

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
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PRIVACY ACTS**

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

FILE: 7-115

PART 4 OF 23



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Department of Justice

**420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.**

August 25, 1933.

**Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.**

**RE: George R. Kelly,
with aliases-FUGITIVE.
et al.
KIDNAPPING.**

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith fingerprints of
HARVEY J. BAILEY, Dallas, Texas Police Department
#11414; with three photographs of this individual

attached

Very truly yours,

P. J. Blake

**F. C. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.**



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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

FILE NO. **7/10**

REPORT MADE AT: GEORGE W. KELLY CHARLES W. KELLY	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE: [Redacted]	DATE OF REPORT: [Redacted]	TITLE OF CASE: [Redacted]
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SYNOPSIS:
 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
 AUG 30 1933 AM

Investigation at Cleveland, Ohio, has failed to produce any information as to possible whereabouts of Kelly.

Communications from Detroit to Division dated August 14 and 15, 1933.

DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents [Redacted] and [Redacted] at Cleveland, Ohio. During a recent telephone conversation had with the New York City Division Office, this office was informed that on August 12, 1933, a forwarding address was left with the Post Office Department at Syracuse, New York, requesting that mail arriving for [Redacted] be forwarded to [Redacted] Cleveland. This information was secured while an Agent from the New York Office was conducting an investigation at Syracuse regarding a forwarding address left by Kelly at Cleveland on June 8, requesting that his mail be forwarded to 320 East Washington Street, Syracuse.

DETAILS:

Assuming that [Redacted] might have some connection with this matter a check up was made at Cleveland and it was determined that [Redacted] has resided there for a number of years, and there was no indication she has any connection with this matter. It was also ascertained at Cleveland that a woman by the name of [Redacted] was residing at [Redacted]. An inquiry was made regarding this individual and it was determined that she in no way answered the description of Mrs. Kelly. Although this [Redacted] is no longer residing at the above address, photographs of Subject Kelly were exhibited to people living in this apartment.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-344 UNITED STATES AUG 30 1933 AM BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>[Signature]</i> FILE	RECORDED AND INDEXED AUG 30 1933 CHECKED OFF: AUG 31 1933 SACKETT:
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and they were unable to identify them as persons whom they had ever seen.

On August 18, 1933, Special Agent [redacted] of [redacted] called this office stating that he believed that Kelly and his wife were Lake Geneva, Ohio, driving the 16 cylinder Cadillac sedan. The Marshal was of the opinion that the photograph on the identification order closely resembled that of the person driving the above car. Agents [redacted] and [redacted] immediately were instructed to proceed to that point and a direct inquiry was made with the result that it was definitely determined that the party to whom the Marshal referred was [redacted] of [redacted] Cleveland, and that she has no connection with the Subjects in this case.

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Inquiry was also made at the Post Office at Geneva, and it was determined that no one answering the names or aliases of Subjects had ever received any mail there nor was there any post office record of these persons.

There are being transmitted herewith copies of communications between [redacted] of the Cadillac Agency at Cleveland, and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon, concerning the purchase of the 16 cylinder Cadillac sedan which Kelly and his wife purchased there, and also regarding a 12 cylinder Cadillac coupe which the Kellys were contemplating buying. In this connection it may be stated that the persons addressed in these communications as Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon are in fact Mr. and Mrs. Kelly. This was definitely determined from [redacted] who furnished the originals of the above letters from which these copies were prepared.

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There are also being forwarded to the office of origin signatures of Kelly and his wife; Exhibit #1: tracing of signature of George R. Kelly and Mrs. Charles G. Thorne, appearing on title papers of Cadillac coupe which was turned into the Cadillac Company at Cleveland when the 16 cylinder Cadillac was purchased on June 3, 1933; Exhibit #2: tracing of signatures of Mrs. Ora L. Shannon and R. G. Shannon which appear on correspondence in possession of the Cadillac Company at Cleveland; Exhibit #3: tracing of signatures of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shannon and daughter, Shannon Hugh, R. T., Decatur, Texas, which appears on the registration card at the Park Lane Villa Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, where they stopped for four days in June.

In accordance with request contained in telegram from the St. Paul Division Office dated August 18, a copy of the telegram obtained by Kelly on August 8, 1933, at Cleveland, Ohio, was secured and immediately forwarded to the St. Paul Office. This telegram was addressed and reads as follows:

Minneapolis, Minnesota
August 8, 1935 - 4:50 P. M.

Cleveland, Ohio

Deal has fall through and they have left. Communicate with me at box 321

"George"

This telegram was received over the Western Union. All law enforcement officials in the Detroit district have been furnished appropriate information concerning the description of Kelly and his wife, together with a description of the 16 cylinder Cadillac sedan and the Chevrolet Sport Coupe in which they were allegedly seen in Iowa recently. Also, all Cadillac distributors and agencies throughout the United States and Canada have been furnished with complete descriptions of Kelly and his wife and the 16 cylinder Cadillac.

It will be noted that other investigation at Cleveland, Ohio, is in detail set out in communications from the Detroit Division Office dated August 14 and 15. Hence, it is not deemed necessary to include same in this report.

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[redacted] of the Cadillac Motor Company agency at Cleveland has offered complete cooperation in this matter and will notify this Division office in the event any further word is received from Mr. and Mrs. Kelly. It will be noted in my communication of August 15 that Kelly deposited \$500 as down payment toward the purchase of a new 12 cylinder Cadillac coupe, Kelly indicating that he would return to Cleveland within a month.

P E N D I N G

COPY

Caillias Motor Car Company,

Cleveland Ohio

Att. Sales Manager.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a cashier check for the amount of one thousand dollars, to apply on my note due in a few days, and if it is satisfactory with you I will greatly appreciate a thirty day extension on the balance, as I am feeding out a bunch of cattle, and it will mean a nice sum of cash to me to wait thirty days before shipping them, so please let me know by return, if you can favor me with the extension for thirty days, and if you can't manage it I will forward the entire balance as per my promise.

We have a real nice trip, and the sixteen is a peach, I think I will be in Cleveland in thirty or sixty days to drive back a twelve coupe for myself, as th Mrs. wishes, this one for her own individual use. So my very kindest regards to both you and [redacted] and dont forget us if you are ever in the Lone Star State. b7c

Awaiting an early reply,

Yours Very Truly

/s/ R. G. Shannon.

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Dear Mr. Shannon:

Your special delivery letter of June 26th received today, together with your check in the amount of \$1,000.00, and we wish to thank you for your kind consideration communicating with us so promptly concerning the balance on your new Cadillac V-16 Sedan. We most certainly shall be pleased to extend the balance of your note, an additional thirty days for payment, and if, at the end of this time, you find it more convenient to make other arrangements, we will be pleased to adjust the matter as you may wish.

It certainly is nice to know that you are so happy with your new car, and that it is performing in such a way that it is living up to the recommendations we so heartily gave it when you were visiting Cleveland. In regard to your coming trip through this city, which you refer to as the time you might be purchasing a Cadillac V-12 Coupe for yourself, I just wish to inform you that at the present time, we have a wonderful bargain in a 1932 Convertible Coupe, which you might have seen on your last trip here. It is highly possible of course, that this car will be sold within a short time, and will not be available by the time you reach Cleveland. Of course, we will have many other cars, one of which may appeal to you more than the car mentioned above, but at the same time it might be smart to close a transaction on the 1932 Coupe, if you are interested in saving a sizeable amount of money. As you know, this car delivered for \$4,100.00 and you can purchase it for \$3,000.00 at the present time. If you wish to trade a car in towards the purchase of the Coupe, we will be glad to do so at a fair valuation.

Any serious consideration of this particular car should be done promptly, and if you come to any conclusion about it, we would be glad to hold same for you on a deposit of \$500.00 and an acknowledgment of the purchase by telegram. In order that you may understand the reason for requesting the deposit, we would like to explain that it is the only fair way we can treat

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R.G.S

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June 28, 1933.

Different vehicles by virtue of a fact, but the fact that they usually have
one or two packages on their various vehicles and that they tie
to a car without an order and a small amount.

Kindly extend our best wishes to Mrs. Shannon and with kind personal regards
to yourself, we are

Very truly yours,

CADILLAC MOTOR CAR COMPANY

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Paradise Texas.

July 31st, 1955

Cadillac Motor Car Company

Cleveland Ohio

Att. [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]:

My sincere thanks to you for your promptness in answering my letter of the 26th also I really appreciate your favor in an extension of the balance due you I am reasonably sure I will clear that matter in a few days also I will be up your way and get the twelve however I want a new twelve convertible coupe.

I believe I saw the car you have there and I did not like it very much, so I will let you know when I leave here and a definite answer as to where I will purchase one are not and if I am able to do so you can have one there for me when I arrive. I want a dark color and the transaction will be cash.

Many thanks to you for your kindly interest, and I will write you again the latter part of the month, and send in the balance on "SWEET SIXTEEN" (that is the wife's pet name), and I shall certainly remember Cleveland, and The Cadillac Company in the future whenever I purchase a car as you people have been awfully nice to us, and were just like old friends at home toward us, while we were in your city, so wishing you a grand and glorious Fourth,

Yours Very Truly,

R. G. Shannon

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20,
Cleveland, Ohio,
Att.

Sales Manager.

Dear Sir;

Mr. Shannon has been down on the gulf for the past ten days, and he telephoned me last night and asked that I inform you that we would arrive in Cleveland within the next ten days and pay you people the balance due on the sixteen and also purchase a twelve cent. coupon so they to have one on hand. He has decided that we would prefer a real spiffy sports type something in a bright blue and green so just as soon as he completes his business down there we will leave here for Cleveland. He will probably wire you enroute. I have had several letters from G. M. A. C. since he left asking me to call at the Dallas office to sign some kind of a contract pertaining to the sixteen but I have not had the time to go over there as I have had some company so you can inform them that the account will be paid you at Cleveland right away now.

