. I beg you, as a Government official I have the utmost respect for to save my mothers last breath by sending her home to die honorably with loved one's, and may God bless you

Sincerely

/s/

Kathryn Kelly

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

Mr. Nichols

DATE: March 15, 1956

FROM :

M. A. Jones

SUBJECT:

KATHRYN THORNE KELLY, AKA
MRS. GEORGE KELLY BARNES

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Bureau has received a letter from captioned individual who is presently serving a life sentence at the Federal penal institute at Alderson, West Virginia, for her part in the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel on the night of July 22, 1933. She was apprehended by Bureau Agents along with her notorious husband, George "Machine Gun" Kelly, on December 30, 1933, at Memphis, Tennessee. Sentenced with her and also to a life sentence was her mother, Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, for participation in the same crime. In her present letter, Kathryn Kelly requests that the Director use his influence to achieve a parole for her and her mother. She mentions that there is a great deal of sentiment for their parole but "that the U. S. Board of Parole is hampered by the Justice Department in rendering a just decision." She requests that the Director ascertain what is behind this interference.

It will be recalled that in connection with the application of Kathryn Kelly for parole in 1948 Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who is a relative of the Urschels and acted as an intermediary in the kidnaping case was vitally interested in opposing such action to the extent that he visited the parole board in Washington and expressed his views on the matter.

In July, 1952, Dr. George C. Killinger, Chairman of the U. S. Board of Parole, contacted the Bureau by telephone and advised that Mrs. Ora Shannon was being tentatively considered for parole in view of her advanced age and the fact that she had spent nineteen years in prison. He wanted to know as a matter of courtesy whether the Director had any information concerning Mrs. Shannon or the Urschel case which he desired to furnish. The Bureau opposed 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.

The Bureau sent a memorandum to the Attorney General on November 1, 1949, in which it was pointed out that the offense for which the subjects in this case had been found guilty was one of the most heinous against society and consequently any effort to obtain a parole of any of the subjects should be vigorously opposed. The Bureau has not taken any direct action with the U. S. Board of Parole with regard to these matters.

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(1) It is recommended that attached letter be sent Mrs. Kathryn Kelly advising her that the Director can take no part in this matter.

(2) It is recommended that attached letter be forwarded to U. S. Board of Parole enclosing a copy of a letter received at Bureau from Kathryn Kelly.

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Parole Executive
Board of Parole

March 16, 1956

Director, FBI

MRS. KATHRYN KELLY
FEDERAL REFORMATORY FOR WOMEN
ALDERSON, WEST VIRGINIA

There is enclosed a copy of a letter
received at FBI Headquarters from captioned
individual which is being forwarded for your
information. The correspondent has been advised
of this referral.

Enclosure

Kelly Kathryn

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See Jones to Nichols memo dated March 15, 1956, and
captioned "Kathryn Thorne Kelly, aka Mrs. George Kelly
Barnes."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: March 28, 1956

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (7-8)

SUBJECT:

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

OO: Oklahoma City

Reference Kansas City letter to the
Bureau dated January 26, 1956.

A review of the file of HARVEY J. BAILEY,
United States Penitentiary-Leavenworth No. 63400,
made available by [REDACTED]
on March 27, 1956, reflects no additional developments
in this case since the information contained in
referenced letter. [REDACTED] advised that should
any additional developments occur in this matter
the Kansas City Office of the F.B.I. will be notified
immediately.

Concerning information contained in
referenced letter, instructions were received
from the director of the Bureau of Prisons,
Mr. JAMES B. BENNETT, regarding the transfer
of BAILEY from the United States Penitentiary,
Leavenworth, Kansas, to the Kansas State Penitentiary,
Lansing, Kansas, that the transfer order was not to
be executed until the Kansas state officials had
advised they are willing to accept BAILEY.

This matter will be followed closely
and the Bureau will be kept informed of any new
developments.

- 2 - Bureau (7-115)
- 1 - Oklahoma City (7-6)
- 1 - Kansas City (7-8)

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The Attorney General

April 9, 1956

Director, FBI

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GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WITH ALIASES, ET AL.;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Information has been received by this Bureau that the Kansas state authorities are endeavoring to have Harvey Bailey, presently serving a life sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, returned to the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, to satisfy a ten to fifty-year sentence for bank robbery. Bailey was serving this sentence at the time he escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary on May 30, 1933.

On October 7, 1933, Harvey Bailey was sentenced to serve life imprisonment in connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel on July 22, 1933. He has been incarcerated at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. A detainer was filed against Bailey by the Kansas state authorities on October 27, 1935, charging Bailey with escaping from the Kansas State Penitentiary, which escape occurred on May 30, 1933. This detainer is still outstanding.

Inasmuch as the offense for which Bailey was found guilty is one of the most heinous against society, it is felt that the efforts on the part of the Kansas state authorities to have Bailey transferred to the Kansas State Penitentiary should be opposed.

For your information, by memorandum dated December 23, 1955, Mr. Scovel Richardson, Chairman, United States Board of Parole, was advised that Harvey Bailey had hired an attorney in order that steps might be taken in connection with the filing of a parole application and that any effort on his part to obtain a parole should be opposed.

cc: 1- Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

1- Mr. James V. Bennett
Director
Bureau of Prisons

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *RJ*

DATE: 4/6/56

FROM : F. L. Price *FLP*SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WITH ALIASES, ET AL;
CHARLES F. URSCHER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

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Kansas City letter 3/28/56, received Investigative Division 4/3/56, states instructions have been received at the U. S. Penitentiary (USP), Leavenworth, from James V. Bennett, Bureau of Prisons, that the transfer order re Harvey Bailey is not to be executed until Kansas state officials had advised they were willing to accept Bailey. This is in connection with efforts on the part of the Kansas state authorities to have Bailey returned to the Kansas State Penitentiary to satisfy a 10 - 50 year sentence for bank robbery. Bailey was serving this sentence at the time he escaped from state penitentiary 5/30/33. This memorandum recommends that the FBI oppose any transfer of Bailey to the state penitentiary.

