

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
PRIVACY ACTS**

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

FILE: 7-115

PART 23 OF 23



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 2/23/60

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (7-8)

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

OO: Oklahoma City

Re Kansas City letter to Director dated 1/6/60.

On February 17, 1960, [redacted]
U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas made available
to SA [redacted] the record of HARVEY BAILEY,
inmate and a review of this record reflects no change
in the status of BAILEY at this institution.

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

ALL INFO.

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Date 2/1/60

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Field Division

Oklahoma City

Title and Character of Case

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

Date Property Acquired

10/26/59

Source From Which Property Acquired

Bureau

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Vault

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

Evidence

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

Two original ransom notes addressed to E. E. KIRKPATRICK.
Being placed in 1-B for better preservation.

SA [REDACTED] b7C

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Field File # 7-6
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 Mr. Mohr _____
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 Mr. Belmont _____
 Mr. Callahan _____
 Mr. DeLoach _____
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 Mr. Rosen *W* _____
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Date: 2/29/60

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FROM: SAC, WFO (7-19)

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, aka
Charles F. Urschel - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

ReWFOlet to Director 1/29/60.

On 2/29/60, the U.S. Supreme Court denied the petition in case #321 Miscellaneous entitled, "KATHRYN THORNE KELLY and ORA L. SHANNON vs. the U.S." No written opinion was given denying the petition for writ of certiorari but just an order denying petition.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 3/30/60

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (7-8)

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, aka; ET AL;
CHARLES F. URSCHER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

OO: Oklahoma City

Re Kansas City letter to Director, 2/23/60.

On 3/29/60, [REDACTED]

Classification and Parole, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, advised that HARVEY BAILEY on this date was transferred to the Federal Correctional Institution, Seagoville, Texas, via Bureau of Prisons Bus. BAILEY is still serving a life sentence and is also wanted by the warden, State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, for escape.

[REDACTED] advised that BAILEY's transfer was directed by the recommendation of the Bureau of Prisons Institutional Classification Board and the order directing this transfer was approved by the Director of the Board of Prisons. BAILEY's prison records accompanied him to Seagoville, Texas.

For the information of the Dallas Office, the Bureau has requested that they be advised of any change in BAILEY's status. Dallas will verify transfer to Seagoville and report any change in status.

In view of the above, no further action is being taken by the Kansas City Office.

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- 1 - Oklahoma City (7-6)
- 2 - Dallas
- 1 - Kansas City

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, Kansas City (7-8)

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

Re Kansas City airtel 3/30/60.

If information is available, Kansas City should advise the Bureau of the significance of the transfer of Harvey Bailey to the Federal Correctional Institution, Seagoville, Texas, particularly as to whether this was a routine transfer or made for some special purpose or at some special request. Advise, also, if this transfer will make any change in Bailey's status.

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| Reporting Office OKLAHOMA CITY | Office of Origin OKLAHOMA CITY | Date 4/7/60 | Investigative Period 11/1/59 - 3/24/60 |
| TITLE OF CASE GEORGE KELLY BARNES, aka; et al; CHARLES F. URSHEL - VICTIM | | Report made by [REDACTED] | Typed By [REDACTED] |
| | | CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING | |

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REFERENCE

- Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/28/59 at Oklahoma City.
- Bureau letter to Oklahoma City dated 10/16/59.
- Bureau airtel to Oklahoma City dated 10/19/59.
- Phoenix letter to Oklahoma City dated 11/3/59 (interoffice).
- Bureau airtel to Oklahoma City dated 11/4/59.
- New Haven airtel to Oklahoma City dated 11/7/59 (interoffice).
- Los Angeles letter to Oklahoma City dated 11/9/59 (interoffice).
- Seattle letter to Director dated 11/10/59.
- Birmingham letter to Oklahoma City dated 11/19/59 (interoffice).
- Denver airtel to Oklahoma City dated 11/24/59 (interoffice).

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Los Angeles letter to Oklahoma City dated 11/25/59 (interoffice).
San Francisco letter to Oklahoma City dated 11/25/59 (interoffice).
Portland letter to Oklahoma City dated 12/2/59 (interoffice).
WFO Letter to Director dated 12/16/59.
Kansas City airtel to Oklahoma City dated 1/22/60 (interoffice).
Kansas City letter to Director dated 2/23/60.
San Antonio airtel to Oklahoma City dated 2/24/60 (interoffice).
WFO airtel to Director dated 2/29/60.
Cincinnati airtel to Oklahoma City dated 2/29/60 (interoffice).
San Antonio airtel to Oklahoma City dated 3/19/60 (interoffice).
Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/5/59 at Minneapolis.
Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/18/59 at San Antonio.
Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/19/59 at Albuquerque.
Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 12/16/59 at Dallas.
Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 1/19/60 at Albuquerque.

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LEADS

THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION:

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma:

Will maintain contact with the USA, Oklahoma City,
and follow and report further developments in this case.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The protracted period of this report was occasioned by difficulty encountered in locating witnesses and in confirming deaths of witnesses in the original 1933 trials. The Bureau and interested offices have been kept currently advised of developments by appropriate communications.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: 4/1/60

Office: OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Field Office File No.: OC 7-6

Bureau File No.: 7-115

Title: GEORGE KELLY BARNES; et al;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM

Character: KIDNAPING

Synopsis: All witnesses except [REDACTED] Denver, Colorado, located and interviewed or death established. Original ransom notes obtained from Bureau. No change in status of HARVEY BAILEY. BAILEY's hearing under Section 2255, Title 28, USC, pending USDC, Oklahoma City, no date set. Petition of KATHRYN KELLY and ORA SHANNON denied by U. S. Supreme Court. Author of "Daily Oklahoman" article of 9/29/33 not identified.

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DETAILS: At Leavenworth, Kansas:

On February 17, 1960, [REDACTED] U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, made available to SA [REDACTED] the record of HARVEY BAILEY and a review of this record reflected no change in the status of BAILEY at that institution.

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma:

Records of the Clerk of Court, U. S. District Court, Oklahoma City, as made available on March 24, 1960, by [REDACTED] Deputy Clerk, indicated that no date has been set for a hearing of HARVEY BAILEY's petition under Section 2255, Title 28, U. S. Code.

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On December 16, 1959, the Washington Field Office forwarded to Oklahoma City a copy of the brief in opposition to the granting of the petition of KATHRYN KELLY and ORA SHANNON for writ of certiorari as filed by the Solicitor General in the U. S. Supreme Court. It is being retained in the Oklahoma City file in this case.

Information was received from the Washington Field Office, under date of February 29, 1960, to the effect that on that date the U. S. Supreme Court denied the petition in Case Number 321 Miscellaneous entitled, "KATHRYN THORNE KELLY and ORA L. SHANNON vs. the U. S." No written opinion was given denying the petition for writ of certiorari but an order issued denying the petition.

A review of the Oklahoma City file in this case revealed that exhaustive efforts have been made to locate GERALDINE ARNOLD and to identify the author of the "Daily Oklahoman" article of September 29, 1933, and that all logical leads have been covered with negative results, also that coverage of logical leads, by the Denver Office, to locate or confirm the death of [REDACTED] resulted negatively.

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On October 19, 1959, and November 4, 1959, the Bureau advised the Oklahoma City Office that a thorough search of the Article Index of the Bureau's Crime Records Division and the Readers' Guide Index of the FBI Library revealed only two possible references by the Director to letters written by defendant in the URSCHER case, they being on Page 163 of the book "Persons in Hiding" by Mr. HOOVER and an article in the February 1937 issue of "The American" magazine entitled, "Crime's Leading Lady." A review of these articles reveals that nowhere is a statement made that KATHRYN KELLY did or did not write the URSCHER ransom letters, as alleged by Mrs. KELLY. It is recalled that the original ransom letters in the URSCHER case were typewritten and that no testimony was offered in any trial as to the author thereof.

On October 19, 1959, the Bureau forwarded, by registered mail, to the Oklahoma City Office the original ransom letters of the URSCHER case which had been forwarded to the Bureau August 5, 1937. They are being retained as exhibits in the Oklahoma City file in this case. The Bureau indicated that thermos jugs and glass fruit jars, which were used to bury ransom money, the chain with which Mr. URSCHER was shackled and KATHRYN KELLY's wig have been destroyed.

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Developments in this case to date were discussed by SA [REDACTED] with Assistant U. S. Attorney GEORGE CAMP, Oklahoma City, on March 24, 1960, at which time he indicated that, all logical leads having been covered in efforts to identify the author of the "Daily Oklahoman" article of September 29, 1933, and to locate GERALDINE ARNOLD, and [REDACTED] he felt further efforts to these ends are not justified.

Mr. CAMP has available to him a copy of the article by Mr. HOOVER in "The American" magazine for February 1937 as well as the book, "Persons in Hiding", by Mr. HOOVER.

Certified copies of death certificates have been received from various offices establishing the deaths of the following original witnesses and are being retained in the Oklahoma City file in this case:

| <u>WITNESS</u> | <u>DATE OF DEATH</u> | <u>PLACE OF DEATH</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| FRANK J. BLAKE | 6/27/48 | Waxahachie, Texas |
| JOHN G. CATLETT | 2/8/58 | Tulsa, Oklahoma |
| T. M. COLEMAN | 12/27/52 | Potawatomie County, Oklahoma |
| Mrs. T. M. COLEMAN | 7/29/51 | Shawnee, Oklahoma |
| RALPH H. COLVIN | 11/29/51 | Tulsa, Oklahoma |
| EDWARD J. DOWD | 1/26/48 | Lakewood, Ohio |
| JOHN L. DOWD | 1/28/36 | Denver, Colorado |
| CLARA FELDMAN | 5/2/52 | Tacoma, Washington |
| ROBERT W. FENDER | 12/9/56 | Dallas, Texas |
| T. M. FILSON | 1/24/58 | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma |
| WALTER R. JARRETT | 2/16/47 | Midland, Texas |
| ROBERT L. JONES | 6/28/57 | Lancaster, Texas |
| JACOB KLAR | 6/11/37 | Ft. Worth, Texas |

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| <u>WITNESS</u> | <u>DATE OF DEATH</u> | <u>PLACE OF DEATH</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| HAROLD W. LIDSTONE | 8/17/51 | Hartford, Connecticut |
| OSCAR A. LINDQUIST | 11/23/57 | Denver, Colorado |
| FRANK C. MONTGOMERY | 6/19/44 | Topeka, Kansas |
| D. C. PATTERSON | 11/24/58 | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma |
| HENRY L. RENO | 1/24/39 | Denver, Colorado |
| R. G. SHANNON | 12/25/56 | Bridgeport, Texas ✓ |
| E. B. THOMPSON | 12/31/55 | Denver, Colorado |
| J. H. WALLACE | 12/15/41 | Ryan, Oklahoma |
| ED H. WEATHERFORD | 11/11/49 | Ft. Worth, Texas |

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate December 2, 1959

EDWARD GEORGE FELDMAN, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Medford, Oregon, on interview furnished the following information:

He stated that he recalls testifying in court in a case concerning ALVIN SCOTT in which he was shown a photograph of a man that he knew as GEORGE L. DAVIS. He said that he had known this individual only under the name of DAVIS but was informed that his true name was GEORGE L. BATES. FELDMAN stated that in the late spring or early summer of 1953 he traveled from Tacoma, Washington, to Denver, Colorado, where he resided with his mother in an apartment. He stated that he could not now recall the name of the apartment and could not say if this apartment was in the Corinthian Apartments on Grand Street, Denver, Colorado. He stated that the names of Corinthian and Grand Street have no meaning for him at the present time. FELDMAN said that it was this first period when he first met DAVIS who was married to his mother. He said that after residing in Denver, Colorado, for a short time he went to Portland, Oregon, with his mother and that they both returned to Denver, Colorado, in the summer of 1933. He said they resided in another apartment and does not recall the name of the apartments or the street on which it was located. He stated that the Sterling Apartments on Pearl Street have no meaning for him at the present time. FELDMAN stated that he did not see the person known to him as DAVIS when DAVIS came to the apartment and left some traveling bags. He said he was aware that traveling bags had been left there since an individual brought two notes to his mother and this individual opened one of the traveling bags and took some money from it. He stated that this individual may have been [REDACTED]. FELDMAN stated that he could not recall sending a telegram or causing a telegram to be sent by [REDACTED]. FELDMAN said that he saw all of the money in the traveling bag and that he had taken this money and with his mother had traveled to Wyoming and other places.