Be Until We see you my very kindest regards

Yours Very Truly

/s/ Mrs Ora L. Shannon

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Mrs. Carl L. Shannon
Paradise, Texas

Dear Mrs. Shannon:

We just received your letter of July 29th informing us that you and Mr. Shannon plan to arrive in Cleveland about the ninth or tenth of August to pick out a twelve cylinder Convertible Coupe.

This is fine news for us and we shall certainly do everything we can to have several of the best looking cars of this type that were ever built on hand so that you will have a proper opportunity to make a selection of a car that will please you and Mr. Shannon.

Regarding the several letters which you received from G.M.A.C. at Dallas, we telephoned the Cleveland office of G.M.A.C. and told them you were planning to be here soon and would complete payment on the Sixteen when you arrived, so please do not let them bother you with any letters from the Dallas office and we will settle all of these things to your entire satisfaction when you arrive here.

We are looking forward with pleasure and satisfaction to the possibility of seeing you soon. Please extend our kindest best wishes to Mr. Shannon.

Very sincerely yours,

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] for the Wesson Oil and Snowdrift Sales Co., Bayonne, N. J., retains P.O. Box #51 at Pittsburgh, Pa. as a convenience for his foreign contacts which are mostly Italian and French. Address will get box is obtained by [REDACTED] and forwarded to him. [REDACTED] apparently very reliable individuals. [REDACTED] does not know Kelly or any of subjects in this or [REDACTED] case.



REFERENCE:

Letter from Pittsburgh office, dated August 23, 1933.

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DETAILS:

Agent called at the office of the Wesson Oil and Snowdrift Sales Company, 160 East 22nd Street, Bayonne, New Jersey, and there located [REDACTED] who advised that he now resides at [REDACTED] Hightstown, New Jersey. [REDACTED] advised agent that he knew no one by the name of George Kelly, R. C. Shannon, Vernon Miller, Galton or any of the subjects connected with this or the [REDACTED] case. [REDACTED] was shown a photograph of subject Kelly and he advised that this individual was unknown to him.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	7-115-345	RECORDED AND INDEXED AUG 30 1933
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SALT LAKE CITY UTMH
AUGUST 29, 1933

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON D. C.

USE DENVER HAS ARRANGED FOR SIX PASSENGER PRIVATE PLANE WITH NATIONAL
GUARD PILOT FOR REMOVAL BATES OKLAHOMA CITY LEAVING THURSDAY MORNING EARLY SIX
PASSENGERS ARE USM TWO DEPUTIES BATES TWO AGENTS STOP IMMEDIATELY TELEGRAPH
WE HAVE IN YOUR AUTHORITY FOR MYSELF AND [REDACTED] TO BE THE TWO AGENTS TO GO
STOP I MUST DEPART SALT LAKE CITY TONIGHT FOR DENVER TO CONNECT STOP PLANE
WILL DEPART OKLAHOMA CITY SAME DAY FOR DENVER

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TO [REDACTED]

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
900 KERR THOMPSON BUILDING
SALT LAKE CITY UTAH

REPLYING TELEGRAM YOU AND [REDACTED] AUTHORIZED PROCEEDED OKLAHOMA CITY WITH U S MARSHAL

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Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Hughes	✓
Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓

DIRECTOR=

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION US DEPT OF JUSTICE=

=URSCHEL CASE LEAVING FOR FORTWORTH RETURNING THIS AFTERNOON

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900 Mrs Thompson Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
August 22, 1938.



RE: **ROBERT HUNT et al.** - DIVISION ONE
FRANKIE F. HUNTER - **7-115**
Kingston, Pa., wife [redacted]

[redacted] of the William F. [redacted]
[redacted] Salt Lake City, Utah, has informed me that [redacted]
understanding that Subject George Kelly, under the name of
[redacted] was arrested by the Oregon State Police at
St. Helens, Oregon, on May 6, 1938, charge not stated, but
thought to be vagrancy. It is probable that after being
arrested he was removed to Portland, Oregon, since I am advised
that [redacted] is Portland, Oregon, Police [redacted] and
it appears that he was sentenced to serve six months in the
Multnomah County Jail, Portland, Oregon. The fingerprint
classification was given as [redacted]

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I cannot vouch for the accuracy of the information,
but that [redacted] is in reality Kelly, although the fingerprint
classification of both are close.

I suggest that you immediately determine all facts
possible concerning the arrest of [redacted] and determine
if [redacted] is in fact Kelly. If so, follow through and determine
if in fact he was sentenced to the Multnomah County Jail, and
if so the date of his release. Any leads that suggest themselves
to you during the course of your inquiry, as a result of
the location of relatives or the identification of persons
with whom he had contact, such as the names of persons
with whom he had contact, any friends or relatives, and
a description of any motor vehicle he may have had at the time
and his place or places of residence should be reported.

Incidentally, I am now informed that Kelly is
an Italian and he may have Italian connections at Portland.

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During my recent investigation at Denver, Colorado,
in this matter, I learned that Albert L. Bates alias George L.
Davis, who was arrested there, had in his possession a Buick

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[The text in this section is extremely faint and largely illegible due to heavy noise and poor scan quality. It appears to be a multi-paragraph report.]

John H. [illegible]
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Oklahoma
cc - Dallas

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
August 25, 1933.

DAY LETTER

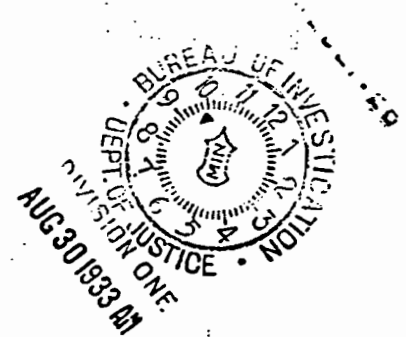
F. J. BLAKE,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

MINNESOTA LICENSE B FOUR THREE SEVEN NAUGHT TWO LISTED TO [REDACTED] SOUTH VIRGINIA MINNESOTA THIRTY ONE STUDEBAKER SEDAN MOTOR ONE FOUR NINE FOUR SERIAL SEVEN NAUGHT THREE ONE EIGHT FIVE FIVE SHE RECEIVED CAR AND FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS SETTLEMENT SEPARATION FROM HUSBAND [REDACTED] RECENTLY AND THOUGHT TO BE TRAVELING IN TEXAS WITH DENTIST NAMED DOCTOR [REDACTED] OF DULUTH OR MINNEAPOLIS WHO IS BETWEEN FORTY FIFTY YEARS ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS

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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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DIVISION ONE
AUG 23 1933 AM

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1216 Smith-Young Tower,
San Antonio, Texas.

RE: George R. Kelly,
with aliases - FUGITIVE
et al.
KIDNAPPING.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the matter of [redacted]
alias [redacted] suspected of being implicated in
the above entitled case:

It is our information that a woman answering
her general description, left the Kelly home in Fort
Worth, Texas by airplane for Des Moines, Iowa, arriving
at the latter place the night of 8/12/33, where she was
joined by Mr. and Mrs. F.E. Coleman - who we believe to
be George R. Kelly and his wife.

The information furnished by [redacted]
of the San Antonio Police Department to the effect this
woman was confined in a tubercular hospital in Dallas
and proved to be erroneous, and I suggest you endeavor
to locate attorney [redacted] and get such information from
him as may be possible.

Very truly yours,

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F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge

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Wm. O'Neil

Federal Building

St. Paul, Minnesota

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
500 West Washington Building
Salt Lake City, Utah.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
CHARLES F. GERSCHL - Victim.
KIDNAPPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-2.
Date File No. 7-2.



Dear Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 23rd. instant, in regard to the above captioned matter and the sending of a letter from Twin Falls, Idaho, to Denver, Colorado, I would respectfully state that Special Agent [redacted] is en route to Twin Falls at this time.

It seems to me that the clerk in the Postoffice at Denver who placed the letter addressed to Bates, at 5950 39th. Street, Denver, in Box 651 had some instructions to so place this letter.

This office is in receipt of a carbon copy of a letter written by Special Agent in Charge Warner Baum, St. Paul, Minnesota, in which it is stated that on August 8, 1933, a Western Union telegram to R. G. Shannon, care of the Cadillac Motor Sales Company, Cleveland, Ohio, was received, reading as follows:

"DEAL HAS FALLEN THROUGH JACK AND TOM HAVE LEFT
COMMUNICATE WITH ME AT BOX SIX THREE ONE
Signed: GEORGE"

This office has been searching for Box 651 in all the large towns of Montana and Idaho. Your telegram referred to above that Bates had a Box 651 in Denver, which is undoubtedly the box referred to in the telegram quoted.

The information secured at Twin Falls, Idaho, will be promptly transmitted as it is received.

Very truly yours,

CC:
Director-1 ✓
St. Paul-2

D. H. Dickason
Special Agent in Charge

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WAS 524 Post Office Bldg.
Portland, Oregon

WAS 524 Post Office Bldg.
Portland, Oregon

Mr. George Kelly, et al.
Charles F. Hunsdel (Victim)
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

This will refer to your letter of the 22nd inst., relative to one [redacted] arrested by the Oregon State Police at St. Helens, Oregon, and requesting appropriate inquiry on the possibility that [redacted] and the above named George Kelly might possibly be the same person.

Inquiry at the Portland Police Department and the Sheriff's office of Multnomah County, Portland, Oregon, developed that the [redacted] referred to is not subject George Kelly involved in [redacted] is known to have used as aliases [redacted] and George Kelly. He was arrested at St. Helens, Oregon, June 2, 1935, on a vagrancy charge and after being confined in the Portland City Jail he was transferred to the County Jail, Portland, Oregon, on June 22, 1935, receiving a sentence of six months in the Multnomah County Jail and \$100 fine. He was released after serving one day.