Bailey on 10/7/33 was sentenced to life imprisonment for his part in the kidnaping of victim Urschel on 7/22/33. A detainer was filed against Bailey by the Kansas state authorities on 10/27/35 charging him with escaping from the Kansas State Penitentiary on 5/30/33. This detainer is still outstanding.

In the event Bailey is released to the state this detainer will be dismissed. The customary procedure is that the warden of the USP, Leavenworth will file a Federal detainer as Bailey is in his custody serving the life sentence. After satisfying the state parole requirements Bailey can apply for a state parole or he could apply for a state pardon. If granted he will be released. The U. S. Marshal will take him into custody to serve his Federal sentence. He can then ask for a Federal parole with no state detainer outstanding. He could not be paroled with a state detainer outstanding.

Kansas City on 12/17/55 advised Bailey hired a lawyer to take steps to obtain a parole from his Federal life sentence. By memorandum 12/23/55 the U. S. Board of Parole was advised the FBI was opposing any attempt to obtain a parole for Bailey. Bailey became eligible for parole 10/6/48 and on 11/15/48 his application for parole was denied. Kansas City has made arrangements at the USP, Leavenworth, and the Washington Field Office has made arrangements at the U. S. Board of Parole to be advised of any action on the part of Bailey to obtain a parole.

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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached memorandum be directed to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General and to the Bureau of Prisons advising that information has been received that the Kansas state authorities are endeavoring to have Bailey returned to the state penitentiary to satisfy a state sentence and that the FBI is opposing such a transfer.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 5/4/56

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (7-8)

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

OO - OKLAHOMA CITY

Re KC letter to Bureau, 3/28/56.

A review of the records of the USP, Leavenworth, Ks., on 5/1/56 made available by [REDACTED] reflect no change in the status of BAILEY at this institution. There is a notation in the file that the KC Office of the FBI is to be notified of any change in the status relative to release and/or transfer.

In view of the above, and as there are no leads presently outstanding in the KC Division, the KC Division will place this matter in a pending inactive status, UACB, until 11/1/56.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115).

DATE: 7/25/56

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (7-8)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, was., et al
CHARLES F. URSCHER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

OO - Oklahoma City

Re KC let to Bureau, 5/4/56.

A review of the records of the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Ks., on 7/20/56, reflect that there has been no change in the status of HARVEY J. BAILEY, USPL # 63400, since a previous review of the record as reflected in relet. KANE

The record reflects that JOSEPH N. MINIACE, 715 Lathrop Bldg., Kansas City, Mo., is still attorney for BAILEY and on 5/31/56 and also on 6/29/56, MINIACE interviewed BAILEY. KANE

This matter will be followed closely and any change in the status of BAILEY will be promptly reported to the Bureau.

2-Bureau (7-115)
1-Oklahoma City (7-6)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 10/5/56

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (7-8)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, was., et al
CHARLES F. MORSCHER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

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Re KC let to Bureau, 7/25/56.

On 10/3/56, the files of the USP, Leavenworth, Ks., were reviewed concerning HARVEY J. BAILEY, and it was determined that on 9/24/56, an annual review had been prepared concerning BAILEY. It is to be noted that the previous annual review had been prepared on 1/19/56, on request of the Parole Board and that the one prepared on 9/24/56 was routine.

[REDACTED] Parole Officer, advised on 10/4/56, that the annual review prepared on 9/24/56, had been done in accordance with regulation and routine set up at the institution and that no particular significance was attached to the preparation of this annual review.

There is being forwarded as an enclosure to the Bureau a copy of the afore-mentioned annual review dated 9/24/56.

The KC Office will continue to follow this matter closely and keep the Bureau advised of any changes in the status of BARNES at this institution.

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Lansing 15, Michigan

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of October 10, 1956, has been received during Mr. Hoover's absence from the city and I wanted to let you know that he will certainly appreciate your writing.

I regret that we cannot refer you to any publications containing the specific information which you desire. However, it is possible that certain public libraries may have available some material pertaining to the items in which you are interested.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

NOTE: Bufiles reflect no record on correspondent who apparently seeks this information merely out of personal curiosity.

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October 10, 1956

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

Dear Sir:

I have recently finished reading "10,000 Public Enemies" and "Here's to Crime" written by Courtney Riley Cooper, both of which were most interesting. Since then, I have given the subject matter of both books much thought.

I am interested in finding out what happened to Albert Bates. Did they ever locate his share of the Urschel kidnapping ransom money and, also, is he alive at the present time? Is Katherine Thorne Kelly now in prison and is Machine-gun Kelly still in Alcatraz along with Harvey Bailey?

I happened at one time to be working as secretary to an attorney (now deceased) in Paw Paw, Michigan, who defended Albert Bates on a drunk-driving charge. While serving time for this offense, I was assigned the duty each day after 5:00 p.m. to take the Chicago Evening American to him at the county jail. I was told not to talk to him but to let him read his paper and to notice him as he was "somebody quite unusual." He broke out of that jail by digging around a cement block, pushing the cement block out, and escaping through the hole on Thanksgiving Day, leaving the sheriff a note on a scrap of paper in which he wished him a Merry Christmas. There was considerable doubt for a period of time as to whether he could have performed such a miracle by himself.

Both of the books mentioned above did not have too much to say about him but did cover other personalities quite thoroughly. I would appreciate any information you are able to give me concerning him at this late stage or, perhaps, you could refer me to publications wherein I might find the information.