FELDMAN stated that he has tried to forget this part of his life since it was very unpleasant to him and the events are not clear in his memory.

Interview with EDWARD GEORGE FELDMAN File # PD 7-7
on 11/24/59 at Medford, Oregon Date dictated 11/27/59
by Special Agent [REDACTED] All b7C

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

November 6, 1959

Date

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Denver, Colorado, advised that he is able to recall all of his prior testimony from independent recollection and stated that it is his recollection that while employed [REDACTED] of the Sterling Apartments at Denver, Colorado, [REDACTED] rented an apartment to a Mrs. G. L. DAVIS in 1933. He stated that Mrs. DAVIS had a son in his early twenties who had a black Chevrolet bearing Indiana license plates. [REDACTED] added that he subsequently determined that G. L. DAVIS was actually ALBERT BATES.

Interview with [REDACTED]

File #

DN 7-7

on 11/4/59

at Denver, Colorado

Date dictated

11/6/59

by Special Agent [REDACTED]

All b7c.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate November 9, 1959

[REDACTED]

Denver, Colorado, advised that he has an excellent memory that the evidence in this matter, to which he previously testified, is clear in his mind today. [REDACTED] advised that in the summer of 1933, he was employed as part-owner of the service station located across from the Corinthian Apartments at Denver, Colorado; and that in the course of his business at this service station, he serviced a Buick automobile which was owned by an individual who represented himself as a Mr. DAVIS. He said that he recalls that in addition to this Buick, he also saw DAVIS in possession of a Chevrolet automobile and that the Chevrolet had Indiana license plates on it. [REDACTED] stated that on one occasion, he saw DAVIS placing suitcases in his car and that DAVIS informed him at this time that he was leaving Denver. [REDACTED] advised that he subsequently determined that Mr. DAVIS was actually ALBERT BATES.

Interview with [REDACTED] File # DN 7-7
on 11/9/59 at Denver, Colorado Date dictated 11/9/59
by Special Agent [REDACTED] All b7C

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate November 16, 1959

[REDACTED] Northridge, California, advised she has home telephone number [REDACTED]. She stated she was employed by the Weicker Transfer and Storage Company, Denver, Colorado, as of July 15, 1933. She was a detail clerk for this company as of that date and recalls a business transaction with one G.L. DAVIS, who signed an order for storage of his goods with the Weicker Company in her presence.

[REDACTED] stated she identified G.L. DAVIS as being identical with ALBERT BATES and she has so testified in court.

Government Exhibit #34 was identified by [REDACTED] as the storage order signed by G.L. DAVIS in her presence on July 15, 1933.

Interview with [REDACTED] File # LA 7-19
on 11/12/59 at Northridge, California Date dictated 11/13/59
by Special Agent [REDACTED] All b7C

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate 2/29/60

[REDACTED] Wilson, Oklahoma, [REDACTED] for the Santa Fe Railroad and representative of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Wilson, Oklahoma, advised that he recalled giving testimony in the trial of ALBERT BATES, et al, in September, 1933, and in the trial of BEN LASKA, et al, in the summer of 1935 in U. S. District Court, Oklahoma City, and that he was Agent-telegrapher for the Santa Fe Railroad and representative of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Stratford, Oklahoma, during 1933. He recalled that, in these trials, he identified a number of telegrams as having been received at the Western Union Office in Stratford, addressed to T. M. COLEMAN, who lived on a rural route out of Stratford; that there was no phone at the COLEMAN place; that a young woman, whom he later understood to be KATHRYN KELLY, personally called at his office a number of times both to receive and send telegrams and that it was she who arranged with him to mail telegrams to the T. M. COLEMAN place.

[REDACTED] stated that it was his memory that a neatly dressed young man, whom he later understood to be GEORGE KELLY, sent one telegram, which he believed to be the last exhibit which he, [REDACTED] introduced at the trial of ALBERT BATES, et al. Photocopies of Government exhibits numbers 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 54, of the trial of BATES, et al, the originals of which were introduced in that trial by [REDACTED] were exhibited to him. He stated he recognized the forms on which they were printed, remarking that similar forms and binders are still in use by the Western Union Company. He recognized notations on exhibit No. 54, the only one of the above exhibits sent from Stratford, Oklahoma, including his own identifying mark. He pointed out that this exhibit was on the original sending form and that the others were on the original receiving form.

[REDACTED] also recalled that the last exhibit introduced by him in the BATES, et al, trial, was not in Oklahoma City but had been left in his files at Stratford, Oklahoma, on the day he introduced the other exhibits and that he went to the Santa Fe Railroad Office in Oklahoma City and called his relief man to mail it directly to Government officials at Okla. City. He recalled it was in court the next day and he identified it on the witness stand.

Interview with [REDACTED] File # OC 7-6
on 2/19/60 at Wilson, Oklahoma Date dictated 2/24/60
by Special Agent [REDACTED]

All b7C

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate 12/1/59

[REDACTED] Black Hotel, Oklahoma City, upon viewing photostatic copies of Government Exhibits Numbers 35, 36 and 37 of the "BATES ET AL TRIAL" stated that he recognized them as being photostats of records of the Black Hotel and that he recalled introducing them or similar records in the "URSCHEL CASE" trials of BATES ET AL and BEN LASKA ET AL. He stated that he recognized the handwriting of the room assignments and rates on Exhibits Numbers 35 and 36 as being his own as well as his own initial on each of these exhibits.

Interview with [REDACTED] File # CC 7-6
on 12/1/59 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Date dictated 12/1/59
by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] *All b7C*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate 1/20/60

[REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised that he recalled testifying in the trial of ALBERT BATES, et al, in September, 1933 and in the trial of BEN LASKA in June, 1935, at which times he identified certain registration cards of the Huckins Hotel in Oklahoma City.

Upon being shown photo copies of Government exhibits 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, and 43 of the BATES, et al trial, [REDACTED] stated he recognized them as being in the form of Huckins Hotel registration cards of the period including 1933. He identified the photo copy of exhibit Number 39, above, as that of a Huckins Hotel registration card which he had personally handled and initialed, personally assigning a man and woman who registered as R. G. SHANNON and wife to Room Number 931 at that hotel. He recalled that this man and woman had a lot of luggage, including a golf bag with golf clubs; that this man and woman were not identical with the R. G. SHANNON and wife he saw in the courtroom at the time of their trial for the kidnapping of CHARLES F. URSHEL and that the man and woman he registered as R. G. SHANNON and wife were much younger than the R. G. and Mrs. SHANNON he saw in the courtroom.

Interview with [REDACTED] File # 7-6
 on 1/13/60 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Date dictated 1/18/60
 by Special Agent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate 3/10/60

[REDACTED] Oklahoma City, business address, Central State Bank, 304 West Park Avenue, Oklahoma City, advised that he recalled he was [REDACTED] of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Oklahoma City at the time of the trials in the URSHEL Kidnapping case; that he was called upon to testify concerning telephone calls from two phones in Oklahoma City to a number in Paradise, Texas; that the phones from which the Oklahoma City calls were made were located, one in the lobby of the Huckins Hotel and the other, a pay phone, in the Walgreen Drug Store, which was then located on the corner of Robinson and Main Street in Oklahoma City, at the present location of "Sir's" Clothing Store. It was [REDACTED] memory that it was admitted in court by the defense that the phone to which the above calls were made in Paradise, Texas, was that of R. G. SHANNON. [REDACTED] read the record of his testimony in the trial of BATES, et al, from a certified copy of the transcript of proceedings in that trial, and stated that he recalled very clearly his testimony except that the name GEORGE L. MOORE meant nothing to him.

Interview with [REDACTED] File # OC 7-6
 on 3/4/60 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Date dictated 3/6/60
 by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] 'All b7C

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate November 5, 1959

[REDACTED] Birmingham, when told of the interest of the Bureau in contacting persons who testified at previous trial, related without any prompting that he recalled selling a machine gun to Alabama Power Company and when they had finished with it the man purchasing it had asked if he could sell it for them. He said that he told him that he would contact firearms salesmen and may be able to learn of someone wanting such gun that would be entitled to buy it. He said that he did contact a man that he believed was named HARRY and who was a salesman for Colt Arms Manufacturing Company. He said HARRY told him that he had one customer that may buy the gun. He said that sometime later HARRY called him from New Orleans, Louisiana, and told him he had a sale for the gun. He told him it was a dealer in Texas and furnished him the name of the place. He said that he told HARRY that he did not know this firm and could not ship the gun direct but would ship the gun to him. He said that this was agreed upon and he shipped the gun to HARRY, he believed to New Orleans, and obtained the proper receipts and also advised the Birmingham Police Department, of his actions. He said as he recalled the serial number on the gun was 4709. He was reminded of the correct number 4907.

[REDACTED] said that he did not have any papers that would reflect this transaction and suggested the possibility that either the Railway Express or the Birmingham Police Department may have papers to substantiate his statement as to the shipping of the gun.

Interview with [REDACTED] File # 7-10
on 11/2/59 at Birmingham, Alabama Date dictated 11/5/59
by Special Agent [REDACTED] All b7c

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate 12/4/59

Mrs. WALTER R. JARRETT, 400 N.W. 33rd Street, Oklahoma City, advised that she well recalled that on July 22, 1933 she and her husband, now deceased, were at the home of Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES URSCHEL for dinner and bridge; that, while they were playing bridge, about 11:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter, two men, one carrying a machine gun and the other a hand gun, entered the sun room where they were playing; that the darker of the two men, whom she has since learned was GEORGE KELLY, carried the machine gun; that KELLY threatened to shoot them if they moved and demanded to know which was Mr. URSCHEL; that, upon receiving no answer he indicated they would take both men; that he and the second man, whom she has since learned was ALBERT BATES, then forced her husband and Mr. URSCHEL to accompany them after warning her and Mrs. URSCHEL not to use the phone.

Mrs. JARRETT has a scrap book covering the URSCHEL case and pointed out, among other things therein, the photographs of GEORGE KELLY BARNES and ALBERT L. BATES.