Comparison of the fingerprints of [redacted] with those of subject George Kelly involved in this case indicates that they are not identical. It was also noted that the criminal record of [redacted] was [redacted] in the Oregon State Penitentiary at which time [redacted] Kelly was paroled in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
DR. W. S. P.

classification appearing in your letter of August 21, 1954. The classification appearing in your letter of August 21, 1954 is being changed to the classification of [redacted] fingerprint as reported by the Portland Police Department and Sheriff's office, Multnomah County on 8-2-54.

The suggestion contained in your letter as to the possibility of Mr. C. L. Davis having gone to Tacoma, Washington is being given appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

C. C. Spears
Special Agent in Charge

cc [redacted]
cc [redacted]
cc [redacted]

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326 1/2 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

RM: [redacted]
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August 28, 1933.

[redacted]
Bolton, Mississippi.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of August 25, 1933, fur-
nishing descriptions and serial numbers of four twenty dollar
bills which have been cashed by persons camping in your vicin-
ity.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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(C O P Y)

Bolton, Miss., Aug. 25, 1933.

Special Agent, Department of Justice,
New Orleans.

Dear Sir:

I have here four (4) Twenty (\$20.00) Dollar bills,
that were brought here by some people camping not far
from town. They brought in two yesterday and two more today
which aroused my suspicion. They are listed as follows:

Series of 1928 B	U. S. Treasury	#H03796060A	\$20.00
" "	1928	" "	#D04281156A \$20.00
" "	1928	" "	#L03962705A \$20.00
" "	1929	The First National Bank of Memphis, Tenn. #B003238A - \$20.00.	

(SIGNED) 

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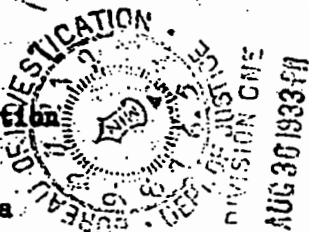
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Salt Lake City, Utah.
August 28, 1933.

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
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Oklahoma City Oklahoma



George Kelley etal kidnaping will notify you Monday twenty eighth if removal by September first can be effected also date removal means effecting routing other details

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GEORGE W KELLY ETAL KIDNAPPING SUGGEST INFORMATION FURNISHED YOU TODAY BY PHONE
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August 26, 1933.

Mr. Nathan called and stated he had arrived at Kansas City this morning and had gone over the Bailey matter thoroughly with [redacted] the District Attorney, and that while [redacted] had not definitely committed himself, Mr. Nathan felt that he would prosecute Bailey. Mr. Nathan stated that he had submitted some reports to [redacted] and had arranged for other reports to be given to him by [redacted] He advised [redacted] that he, Mr. Nathan, would call the Kansas City office of [redacted] working from St. Paul to obtain his decision. Mr. Nathan says he feels that [redacted] might delay his decision for another day or two but that eventually he will decide affirmatively and will prosecute Bailey; that he seems to be impressed with the evidence against Bailey.

Mr. Nathan further stated that he was to see [redacted] this afternoon for the purpose of endeavoring to obtain further evidence of the connection between [redacted] and Bailey; that he, Mr. Nathan, would leave Kansas City tonight and would arrive at St. Paul tomorrow, where he would remain until Mrs. Korman arrives on Monday; that he would like to go over the Mann case with Korman on Sunday.

He further stated that he had advised Gus Jones to go back to Dallas and from there to San Antonio for the purpose of contacting [redacted] the woman alleged to have been in the company of Catherine Kelly at Des Moines, Iowa, last week. He states that [redacted] is apparently an important cog in this matter and possibly through contacting her we will be able to locate the Kelly woman. He further states that Jones knows the [redacted] woman and has contacts through which he can reach her.

Mr. Nathan stated that he had talked with Vetterli over the telephone relative to the report of the threatened kidnaping of the Governor of Kansas; that Vetterli had been unable to give him any information of value over the telephone as he was then talking from Brewster's office. He gathered that there is not a great deal to the matter. Vetterli will return to Kansas City this evening and Mr. Nathan will see him before he, Mr. Nathan, leaves for St. Paul.

Respectfully,

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Handwritten initials and signatures: "H.A.H.", "D.W. Orr", "D.W. East", "H.A.H."

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1216 Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas.

August 22, 1933

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice,
140 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

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Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith San Antonio Police Department photo
of [redacted] alias [redacted]
[redacted] alias [redacted]
[redacted] alias [redacted]
This woman has the following record:

As [redacted] Police Department, Ft. Worth, Texas, April 24,
1928, shop-lifting.

As [redacted] Police Department Houston, Texas,
May 28, 1927, burglary and felony theft.

As [redacted] Police Department, Des Moines, Iowa,
Aug. 1, 1927, investigation.

As [redacted] Police Department Grand Rapids,
Mich., Nov. 6, 1926, shop-lifting.

As [redacted] Police Department San Antonio
July 15, 1929, burglary and aggravated assault.

Notations on this woman's record at the Police Department
here show she admits arrests by Police Department at
1928 and 1929.

It is to be noted here on this woman's record being checked for
of the crimes charged in her criminal record. None the police was the
tried in San Antonio, Texas, for assault to murder having shot and wounded
and by the name of [redacted] she was acquitted of this charge.

In addition to the aliases quoted in the Police records she is known
to have used the following aliases:

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Special Agent in Charge, #2

August 22, 1933.

[REDACTED] was killed in San Antonio, Texas, about two years ago by a taxi-driver named [REDACTED] in this charge [REDACTED] acquitted.

[REDACTED] is known to have associated with high-powered criminals for the last eight or ten years. After the death [REDACTED], she took up with one Jack Smith, a notorious bank robber who was killed while caught pouring the Mustang Hotel in Oklahoma City about two years ago. Smith was at that time charged with participating in the robbery of the San Antonio National Bank in San Antonio, Texas.

She is also known to have associated with one [REDACTED] and his wife and also John B. Bennett alias Sam J. Kennedy, Chicago Police Department No. 10223 who was killed by a rival mobster in the robbery of the President Hotel in Kansas City about two years ago.

In view of the fact that mail addressed to [REDACTED] was found to have arrived at the home of Kathryn Kelly on Mulvey Street, Fort Worth, Texas, after the departure of the woman known as [REDACTED] it is quite possible that [REDACTED] is identical with [REDACTED] and I would suggest that the enclosed photograph be exhibited to persons who had occasion to observe the [REDACTED] woman while she was at the Mulvey Street address.

I have contacted certain confidential sources in San Antonio with the hope of ascertaining the [REDACTED] woman's present whereabouts and will advise you promptly of any results.

It is reported in San Antonio that the mother of [REDACTED] lives at [REDACTED] address.

At the time of the killing of Jack Smith in the Mustang Hotel in Oklahoma City, [REDACTED] was with him and escaped arrest. It was reported that she had approximately \$2,000.00 in deposit in a bank at Houston, Texas, and it may be that she may have a bank account at Houston at the present time under her correct name or one of her aliases, and it might be advisable for the Oklahoma City office to check on this and to place a cover on the mail of her mother's, whose address may be obtainable from one of the three letters I recall reading in the Dallas office that was found at the Mulvey Street address, one of which as I recall, was from her mother.

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Special Agent in Charge, #3

AUGUST 25, 1933.

A copy of this letter is being furnished the Kansas City office together with a photograph of the [redacted] woman and it is suggested that

the [redacted] woman be identified by the [redacted] office. It is suggested that the [redacted] office be notified by the [redacted] office. It is suggested that the [redacted] office be notified by the [redacted] office. It is suggested that the [redacted] office be notified by the [redacted] office.

Very truly yours,

W. F. [redacted],
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division
cc Oklahoma City
cc Kansas City

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.**

FILE NO. **7-7**

REPORT MADE AT: DALLAS, TEXAS.	DATE WHEN MADE: 8-28-33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8/23-26/33	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
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TITLE: GEORGE R. KELLY, alias GEORGE KELLY, alias R. G. SHANNON - I.O. #1203 - FUGITIVE. KATHRYN THORNE KELLY, alias CATHERINE KELLY, alias MRS. R. G. SHANNON - FUGITIVE; et al. CHARLES F. MURSCHER (Victim).	CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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After hearing before Federal Judge Wilson, Ft. Worth, Texas, R. G. Shannon, Ora L. Shannon and Armon Crawford Shannon were ordered removed by the court to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with Harvey Bailey, who waived hearing. Order of removal signed by the court on August 25, 1933. The three named Shannons were taken from Dallas, Texas by plane to Oklahoma City the same day. Harvey Bailey still confined in Dallas County Jail. Thompson Sub-Machine Gun #4907; model 1921, found in possession of Harvey Bailey when arrested at Paradise, Texas, was purchased by Kathryn Kelly at Ft. Worth, Texas. Other investigations conducted by the Dallas Office outlined in this report.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** Dallas, Texas, dated 8-23-33.

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A habeas corpus hearing for bond reduction and removal proceeding were heard before Federal Judge James C. Wilson, at Ft. Worth, Texas, on August 24 and 25, 1933. Hon. James B. Keenan, Assistant Attorney General of the United States; Hon. Herbert K. Hyde, United States Attorney, Oklahoma City; Hon. Clyde Eastus, United States Attorney, Ft. Worth, Texas, and Hon. Alex Mood, Chief Assistant United States Attorney, Ft. Worth, Texas, represented the Government, while Sam Sayers and Walter B. Scott of the law firm of McLean-Scott & Sayers,

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>P. J. [Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-350	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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Ft. Worth; State Senator Grady Woodruff and his partner Mack W. Berch appeared for defendants Harvey Bailey, R. G. Shannon, Ora L. Shannon and Armon Crawford Shannon. While the hearing was in progress Harvey Bailey signified his willingness to waive further hearing and return to Oklahoma City, whereupon waiver was prepared and signed by him. The court allowed a reduction of bond of \$5000.00 for Armon Shannon, \$15,000.00 for R. G. Shannon and \$25,000.00 for Ora L. Shannon, and ordered them immediately removed to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Shortly after the decision by the Court, the three named Shannons were taken by plane from Ft. Worth, Texas to Oklahoma City by Deputy United States Marshal [redacted] accompanied by Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones of the San Antonio Division Office, and Hon. Herbert K. Hyde, United States Attorney, Oklahoma City.