I shudder every time I consider the possibility that so long as he seemed so desperate to escape he could very easily have used me as a hostage to make his getaway inasmuch as I happened to be alone with him in a small office just back of the turnkey's desk on a number of occasions while he was permitted to read his paper unmolested. The attorney, as I recall, for defending him, was signed over the maroon Dodge coupe which Bates was driving at the time he was arrested in South Haven, Michigan, after knocking down a couple of street lamps.

Very truly yours

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: November 8, 1956

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT: HARVEY J. BAILEY
MISCELLANEOUS -
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Boardman ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Parsons ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tamm ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Mr. Holloman ✓
Miss Gandy ✓

[REDACTED] U. S. Board of Parole, telephoned on the late afternoon of November 7, 1956, and advised that the Parole Board had reviewed the case of HARVEY J. BAILEY and decided to make no change in the status of BAILEY, that is, that he would not be granted any parole at this time.

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DALLAS

**UNSUBS; \$25,000.00 Counterfeit
\$100.00 Bills found OSCAR WOMACK
Farm, Boonsville, Wise County, Texas
11/9/56
INFORMATION CONCERNING**

On 11/9/56, FRED MEASURES, Vice President, First National Bank, Weatherford, Texas, telephonically contacted Fort Worth, Texas, RA and advised the mother of OSCAR WOMACK had just come into this bank with "2 baskets of \$100 bills" totaling more than \$25,000 and possibly as high as \$50,000. MEASURES advised money appeared to be weatherbeaten and some appeared to have been burned and he definitely stated in his opinion the bills were counterfeit. He advised the money was located strewn along the ditch on the WOMACK farm. Because money was reportedly counterfeit, MEASURES was referred to U. S. Secret Service, Dallas, Texas.

Finding of this money has been given wide publicity on news wires and TV and most publicity centered around MEASURES. This morning's AP News story quoted MEASURES as stating "some of the money or all of it may be good money". AP story, while considering possible source of money, speculated money might be part of unrecovered loot in case "GEORGE KELLY, Wa., ETAL; CHARLES F. URSCHELL, VIKID", Bufile 7-115. This speculation based on fact URSCHELL, before payoff, was held on a farm in Wise County, Texas, where above counterfeit money recovered. No mention has been made in news releases that money was counterfeit. Dallas file in latter case reflects ransom money was made up of \$20 bills.

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- 1 - Oklahoma City (7-6) (Info.)
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FORREST V. SORRELLS, SAC, U. S. Secret Service, Dallas, has been contacted and advised that this date an agent from his office examined the \$100 bills and advised him that all the bills are counterfeit.

SORRELLS advised that on about 8/3/56, a young Fort Worth attorney, ROBERT KELLER, was killed in a plane crash in South Texas and found on his body were nine counterfeit \$100 bills. Investigation by Secret Service reflected KELLER was possibly associating with underworld element in Fort Worth and money in his possession might have come from Fort Worth police characters.

SORRELLS advised that according to his agent, money found on WOMACK farm appears identical with the \$100 bills found in possession of KELLER. No investigation pertaining to this money being conducted by this office.

Info copy designated for OC as OO in URSCHELL case and because of wide-spread publicity.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 11/13/56

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (7-8)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, was, et al
CHARLES F. MURSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Origin - Oklahoma City

Re KC let to Bureau, 10/5/56.

On 11/6/56, [REDACTED]
U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, made available
the file on HARVEY J. BAILEY, an inmate at the U. S.
Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

A review of this file reflects no additional
action in the case of BAILEY by either the penitentiary
or the U. S. Board of Parole though the file did contain
a letter dated 9/26/56 to the penitentiary from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] U. S. Board of Parole, which
requested that a progress report as of 12/1/56 be forwarded
to the Board of Parole for the information of the Board in
a review of BAILEY's application for parole.

The file contains a letter from the penitentiary
to the Board of Parole in answer to the above mentioned letter
which makes reference to the annual review prepared by the
penitentiary 9/24/56, and this letter from the penitentiary,
dated 10/3/56, states that it was believed at the 9/24/56
annual review contained information desired by the Board of
Parole and no additional review will be prepared unless advised
to the contrary.

Kansas City Office will continue to follow this
matter closely and promptly advise the Bureau of any changes
in the status of BAILEY.

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KIDNAPING

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

During the past several months an intensive investigation has been pursued by Special Agents of the Portland, Oregon Office of the Division of Investigation for the purpose of locating certain individuals believed to be in possession of a portion of the money paid as ransom in the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, who was abducted from his Oklahoma City home on July 22, 1933.

This investigation by the Portland Division Office has resulted, over fifteen months after the kidnaping, in the apprehension of Alvin M. Scott, Clara Feldmann, the wife of Albert L. Bates and sister-in-law of Alvin H. Scott, her son Edward George Feldmann, and Margaret Martienne, and the recovery of \$46,000 in currency actually paid as ransom in this case. In addition, miscellaneous cash totalling \$2,374 was located. This money was found on the persons of various of these suspects, and buried in seven separate lots in four different localities in the vicinity of Medford, Oregon, Roseburg, Oregon, Woodland, Washington, and Dunsmuir, California.

Prosecutive action against the above named individuals has been undertaken in the United States District Court at Oklahoma City.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: November 28, 1956

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: Charles F. Urschel

There are attached excerpts concerning the above-captioned case taken from "The FBI Story, A Report to the People," by Don Whitehead published by Random House, 1956. These excerpts are from page(s) 98-101, 334 of the book.

The full text of the book may be found in the FBI Library.

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Shortly after midnight, Washington time, July 23, 1933, a light flashed on the FBI's switchboard, signaling a call on the special kidnap line. The operator switched the call to the home of Director Hoover. The ringing of the telephone awakened Hoover. He picked up the receiver and Mrs. Charles F. Urschel of Oklahoma City spilled out to him the story that her husband and a friend, Walter R. Jarrett, had been kidnaped only a few minutes earlier.