Interview with Mrs. WALTER R. JARRETT File # OC 7-6
on 11/24/59 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Date dictated 11/30/59
by Special Agent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] All b7C

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate January 4, 1960

[REDACTED]

First National Bank and Trust Company, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised that he well recalled the URSCHEL kidnapping and subsequent events; that he was directly involved in securing and preparing the \$200,000.00 ransom money; that he supervised the checking and recording of the serial numbers of the twenty-dollar Federal Reserve Notes which composed the ransom money, and that he turned this money over to [REDACTED]. He recalled testifying in the trial of BATES, ET AL in September, 1933, and in the trial of GEORGE and KATHRYN KELLY in October, 1933. He viewed Government Exhibit #6 of the KELLY trial and stated he recalled identifying such document, in court, as a list of serial numbers of the ransom bills. He also recalled the slips of paper on which the serial numbers of the ransom bills were individually recorded under his direction and supervision.

Interview with [REDACTED] File # OC 7-6
on 12-24-59 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Date dictated 12-24-59
by Special Agent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] *All b7C*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date 1/20/60

[REDACTED] Stilwell, Oklahoma, recalled that he was [REDACTED] of the First National Bank and Trust Company, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at the time of the kidnapping of CHARLES F. URSCHEL in July, 1933; that he both recorded and supervised the recording by other employees of the bank, of the serial numbers of \$20 Federal Reserve Notes which were being assembled as the URSCHEL ransom money totaling \$200,00.00. He said that he and employees under his supervision recorded these serial numbers, each on a separate piece of paper measuring about 1½" x 2½"; that as the serial numbers were so recorded, the money and the slips of paper were handed to [REDACTED] a bank official. He said that he further recalled introducing in evidence a number of these slips of paper and testifying to the above effect in the first "URSCHEL Case" trial. [REDACTED] expressed his complete confidence that he would be able to recognize these slips of paper on which he personally recorded ransom money serial numbers.

Interview with [REDACTED] File # 7-6
 on 1/13/60 at Stilwell, Oklahoma Date dictated 1/18/60
 by Special Agent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] All b7C

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate 1/19/60

E. E. KIRKPATRICK, residence 115 East 5th, business address 1302 Philtower Building, both Tulsa, Oklahoma, advised that he vividly recalls every detail of the URSCHEL kidnapping case, including his testimony in the trials of ALBERT BATES, et al, and of GEORGE and KATHRYN KELLY in September and October, 1933. He pointed out that he had written a book about this case. He recalled the two ransom notes addressed to him, being Government exhibits 21 and 55 in the trial of BATES, et al; and, upon their being exhibited to him positively identified them. He also recalled that on Saturday night, one week after the kidnapping of Mr. URSCHEL, he, accompanied by JOHN CATLETT, took the suitcase containing the ransom money and following instructions in the second ransom letter, traveled to Kansas City on a "Katy" train, arriving the following morning. He registered at the Muehlbach Hotel as E. E. KINCAID of Little Rock, Arkansas and during that Sunday he received a telegram from Tulsa, Oklahoma addressed to E. E. KINCAID from a "Mr. MOORE". He identified a photo copy of this telegram and a photo copy of the "Dear John" letter, Government exhibit 18 in the trial of BATES, et al. Mr. KIRKPATRICK further recalled that he received a phone call late that Sunday afternoon and that, following instructions of the caller, took a taxicab to the La Salle Hotel, where he walked in a westerly direction for less than a block when GEORGE KELLY met him and took the suitcase containing the ransom money from him.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK also recalled that he was at the Oklahoma County Jail, Oklahoma City, daily during the time KATHRYN KELLY was held there and that he "saw STANLEY ROGERS feed them" and that KATHRYN KELLY was fed well and was not on a bread-and-water diet.

Interview with E. E. KIRKPATRICK File # 7-6
 on 1/11/60 at Tulsa, Oklahoma Date dictated 1/13/60
 by Special Agent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] All b7C

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate 11/3/59

Mr. RUFUS C. COULTER, [REDACTED] Phoenix, Arizona, stated that he recalled testifying in the original trial of instant case. He stated that he was Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the St. Paul, Minnesota, Office of the FBI at the time.

He recalled that his original testimony concerned the location of about \$1,000.00 in twenty dollar bills in St. Paul through a [REDACTED] of the Hennepin State Bank. COULTER then stated that he wired the serial numbers of these bills to the Oklahoma City Office of the FBI to determine whether or not they were part of the URSCHEL kidnap ransom money. He stated that on the following day he received a telegram from the Oklahoma City Office of the FBI verifying that these bills were a part of the ransom money.

COULTER also recalled that thereafter he arrested SAM FREDERICK and CHARLES WOLK and questioned them concerning this ransom money. He also definitely recalled that no publicity was given to the arrests for two days. He also recalled testifying that PETER VALDER was arrested the day after the arrest of FREDERICK and WOLK and that VALDER was arrested by Special Agent [REDACTED] and Special Agent [REDACTED] and that no publicity was given to this arrest for at least twenty-four hours.

Mr. COULTER stated he has no personal notes concerning his participation in this case, that the facts above are as he recalls them at the present time. He feels that his memory may be considerably refreshed, as to details, should he have an opportunity to review his notes and reports in the matter.

Interview with RUFUS C. COULTER File # 7-154
on 11/2/59 at Phoenix, Arizona Date dictated 11/2/59
by Special Agent [REDACTED] [REDACTED] All b7c

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate November 6, 1959

[REDACTED] Denver, Colorado, advised that he is now retired from the Denver Police Department and is presently unemployed. [REDACTED] stated that he can recall all of his previous testimony with reference to this matter and that, further, he still retains his original notes made by him during the course of the investigation that he conducted while a member of the Denver Police Department.

[REDACTED] stated that while employed as a detective on the Denver Police Department in the summer of 1933, he checked out the license number of a Buick automobile, which was the property of Mrs. G. L. DAVIS of the Auditorium Hotel and that a subsequent check by him at this hotel disclosed that Mrs. G. L. DAVIS never stayed at this hotel. He said that he subsequently saw ALBERT BATES in this car and that upon questioning, BATES told him that his name was THOMSON and that the Buick automobile was his. He said that further questioning of BATES resulted in BATES' telling him that this car was actually his wife's automobile. [REDACTED] advised that he took BATES to the Denver Police Department Headquarters and that after a search uncovered approximately \$750.00 on BATES' person. He said that these bills were turned over to the jailor who subsequently counted the money and kept the bills in the Stolen Property Section of the Denver Police Department.

Interview with [REDACTED] File # DN 7-7on 11/5/59 at Denver, Colorado Date dictated 11/6/59

by Special Agent [REDACTED]

All b7C

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate November 6, 1959

[REDACTED] Denver Police Department, who resides at [REDACTED] Denver, Colorado, was shown Photostats of an official receipt of the Denver Police Department reflecting that \$775.00 in currency and certain denominations and numbers were received by him as custodian of stolen goods of the Denver Police Department and receipted for by F. D. STACKHOUSE, Clerk of the District Court on August 13, 1933. [REDACTED] advised at this time that he recalls this receipt as one that he personally wrote. He said that the information contained on this receipt was furnished to him by another police officer and that he and this officer compared this information with a list of numbers which he had written on the receipt and that he personally checked the serial numbers of the bills with the serial numbers recorded on the receipt. [REDACTED] advised that as custodian of stolen property for the Denver Police Department, he had seen a man by the name of G. L. DAVIS or GEORGE DAVIS but was not acquainted with him. He said that he later determined that this GEORGE DAVIS was identical to ALBERT BATES.

[REDACTED] stated that he can personally recall having previously testified to this information in court and that he is able of his own recollection to again testify to this same information.

Interview with [REDACTED] File # DN 7-7
on 11/5/59 at Denver, Colorado Date dictated 11/6/59
by Special Agent [REDACTED] All b7c

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate 11-13-59

Mr. VAL C. ZIMMER who is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] El Segundo, California, mailing address, [REDACTED] Los Angeles 45, California, advised that in 1933 he was employed as a Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and was assigned as a Resident Agent at Denver, Colorado.

Mr. ZIMMER said that he first met ALBERT BATES in about 1933 at which time BATES was in custody of the Denver, Colorado Police Department. He informed that he recalled talking to and interviewing BATES at the Denver, Colorado Police Department, and he stated that he believed this interview took place in the Office of the Captain of Detectives.

Mr. ZIMMER advised after viewing a copy of an exhibit that he had checked the actual bills which BATES had in his possession at the time he was arrested by the Denver, Colorado Police Department.

ZIMMER said that it was his recollection that these bills were made available to him by the Denver, Colorado Police Department.

He stated that he recalled making a written record of the serial numbers of the bills. He stated that he did not recall the name of the individual from the Denver, Colorado Police Department who made these bills available to him. He informed he did not recall what he did with the bills after checking them, but assumed that he returned them to the Denver, Colorado Police Department.

He informed that he had no recollection of any photostats being made of these bills. He likewise informed that the names of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were unfamiliar to him, and he also said that he had no recollection of BATES having mentioned during his interview with him as having been in any Chicago hospital or having been in Omaha, Nebraska.

Interview with VAL ZIMMER File # LA 7-19
 on 7-5-59 at El Segundo, California Date dictated 7-9-59
 by Special Agent [REDACTED] All b7C

LA 7-19

He informed he had no recollection of any statements being made by BATES either admitting or denying having been in States of Texas or Oklahoma in 1933. ZIMMER stated that it was his recollection that he did not personally take BATES into Federal custody and he advised that he was reasonably certain he had talked to BATES on more than one occasion.

ZIMMER advised that he had a vague recollection concerning a vehicle and having talked to BATES about it. He said that he could recall nothing concerning the make of such an automobile.

He stated that he had no recollection of any discussion with BATES concerning a post office box. ZIMMER said that he recalled that BATES made no admissions at any time, and he said that it was his recollection that BATES denied knowing GEORGE KELLY or being involved in the kidnaping of CHARLES F. URSCHEL.

ZIMMER said that it was his recollection that he had a list of the serial numbers of the URSCHEL kidnaping ransom money, and he recalled that some of these serial numbers were identical with the serial numbers on the bills which the Denver, Colorado Police Department had made available to him as having been taken from BATES at the time of his arrest.

Mr. ZIMMER stated that he recalled that he and former Special Agent JOHN A. DOWD, who in 1933 was in charge of the Salt Lake City Office of the Division of Investigations, United States Department of Justice, had accompanied the United States Marshal and a Deputy Marshal at the time BATES was removed from Denver, Colorado in an airplane to Oklahoma City.

ZIMMER pointed out that his recollection concerning these events which transpired many years ago was very vague.

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INTERVIEW REPORTDate November 6, 1959

[REDACTED]
Denver, Colorado, advised that he was formerly a police officer with the Denver, Colorado Police Department but that he is presently retired and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was shown a Photostat of a fingerprint card containing the fingerprints of one A. L. BATES taken in August, 1933. [REDACTED] identified this card as prints he had personally taken of BATES and stated that it is his recollection that he saw BATES sign this card as GEORGE L. DAVIS. He stated that he also recalls that on another occasion in the summer of 1933, he fingerprinted BATES and that at this time BATES signed the fingerprint card as A. L. BATES. [REDACTED] stated that since there was an apparent discrepancy, he questioned the individual who had given the names of DAVIS and BATES on separate occasions and that this person upon questioning admitted that his true name was BATES.