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Thompson-Sub-Machine Gun No. 4907; model 1921, was traced from the factory through division offices to Wolf & Klar, Dealers in jewelry, firearms, ammunition and sporting goods at Ft. Worth, Texas. Special Agent [redacted] and [redacted] made investigation at the above place, and in this connection, signed statement was obtained from [redacted] as follows:

"Ft. Worth, Texas,
August 25, 1933.

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"I, [redacted] one of the members of the firm of Wolf & Klar, at 1505 Main Street, Ft. Worth, Texas, state that:

"One [redacted] salesman for the Colt's Firearms manufacturing company, called me by long distance telephone and stated he had picked up a Thompson Machine Gun, and asked if I could use it. I informed him that I could. He stated the price would be \$130.00. According to an American Railway Express Company receipt, dated Lake Charles, Louisiana, February 13, 1933, and a letter from [redacted] from Lake Charles, dated February 13th, the gun was shipped to me on that date; that is it was shipped to Wolf & Klar, Ft. Worth, Texas.

"The Machine gun which I obtained from [redacted] only remained in the store a few days, to the best of my recollection, not more than a week or ten days, when Kathryn Kelly, whom I have known for several years, and knew as Mrs. Thorn, originally, and whom I assumed was with her husband, Kelly, in the bootlegging business, came into the store and saw the gun, and wanted to buy it. I sold that gun to Mrs. Kelly for \$250.00 in cash.

"We keep a record of the number of guns bought and sold by the firm, but inasmuch as this gun was purchased from [redacted] a legitimate dealer, no record of the number thereof, or of the sale to Kathryn Kelly was made.

"The company bookkeeper, [redacted] has searched the firm's books of accounts and records, and cannot find any record of an entry covering the receipt of \$250.00 cash between February 13 and August 12, 1933.

"I will testify however, under oath, that the machine gun was sold to Mrs. Thorn, now Mrs. George Kelly, prior to June 16, 1933.

b7c "This statement is made by me voluntarily at Ft. Worth, Texas, to Special Agent [redacted] Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, this 25th day of August, 1933."

b7c (signed) [redacted]
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Witnesses:

b7c [redacted] Special Agent, Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice, Dallas, Texas.
[redacted] City Detective Department, Ft. Worth, Texas.

AT DECATUR, TEXAS.

b7c Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] made an investigation and ascertained that Box #73 in the First National Bank at Decatur, was in the name of R. G. Shannon. With the permission of [redacted] Cashier, this box was examined on August 23, 1933 by these Agents, and contained the following:

- 1) Piece of brown wrapping paper in small steel box bearing words "- Bills of 10 dollars in bills of 5 dollars. Steel box in paper carton marked R. G. Shannon, Paradise, Texas.
- 2) Pieces of newspapers - Ft. Worth Press Oct. 15, 1932
- 3) Wrapped in newspaper and tied 3 bank statements - one sealed - one contains checks dated 1931 one contains checks dated 1932 - among which is check Feb. 12/32 to Geo. R. Kelly - stamped endorsement of Ft. Worth Finance Co.
- 4) Receipt - 7-23-32 - by Baldwin Music Co., \$137.50 to Geo. R. Kelly - payment on piano.
- 5) Receipt 7-22-32 - to Geo. R. Kelly \$41.00 by Cooke-Melton Motor Co., Ins., Ft. Worth.
- 6) Typewritten instructions to pay - Baldwin Piano Co. Taxes - Notes on house - Cook Melton - on Ford and Get trunk at Cook-Melton. On back in pen are the following notations: "Swains Res. 54812 Barber shop - 20222"
- 7) A deposit ticket - R. G. Shannon - 10-6-32 - Peoples State Bank Paradise \$8.55.

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[redacted] c/o Jefferson Hotel, Dallas, Texas, called at the office on August 23, 1933, and stated that on a bus between Springtown, Texas and Ft. Worth the day before, a [redacted] of Springtown had told him that a [redacted] living on a farm near Paradise, Texas, belonging to [redacted], had told [redacted] that about a year ago Mrs. R. G. Shannon had cared for a baby at her home.

Agents [redacted] and [redacted] went to Springtown, and [redacted] stated to [redacted] that [redacted] had told him, since the arrest of the Shannons, that Mrs. R. G. Shannon about a year ago, the month or time of year she could not recall, called on her [redacted] and stated she was caring for her brother, Fred Coleman's baby.

Mrs. Shannon is a sister of Fred Coleman who was convicted in Federal Court at San Angelo, Texas, for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and he now resides near Stratford, Oklahoma.

Upon receipt of a telegram from the Chicago Division Office requesting that the Dallas Division Office establish the identity of one F. W. Maurer, depositor in the First National Bank in Dallas, and whether Maurer is acquainted with [redacted] partially identified with George Kelly, the writer interviewed [redacted] First National Bank, Dallas, and ascertained from the records of the First National Bank that Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Maurer, business: Mid-West Mortgage Company; address 834 North Marsalis, Oak Cliff, Dallas, Texas, opened an account in the bank on March 13, 1933, with \$275.00 cash; no reference is given. The account revealed four other small deposits and two cancelled checks for \$24.49 each, made payable to the National Bond Investment Company, Chicago, Ill. The opening of the account was passed on by [redacted] new account division of the bank.

On interviewing [redacted], he stated that March 13, 1933 was the day after the bank holiday; that there were over a thousand new accounts opened at the bank and that he did not know F. W. Maurer and would be unable to identify a photograph of him.

At the Dallas Post Office Agent ascertained that there is a record of change of address for F. W. Maurer and wife from 834 North Marsalis, Dallas, to room 1505 Tower Petroleum Building, Dallas,

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On interviewing [redacted] of the Building, he stated that rooms 1504-05-06-07, were occupied until May 1, 1933, by James Whitelaw & Company, a firm dealing in stock securities and commodities; that this firm moved to larger quarters on the same floor.

Agent interviewed [redacted] who stated that he has known F. W. Maurer for a number of years; that Mr. Maurer is a former resident of Dallas, Texas, and was connected with McKenzie-Gaskill Company, security investments and the Celotex Company of Chicago, Ill. He described Maurer as: 53 years of age; 6' 4"; 175 pounds; blue-gray eyes; steel gray hair; dark complexion.

Photograph of Richard Tallman Galatas, alias Richard Sheridan, which appears on I.O. #1201, was exhibited to [redacted]. He stated that the photograph did not at all resemble Mr. Maurer; that he never heard of Richard Tallman Galatas,

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alias Richard Sheridan. [redacted] further stated that Mr. Maurer had never been in any trouble of any kind and that he would personally vouch for him.

As requested by the Division at Washington, Remington Typewriter, serial BC-76524, found at the Shannon Farm, Paradise, Texas, is being traced by the Dallas Division Office.

As requested in the Division Telegram, on August 24, 1933, disposition of shop-lifting charge against Kathryn Thorne Kelly was obtained from the Bureau of Identification of the Ft. Worth Police Department to the effect that this charge was dismissed on account of insufficient evidence. This was transmitted by wire to the Division.

Agent, in company with Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] proceeded to 857 E. Mulkey Street, Ft. Worth, Texas, the home of Kathryn Thorne Kelly, and there interviewed J. E. Brooks. He stated he is 53 years of age; that about six years ago he divorced subject Ora L. Shannon at Coleman, Texas. Mr. Brooks stated while at Coleman he operated a grocery store and his wife Ora Shannon and Daughter Kathryn Kelly, operated a small hotel there; that Kathryn was married to one Charles G. Thorne, who was in the wholesale liquor business; that Charles G. Thorne bought the home and furnishings at 857 E. Mulkey Street for Kathryn Kelly. According to Mr. Brooks, Thorne died five or six years ago, and his daughter Kathryn married George Kelly. He stated that little is known of Kelly and his antecedents. Mr. Brooks said the last time he heard from his daughter Kathryn was from Indianapolis, Indiana in the beginning of August, at which time she sent him a money order for \$50.00 on the Indianapolis, Indiana, Post Office. In her letter she stated she expected to return to Ft. Worth, Texas in a few days. About August 9 or 10, he stated that one [redacted] who had been stopping at 857 E. Mulkey Street for about a month, received a wire from Kathryn Kelly in which she said to call at the Western Union for \$150.00 and hand over to him \$25.00. [redacted] whose correct name is [redacted] hurriedly departed from the house after receipt of the telegram and told Mr. Brooks that she was leaving for Abilene, Texas where she operated a small hotel. She instructed Mr. Brooks to hold her mail. Since her departure Mr. Brooks stated three letters have been received at the house for [redacted] who also uses the name of [redacted] and [redacted]. The name of the persons writing the letters with postmarks thereon are as follows:

August 11, 1933, postmarked Milburn, Oklahoma, address to [redacted] 857 E. Mulkey Street, Ft. Worth, Texas, signed "McM".

August 19, 1933, addressed to [redacted], 857 E. Mulkey Street, from [redacted] address 1513 South Haskell Ave., Dallas, Texas, mail general delivery, Dallas.

Abilene, Texas, August 19, 1933, addressed to [redacted] 857 E. Mulkey Street, Ft. Worth, Texas, from [redacted] no return address.