She told Hoover that she and her husband were playing bridge with Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett on the Urschels' screened porch when two men, armed with a machine gun and a pistol, opened the screen door and stepped onto the porch.

"Which one of you is Mr. Urschel?" one of the gunmen asked.

When neither Urschel nor Jarrett replied, the kidnaper said, "Well, we'll take both of them." The gunmen warned the two women not to use the telephone. But when Mrs. Urschel heard the kidnapers' car drive away, she called the FBI.

Hoover immediately telephoned the Oklahoma City FBI office and ordered agents to the Urschel home. He told his men to be sure the

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Whitehead*

Oklahoma City police were alerted. Within an hour FBI special agents were converging on Oklahoma City from other points. They were under orders to cooperate with the family, and to do nothing that would jeopardize the safe return of the oil man. It was—and still is—the policy of the FBI not to advise a family whether ransom money should or should not be paid. Those were decisions for the family to make.

Jarrett returned to the Urschel home, disheveled and shaken, about two hours after the kidnaping. He said the kidnapers drove some ten or twelve miles northeast of the city, took \$50 from him, put him out of the car and then headed south with Urschel.

Four days later, J. G. Catlett, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, a friend of the Urschels, received a package delivered by a Western Union messenger. The package contained four letters, one in Urschel's handwriting. Another was a typewritten letter addressed to E. E. Kirkpatrick of Oklahoma City, also a friend of the Urschels. This letter demanded \$200,000 for the oil man's safe return. There were instructions to place an advertisement in the *Daily Oklahoman's* classified ad columns if the kidnapers' price was going to be met.

The innocent-looking ad appeared in the newspaper:

FOR SALE—160 Acres Land, good five room house, deep well. Also Cows, Tools, Tractor, Corn and Hay. \$3750 for quick sale . . . TERMS . . . Box H-807.

Further instructions were received in a letter mailed from Joplin, Missouri, and Kirkpatrick left Oklahoma City carrying a handbag stuffed with \$200,000 in twenty-dollar bank notes. The kidnapers' orders were followed to the letter, except that the FBI had a record of the serial numbers of the ransom bills.

Kirkpatrick registered at the Muchlebach Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri, on July 30. He waited in his room for the telephone call which finally came, giving him the rest of his instructions.

Late in the afternoon Kirkpatrick took a cab to the LaSalle Hotel. He stepped out, paid the driver and walked west. He had gone only a short distance when a stranger approached him and said, "Mr. Kincaid, I'll take that bag." Kirkpatrick protested that he had to have a message to take back to Mrs. Urschel. The stranger said, "The title deeds to the farm will be delivered within twelve hours." He took the bag from Kirkpatrick's hand and walked away with the money.

Urschel arrived home the next night, unharmed but exhausted. After he had rested, he gave FBI agents the story of his kidnaping in amazing detail. After his friend Jarrett was put out of the car, he was blindfolded with cotton, gauze and adhesive tape. About day-

light, the kidnap car drove into a garage, or barn, and he was transferred to a larger car which he judged by its size to be a Buick or a Cadillac. He was placed in the back of the larger car on a pallet spread on the floor.

About three hours after changing automobiles their car stopped at a gasoline station, where a woman filled the tank without noticing anything unusual.

"How are crop conditions?" one of the kidnapers asked the woman.

"The crops around here are burned up," she said, "although we may make some broom corn."

Their next stop was another garage or barn and one of the kidnapers remarked that it was 2:30 P.M. Urschel was given a ham sandwich and a cup of coffee, and he remained in this place until nightfall. Then he was taken on foot to a house nearby where he spent the night. Next day he was taken to another house about twenty minutes' driving distance from the first one. He knew it was a farm or ranch house because he heard the familiar noises of chickens cackling, cows lowing and hogs grunting. He heard water being drawn by bucket from a well he judged to be northwest of the house. He drank from a tin cup without a handle and the water had a mineral taste. It was in this house that he wrote the letter to Catlett.

Handcuffed to a chain, Urschel managed to work his blindfold loose enough so that he could get a glimpse of his watch. He recalled that each morning about 9:45 and each evening about 5:45 he heard a plane pass over the house. But on Sunday, July 30, there was a down-pour of rain and he didn't hear the morning plane. The next day he was driven to a point near Norman, Oklahoma, and released.

FBI special agents studied Urschel's recollections and decided that their best chance to locate the kidnapers' house was tied in with the account of the rainstorm and the failure of the plane to follow its usual flight course. The woman at the filling station had talked of a dry spell, so any area drenched by a recent rainfall was important. They began a systematic check of the airlines whose planes passed within six hundred miles of Oklahoma City. This check was coupled with a study of meteorological reports of the period during which Urschel was held captive.

They hit pay dirt. They found that on Sunday, July 30, an American Airways plane on the Fort Worth-Amarillo run had been forced to swing north from its usual course to avoid a rainstorm. The U. S. Weather Bureau records at Dallas disclosed that this general area had been suffering from a drought and the corn was beginning to burn until the July 30 rains came. A little calculation showed that the American Airways morning plane leaving Fort Worth and the after-

noon plane leaving Amarillo would pass over a point near Paradise, Texas, at the approximate times recalled by Urschel.

They found the house described by Urschel. It was the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon, who were the stepfather and mother of Kathryn Kelly. And Kathryn Kelly was the wife of the notorious "Machine Gun" Kelly, who reputedly could knock walnuts off a fence with his machine gun at twenty-five yards.

Urschel identified the Shannon home as the place where he was held. There was the well and the tin cup without a handle and the chain to which he had been handcuffed. He could never forget the mineral taste of that water.