Interview with [REDACTED] File # DN 7-7
on 11/6/59 at Denver, Colorado Date dictated 11/6/59

by Special Agent [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate 1/20/60

[REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised that he was Chief Criminal Deputy Sheriff of the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office, Oklahoma City during the period including July and August, 1933; that he went with about twelve other officers, including agents of the U. S. Department of Justice and officers of the Ft. Worth and Dallas, Texas Police Departments, and CHARLES F. URSCHEL to the farm of R. G. SHANNON at Paradise, Texas on or about August 12, 1933. He said that he recalled participating in the arrest of HARVEY BAILEY, who was found asleep on a make-shift bed in the yard at the rear of the SHANNON home; that he took a pair of trousers from the bed, which trousers HARVEY BAILEY said were his, and removed a purse therefrom; that he was present, as was Mr. URSCHEL, when the contents of this purse were examined. He said that about \$1200.00 in cash was taken from this purse; that about \$600.00 of this money was in the form of \$20.00 bills which were checked by Mr. URSCHEL and a Department of Justice agent, either ED DOWD or [REDACTED] against a list which he understood to be of the serial numbers of the URSCHEL ransom bills and were declared by them to be identical with the ransom money.

[REDACTED] further recalled that he went with other officers to the home of ARMON SHANNON where he heard Mr. URSCHEL say he recognized a wall of a room in this house as the wall he saw when his blindfold was removed as he was permitted to shave at the end of his captivity; that ARMON SHANNON told the officers present all about his participation in the holding of Mr. URSCHEL and furnished a description of the automobile of ALBERT L. BATES. [REDACTED] was unable to recall any remarks made by ORA SHANNON to ARMON SHANNON upon his being brought to the R. G. SHANNON home.

[REDACTED] stated that he usually helped to move the prisoners from the Oklahoma County Jail to the Federal Court Building during the trials but that he did not remain in the court room during the trials.

Interview with [REDACTED] File # 7-6
on 1/13/60 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Date dictated 1/18/60
by Special Agent [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate November 25, 1959

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED]

and his present plans are to stay here until September, 1960, when he will return to his home at Mound, Minnesota.

[REDACTED] advised he was employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, during August, 1933, and is able to recall taking personally a handwritten telegram message and feels he could identify this message; however, [REDACTED] advised he could not identify the sender.

Interview with [REDACTED] File # LA 7-19
on 11/20/59 at Meta Motel, 211 East Meta,
Ventura, California Date dictated 11/20/59
by Special Agent (A) [REDACTED] *All b7c*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate November 25, 1959

[REDACTED]

the Sheppard Cadillac Dealership at Oakland, California. He advised that he recognized the Chattel Mortgage form, which is listed as Government's Exhibit Number 24, as one that was executed in 1933, while he was manager of the Cadillac Branch of General Motors at Cleveland, Ohio. He recalled the circumstances as follows:

On the day that the form was dated, June 3, 1933, a salesman, [REDACTED] introduced him to a couple who were interested in purchasing a 16 cylinder Cadillac, which was in the showroom. The couple were at the time waiting while their car was being serviced. After some dickering, he agreed to try to make arrangements for the sale, giving them \$1,935.00 on their car and with the General Motors Acceptance Corporation carrying the balance of \$2,414.00 for thirty days. The couple, who gave their names as R. G. and ORA SHANNON, told him that they were ranchers at Paradise, Texas. [REDACTED] told them that they would have to clear through General Motors Acceptance Corporation on the extension of credit. Accordingly, he contacted General Motors Acceptance Corporation, who, in turn, advised him that they had contacted the Sheriff at Paradise, Texas, who had verified that the SHANNONS were ranchers in that area. General Motors Acceptance Corporation O.K'd the sale and either on June 3 or the following day, [REDACTED] turned the Cadillac over to the SHANNONS. He advised that he observed the SHANNONS sign the Chattel Mortgage. Before the SHANNONS left they told him that they intended to drive by way of New York before returning to Texas.

About thirty days after that [REDACTED] received a letter from Mrs. SHANNON in which she enclosed a cashiers check for \$1,000.00 and requested that [REDACTED] extend the time another thirty days for payment of the balance of the amount due. She said in the letter that the delay was caused by sale of some stock. [REDACTED] wrote to Mrs. SHANNON agreeing to the thirty day extension. Shortly after that he received another letter from Mrs. SHANNON thanking him for his courtesy and asking him to try to get them a 12 cylinder Cadillac convertible coupe. In the letter she said that they would travel to Cleveland to pick up the new Cadillac.

Interview with [REDACTED] File # 7-9
 on 11/20/59 at Oakland, California Date dictated 11/20/59
 by Special Agent [REDACTED] All b7c

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Shortly after that a telegram was received at the Agency addressed to the SHANNONS. [REDACTED] held it for them since it was his understanding that they were coming to Cleveland for the new car and to pay off the balance on the 16 cylinder Cadillac. Sometime after that SHANNON arrived at the agency, [REDACTED] was unable to recall whether he was accompanied by Mrs. SHANNON at that time. He turned the telegram over to SHANNON.

At that time SHANNON paid the balance due on the 16 cylinder Cadillac in cash. He could not recall the exact amount but from the Chattel Mortgage he assumed that it was \$1,400.00 or possibly a slightly lesser figure because of an insurance rebate. SHANNON also paid \$500.00 as a deposit on the new 12 cylinder Cadillac convertible coupe which he ordered at the time. [REDACTED] could not recall the type of bills used but said that the payments were in cash. The new Cadillac had to be obtained from another division of the Cadillac Company, so there was a delay in delivery. [REDACTED] recalled that either the next day or shortly thereafter SHANNON contacted him to advise him that he would not be able to wait for delivery of the new car since it was necessary for him to drive his wife to Chicago where she could catch a plane for Texas where her mother was undergoing surgery. [REDACTED] could not recall whether SHANNON called in person to give this message or whether he contacted him by phone. [REDACTED] did not see or hear from the SHANNONS after that.

Sometime later he was contacted by an FBI Agent who exhibited a photo of GEORGE KELLY and he recognized this photo as that of the man he knew as R. G. SHANNON. Later in court at Oklahoma City he saw R. G. and ORA L. SHANNON and said that they were definitely not the people that he knew as SHANNON in Cleveland.

[REDACTED] can recall that the above incidents took place in but cannot recall specific dates other than those on the Chattel Mortgage. He could not recall the names used by the persons purchasing the Cadillac in Cleveland until he refreshed his memory from the Chattel Mortgage.

All b7c

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate, November 6, 1959

W. A. RORER [REDACTED] Albany, Georgia, advised he had met GEORGE and KATHRYN KELLY in September 1933, at Memphis, Tennessee, in connection with their arrest. The only information he received concerning HARVEY BAILEY was through conversation he had with GEORGE KELLY. Mr. RORER said as near as he can recall from memory is that GEORGE KELLY told him that when he (KELLY) was at the SHANNON place in July or August 1933, BAILEY was either there or had come there. KELLY said BAILEY told him that he had eased a bank job and wanted KELLY to work with him. KELLY said he was afraid BAILEY would learn of the kidnaping and would want part of the ransom money, so he told BAILEY the place was hot and he should leave. BAILEY told KELLY he was tired and broke. KELLY claimed he then gave BAILEY about \$800 to leave and this money was part of the ransom money of the URSCHEL kidnaping. As he could recall, BAILEY reportedly had most of the money in his possession when he was arrested by GUS JONES and other officers at the SHANNON place.

RORER said GEORGE KELLY told him that BAILEY was not in on the kidnaping that he (KELLY) and GEORGE BATES planned. KELLY said that he and BATES kidnaped URSCHEL at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and as he (RORER) recalled KELLY said they had taken URSCHEL to the SHANNON place and made arrangements for the \$200,000 ransom which they later received and split between them.

RORER said he does not recall KATHRYN KELLY telling him anything about HARVEY BAILEY. He said she told him that she had no knowledge of the kidnaping until she read the newspapers. Both GEORGE and KATHRYN KELLY had told him that they had been in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and several other towns prior to their arrest in Memphis, Tennessee.

Interview with W. A. RORER File # AT 7-22
 on 11/3/59 at Albany, Georgia Date dictated 11/3/59
 by Special Agent [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]

AT 7-22

Mr. RORER said that in view of the time lapse his memory is not clear concerning all the information he originally possessed regarding the URSCHEL kidnaping. In view of this he said he would be hesitant in answering any questions relating to this matter without first being able to refresh his memory from previous testimony on records. He said most of the information he had concerning this matter had been related to him by GEORGE and KATHRYN KELLY. He said that he makes Albany, Georgia, his home and if necessary, can always be located there.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORTDate 12/4/59

[REDACTED] Oklahoma City, business address [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, advised that he recalled fingerprinting GEORGE KELLY in late September or early October, 1933; that he recalled comparing the fingerprints of KELLY with those on two letters and that the latter were identical with KELLY's fingerprints. He was unable to identify a photostatic copy of Government Exhibit Number 7 of the "KELLY TRIAL" as being a copy of the fingerprint card on which he took KELLY's fingerprints but stated that photostatic copies of Government Exhibits Numbers 1 and 8 of the "KELLY TRIAL" appeared familiar to him. He pointed out that Exhibit Number 7, above, could be established as the fingerprints of GEORGE KELLY from FBI or other official records and that a re-examination of the fingerprints on the letters as compared to KELLY's known prints would be entirely feasible.

Interview with [REDACTED] File # OC 7-6
on 12/1/59 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Date dictated 12/1/59
by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] All b7C

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memo

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 4/12/60

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (7-7)

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

OO - Oklahoma City

Re Kansas City airtel to Bureau, 3/30/60.

On 4/4/60, [redacted] Record Section, FCI, Seago-ville, Texas, advised HARVEY BAILEY was received at Federal Correctional Institution on 3/30/60.

[redacted] stated he would advise Dallas Office when there is any change in BAILEY's status.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 4/18/60

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (7-8)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, aka, et al;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING
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Rebulet dated 3/31/60.

On April 6, 1960, SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, who advised that the transfer of HARVEY BAILEY to the Federal Correctional Institution, Seagoville, Texas, was made on a routine basis and that there was no special reason or purpose concerning this transfer.

[redacted] stated that due to the subject's age, the Bureau of Prisons Classification Board made the recommendation for this transfer, which was approved by the Director of the Bureau of Prisons as being suitable for confinement at Seagoville. In making this recommendation, the Board took into consideration BAILEY's good conduct record during the time he was incarcerated at Leavenworth.

[redacted] further advised that a detainer on BAILEY for his return to Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, is still on file and is being maintained in his record at the Seagoville institution. In view of this, [redacted] believed there would be no probable change in BAILEY's status while confined at Seagoville; however, any possible change in BAILEY's status in the future will henceforth be determined by the officials of the Federal Correctional Institution, Seagoville, Texas.

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SAC, Oklahoma City (7-6)

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Director, FBI (7-115)

**GEORGE KELLY BARNES, aka., Et al.
CHARLES F. MURSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING**

A review of the file does not reveal that any information has been submitted as to what action has been taken or is contemplated as a result of the ruling by the United States Supreme Court which denied the petition for the writ of certiprari in behalf of Kathryn Thorne Kelly and Ora L. Shannon.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Parsons *APR*

DATE: February 29, 1960

FROM : Mr. Rosen *Rg*

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

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I thought you would be interested to know that the U. S. Supreme Court today denied the petition for writ of certiorari of Mrs. Kathryn Kelly and her mother Mrs. Ora Shannon.

On 7/22/33, Urschel kidnaped at Oklahoma City. He was released after payment of \$200,000 ransom. Shannon sentenced to life on 10/7/33, and Kelly to life 10/12/33.