The last letter is written in pencil Friday, 19, 1933, and starts with Dearest [redacted] is probably another alias used by [redacted]

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According to Mr. Brooks, [redacted], who is better known as [redacted] is an intimate friend of his daughter Kathryn Kelly. [redacted] has been known to travel with Kathryn Kelly for a number of years before she met George Kelly. A photograph of [redacted] alias [redacted] alias [redacted] and other aliases, was sent from the Kansas City Office with a request that investigation be conducted at Des Moines, Iowa, to determine whether [redacted] is the woman who contacted Mr. & Mrs. F. E. Coleman at Des Moines, Io. It will be noted that [redacted] under the name of [redacted] received a Western Union Money Order for \$150.00 from Kathryn Kelly on August 11 from Davenport, Iowa and a telegram instructing [redacted] to take a plane at once to Des Moines, Iowa and go to the Des Moines Hotel; and telegram signed Kathryn Moore (an alias of Kathryn Kelly) which said "Sender driving sixteen cylinder Cadillac".

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In report of Special Agent [redacted] Dallas, Texas, August 18, 1933, [redacted] had been identified by Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] as being [redacted] a woman friend of [redacted]. This identification is incorrect inasmuch as [redacted] has now been definitely identified as being [redacted] alias [redacted] alias [redacted] alias [redacted] alias [redacted]; description: age, 25 (1923); height, 5' 7 1/2"; hair, black; weight, 136 pounds (in 1923); eyes, dark chestnut; complexion, dark; build, well. She is judged now to weigh about 115 pounds. The criminal record of [redacted] is as follows:

As [redacted] arrested Fort Worth, Texas, PD, April 24, 1923, charge investigation-shoplifting; disposition not given.

As [redacted] arrested Houston, Texas, PD, May 25, 1927, charge burglary and felonious theft; disposition not given.

As [redacted] arrested Des Moines, Iowa, PD, August 1, 1927, charge investigation; disposition not given.

As [redacted] arrested San Antonio, Texas, PD, July 13, 1929, charge burglary-aggravated assault; transferred to county.

As [redacted] arrested Grand Rapids, Mich., PD, Nov. 6, 1930, charge shoplifting; disposition not given.

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Mr. Brooks advised Agent that the house at 857 E. Mulkey Street, Ft. Worth, Texas, was rented by Kathryn Kelly prior to July 1; that on July 1 his daughter Kathryn Kelly came to his rooming house at 823 Lamar Street and induced him to move into her house at 857 E. Mulkey Street, instructing him to file application and make deposits with the electric light and gas companies in the name of J. E. Brooks. He stated that he has not seen George Kelly in over two years; that he was

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under the impression that George Kelly was a gambler; that George and his daughter Kathryn traveled extensively over the country and he has been receiving mail from her from Kansas City, Chicago and Minneapolis; that most of the mail received by him prior to three months ago, was from Minneapolis, Minn. He stated that Kathryn has communicated with him about every two weeks; that he is now expecting a letter from her or telephone call through Kathryn's neighbor, [REDACTED] E. Mulkey Street, Ft. Worth, Texas, telephone [REDACTED]. As will be noted in report of Agent [REDACTED] dated at Dallas, August 7, 1933, this telephone number is being kept under surveillance by the telephone company at Ft. Worth, Texas. The last time a call was received over this wire was from Dallas, Texas on August 1st or 2nd. At that time Kathryn Kelly talked to her father, Mr. J. E. Brooks, and told him that she and George were going on a short trip and expected to return in a few days to Ft. Worth. Mr. Brooks stated this is the last telephone call he received from his daughter; that he does not know her present whereabouts. He appeared anxious to assist the Dallas Office in locating George Kelly. He frankly stated that he was afraid that if his daughter Kathryn continued with George she would be killed by George Kelly or peace officers. He informed Agent that the Dallas Office was free to come to 857 E. Mulkey Street at any time; that in the event he received any mail or telephone calls from Kathryn he would be willing to furnish the Dallas Division Office with this information.

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Mr. Brooks stated that Kathryn Kelly is extremely fond of Pauline Fry, her daughter, and that she probably will attempt to have Pauline come to her. In this connection, Mr. Brooks stated that two or three days ago he wrote to Pauline Fry and asked her to come to Ft. Worth from Paradise and remain with him at 857 E. Mulkey Street. He doubts, however, that she will come to Ft. Worth because he believes that his ex-wife, Mrs. Shannon, will probably, through a "grapevine source" have Pauline Fry go to her grandpa's place at Stratford, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Shannon's kin folk at Stratford, Oklahoma, will then probably hear from Kathryn Kelly and arrange to send Pauline Fry to her mother, Kathryn Kelly. Mr. Brooks suggested that the Government keep close surveillance on the relatives of Mrs. Shannon at Stratford, Oklahoma; and friends of Kelly's, if known, at Minneapolis, Minn. He further stated that [REDACTED] alias [REDACTED] and Kathryn Kelly are good friends and that if there is to be any communication whatever between Kathryn or George Kelly it will be by means of [REDACTED]. He expects [REDACTED] to communicate with him either in person or telephone within the next few days.

With the permission of Mr. Brooks, Detectives [REDACTED] and this Agent searched the premises at 857 E. Mulkey Street, with a view of locating Kathryn and George Kelly. The place revealed no evidence as to their present whereabouts. In the room formerly occupied by [REDACTED] there were two long, empty suitcases, one of which contained a leather pistol holster. It is the opinion of the detectives and this Agent that these two empty suit cases have been used by Kathryn and George Kelly in transporting machine guns and ammunition. In the room now occupied by J. E. Brooks there was found a new Colts .38 Detective Special, No. 408787. This revolver was fully loaded. Mr. Brooks stated that Kathryn Kelly purchased the revolver for him and told him to keep it in the house for protection purposes. The revolver was not taken over by Detectives but left with Mr. Brooks. Detective [REDACTED] stated that he will trace through police channels the number on this revolver.

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There were several letters found on the premises addressed to Mr. Brooks from [redacted] W. Reno Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. When questioned about these letters Mr. Brooks stated they were from his old landlady at that address; that he lived there for about two years prior to February, 1933. He further stated that when George and Kathryn Kelly were at Oklahoma City they called at this address and it is possible that Kathryn might attempt to use [redacted] as a means of communication between himself and Shannon's kin folk at Stratford, Oklahoma. The kin folk of Kathryn Kelly located at Stratford, Oklahoma, are known to the Oklahoma City Division Office and undoubtedly this place is being kept under close surveillance, as noted in the report of Special Agent [redacted] Oklahoma City, August 17, 1933. Therefore no further undeveloped lead will be set out in this report by the Dallas Office. Arrangements have been made to take into custody [redacted] alias [redacted] in the event she attempts to visit J. E. Brooks at 857 E. Mulkey Street at Ft. Worth. Special Agent in Charge Jones of the San Antonio Division Office, who knows [redacted] alias [redacted] and her husband, left Dallas on Saturday, August 26, 1933 for San Antonio, Texas where he will conduct an investigation in the San Antonio District with a view of locating [redacted] and through her the possible whereabouts of Kathryn and George Kelly.

The relatives of J. E. Brooks from whom he receives mail are as follows:

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[redacted] widow, all reside at Saltillo, Miss.

On the Saturday evening of August 19, Mr. Brooks informed Agent that [redacted] attorney, of the law firm of McLean-Scott & Sayer, Ft. Worth, Texas, called on him at 8:57 PM and advised that he had been retained as counsel for Harvey Bailey, the Shannons, Kathryn and George Kelly, and made inquiry of Mr. Brooks concerning the property at 857 E. Mulkey Street. According to Mr. Brooks, from his conversation with [redacted] it is evident that [redacted] is indirectly in communication with Kathryn and George Kelly.

The Dallas Office will keep in constant touch with J. E. Brooks in an effort to locate Kathryn and George Kelly.

Inasmuch as Mr. Brooks states that Kelly's antecedents are unknown to him and there does not appear to be a record of the same in the Dallas file, the records of the United States Attorney's Office, Tulsa, Oklahoma; United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and the State Prison, Santa Fe, New Mexico, might reveal such information. If such investigation has not already been conducted, it is suggested that the Oklahoma City Division Office request same.

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At [redacted] E. Mulkey Street, Agent interviewed in the absence of [redacted] her daughter, who stated that Kathryn Kelly had been receiving telephone calls over her mother's telephone; that her mother was shocked to read of an account of George and Kathryn Kelly in the newspaper in connection with the kidnaping of George Urschel and that she and her mother would do everything possible to assist the Dallas Office in locating Kathryn and George Kelly. In this connection, in the event she received a telephone call for Mr. J. E. Brooks she will immediately telephone the Dallas Division Office.

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Before conducting this interview at the home of [redacted] Agent ascertained that the [redacted] family is a highly reputable family in Ft. Worth, Texas, and can be depended upon to cooperate with the Dallas Division Office.

Chief of Police [redacted] Mineral Wells, Texas, notified the Dallas Division Office that an automobile bearing Minnesota License [redacted] was reported in the vicinity of Mineral Wells; that the occupant of the car had a large sum of money on his person and it was therefore suspected that it might be some of the ransom money obtained from Charles F. Urschel. The St. Paul Division Office was requested by telegram to ascertain and wire the owner of Minnesota License [redacted]. A reply was received from that office to the effect that Minnesota license B43-702 was issued to [redacted] 8th Street South Virginia, Minnesota for a 1931 Studebaker Sedan, motor 1494; that she received the car and \$1500.00 as a settlement in separation from her husband [redacted] that she was recently thought to be traveling in Texas with a Dentist named Dr. Clark of Duluth or Minneapolis, Minn., who is about 40 or 50 years of age; weight, about 180 pounds. Inasmuch as that does not appear to be in connection with the Urschel Kidnaping Case, no further investigation is being made by the Dallas Office.

A letter was received by the Dallas Division Office from one [redacted] Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas; also a letter from the same source addressed to Mr. Charles F. Urschel, which letter was sent to the Dallas Division Office by the Oklahoma City Division Office transmitting information to the effect that subject Boss Shannon of Paradise, Texas, made a trip to Lubbock and went as far as Clovis, New Mexico, just after Urschel was released, and it was possible part of the ransom money received might have been put in a safety deposit box by Shannon. Inasmuch as Boss Shannon has been known to have made such a trip with his wife between July 18 and 22, and has so testified in his habeas corpus hearing before Judge Wilson at Ft. Worth, Texas, the Dallas Office does not believe it is necessary to run out the information contained in [redacted] letter.