The Shannons confessed that they had helped guard Urschel. And they admitted what the FBI special agents now suspected—the kidnapers were Kelly, Mrs. Shannon's son-in-law, and Albert L. Bates.

The FBI men tracked Bates to Denver, Colorado, where he was arrested. Kelly and his wife were traced to a house in Memphis, Tennessee, where Kelly once had been a "society" bootlegger. In the early hours of September 26, 1933, FBI special agents and Memphis police raided the Kelly hideaway. Caught without a machine gun in his hands, Kelly cringed before the officers and pleaded, "Don't shoot, G-Men! Don't shoot, G-Men!"

Kelly's nickname for the FBI's agents stuck with them for years. In newspapers, magazines and movies and over the radio they became "G-Men" in a wave of publicity that was to prove helpful—and embarrassing.

The interstate character of the gangster operations was underlined clearly in the Urschel case. The oil man was kidnaped in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was held captive near Paradise, Texas. The ransom demand was mailed from Joplin, Missouri. The money was paid in Kansas City, Missouri. The "hot" money was circulated in St. Paul, Minnesota, and some of it was found in Oregon. Part of the money was dug up in a cotton patch in Texas. One of the kidnapers was caught in Denver, Colorado, and the other in Memphis, Tennessee.^a

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^a In the Urschel kidnaping case the FBI applied a clean-sweep policy against kidnapers, harborers, crooked lawyers and money changers involved in this case. Twenty-one persons were convicted. Of these, the following received life sentences: Robert G. Shannon; his wife, Ora Lillian Shannon; his daughter, Kathryn Thorne Kelly; George "Machine Gun" Kelly; Albert L. Bates; and Harvey J. Bailey. The remaining persons convicted received sentences ranging from fourteen months to ten years in prison. George Kelly and Bates are now dead. Robert G. Shannon's sentence was commuted to thirty years.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 1/2/57

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (7-8)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, Was., ET AL;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING
OO - Oklahoma City

Re Kansas City letter to Bu, 11/13/56

On 12/11/56, [REDACTED] U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Ks., made available the file of HARVEY J. BAILEY, an inmate at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Ks. A review of the file reflected that there was no additional information concerning BAILEY in the file.

The Kansas City Office will continue to follow this matter closely and will advise the Bureau promptly in any change in the status of BAILEY.

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TO : Director, FBI (7-115)

DATE: December 1956

FROM : SAC, WFO (7-19)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, was., et al;
CHARLES F. DURSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Nichols	
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Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
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Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

George "Hunk" Kelly

While SA [redacted] of this office, was contacting [redacted] of the U. S. Board of Parole, in connection with another matter on December 27, 1956, [redacted] mentioned that the Parole Board had recently received a progress report on ORA SHANNON, who is now confined to the U. S. Women's Penitentiary at Alderson, West Virginia. It will be recalled that ORA SHANNON was sentenced to this institution for her complicity in this case.

[redacted] stated that the Supervisor of Classification and Parole at Alderson, West Virginia, [redacted] had recommended that ORA SHANNON be favorably considered for parole because of her advanced age, the fact that she is suffering from a heart condition, was rapidly declining in health and her general all-around good conduct. [redacted] stated that the Parole Board has not formally considered the case of ORA SHANNON and certainly would not consider it favorably if the Bureau, for any reason, felt that parole should not be granted. [redacted] referred to a Bureau letter directed to the Parole Board sometime ago on ORA SHANNON, in which it opposed parole for this individual, and [redacted] desired to know whether the Bureau's feelings on SHANNON were still the same.

It is suggested the Bureau may wish to communicate directly with the Parole Board or advise WFO so that [redacted] can be furnished the information requested.

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SAC, Washington Field

January 3, 1957

Director, FBI

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WAS., ET AL;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

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Reurlet December 31, 1956.

For your information, a memorandum was forwarded to the Chairman, Board of Parole, on July 30, 1952. The memorandum dealt with the activities of Ora L. Shannon and outlined her participation in captioned case. The Bureau advised the Board of Parole that it did not believe that Mrs. Shannon should be favorably considered for parole. Two copies of the memorandum are attached hereto.

You should have an Agent of your office recontact [redacted] of the U. S. Board of Parole, and advise him that there has been no change in the Bureau's position regarding the granting of parole to Ora L. Shannon.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 1/22/57

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (7-8)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, Was., ET AL;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

00 - Oklahoma City

Re Kansas City letter to Bureau, 1/2/57

On 1/15/57, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Ks., made available the file of HARVEY J. BAILEY, an inmate at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Ks. A review of the file reflected there was no change in BAILEY's status at the institution.

Kansas City Office will continue to follow this matter closely and will advise the Bureau promptly in any change in the status of BAILEY. *mc*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 2/11/57

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (7-8)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, Was., ET AL;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

00 - Oklahoma City

Re Kansas City letter to Bureau dated 1/22/57.

On January 7, 1957, [REDACTED] U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, made available the file of HARVEY J. BAILEY, an inmate at the U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. A review of the file reflected there was no change in BAILEY'S status at the institution.

Kansas City Office will continue to follow this matter closely, and will advise the Bureau promptly of any change in the status of BAILEY.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: March 18, 1957

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (7-8)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, was. Et Al;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

OO: Oklahoma City

Reference Kansas City letter to the Bureau dated February 11, 1957.

On March 14, 1957, [REDACTED] United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, made available the file concerning HARVEY J. BAILEY, an inmate at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

A review of the file reflects there is no change in the status of BAILEY at that institution.

The Kansas City Office will continue to follow this matter closely and will promptly advise the Bureau of any change in the status of BAILEY.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: April 8, 1957

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (7-8)

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

Origin: Oklahoma City

Re Kansas City letter to Bureau 3-18-57.