Shannon and Kelly filed motion to vacate sentences in U. S. District Court, Oklahoma City, on which motion hearings held 6/9 through 16/58. They alleged their attorneys could not properly represent them in 1933 because the attorneys were under investigation by the FBI. This was refuted by the U. S. Attorney who prosecuted the cases in 1933 and by two of the defense attorneys. The court ruled the testimony of the former U. S. Attorney who prosecuted the cases in 1933 was a critical point and ordered the U. S. Attorney to deliver the Government's files in open court for examination. The U. S. Attorney refused to produce the files on instructions from the Attorney General, whereupon the court sustained motions of Kelly and Shannon. The Government appealed.

The 10th Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the finding of the District Court on 7/27/59. Shannon and Kelly appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court and filed a petition for writ of certiorari which was denied today.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR FBI 7-115

DATE: 5/20/60

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FROM : SAC OKLAHOMA CITY 7-6

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

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ReBulet to Oklahoma City 5/10/60.

On 5/18/60 [redacted] to Judge W. R. WALLACE, U. S. District Court, WDO, Oklahoma City, advised that Judge WALLACE has a full schedule of work until Fall and, at present, has tentative plans to resume hearings in the case of KATHRYN KELLY and ORA SHANNON in the Fall of 1960.

On 5/18/60 H. A. LEATHERMAN, U. S. Commissioner, WDO, Oklahoma City, advised that KATHRYN KELLY and ORA SHANNON are presently free on their original bonds of \$10,000 each, and that Judge WALLACE had instructed that they remain under such bond until a final determination has been made in their case.

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Date: 6/25/60

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)
FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (7-6)
SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, Aka, ET AL;
CHARLES F. URSCHER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Reference Oklahoma City letter to Bureau, 5/20/60.

On 6/24/60 [redacted] to Judge W. R. WALLACE, U. S. District Court, Western District of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, advised SA [redacted] that Judge WALLACE's commitments were such that he could not set a continuation of the hearing under Section 2255, Title 28, USCA, in the case of KATHRYN KELLY and ORA SHANNON, nor could he entertain the motion of HARVEY BAILEY for a hearing under this section before the Fall of 1960.

[redacted] advised that within the last month KELLY and SHANNON had made application for parole to the U. S. Board of Parole, Washington, D. C. He pointed out that the fact that KELLY and SHANNON had been free on bond for about two years and had been working and apparently staying out of trouble would probably tend to cause the Board of Parole to give favorable consideration to their applications. He indicated that it was Judge WALLACE's attitude that such a consummation might be the best solution for all concerned and he was inclined to await the outcome of the Board's action on these applications before setting a date for further hearings.

On 6/25/60 the Oklahoma Highway Patrol confirmed news reports that Judge W. R. WALLACE, USDC, Oklahoma City, was fatally injured in an automobile accident on the evening of 6/24/60. As a result of Judge WALLACE's death his docket, including this case, will necessarily be assigned to other Judges and further developments in this case will depend to a great extent upon the commitments of the Judge to whom it is assigned.

This matter will be closely followed by this office and Bureau will be advised of all developments. JUN 27 1960

Bureau
Oklahoma City

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59 JUL 8 1960
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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REC-827-115-2631

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Date: 8-1-60

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR (7-115)

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (7-6)

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

Remyairtel to Director, 6-25-60.

USA PAUL W. CRESS, WDO, Oklahoma City, advised 7-29-60 that captioned matter has not been reassigned to another judge since the death of Judge W. R. WALLACE as set forth in reairtel. He indicated he expects the case to be assigned to another judge in the near future.

Oklahoma City will continue to follow this matter closely and advise the Bureau.

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1-Oklahoma City

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7-115-2632

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Approved: 264 WJS Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 9-28-60

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR (7-115)
FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (7-6)

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

Re Oklahoma City airtels to Director 6-25-60
and 8-1-60.

On 9-12 and 9-23-60 Assistant U. S. Attorney
GEORGE CAMP, WDO, Oklahoma City, advised that captioned
matter is still unassigned to a judge in USDC, WDO.
On the latter date, Mr. CAMP advised that his office is
in receipt of information to the effect that both
KATHRYN THORNE KELLY and ORA L. SHANNON have filed
applications for parole with the U. S. Board of Parole,
Washington, D. C. Oklahoma City will continue to follow
the status of this matter and keep the Bureau advised.

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1-Oklahoma City

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Approved: WJB
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 11/22/60

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL (Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)
FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (7-6)
GEORGE KELLY BARNES aka, et al;
CHARLES F. URSHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPPING

Remyairtel to Director 9/28/60. KC let to Director 4/18/60.

On 10/25 and 11/21/60, AUSA GEORGE CAMP, WDO, OC, advised that captioned matter is still unassigned to a judge in USDC, WDO. He had no further information concerning the applications for parole of ORA SHANNON and KATHRYN KELLY.

Re KC letter advised that HARVEY BAILEY was transferred to FCI, Seagoville, Texas.

Dallas, at FCI, Seagoville, will maintain contact with officials of FCI in order to be advised of any change in the status of BAILEY at that institution and advise Bureau and Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma City will continue to follow status of all pending matters in this case through the USA, Oklahoma City.

- 2-Bureau
- 2-Dallas (7-7)
- 1-Oklahoma City

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 1/19/61

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (7-6)

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HBM

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

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ReOCairtel to Director 11/22/60 and Dallas
let to OC 12/19/60.

On 1/18/61, United States Attorney PAUL W.
CRESS, WDO, Oklahoma City, advised that captioned matter
is still unassigned to a judge in USDC, WDO. He had no
further information concerning applications for parole
of ORA SHANNON and KATHRYN KELLY.

On 12/12/60, [REDACTED]
FCI, Seagoville, Texas, advised SA [REDACTED] that
there had been no change in the status of HARVEY BAILEY
at that institution. He agreed to notify the Dallas
Office of the FBI should any change occur in BAILEY's
status.

DALLAS OFFICE

At Seagoville, Texas, at 30-day intervals will
continue to follow status of HARVEY BAILEY.

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- ② - Bureau
- 2 - Dallas (7-7)
- 1 - Oklahoma City

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 3/27/61

FROM : SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (7-6)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, aka, et al;
CHARLES F. URSHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPPING

Remylet to Director 1/19/61; Dallas letter to Oklahoma City 2/8/61, and Dallas radiogram to Oklahoma City 3/15/61.

On 2/16/61 and 3/17/61 AUSA GEORGE CAMP, Western District of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, advised that the status of the appeals of KATHRYN KELLY and ORA SHANNON in U. S. District Court, Western District of Oklahoma, remains unchanged, the case being still unassigned to a Judge.

On 2/1/61 and 3/9/61, officials of the FCI, Seagoville, Texas, advised that there has been no change in the status of HARVEY BAILEY.

DALLAS DIVISION

At Seagoville, Texas

Will maintain contact with FCI officials in order to be notified of any change in the status of HARVEY BAILEY.

OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Will maintain contact with U. S. Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma, in order to follow the status of the appeals of KATHRYN KELLY and ORA SHANNON.

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- 2 - Dallas
- 1 - Oklahoma City

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7-115-2636

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 5-2-61

FROM : SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (7-6)

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

Re Oklahoma City letter to Director 3-27-61.

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

On 4-27-61, Assistant U. S. Attorney GEORGE CAMP, Western District of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, advised SA [REDACTED] that pending appeals in captioned case before U. S. District Court, Western District of Oklahoma, are as yet unassigned to a judge and there is no indication as to when such assignment may be made.

At Seagoville, Texas

On 4-6-61, [REDACTED], FCI, Seagoville, Texas, advised SA [REDACTED] there has been no change in the status of HARVEY BAILEY at that institution.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 6-27-61

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (7-6)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, aka, ET AL;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING
(OO: OC)

Re OC letter to Director, dated 5-2-61.

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

On 5-17 and 6-22-61 AUSA LEONARD RALSTON advised SA [redacted] that appeals of ORA SHANNON, KATHRYN KELLY and HARVEY BAILEY pending in USDC, WDO, Oklahoma City, are as yet unassigned to a judge and there is no indication as to when further activity may be expected in this case.

At Seagoville, Texas

On 5-3-61, [redacted] FCI, Seagoville, Texas, advised SA [redacted] that there has been no change in the status of HARVEY BAILEY at that Institution.

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- 1 - Dallas (7-7) (Info)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR FBI 7-115

DATE: 7/27/61

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FROM : SAC OKLAHOMA CITY 7-6

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, aka
ET AL
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING
OO:OC

Remylet to Director 6/27/61 and Dallas letter to
Oklahoma City 6/29/61.

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

On 7/14/61, AUSA JACK R. PARR, WDO, Oklahoma City,
advised SA [REDACTED] that appeals of ORA SHANNON,
KATHRYN KELLY and HARVEY BAILEY pending in USDC, WDO,
Oklahoma City, are as yet unassigned to a judge and there
is no indication as to when further action may be expected
in this matter.

At Seagoville, Texas

On 6/8/61 [REDACTED] FCI,
advised SA [REDACTED] that there has been no change in
the status of HARVEY BAILEY at that institution.

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- 1-Oklahoma City

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Date: 9/29/61



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)
FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (7-6)
SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, Aka
ET AL;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

OO:OC

Remylets to Director, dated 7/27/61 and 7/31/61.

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

On 8/28/61 and 9/19/61, B. ANDREW POTTER, U.S. Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, advised that the status of appeals of ORA SHANNON, KATHRYN KELLY, and HARVEY BAILEY, in this case, remains unchanged, they being, as yet, unassigned to a judge.

At Seagoville, Texas

On 7/21/61 and 9/18/61, [redacted] and [redacted], respectively, of the FCI, Seagoville, advised SA [redacted] that there has been no change in the status of HARVEY BAILEY at that institution.

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- 1 - Dallas (7-7) (Info)
- 1 - Oklahoma City

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 12/12/61

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FROM : SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (7-6) -P-

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

OO OKLAHOMA CITY

Re Oklahoma City letter dated 9/29/61 and Dallas letter to Oklahoma City dated 10/19/61.

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA:

On 10/19 and 11/29/61 USA B. ANDREW POTTER, WDO, Oklahoma City, advised that the status of this case remains unchanged, the pending actions being as yet unassigned to a judge in USDC, WDO.

AT SEAGOVILLE, TEXAS:

On 10/10/61 [redacted] FCI, Seagoville, advised SA [redacted] that the status of HARVEY BAILEY at that institution remains unchanged.

Dallas is advised that the possibility exists of this case becoming active in USDC, WDO, Oklahoma City at any time and it is desired that the monthly check of the status of HARVEY BAILEY at the FCI, Seagoville, Texas, be continued *en*

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- 2-Dallas (7-7)
- 2-Oklahoma City

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 12/16/61

FROM : SAC, Oklahoma City (7-6)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, aka; ETAL
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING
OO: OC

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ReOClet to Director 12/12/61.

At Seagoville, Texas

On 11/23/61 [redacted] FCI, Seagoville, advised SA [redacted] that there has been no change in the status of HARVEY BAILEY at that institution. BAILEY has requested he be considered for parole, but he had not filed a parole plan which must show an offer of employment and a parole advisor.

At Oklahoma City, Okla.

On 12/13/61 USA B. ANDREW POTTER, WDO, Oklahoma City, advised SA [redacted] that he had no information concerning BAILEY's requested parole. He further advised that pending actions in this case are still not assigned to a judge.

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TO : Director, FBI (7-115)

DATE: Jan. 31, 1962

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FROM : SAC, Oklahoma City (7-6) -P-

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, aka; ET AL;
CHARLES F. URSCHL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

(OO: Oklahoma City)

Re Oklahoma City letter to Director dated 12/16/61.