Special Agent in Charge Whitley of the New Orleans Division Office, at 3:20 PM, 8-27-33, called over long distance and stated that Chief of Police [redacted] Hattiesburg, Miss., informed him as follows:

A man registered at a hotel in Hattiesburg yesterday (Saturday) about noon, as R. C. Kelly, address 221 So. Liberty Street, New Orleans (which is in the red light district). He was first observed when he went to the railway express office and wanted to buy \$1400.00 in travelers checks. The clerk at the express office informed him he did not have that many checks, so this man left, but later returned to express office about 6:00 PM and bought two hundred dollars' worth of Traveler's checks of \$20.00 denomination, and also purchased an express M. O. for \$71 and some odd cents, payable to Ray Motor Company; paid for those items in new \$20.00 bills. Chief [redacted] did not get information until last night, and after the express office had forwarded the money to the Atlanta, Georgia, Express Company's General Offices. In purchasing the Traveler's checks he used the name of W. R. Rawles. He would sign one, then go to the door and look up and down the street, then come back and sign another.

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[redacted] exhibited photo of Kelly to hotel employees and express office clerk and they partially identified it.

These parties also described the man seen in Hattiesburg and the description was exactly that of Geo. Kelly.

When seen in Hattiesburg he was neatly dressed, wearing straw hat. He was alone in Hattiesburg, but was seen leaving there yesterday at about 6:30 PM in a brand new Plymouth Coupe bearing Texas License plates - thought to be either 27124 or 37124 - not positive, and accompanied by another man. No description is available. He left on the highway which leads to Gulfport - branches off to Mobile.

Mr. Whitley has called Mobile, Gulfport and Jacksonville; also Birmingham to cover Atlanta Express Office.

Upon receipt of the above information, Agent [redacted] contacted [redacted] State Highway Patrol Office, Austin, Texas, by telephone, who advised that the License Plates bearing number 27124 was assigned to Baylor County, Texas; and 37124 was issued in Bell County, Texas, on March 31, 1933, to cover a 1932 Ford V-8 Sedan, motor 10350, in the name of [redacted], Temple, Texas. Sheriff [redacted] was contacted by telephone at Temple, Texas, and advised that he is acquainted with [redacted] of Temple, and would as soon as possible get in touch with [redacted] and ascertain whether or not he still has in his possession the Ford V-8, bearing license 37124.

Sheriff [redacted] Office at Seymour, Texas was contacted by long distance telephone, and [redacted] Deputy advised that license plates 27124 had not as yet been issued in Baylor County. On the morning of August 28, 1933, Sheriff [redacted] advised the Dallas Office from the County Seat of [redacted], Texas - that [redacted] had sold his Ford Sedan, license 37124, to the Johnson Motor Company at Temple, Texas, who in turn had sold the car bearing that license number to Siler Chevrolet Motor Company at Hominy, Oklahoma, on May 10, 1933. The Oklahoma City Office was furnished the information by telephone in order that a check on these license plates might be had at Hominy, Oklahoma.

The San Antonio Division Office on August 28, 1933, was informed of these matters and it was suggested that inasmuch as license plates 57124 were assigned to Bexar County, and that the parties in Hattiesburg, Miss., who gave the information on the license plates on Plymouth Coupe might have mistaken the figure 5 for a 3 or 2, that license plates 57124 be checked by the San Antonio Office.

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Special Agent in Charge Jones of the San Antonio Office requested that he be advised as to the possibility of [redacted] who left the Kelly home in Ft. Worth by airplane as set out in previous reports, being some other person than [redacted] in fact. Mr. Jones was informed by telegram that [redacted] was identified as the woman at Kelly's home (this identification having been made by Ft. Worth City Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] who had seen this woman at the Kelly home after Kathryn had left Ft. Worth). Also, Kathryn Kelly's father, J. E. Brooks, informed Special Agent [redacted] that the woman [redacted] who had been at the Kelly home, is the

wife of a San Antonio gambler and that her mother resides at Milburn, Oklahoma.

The model 12 Remington Typewriter seized by Agents [redacted] and [redacted] at the R. G. Shannon Farm on August 12, bears No. BC-76524. The office manager of the Remington-Rand, Inc., Dallas, Texas, is checking this machine through their New York Factory for point of shipment and will furnish the Dallas Division Office all information obtained as soon as they have traced the machine.

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The two letters mentioned in this report addressed to [redacted] [redacted] from Milburn, Oklahoma, are forwarded to the Oklahoma City Office with copies of this report.

Copies of this report are being furnished to the Division Offices notes below:

Oklahoma City
Salt Lake City
St. Paul
San Antonio,

and no undeveloped leads are being set out by the Dallas Office inasmuch as requests for investigation have already been made to make investigation in other districts, by letter and telegram.

PENDING.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Carson	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Jones	.....
Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Mr. Gandy	.....

311 Hurley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.

August 29, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

[redacted], Acting Secretary for Representative Blanchard of Wisconsin, Capitol Extension 373, 'phoned this office on August 28, 1933, and advised that she had received a telegraphic communication from Representative Blanchard requesting to be advised as to the present whereabouts of Harvey J. Bailey in order that appropriate steps might be taken to serve him with civil process. [redacted] had no further information as to the nature of these proceedings.

After obtaining the necessary information from Mr. Hughes of the Division, [redacted] was notified that Bailey is presently incarcerated at Dallas, Texas.

Very truly yours,

7-115-351

Dwight Brantley
Dwight Brantley,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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[redacted] phoned again 8/29/33. Was told our information was that Bailey in jail at Dallas. Any aid or information wanted there could be obtained by confering with Dallas office. Address given.

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August 30, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
225 Federal Building,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al
Charles F. Bruchel, Victim,
Kidnaping.

I am transmitting herewith four copies of recent photographs of Subject George R. Kelly, who is subject of Identification Order No. 1203.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #660980.

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August 30, 1933.

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
20 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al,
Charles F. Urschel, Victim,
Kidnaping.

I am transmitting herewith four copies of recent
photographs of subject George R. Kelly who is subject of
Identification Order No. 1203.

Very truly yours,

Encl. 7668267

Director.

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August 30, 1933.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1206 First National Bank Building,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al,
Charles F. Urschel, Victim,
Kidnaping.

I am transmitting herewith four copies of recent
photographs of subject George R. Kelly who is subject of
Identification Order No. 1203.

Very truly yours,

Encl. #668269

Director.

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August 30, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al,
Charles F. Urschel, Victim,
Kidnaping.

I am transmitting herewith four copies of recent
photographs of subject George R. Kelly who is subject of
Identification Order No. 1203.

Very truly yours,

Encl. #668270

Director.

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August 30, 1933.

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1129 Requirer Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al,
Charles F. Urschel, Victim,
Kidnaping.

I am transmitting herewith four copies of recent
photographs of subject George R. Kelly who is subject of
Identification Order No. 1203.

Very truly yours,

Encl. #668271

Director.

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August 30, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1215 Smith-Young Tower Building,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al,
Charles F. Urschel, Victim,
Kidnaping.

I am transmitting herewith four copies of recent
photographs of subject George R. Kelly who is subject of
Identification Order No. 1203.

Very truly yours,

Encl. #668274

Director.

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August 30, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building,
Butte, Montana.

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al,
Charles F. Urschel, Victim,
Kidnaping.

I am transmitting herewith four copies of recent
photographs of subject George R. Kelly who is subject of
Identification Order No. 1203.

Very truly yours,

Encl. #668268

Director.

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August 30, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
111 United States Court House Building,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al,
Charles F. Urschel, Victim,
Kidnaping.

I am transmitting herewith four copies of recent
photographs of subject George R. Kelly who is subject of
Identification Order No. 1203.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Inclosure No. 661283

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August 30, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1803,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al,
Charles F. Brachel, Victim,
Kidnaping.

I am transmitting herewith four copies of recent
photographs of Subject George R. Kelly, who is subject of
Identification Order No. 1203.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #660982.

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1205 Post Office Building
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE E. KELLY, et al
Charles F. Gracel, Victim,
Kidnaping.

I am transmitting herewith four copies of recent
photographs of Subject George E. Kelly, who is subject of
Identification Order No. 1203.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1206 Law and Finance Building,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al
Charles F. Urschel, Victim,
Kidnaping.

I am transmitting herewith four copies of recent
photographs of subject George R. Kelly who is subject of
Identification Order No. 1203.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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August 30, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
501 Title Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al
Charles F. Brechal, Victim
Kidnaping.

Dear Sirs:

I am transmitting herewith four copies of recent photographs of Subject George R. Kelly, who is subject of Identification Order Number 1203.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. 677585

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Re: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al
Charles F. Urzchel, Victim,
Kidnaping.

I am transmitting herewith four copies of recent
photographs of Subject George R. Kelly, who is subject of
Identification Order No. 1203.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #660983.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
407 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al,
Charles F. Brackel, Victim,
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith four copies of recent photographs of subject George R. Kelly, who is subject of Identification Order No. 1203.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
900 Ezra Thompson Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al,
Charles F. Urschel, Victim,
Kidnaping.

I am transmitting herewith four copies of recent
photographs of subject George R. Kelly who is subject of
Identification Order No. 1203.

Very truly yours,

Encl. #668273

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August 30, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Atlantic National Bank Building Annex,
Jacksonville, Florida.

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al,
Charles F. Urschel, Victim,
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith four copies of recent photographs of subject George R. Kelly, who is subject of Identification Order No. 1203.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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August 30, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Hurley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.

RE: GEORGE E. KELLY, et al.
Charles F. Urschel, Victim
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith four copies of recent photographs of Subject George E. Kelly, who is subject of Identification Order Number 1203.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
315 Hayes Building,
San Francisco, California.