On April 5, 1957, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, made
available the file concerning HARVEY J. BAILEY, an
inmate at the institution.

A review of the file reflects there is no
change in the status of BAILEY at the institution.

The Kansas City Office will continue to
follow this matter closely, and will promptly advise
the Bureau of any change in the status of BAILEY.

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Mr. Nichols

April 2, 1957

M. A. Jones

"THE FBI STORY" BY DON WHITEHEAD,
INQUIRY FROM CHARLES F. URSCHEL

SYNOPSIS

Charles F.

victim

Kidnaping

On 3/29/57, Mr. Urschel wrote the Director. He made reference to the description of the kidnaping case in which he was the victim in the Whitehead book, as well as on the "Home" television program, 3/28/57. Urschel stated that Mr. Whitehead's writing and utterances were in error. He said that he did not ascertain the time at which airplanes passed over his place of confinement in Paradise, Texas, by looking at his watch. He said the kidnapers had stripped him of his watch. He said that he would like this matter corrected and in the event his case is involved in the forthcoming movie of "The FBI Story" he would prefer that his name not be used but in the event that it was, would appreciate the matter of the airplanes being corrected. Basis for contradiction is memorandum dated 8/2/33 by former SAC Gus T. Jones paraphrasing lengthy interview with Urschel. In this statement, Jones reports that Urschel determined time of airplanes' passage by looking at his watch. Interesting case memorandum concerning this case reflects the same. Research data for "The FBI Story" concerning Urschel case drawn from Bufiles and interesting case memorandum. In support of Urschel's statement re inaccuracy, a book written 1934 by an associate of his, who was an intermediary in the ransom payment, stated that when Urschel heard a plane pass overhead, he would pause for a few minutes and then innocently ask the kidnapers the time. In this manner, he was able to state to Jones that planes passed overhead at 9:45 a. m. and 5:45 p. m. This version substantiated by 2 detective magazine stories re case written in 1934. The book, "Thrilling Triumphs of Crime Detection," published in 1937, with a foreword by the Director, supports Jones' memorandum in that it stated that Urschel managed to see his watch. All data put out by Bureau re this case originally based on Bufiles and it appears that former SAC Jones erred in his memorandum reporting his interview with Urschel. This error has been compounded through the years. The article referred to by Mr. Urschel which appeared in the recent issue of the "Saturday Evening Post" was not written by Don Whitehead but was written by Mr. Stanley Frank with the Bureau's cooperation. Mr. Frank based his remarks on the interesting case memorandum on the Urschel

Enclosure

cc - Mr. Nichols

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(See recommendations next page)

Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Tele. Rm.
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

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Jones to Nichols memorandum

SYNOPSIS (continued)

A reporter for "Newsday," Robert Greene, wrote a series of articles on kidnaping cases handled by the Bureau which appeared in his paper from January 2, 1957, through January 10, 1957. Greene personally interviewed former SAC Gus T. Jones and Mr. Urschel. In his article Greene reported that Urschel could see the face of his watch and noticed when the planes passed overhead.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is recommended that the interesting case memorandum concerning this case be amended to reflect that Urschel determined the time of passage of the airplanes in a manner other than looking at his watch. All future utterances regarding this case should be likewise amended.

2. It is recommended that the attached letter be sent Urschel.

3. It is recommended that Mr. Nichols contact Mr. Whitehead and apprise him of this development in order that any future statements by Mr. Whitehead will accurately reflect the facts.

4. It is recommended that Mr. Nichols contact Random House in order to correct this matter in future printings of this book, particularly the forthcoming Reader's Digest condensation and Book of the Month publication.

Jones to Nichols memorandum

BACKGROUND:

By letter dated March 29, 1957, Mr. Charles F. Urschel wrote the Director in connection with the description of the kidnaping case of which he was the victim in "The FBI Story" by Don Whitehead. Mr. Urschel pointed out that in the book, as well as on the "Home" television program, Mr. Whitehead described Urschel's ability to determine the passage of airplanes over his place of confinement in an erroneous fashion. In the book and on the television program, it was stated that Urschel managed to loosen his blindfold to the extent that he could look at his watch and was thus able to state that airplanes passed over the farm house where he was confined at 9:45 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

In his letter Mr. Urschel said, "My watch had been removed and I was dressed in Kelly's (George Kelly) pajamas during the time held... but the whole point of timing the airplane was that this was done while blindfolded and at very great risk of being discovered."

DATA IN BUFILES:

In an Oklahoma City report dated 8/5/33 by SA R. H. Colvin, the memorandum of interview by Gus T. Jones with Charles F. Urschel on August 2, 1933, is set forth. In the introduction to the memorandum, Jones explained that information was obtained from a conversation with Mr. Urschel of several hours duration by propounding questions to him which he paraphrased in his memorandum. On page 18 of this report which reflects a portion of the memorandum Jones reported Urschel as stating:

"He states that the first day or so he was at the shack he would hear each morning a plane passing over but could not determine the direction it was flying; that the latter several days he was at the shack there would be a plane passing regularly morning and evening and that he managed to get a look at his watch and determined that the morning plane would always pass at approximately 9:45 A.M. and the evening plane would pass at approximately 5:45 P.M., that, however, on Sunday, July 30, the day of the hard rain, the morning plane did not pass although he thinks he did hear an evening plane."

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The interesting case memorandum concerning the Urschel kidnaping is dated October 15, 1935. On page 10 of this memorandum, Urschel's recollections concerning the passage of airplanes are set forth in part as follows:

Jones to Nichols memorandum

"...that he managed to get a look at his watch and determine that the morning plane would always pass at approximately 9:45 and the evening plane would pass at approximately 5:45..."