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On 1/15/62 and on 1/31/62, B. ANDREW POTTER, U. S. Attorney, WDO, Oklahoma City, Okla., advised SA [redacted] that no change has occurred in the status of appeals in captioned case in U. S. District Court, WDO. The appeals of KATHRYN KELLY, ORA SHANNON and HARVEY BAILEY, under Section 2255, Title 28, U.S. Code, are in an inactive status in USDC, WDO, such cases being presently unassigned to any judge.

The Oklahoma City Office will continue to follow this matter in U. S. District Court, WDO, and keep the Bureau advised.

THE DALLAS OFFICE, at Seagoville, Texas - Will continue to follow and report the status of HARVEY BAILEY, including the status of any actions aimed at parole of BAILEY.

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- 2 - Dallas (7-7)
- 2 - Oklahoma City
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE 3-2-62

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FROM : SAC, DALLAS (7-7) (P)

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

OO: OKLAHOMA CITY

Re Oklahoma City letter to Bureau, 1-31-62.

On 3-1-62, [redacted] FCI, Seagoville, Texas, advised SA [redacted] that there has been no change in status of HARVEY BAILEY at that institution.

[redacted] USP, Leavenworth, Kansas, has furnished a letter dated 1-11-62, stated that if the U. S. Parole Board was willing to grant a parole to BAILEY, he would find BAILEY a job, a place to live, and a parole advisor in the northeast section of Kansas (Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas).

[redacted] advised that [redacted] U. S. Probation Officer, Houston, Texas, had agreed to accept BAILEY for parole supervision, if he were granted a parole and would attempt to locate him employment, place to live, and a parole advisor.

BAILEY's application for parole, dated 11-20-61, was to be routinely considered during February, 1962. [redacted] stated a letter had been received stating that the application had been denied, but clarification had been requested to determine whether this denial referred to the earlier application for parole, or referred to the regular February meeting of the Board when the application was considered.

[redacted] stated he would immediately notify the FBI of any change in the status of BAILEY.

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- 2 - Oklahoma City (7-6)
- 1 - Dallas

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 3/14/62

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
 REPORTER
 "MEMPHIS PRESS SCIMITAR"
 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
 REQUEST FOR DATA ON THE
 "MACHINE GUN" KELLY CASE

By letter 3/7/62, SAC, Memphis advised that captioned individual is interested in obtaining data on the "Machine Gun" Kelly case, including details of Kelly's apprehension at Memphis, for a feature story he would like to sell to a national magazine. [REDACTED] indicated to the Memphis Office that he plans to interview [REDACTED] former Memphis police officer, concerning his participation in the apprehension of Kelly. SAC, Memphis suggests that the Bureau furnish an Interesting Case write-up on Kelly and as much detail as possible on the actual apprehension and [REDACTED] part in it.

Bufiles reflect that we have cooperated on a number of occasions with [REDACTED] in furnishing material for articles.

[REDACTED] He is apparently somewhat of a braggart and outspoken. It was also reported that [REDACTED] while appearing in a nationally broadcast radio program in 1941 stated that he was responsible for the apprehension of "Machine Gun" Kelly and at no time mentioned the Bureau's part in this apprehension.

The file on the "Machine Gun" Kelly case (7-115) contains a memorandum of 4/13/36 which sets forth details of his apprehension. This memorandum indicates that FBI Agents requested the assistance of local police officers in Memphis, including [REDACTED] in apprehending Kelly who was known to be in that city. [REDACTED] along with two FBI Agents, entered the home where Kelly was staying and as Kelly came into view, [REDACTED] who was nearest him covered him. Another police officer placed handcuffs on Kelly while he was covered by [REDACTED] Kathryn Kelly and two other accomplices were apprehended at the same time by Agents and the police officers.

Enclosure *sent 3-16-62*

[REDACTED] 30 MAR 23 1962

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Jones to DeLoach Memorandum

RE: [REDACTED]

It is felt that we should furnish the Interesting Case write-up on Kelly (the Urschel case) and set forth briefly details on the apprehension which Memphis may furnish [REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to SAC, Memphis furnishing the Interesting Case write-up and a brief summary of the apprehension of Kelly and his wife.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 3/30/62

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (7-6) (P)

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

Re Oklahoma City letter to Bureau dated 1/31/62 and Dallas letter to Bureau dated 3/2/62.

On 1/31/62, [REDACTED] Federal Correctional Institution, Seagoville, Texas, advised SA [REDACTED] there had been no change in the status of HARVEY BAILEY at that institution.

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

On 2/15/62 and 3/29/62, U. S. Attorney B. ANDREW POTTER, Western District of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, telephonically advised SA [REDACTED] that no change has occurred in the status of the appeals in this case in the U. S. District Court, Western District of Oklahoma. Appeals are in an inactive status and are not presently assigned to any Judge.

DALLAS

At Seagoville, Texas

Will continue to follow and report the status of HARVEY BAILEY, including any efforts aimed at parole of BAILEY.

OKLAHOMA CITY

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At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Will continue to follow and report the status of appeals in this case in U. S. District Court, Western District of Oklahoma.

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- 2 - Dallas (7-7)
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TRUE COPY

8 April 1962

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With the intent of writing a story in an Academy publication on a questionable rumor I have come to you for possible assistance. In 1933 George R. (Machine-Gun) Kelly was captured and held on kidnapping charges. There is a widespread story that this man attended the Naval Academy and failed out on ordinance and weapons, quite paradoxical. From my own research, I discovered that no G. R. Kelly came here; however, I came across a New Jersey lawyer's charges that Kelly's real name was George F. Barnes and was from Memphis, Tenn. This led me nowhere either. For some reason I feel that the story has some basis of truth. Would it be possible for you to prove or disprove the rumor without violating security regulations? I would be very grateful for any assistance you could render me.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

/s/ [REDACTED]

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United States Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland

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8 April 1962

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

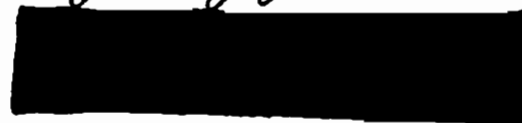
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Very truly yours,

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FBI

Date: 4/5/62

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(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (7-7) (P)
SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, aka.;
ET AL
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

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OO: OKLAHOMA CITY

Re Oklahoma City letter to Bureau, 3/30/62.

On 4/3/62, [redacted] FCI, Seagoville, Texas, advised SA [redacted] there has been no change in the status of HARVEY BAILEY at that institution. He advised, however, that [redacted] U. S. Probation Officer, Tyler (Eastern District), Texas, has agreed to accept BAILEY under his supervision, if he is paroled. [redacted], Curtis Mathes Mfg. Co., Athens, Texas, has agreed to employ BAILEY as night janitor, if he is paroled. [redacted] of Kemp and Kaufman, Texas, has agreed to act as parole advisor to BAILEY. BAILEY has appeared before the hearing officer of the U. S. Pardon and Parole Board in a hearing at Seagoville, Texas, and BAILEY's application for parole is presently being considered by the U. S. Pardon and Parole Board in Washington, D. C.

The U. S. Probation Officer at Houston, Texas, has withdrawn his offer to accept BAILEY for parole supervision.

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- 2 - Oklahoma City (7-6)
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Special Agent in Charge

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The Attorney General

April 16, 1962

Director, FBI

**GEORGE KELLY BARKER, WITH ALIENES; AND OTHERS
CHARLES F. BRASHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING**

By communication dated June 19, 1958, to the then Attorney General, I expressed my feeling that any efforts by Harvey Bailey to obtain parole should be opposed. It has come to my attention that Bailey, presently incarcerated in the Federal Correctional Institution at Seago, Texas, has made application for parole.

Harvey Bailey was convicted for his participation in the kidnaping of Charles F. Braschel on July 22, 1933, and was sentenced to life imprisonment on October 7, 1933. He was incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and on March 20, 1940, was transferred to the Federal Correctional Institution at Seago, Texas. A detainer was filed against Bailey by Kansas state authorities on October 27, 1938, charging Bailey with escaping from the Kansas State Penitentiary on May 30, 1933, where he was serving a ten-to-fifty-year sentence for bank robbery. The detainer is still outstanding.

This is being called to your attention as I feel the offense for which Bailey was found guilty is one of the most heinous against society.

A copy of this letter is being directed to Mr. Bennett and Mr. Chappell asking that this Bureau be informed of any steps initiated to effect the release of Bailey from incarceration as well as any transfer within the Federal Penal System.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Assistant Attorney General

1 - Mr. Richard A. Chappell, Chairman, Board of Parole

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

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TO :

Mr. Belmont *abw*

DATE: April 18, 1962

FROM :

A. Rosen *Rosen*

SUBJECT:

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

This is to advise that Harvey Bailey, presently serving a life sentence at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI), Seagoville, Texas, for the 1933 kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, has appeared before the hearing officer of the U. S. Pardon and Parole Board at Seagoville, Texas. By letter to the Attorney General, 6/19/58, the Bureau advised that it was felt that efforts by Harvey Bailey to obtain parole should be opposed. Bailey is now approximately 74 years of age.

[REDACTED] FCI, Seagoville, Texas, advised the Dallas Office that *[REDACTED]* U. S. Probation Officer, Tyler, Texas, has agreed to accept Bailey under his supervision and *[REDACTED]*, Curtis Mathes Manufacturing Company, Athens, Texas, has agreed to employ Bailey as night janitor, if he is paroled. *[REDACTED]* of Kemp and Kaufman, Texas, has agreed to act as parole advisor to Bailey.

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A letter to the Attorney General is attached setting forth our position.

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United States Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland

John [redacted]

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Director Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

George Kelly [redacted]

Thank you very much for your help in regard to George Kelly. I appreciate your personal assistance in the matter.

May I say that if you are ever in the vicinity of the Naval Academy and would like a host I would be glad to show you around and have you as a guest in the mess hall.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ [redacted]

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This is reply to letter of 4/14/62
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Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. Belmont ✓
Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Callahan ✓
Mr. Conrad ✓
Mr. DeLoach ✓

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United States Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland

Director Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for your help in regard to George Kelly. I appreciate your personal assistance in the matter.

May I say that if you are ever in the vicinity of the Naval Academy and would like a hook I would be glad to show you around and have you as a guest in the mess hall.

Sincerely yours
George Reynolds

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: May 7, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen

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

By letter dated 5-2-62, Mr. Richard A. Chappell, Chairman, U. S. Board of Parole, advised the Board of Parole will again consider the eligibility of Harvey Bailey for parole in August, 1962. Bailey is presently serving a life sentence at the Federal Correctional Institution, Seagoville, Texas, for the 1933 kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel.

By letter to the Attorney General dated 4-16-62, with copy to Mr. Chappell, we expressed our feeling that any effort by Bailey to obtain parole should be opposed, it being pointed out that Bailey's offense for which he is serving time is one of the most heinous against society.

The letter from Mr. Chappell relates that Bailey became eligible for parole on 10-6-48 and was denied parole at that time. Bailey has received annual reviews since 1948 which have resulted in no change being made in the earlier order of denial of parole. Mr. Chappell advises that other persons, not identified, have indicated an interest in Bailey and may appear before the board in his behalf at the time a hearing is held at an undetermined date in July, 1962. Mr. Chappell stated he would be pleased to have a representative of this Bureau appear at this hearing if we so desire and he will advise when the exact date for the hearing is set.