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al
Charles F. Urschel, Victim
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith four copies of
recent photographs of Subject George R. Kelly, who is
subject of Identification Order Number 1203.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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August 30, 1931.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
635 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan.

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al,
Charles F. Urschel, Victim,
Kidnaping.

Dear Sirs

I am transmitting herewith four copies of recent photographs of subject George R. Kelly, who is subject of Identification Order No. 1203.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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August 30, 1933.

Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

RE: GEORGE E. KELLY, et al,
Charles F. Brasel, Victim,
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith four copies of recent
photographs of subject George E. Kelly, who is subject of
Identification Order No. 1203.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
205 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: GEORGE R. KELLY, et al
Charles F. Bruchel, Victim
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith four copies of recent
photographs of Subject George R. Kelly, who is subject of
Identification Order Number 1203.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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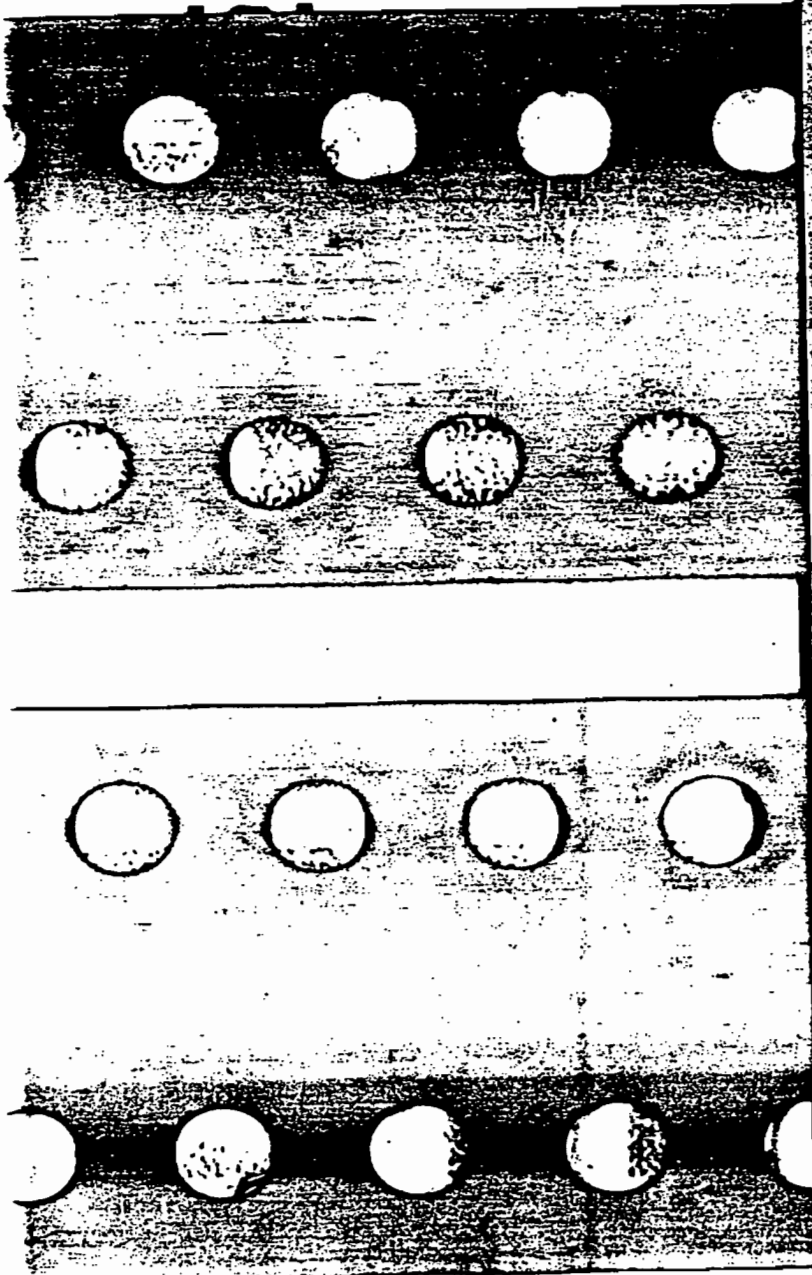
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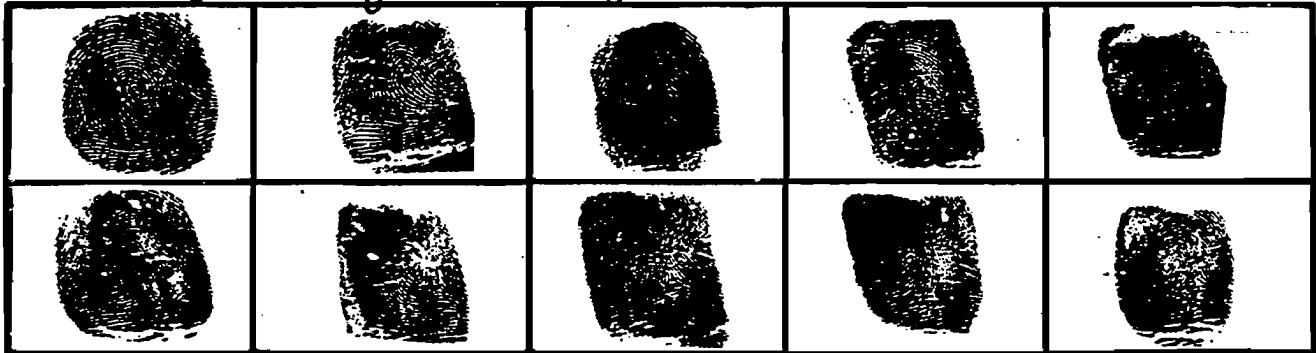
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KATHRYN THORNE KELLY, aliases CATHERINE THORNE KELLY, CATHERINE THORNE, DOLORES CANNON, DOLORES WHITNEY, MRS. ORA L. SHANNON.

KIDNAPING



DESCRIPTION

Age, 28 years (looks older)
Height, 5 feet, 9 inches
Weight, 141 pounds
(probably heavier now)
Build, medium
Hair, black
Eyes, brown
Complexion, ruddy
Remarks: Wears expensive jewelry.

CRIMINAL RECORD

As Dolores Whitney, No. 5025,
arrested Police Department, Ft. Worth,
Texas, November 30, 1929; charge,
shoplifting; dismissed.



RELATIVES:

George R. Kelly, aliases George Kelly,
R. G. Shannon, husband, Fugitive,
Identification Order No. 1203,
Former resident address,
857 East Mulkey, Street, Ft. Worth, Texas
Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, mother,
Robert G. Shannon, stepfather,
Armon Crawford Shannon, stepbrother,
All residents on a farm, Rural Route, Paradise, Texas.

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Kathryn Thorne Kelly was indicted in the Federal Court at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on August 23, 1933, together with her husband George R. Kelly, and others, and charged with kidnaping Charles F. Urschel at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on July 22, 1933, and transporting him to Paradise, Texas, where he was held for ransom in violation of the Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to nearest office, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the Division of Investigation listed on the back hereof, which is nearest your city.

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IDENTIFICATION
ORDER NO. 1203, aliases
George E. Kelly, husband,
Paradise, Texas, 1932.
Mrs. Ora L. Shannon

KIDNAPING

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DESCRIPTION
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Height, 5 feet, 9 inches
Weight, 141 pounds
(probably heavier now)
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Complexion, ruddy

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CRIMINAL RECORD

As Dolores Whitney, No. 3025,
arrested Police Department, Ft. Worth,
Texas, November 30, 1939; charge,
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Remarks: Wears expensive jewelry.

RELATIVES

George E. Kelly, aliases George Kelly,
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Identification Order No. 1203,
Former resident address,
857 East Malkey Street,
Ft. Worth, Texas