OBSERVATIONS:

In doing research work in connection with the writing of "The FBI Story" by Don Whitehead, as well as in related efforts concerning other material dealing with kidnaping, information concerning the Urschel case was drawn from Bufiles and interesting case memorandum prepared from Bufiles. As mentioned above, Bufiles and the interesting case memorandum reflect that Urschel was able to see his watch.

SOURCES IN SUPPORT OF URSCHEL'S STATEMENT:

Mr. E. E. Kirkpatrick, an executive in the Urschel business and an intermediary in the payment of the ransom, wrote a book entitled "Crimes Paradise: The Authentic Inside Story of The Urschel Kidnapping." This book was published in 1934. On pages 92 and 93 of this book, Mr. Kirkpatrick noted concerning the passage of airplanes:

"After he noted the hum of the motor the first day, he decided that there was a marker that could be read on the run. He was too wise ever to mention the plane, but he would count mentally, the minutes after each plane passage, and then innocently inquire the time of day.

"Frequently throughout the days he would ask the same question so that his guards would not suspect anything. He tagged the plane time to the absolute minute."

Other sources in agreement with Kirkpatrick's book are "The Untold Mystery Behind the Urschel Abduction Horror" by Harrison Moreland which appeared in the April, 1934, issue of True Detective and "Swift Justice in the Urschel Case" by James L. Kilgallen which appeared in the January, 1934, issue of Real Detective.

SOURCES IN SUPPORT OF BUFILES:

A book entitled "Thrilling Triumphs of Crime Detection" by George Barton which was published in 1937 states on page 20 that Urschel "...managed to look at his watch and discovered that the plane passed about 9:45 in the morning and at about 5:45 in the evening."

Jones to Nichols memorandum

Numerous articles written shortly after Urschel was returned reflect he was able to determine that airplanes flew over at 9:45 a. m. and 5:45 p. m. each day with the exception of the morning of the rain storm. Although there is no mention in these articles of a watch, it is reasonably presumed, in the absence of the information furnished now by Urschel, that he had access to a watch or a timepiece of some type.

CONCLUSIONS:

It appears that the story concerning Urschel's timing the passage of the airplanes has been confused from the very outset. In view of the book written by Urschel's friend, Kirkpatrick, and the aforementioned articles, together with Urschel's recent letter, it appears that Gus Jones erred in his memorandum paraphrasing his original interview with Mr. Urschel on August 2, 1933. This error has been compounded through the years on the basis of Jones' memorandum on his interview with Urschel. In addition, it is pointed out that our investigative files do not reflect that Urschel was stripped of his watch by the kidnapers. The interesting case memorandum and all future utterances regarding the Urschel kidnaping case will be adjusted to delete reference to the fact that Urschel loosened his blindfold to a sufficient degree to see his watch in order to time the passage of the morning and evening airplanes.

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ADDENDUM: [REDACTED] 4/2/57

In December, 1956, the Bureau extended cooperation to Mr. Robert Greene of "Newsday" of Garden City, New York, in connection with prominent kidnaping cases handled by the FBI. Greene was furnished interesting case memoranda of various cases including the Urschel kidnaping. In addition, Greene personally interviewed Charles Urschel and former SAC Gus T. Jones. After doing so, he prepared a seven-part series which appeared in "Newsday" from January 2, 1957 through January 10, 1957. In the second series Greene's article states with regard to the actions of Urschel, "...he could look down and see the face of his watch and he noticed that a plane passed over the house at the same time each morning and evening...." It is not known whether Greene obtained the source for this statement from Urschel or the interesting case memorandum furnished to him. It is to be noted that no information was received by the Bureau after the articles appeared indicating that Urschel had any objection to the manner in which the articles were written. Of course, the possibility exists that he never saw the articles.

Mr. Urschel refers in his letter to an article in the "Saturday Evening Post" which mentioned he was blindfolded going to and from the hideout. Urschel attributed the article to Mr. Whitehead; however, Mr. Stanley Frank was the author. Mr. Frank had the cooperation of the Bureau and his statement was based upon the interesting case memorandum mentioned previously. Frank's article does not state whether or not Urschel was blindfolded while held in the hideout.

April 23, 1957

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SAC, Albuquerque

GEORGE R. KELLEY, WAS., ET AL.; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING.

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After Albuquerque has developed background information and the reliability of [redacted] and his wife [redacted] established and determined that a telephone call was placed from Portales, New Mexico, there appears no reason for not interviewing Armon Crawford Shannon. This should be done unless information developed makes it inadvisable.

For your information, Armon Crawford Shannon, according to signed statement furnished by him on 8/12/33, in this case, related he married on 9/9/29, Oleta. [redacted]

[redacted] This information set forth in report of SA [redacted] 8/18/33.

Bureau indices contain no information in this case identifiable with [redacted] or [redacted] Armon is son of Boss Shannon. Ora Shannon, now at Alderson, West Virginia, is his stepmother. Armon and Boss Shannon acted as guards over Urschel while he was being held captive during ransom negotiations. They did not receive any ransom money. Ransom paid in July, 1933, was \$200,000, all \$20 bills. \$45,205 not accounted for. George Kelley Barnes claimed he and Bates split \$100,000 each.