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At such time as the Board of Parole advises us a hearing date has been set concerning Bailey's application for parole we will advise the Board of Parole that it will not be necessary for a Bureau representative to appear as our position has been made a matter of record by prior correspondence dated 6-19-58 and 4-16-62.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115) DATE: 5-31-62

FROM : SAC, OKLA. CITY (7-6) -P-

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

OO: OKLA. CITY

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau 4-5-62 and
Dallas letter to Okla. City 5-3-62.

On 5-1-62, [REDACTED] FCI,
Seagoville, Texas, advised that there has been
no change in the status of inmate HARVEY BAILEY
at that institution.

On 5-16 and 31-62, USA B. ANDREW POTTER,
Okla. City, advised the status of this case is
unchanged, USDC, Okla. City.

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GEORGE KELLY BARNES, ET AL.
CHARLES URSCHEL - VICTIM
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Bureau telephone call this date.

The appeal of Kathryn Kelly and Ora Shannon
should be closely followed in United States District
Court, Oklahoma City. Should it appear that this
matter may be brought before the court for hearing
the Bureau should be advised at which time consideration
can be given as to whether the matter concerning hand-
writing examinations should be discussed with the
Assistant United States Attorney.

Until such time as this case will become active
again in the courts, the facts concerning the handwriting
examinations should not be discussed with the United
States Attorney's Office.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

FROM: SAC, OKLA. CITY (7-6)

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

Re telephone call from Bureau and OCairtel dated 6-16-62.

Review of file has been made to determine individuals who have had case assigned to them since case has been opened and closed on many occasions and thus the original assignment cards no longer in existence. From this review determined greater majority of Agents to whom case has been assigned in past are either deceased or no longer in Bureau. From this review would appear the following have had case assigned to them:

In 1933, from July, RALPH M. COLVIN (deceased), former Assistant Director HAROLD NATHAN, GUS T. JONES, [redacted] and [redacted]

In 1934 assignments would appear to have been made to former SAC DWIGHT BRANTLEY, [redacted] former SA [redacted] and JOHN B. LITTLE (deceased).

In February, 1935, it was assigned to former SA [redacted]

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In 1936 was assigned to [redacted] and [redacted]

In July, 1937, was assigned to [redacted]
[redacted] and former SA [redacted].

In February, 1938, it was assigned to [redacted]

There appears to have been additional activity in
the file beginning in April, 1941, when the case was assigned
to [redacted]

Additional assignment in 1941 were to former Agents
[redacted] and [redacted]

In June, 1942, it was assigned to former SAC
W. G. BANISTER.

In May, 1946, it was assigned to former SA [redacted]

In July, 1948, it was apparently assigned to former
SAC D. A. BRYCE.

Three assignments appear to have been made of the case
in 1950, to DOUGLAS J. WILLIAMS, former ASAC, former SA
[redacted] and [redacted].

In 1953 it was assigned to former SA [redacted]
and later that year was assigned to former SA [redacted]

It appears to have been opened and closed on several
occasions and remained assigned to former SA [redacted]
and former SAC CARROLL BOYLE until the latter part of 1958,

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when it was assigned to former SA [redacted] and to former SA [redacted]

On February 5, 1959, it was assigned to SA [redacted] with whom the assignment has remained until the present date.

Thus, from the above it would appear many of those to whom the case has been assigned, in fact a great majority, are no longer with the Bureau. A review of the file reflects no material which can be located which was ever handled by former SA [redacted]. From the memory of those Agents who are assigned here who were assigned during the tenure of former SA [redacted] in the Oklahoma City Office, none recalled [redacted] ever handled any matter in connection with this case and would not have had any detailed knowledge re this matter.

SA [redacted] recalls that no activity of any consequence was transpiring in this case during the time that SA [redacted] was in the office, and further recalls the case was not one being discussed since there was no problem known to exist about it. The file reflects there was no activity during the latter part of 1960 and the early part of 1961, when [redacted] was assigned to the Oklahoma City Office.

The three documents which served as a basis for the testimony of D. C. PATTERSON and containing the handwriting in question are presently in the files of the U. S. Attorney in Oklahoma City.

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Should any additional action be necessary in regard to this matter additional file reviews will be made in this office to be of assistance.

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FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (7-6) (P)
SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, Aka;
ET AL;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPPING
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Reference Bureau telephone call 6/14/62. Reference Oklahoma City letter to the Bureau, 9/4/59, a copy of which is enclosed to the Bureau, including copy of mylet, 7/31/61.

Relet sets forth the fact that the affidavit of KATHRYN THORNE KELLY, in support of her Section 2255 appeal in U. S. District Court, Western District of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, seeking to have her original conviction in this case set aside, alleged, among other things, that she was denied compulsory process for her defense in that the Court refused to delay her trial (10/9-11/33) in order to permit her counsel to obtain handwriting experts for the defense. The transcript of proceedings reflects testimony by a handwriting expert, D. C. PATTERSON of Oklahoma City, to the effect that KATHRYN KELLY wrote two extortion type letters, mailed in Chicago, Illinois, on 9/18/33. The transcript also reflects that, upon the defense requesting a delay to obtain services of a handwriting expert, the U. S. District Judge remarked, "Well, I am not going to continue this case all fall." The transcript reflects no testimony for the defense by a handwriting expert.

The two Chicago letters are set out completely in the report of SA GUS T. JONES, dated 10/5/33, at Oklahoma City. One of these letters, addressed to Victim URSCHEL, threatened acts of great violence against him in the event members of the SHANNON family were convicted. The second, addressed to the "Daily Oklahoman" newspaper, enclosed a letter to the public protesting

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the action of the Government in convicting innocent people. Both letters were signed "GEO. R. KELLY" and bore his fingerprints in ink. Relet concluded as follows:

"This matter is being brought to the Bureau's attention since it appears that the record of testimony in the trial of GEORGE and KATHRYN KELLY reflects testimony which may have been based on an erroneous conclusion by D. C. PATTERSON. In view of the circumstances, no action is being taken to bring this matter to the attention of the United States Attorney at this time. Should any inquiry be received from the United States Attorney on this particular point, the Bureau will be immediately advised and no action will be taken pending Bureau instructions."

Further reference Oklahoma City letter to the Director, 10/15/59, a copy of which is enclosed to the Bureau. This letter stated in part:

"Information concerning the testimony of handwriting expert D. C. PATTERSON, who appeared as a Government witness during the trial of GEORGE and KATHRYN KELLY, was brought to the attention of the Bureau in order that these circumstances and their potential as a source of embarrassment to the Bureau might be fully evaluated and considered prior to the time that any action was taken by this office to inform the U. S. Attorney. PATTERSON was a private handwriting expert presumably hired by the U. S. Attorney at Oklahoma City. He is now deceased.

"As has been pointed out in earlier communications, the two letters mailed from Chicago had no direct connection with the original conspiracy to kidnap and hold the victim for ransom. The extent to which the introduction of these items against KATHRYN KELLY may have influenced the jurors cannot, of course, be determined. However, the Government can definitely establish that there was no evidence introduced in any trial to connect KATHRYN KELLY with the writing of the ransom notes.

"Inasmuch as it is highly probable that if the question of handwriting is brought out in any further hearing or retrial of this case, it will necessarily result

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in a re-examination of this evidence, thus revealing any erroneous conclusions in PATTERSON's examination, there would appear to be no useful purpose in advising the U. S. Attorney concerning this conflict of opinion, at least until such time as a decision is made regarding the appeal now pending before the U. S. Supreme Court.

"Bureau advice requested."

Further reference Oklahoma City letter to Director, 7/3/61, a copy of which is enclosed to the Bureau. This letter reviewed pertinent facts and circumstances of this matter as regards the pending appeal of KATHRYN KELLY, including action of U. S. District Court, Western District of Oklahoma, in setting aside her original conviction; subsequent action by the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in reversing the lower court and remanding the case for further hearing; and the denial of certiorari to the defense by the U. S. Supreme Court. This letter also states in part:

"In Oklahoma City letter to Bureau 9/4/59, it was pointed out that the U. S. Attorney would be aware of the possibility of conflict with the previous record of testimony if it were brought to his attention that the Bureau's Laboratory expert concluded that KATHRYN KELLY did not write the letters. It was concluded that in view of the circumstances no action would be taken to bring this matter to the attention of the U. S. Attorney.

"I recommend exactly to the contrary. Since the U. S. Attorney must defend this action and since we are unaware as to the weight that was put on the Bureau's laboratory findings in the first instance, I recommend this office be authorized to bring to the attention of the U. S. Attorney the facts concerning the Bureau's laboratory findings. This is being recommended since it would appear the two letters affect the conspiracy type facet of the case and not the kidnapping as such. It further appears that the U. S. Attorney should have the benefit of all the facts. We are not aware at this date as to what the original U. S. Attorney handling the trial of the case knew of the evidence, nor do we have information to indicate that the Bureau laboratory expert findings were not furnished to the U. S. Attorney. It would thus appear logical to give the U. S. Attorney at this date the information that we have.

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"The Bureau is requested to authorize this office to furnish this information to B. ANDREW POTTER, U. S. Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma, who has jurisdiction in this matter."

TRIAL OF KATHRYN AND
GEORGE KELLY 10/9-11/33

The Oklahoma City file reflects that the two letters, postmarked 9/18/33 at Chicago, Illinois, signed GEORGE KELLY, and bearing the fingerprints of GEORGE KELLY, were forwarded to the Bureau by letter dated 9/20/33, together with an original letter written by KATHRYN KELLY, for comparison purposes. This letter mentions that R. H. COLVIN, SAC, Oklahoma City, had a "cursory examination" made of these letters by a local handwriting expert, D. C. PATTERSON (deceased), who expressed the opinion he was "practically convinced" that all three letters were written by KATHRYN KELLY. The originals of these letters are in the file of the U. S. Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, in this case. It is noted, as set forth hereinafter, that PATTERSON testified at the KELLY trial that he concluded that these letters were written by Mrs. KELLY.

The lab report of C. A. APPEL, dated 9/23/33, a copy of which is enclosed to the Bureau, states the handwriting on the above two Chicago letters was not identical with that of Mrs. KELLY.

A telegram, dated 10/2/33, signed "NATHAN", requested the Bureau to forward to Oklahoma City immediately the three letters and the results of the lab examination. This telegram indicates that the third letter, containing known handwriting of KATHRYN KELLY, was addressed to JOSEPH B. KEENAN (deceased), former Assistant Attorney General, who assisted the then U. S. Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma, HERBERT K. HYDE, in the prosecution. It is noted that Mr. APPEL's lab report was block stamped in at the Oklahoma City Office on 10/4/33 and initialed for the file by "RHC", undoubtedly RALPH H. COLVIN, SAC, now deceased. It is further noted that there appears no notation or other indication on this document that the lab exam results were ever brought to the attention of the U. S. Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma, or of Mr. KEENAN.

The Oklahoma City file in this case reflects that the next investigative report, following receipt of the lab report of APPEL, was that of GUS T. JONES, dated 10/5/33, which reflects an investigative period ending 9/30/33. This report sets out no report of an examination of the pertinent three letters except a "cursory" one by D. C. PATTERSON. No further report was prepared in this case at Oklahoma City until 10/23/33, when the report of R. H. COLVIN reported sentences imposed in the first trial in this case, which ended 9/30/33, and the trial results and sentences of GEORGE and KATHRYN KELLY, who were tried 10/9-11/33. This report does not reflect results of Mr. APPEL's examination of instant letters. A careful review of the Oklahoma City file fails to reflect any record of any communication by which the U. S. Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma, or Mr. KEENAN, was ever advised of Mr. APPEL's findings.