The above is for your assistance in conducting inquiry. Keep Bureau advised of developments by airtel, and pertinent developments by teletype.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

APR 20 1957

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DEFERRED 4-20-57 3-50 PM

TO SACS, ALBUQUERQUE, DALLAS, AND OKLAHOMA CITY
FROM DIRECTOR 1 P

GEORGE R. KELLEY, WAS. MACHINE GUN KELLEY, ET AL.,
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DATE, CC OC AND DALLAS. AQ SHOULD CHECK BACKGROUND
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[REDACTED] TO DETERMINE RELIABILITY. AQ ALSO
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From Albuquerque
URGENT 4-20-57 4-04 AM MST LLP
TO BUREAU AND SACS DALLAS AND OKLAHOMA CITY 2 P
GEORGE R. KELLEY, WAS MACHINE GUN KELLEY ET AL. CHARLES F. URSHEL
DASH VICTM KIDNAPPING. AT TWELVE FIVE AM THIS DATE SO [REDACTED]
TELEPHONED RA HOBBS, NM AND ADVISED HAD RECIEVED INFO THAT A. C. SHANNON
WHO WAS INVOLVED INSTANT CASE HAD CALLED [REDACTED]
FROM PORTALES, NM AND IN PHONE CONVERSATION TOLD HER HE HAD TEN THOU-
SAND DOLLARS OF RANSOM MONEY THIS CASE. RA HOBBS PROCEEDED [REDACTED]
AND DETERMINED SO INFORMANT WAS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED AND ADVISED
ABOUT ELEVEN PM, APR. NINETEEN, ARMON SHANNON CALLED BY PHONE AND
ASKED FOR [REDACTED] WHO LIVES WITH [REDACTED] NOT HOME AND
SHANNON TALKED TO [REDACTED] PRESENT
DURING CONVERSATION AND [REDACTED] TOLD HIM THAT ARMON SHANNON WOULD NOT SAY
WHERE HE WAS ALTHOUGH OPERATOR STATED CALL WAS FROM PORTALES, THAT
ARMON WAS DRUNK AND THAT IN CONVERSATION SAID HE WAS GOING TO BUILD

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A HOME WITH TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS. [REDACTED] ASKED ARMON WHERE HE GOT MONEY AND HE TOLD HER HAD BEEN SAVING IT FOR SOME TIME. DID NOT SAY WHETHER MONEY IN CASH OR SECURITIES OR WHERE LOCATED. ARMON DID NOT MENTION RANSOM MONEY THIS CASE. [REDACTED] WITHOUT [REDACTED] KNOWLEDGE REPORTED ABOVE TO SO AND STATES IT WAS SPECULATION ON HIS PART THAT IF SHANNON HAD TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IT MIGHT BE PART OF RANSOM MONEY. STATES SHANNON LIVES IN FORT WORTH, TEX. ADDRESS UNKNOWN TO HIM OR [REDACTED] BUT PROBABLY TO FORT WORTH POLICE AUTHORITIES. AQ HAS NO FILE ON THIS CASE BUT PERSONAL RECOLLECTION THAT SOME OF RANSOM MONEY NEVER RECOVERED. IN VIEW OF FACT SHANNON HAS PROBABLY BEEN INTERVIEWED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS IN PAST RE DISPOSITION RANSOM MONEY, BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE DL AND AQ IF INVESTIGATION DESIRED TO LOCATE SHANNON FOR INTERVIEW RE ABOVE PHONE CONVERSATION. [REDACTED] HAS NO OBJECTION TO SUCH INTERVIEW OR USE OF HIS NAME BUT DOES NOT WANT [REDACTED] MENTIONED AS HAVING REPORTED TO AUTHORITIES.

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URGENT 4-22-57 3-12 PM MST

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC OKLAHOMA CITY

FROM SAC, ALBUQUERQUE 1 P

GEORGE R. KELLY, WAS., ET AL, CHARLES F. URSHEL - VIKID. RE ALBUQUERQUE

TEL APR. TWENTY LAST. OKLAHOMA CITY SUTEL FOLLOWING BACKGROUND. DESCRIP

TION OF RANSOM MONEY PAID, DATE, DENOMINATIONS AND BANK OF ISSUE

WHETHER OKLAHOMA CITY STILL HAS ANY OF THE ORIGINAL RANSOM LISTS AND

IF SO FORWARD COPY SHOWING SERIAL NUMBERS AMSD. AMOUNT OF RANSOM MONEY

UNRECOVERED. RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED WITH R. G. SHANNON, WIFE

ORA SHANNON AND SON ARMON C. SHANNON RE CUTS THEY RECEIVED AND

DISPOSITION OF SAME. ANY INFO CONTAINED IN OKLAHOMA CITY FILE RE

OF ARMON CRAWFORD SHANNON, TOGETHER WITH

ANY INFO IN OKLAHOMA CITY FILE RE RESIDENCE ADDRESSES OF ARMON CRAW-

FORD SHANNON.

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Mr. Rosen

CC: MR. ROSEN
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (7-120)

GEORGE R. KELLEY, was. ET AL;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING

Remytels 4-20, 22-57, Butel 4-20-57, Buairtel 4-23-57,
and OC tel 4-23-57.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said he answered the phone when SHANNON called, and the operator informed him the call was from Portales, N.M. He stated that SHANNON would not tell [REDACTED] where he was, but stated that "he had driven out". He said SHANNON undoubtedly was only passing through Portales when he called.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He said he actually had talked to ARMON only two or three times, and that ARMON SHANNON never indicated to him that he knew where any of the ransom money might be. He said ARMON did tell him on one occasion that he and his father were supposed to receive \$10,000.00 each, but that KELLEY was arrested before he could get the money changed and return to give them their part.

He said R. G. SHANNON recently died, and left a 630 acre farm to five heirs, ARMON SHANNON included.

[REDACTED]

Inasmuch as the telephone call made by ARMON SHANNON from Portales, N.M. to [REDACTED] on the night of 4-19-57 was a paid call, some difficulty is anticipated in verifying the telephone call made. However, attempts are being made to verify. Even though the telephone call might not be verified from records, in view of the information this airtel indicating reliability of [REDACTED] further contact will be had with [REDACTED] to determine if possible ARMON SHANNON's whereabouts and lead will be set out to interview him UACB.

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