It is noted that the pertinent three letters were not germane to the original conspiracy and kidnapping, but were written well after the return of Victim CHARLES URSCHEL and apparently were admissible only in that the conspiracy was yet alive as far as the KELLYs were concerned so long as they remained at large.

It is, of course, possible that the lab report itself was furnished the U. S. Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma, or Mr. KEENAN, and later returned to the file or that the information therefrom was orally furnished. Particularly, does this seem probable in view of Mr. NATHAN's telegram of 10/2/33 requesting immediate return to Oklahoma City of the letters and lab results. If such was done, the prosecution was in the position of having two conflicting opinions from reputed experts, on the same evidence, and could choose to present that tending most to strengthen the prosecution's case. b7C

The report of SA [REDACTED] dated 5/22/58, at Oklahoma City, page 36, sets forth results of an interview with C. A. APPEL, wherein he stated he recalled examining (in 1933) a typewritten ransom note, in this case, without effecting an identification. He also stated he identified extortion letters from GEORGE and KATHRYN KELLY, and so believed he testified at the trial of KATHRYN KELLY. Apparently Mr. APPEL was not clear as to whether or not he testified at the trial.

All copies of the transcript of the KELLY trial were lost and the original stenographic notes of the court reporter at the trial were located about 6/1/59. They were transcribed by the original court reporter, [REDACTED], who is now of advanced age, as of 8/20/59. At the same time the stenographic notes were found, 46 exhibits were found, which were introduced in the trial of the "Money Changers" (SCOTT, ET AL, USDC, WDO #11024-CR), which appear to be of value in any retrial of KATHRYN KELLY, ORA SHANNON and HARVEY BAILEY. Details are set forth in Oklahoma City letter to the Director, 6/12/59, and in report of SA [REDACTED] dated 10/28/59, pages 16-18.

The U. S. Attorney, PAUL W. CRESS, indicated he would obtain a court order transferring custody of the above exhibits to the office of the U. S. Attorney in order that they might remain in identifiable and admissible form. Mr. CRESS has since been replaced by B. ANDREW POTTER and, as of this date, Assistant U. S. Attorney JACK R. PARR was unable to advise if this had been done. [REDACTED] above, advised that he was under the impression that it was done, though he had no independent recollection of it. A search of the files of both [REDACTED] and the U. S. Attorney may be necessary to determine if this has been done due to the fact that both have moved their offices in the interim. This matter is being followed.

The transcript of the KELLY trial contains no record of testimony by APPEL. It records testimony of D. C. PATTERSON to the effect that he examined the three letters in question and concluded that they were all written by the same person. It is noted that one of these letters had previously been admitted in evidence as the known handwriting of KATHRYN KELLY.

None of the present personnel of this office were in a position to have firsthand knowledge of what transpired in connection with the October, 1933, trial of KATHRYN KELLY, either relative to the question of whether or not the results of the Laboratory's examination of the pertinent letters were brought to the attention of the prosecution, or otherwise. Persons yet alive who might be in such position include the following: GUS T. JONES, HAROLD NATHAN, C. A. APPEL, and HERBERT K. HYDE.

If the Bureau desires to pursue this matter at this time, interview of the above persons would appear pertinent. It might also be revealing to ascertain if PAUL CRESS, U. S. Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma, at the 1958 hearing in this case in U. S. District Court, Western District of Oklahoma, was aware of the results of the lab examination of the pertinent letters, in 1933, by C. A. APPEL. Any decision in this regard is being left to the Bureau.

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As of this date, B. ANDREW POTTER, United States Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, advised that the matter of continued hearings in the appeal of KATHRYN KELLY and ORA SHANNON is in the hands of the Court and that, insofar as he knew, it was not even assigned to a judge at this time. He stated that the matter is inactive in his office for this reason.

Mr. POTTER advised that he was certain that the transcripts of the KELLY trial in possession of his office were certified by the court reporter who transcribed them from his original shorthand notes.

Mr. POTTER also was unable to advise if his office was in possession of exhibits located in the possession of court reporter [REDACTED] about 6/1/59.

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The information available to this office indicates that as recently as early June, 1962, KATHRYN KELLY is presently employed at Oklahoma City as an attendant at an old folks rest home. Her mother, ORA SHANNON, being of advanced age, reportedly is with her. It was not felt a discreet inquiry could be made into this matter at the present time to the extent that this information might be confirmed.

DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

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GEORGE KELLY BARNES, aka, ET AL
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
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ReOClets to Bureau 6-12-59 and 7-4-59.

The Bureau will recall that instant case has been under review on appeal, which action has been by KATHRYN THORNE KELLY, wife of the principal subject.

To review - KATHRYN KELLY and her mother, ORA SHANNON, brought an action in Federal District Court in Okla. City to appeal the findings arrived at in 1933. She alleged court committed certain errors, one of which was in relation to two letters (set forth in the report of SA GUS T. JONES, 10-5-33 at Okla. City). These letters were both postmarked at Chicago, 9-18-33, and were apparently attempts to intimidate victim URSCHEL. KATHRYN KELLY was convicted for taking part in the kidnaping and the conspiracy. Notwithstanding her conviction on these charges, the corollary testimony of intimidating URSCHEL was brought out at the original trial. KATHRYN KELLY claimed she was denied compulsory process for her defense in that court refused to delay trial in order to permit her counsel to obtain handwriting experts. Transcript of the record reflects testimony of D. C. PATTERSON, Certified Public Accountant and handwriting expert of Okla. City, wherein he concluded that the two letters, both postmarked at Chicago, 9-18-33, and each bearing the fingerprint impression of GEORGE R. KELLY, were written by KATHRYN KELLY.

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This is contrary to the findings of laboratory examiner CHARLES A. APPEL, who submitted a laboratory report dated 9-23-33, reflecting a conclusion that "however, detailed analysis indicates that Mrs. KELLY did not write these letters."

The laboratory report, according to the block stamp, was received on 10-4-33. The trial of GEORGE and KATHRYN KELLY on the kidnaping charge began on 10-9-33. There was testimony, as previously stated, by the local handwriting expert that KATHRYN KELLY did write the two letters in question, yet the Bureau laboratory expert found to the contrary. The review of the file fails to reflect the matter of the Bureau laboratory expert was ever brought to the attention of the U. S. Attorney, yet the file appears silent on this point. It is entirely possible that it was brought to his attention, since the conduct of the trial was within the purview of the U. S. Attorney.

In the present appeal by KATHRYN KELLY she makes a point that she did not prepare the two letters in question. In the appeal in District Court her original sentence was set aside, and the case was set for new trial. The government appealed to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, which reversed the U. S. District Court in Okla. City and remanded the case back to the District Court for further hearing. The Supreme Court denied certiorari, which action had been brought by the defendant.

The case now stands that it is back for rehearing in District Court in Okla. City. It would appear the question of the handwriting of KATHRYN KELLY will become a matter of further exploration, and the Government position will have to be defended by the U. S. Attorney.

In OClet to Bureau 9-4-59 it was pointed out that the U. S. Attorney would be aware of the possibility of conflict with the previous record of testimony if it were

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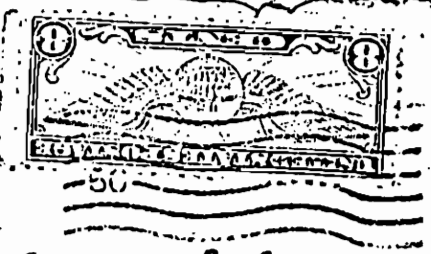
brought to his attention that the Bureau's laboratory expert concluded that KATHRYN KELLY did not write the letters. It was concluded that in view of the circumstances no action would be taken to bring this matter to the attention of the U. S. Attorney.

I recommend exactly to the contrary. Since the U. S. Attorney must defend this action and since we are unaware as to the weight that was put on the Bureau's laboratory findings in the first instance, I recommend this office be authorized to bring to the attention of the U. S. Attorney the facts concerning the Bureau's laboratory findings. This is being recommended since it would appear the two letters affect the conspiracy type facet of the case and not the kidnaping as such. It further appears that the U. S. Attorney should have the benefit of all the facts. We are not aware at this date as to what the original U. S. Attorney handling the trial of the case knew of the evidence, nor do we have information to indicate that the Bureau laboratory expert findings were not furnished to the U. S. Attorney. It would thus appear logical to give the U. S. Attorney at this date the information that we have.

The Bureau is requested to authorize this office to furnish this information to B. ANDREW POTTER, U. S. Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma, who has jurisdiction in this matter.

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SEP 18
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1933
AIR MAIL



Mr. Charles F. Wheeler

327 N. W. 18th St.,

Oklahoma City,

Okla.

an ignorant Charles,

pkc

Just a few lines to let you know that I am getting my plans laid to destroy your so called mansion, and you and your family immediately after this trial. And young fellow I guess you've begun to realize your serious mistake.

Are you ignorant enough to think the government can guard you forever.

I gave you ^{the} credit for
more sense than that,
and figured you thought
too much of your
family to jeopardize them
as you have, but
if you don't look out
for them why should
me. I dislike hurting
the innocent, but I told
you exactly what would
happen and you saw
but \$200,000 more every
thing I said will be
true. You are living
on borrowed time now.

You know that the
Shannon family are
victims of circumstances
the same as you were.

You don't seem to
mind prosecuting the
innocent, neither will I
have any conscience
qualms over brutally
murdering your family.

The Shannons have
got the heat on, but I
don't desire to see them
prosecuted as they are
innocent and I have

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a much better method
of settling with them,
as far as the guilty
being punished you
would probably have
lived the rest of your
life in peace had you
tried only the guilty,
but if the Shamons
are convicted look out,
and God help you, for
he is the only one that
will be able to do you
any good.

In the event of
my arrest alone already

formed an ^{-B-} outfit to
take care of our destiny
you and yours the
same as if I was
there. I am spending
your money to have
you and your family
happy - nice - eh!

You are backing
people that have
cash - planes - bombs,
and unlimited connections
both here and ^{abroad.} ~~abroad.~~
I have friends in
Oklahoma City that know
every move ~~and every~~

plan you make, and
you are still too dumb
to figure out the finger
man there.

If my brain was
no larger than yours
the government would
have had me long
ago, as it is I am
drinking good beer
and will yet see, ^{you} and
your family like I
should have left you
at first stone dead.

Don't worry about
Bates and Bailey they

will be out ^{for} for the
ceremonies, "your slaughter"

Your Dog - it is
up to you, if the
Shanons are converted
you can get your ^{cut} cut
rich wife in Hell, because
that will be the only
place you can use one.

"Adios" sweet one
Your worst enemy,

Geo. R. Kelly.
I will put my prints
below so you can't say
some crack wrote this.





Give Keenan my
regards and tell
him maybe he would
like to meet the owner
of the above.

See you in Hell

To

CHICAGO, ILL.
SEP 18
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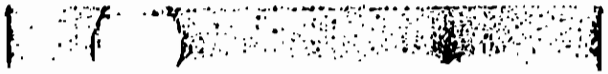
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Oklahoma City,

Okla.

For Editor



The Daily Oklahoman -
Dear Sir -

You will please
publish the enclosed
in your paper and
want the Shuman to
be sure to read it.

Yours truly,
Geo. R. Kelly