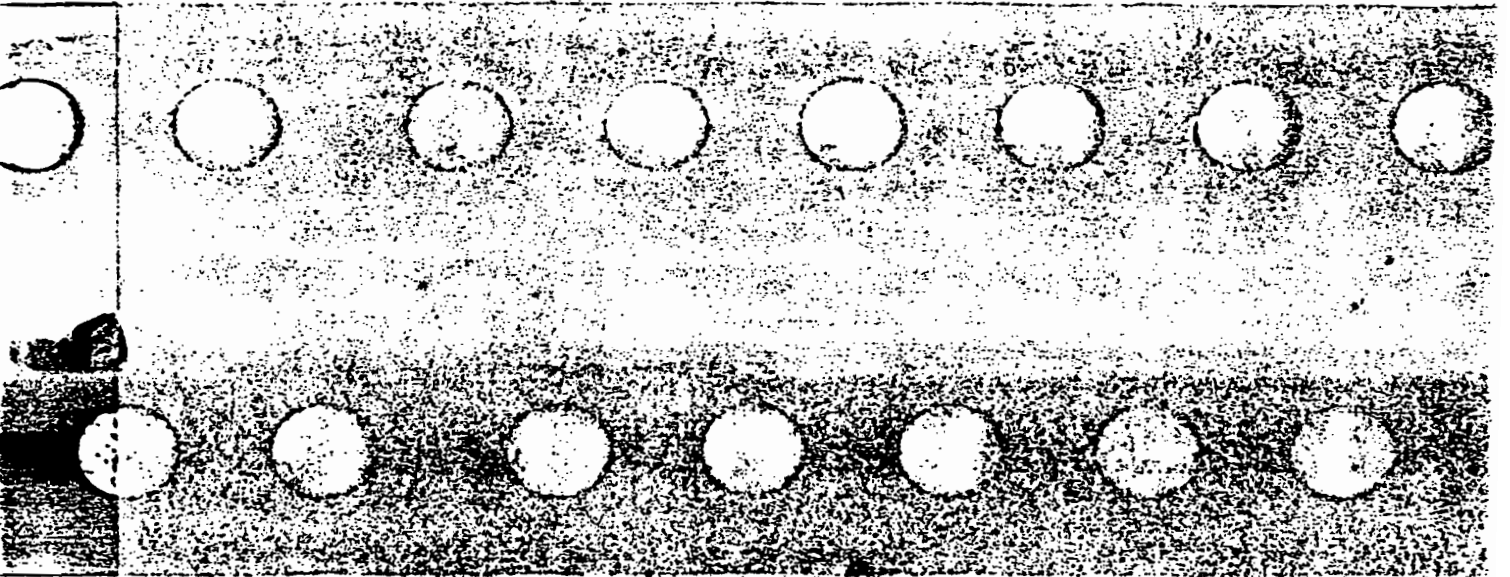
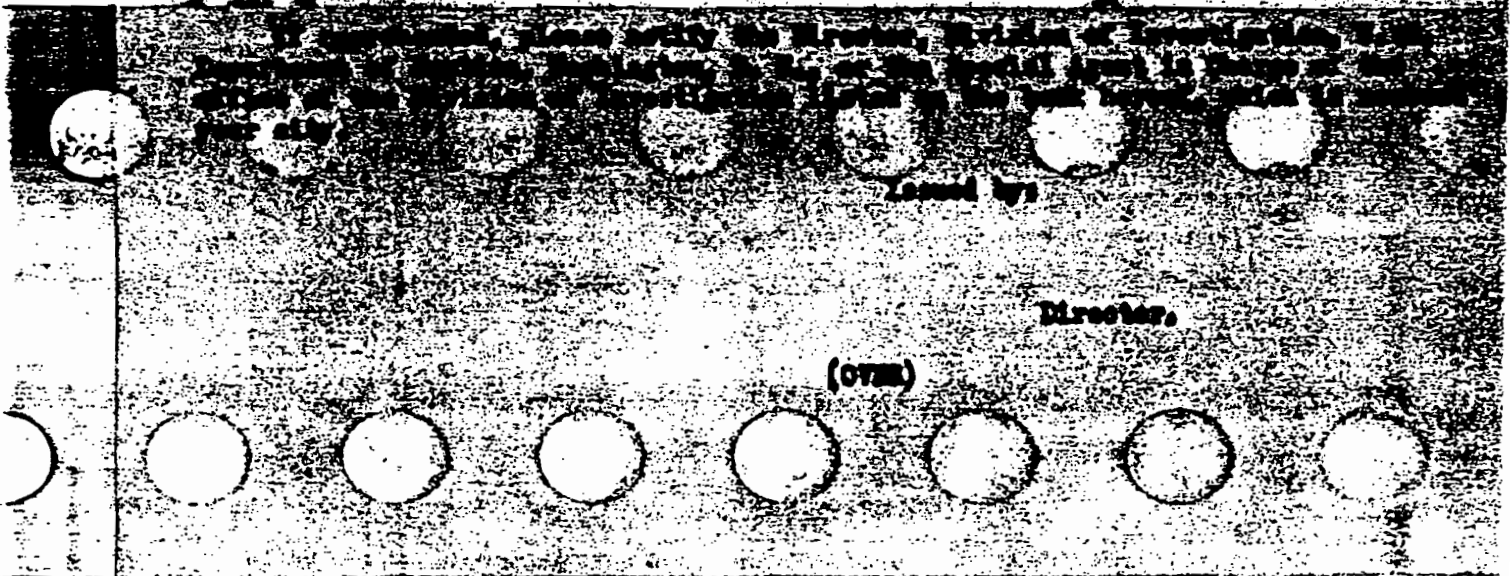
Mrs. Ora L. Shannon, mother,
Robert G. Shannon, stepfather,
Arnon Crawford Shannon, stepbrother,
All residents on a farm,
Rural Route,
Paradise, Texas

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Oklahoma, on August 21, 1931, together with her husband George E. Kelly, and
others, and charged with kidnaping Charles F. Braschel at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
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ransom in violation of the Act of Congress approved June 22, 1932.

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or
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August 21, 1933.

Mrs. Eleanor Patterson,
Editor and Publisher,
The Washington Herald,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Patterson:

I wanted to write to you to express my sincere appreciation for the commendatory editorial appearing in The Washington Herald of August 17, 1933, entitled "U. S. Police Efficiency."

It is a source of deep gratification to me that the efforts of the Division of Investigation of the Department of Justice in bringing about the apprehension of Harvey J. Bailey, notorious criminal, were such as to merit the approval of the Editor of The Washington Herald. The editorial in question evidences such a keen understanding of the handling of the cases referred to and the organization of the Division of Investigation that I would appreciate it very much if you would express my thanks to the writer of this editorial. I am highly pleased that the work of the Division of Investigation in dealing with the criminal element, and particularly in recent kidnapping cases, has been such as to warrant this editorial comment. I believe that editorials of this kind serve an extremely helpful purpose in acquainting the reading public with the strength of the Federal Government in dealing with the lawless element.

Sincerely yours,

Recommendation

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U. S. Police Efficiency

THIS crime-ridden country regards with astonishment and admiration the brilliant exploit of Federal operatives, aided by police of three cities, in running down and capturing the gang deemed responsible for the \$200,000 Urschel kidnaping in Oklahoma and the brutal Kansas City massacre of five men last June.

Climaxing the achievement, three hundred Federal, State and local officers, guided by army airplanes, waylaid and waged a machine gun battle late yesterday afternoon in the outskirts of Chicago against still another group of suspects.

Harvey J. Bailey, ringleader of the Urschel kidnaping outfit, appears to be as ruthless, daring and resourceful an outlaw as this generation has known.

A bank robber, leader of a sensational prison break, field marshal of the machine gun brigade in the bloody Kansas City affair, evidently mainly responsible for the crafty and successful abduction of the oil millionaire Urschel; friend of Fred Burke, another alleged "master mind" in crime; having accomplices in several States at one time, engaging in bootlegging, holdups or whatever else—such is the police portrait of this dangerous man.

His very capture was in keeping with his underworld repute. Bailey lay asleep in a secluded rural hideout, with deadly weapons in reach on all sides, when the authorities broke in upon his slumber and awakened him with the prod of a "bull gun."

The fact that, under these circumstances, he yielded calmly betrays nothing from the personal perils that his captors dared. Rather it is a tribute to the high-grade detective skill that the Federal men exhibited in locating and seizing simultaneously, with evidences of guilt upon them, not only Bailey in his Texas lair, but the ex-convict Albert L. Bates in Denver and four other suspects in St. Paul.

THE police characters of the men implicated, the nature of the crimes under scrutiny, and the dramatic completeness of the law officers' coup ought to be the final victorious argument in favor of an American "Scotland Yard," as advocated by the Hearst newspapers and by many eminent penologists.

Only a few hours before the round-up of the Bailey gang, Warden Lawes, of Sing Sing Prison, was telling Senator Copeland's committee on racketeering, at its New York hearing:

"Rackets are affiliated with politicians, there is no doubt of it... In fact some political organizations are racketeering organizations. There is no doubt of that... Racketeering could be stopped in sixty days..."

Former Police Commissioner Mulrooney was saying at the same sessions:

"I believe the machine gun has no place in organized society except for the police and military forces... There is no hope for control of firearms unless it be Federal control."

Between racketeering as such—extortion from industries by threat and violence, bootlegging and crimes like kidnaping, the public has sensed the close alliance.

One illicit or murderous activity meets and merges with the other.

Local politics much too frequently protects the racketeer—and even the violent criminal.

State and local police, confined within geographical boundary lines, are too often halted in their pursuit of law-breakers.

But in solving the Urschel case the Federal sleuths ranged from Canada to Mexico. Their agencies in one State helped those in another. When local authority was needed, the Federal men called it in.

THAT, obviously, is the way to proceed against the thing that crime has come to be in America.

An American "Scotland Yard," developed out of existing and highly capable law-enforcing organizations, is one-half the answer to organized crime in all its forms.

The rest of the answer lies with prosecutors and the courts.

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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

FILE NO. 7-10

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TITLE: GEORGE R. KELLY with aliases, FUGITIVE I.O. No. 1805, ET AL CHARLES F. WIRSCHEL, Victim	CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Sources of information, this District, fail to disclose whereabouts of Kelly. Upon receipt of advices matter will be reopened.

R.U.C.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 8/23/33.

DETAILS: AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA:

Since date of reference report, no information, leads, or suggestions have been received from any source, concerning the location of KELLY. In the event of receipt of advices of this nature, matter will be reopened for immediate and appropriate investigative attention.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

September 11, 1933.

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Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Edwards	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Hughes	_____
Mr. Locke	_____

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In connection with the attached memorandum concerning the indictment returned against Harvey J. (Bailey, et al, at Oklahoma City on a charge of conspiracy to kidnap Mr. Urschel, Mr. Parrish of the Criminal Division was contacted and advised that he was of the opinion that some of the parties indicted might be convicted on a substantive offense of kidnaping when they could not be convicted on the charge of conspiracy. He stated that the indictment should have included both charges; that he thought, of course, that they were indicted on both charges. He stated, however, that he would discuss this matter with Mr. Keenan and advise what action would be taken.

Respectfully,

S.P. Cowley
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September 2, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Reference is made to the report submitted by Special Agent R. H. Colvin, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated August 28, 1933, in the case entitled GEORGE R. KELLY with aliases et al, Kidnaping, from which it will be noted that the fourteen subjects were indicted at Oklahoma City on a charge of conspiracy to kidnap Charles F. Urschel. It does not appear that the indictment charges them with the substantive offense of kidnaping.

It would seem that these subjects should have been indicted for the actual kidnaping of Urschel, as well as conspiracy to kidnap. Under the conspiracy indictment it is doubtful whether any evidence in the Division's possession can be introduced against the defendants living in St. Paul who were the mediums through which some of the ransom money was distributed, and it appears that they came into the picture after the actual kidnaping and return of Urschel, whereas under an indictment on the substantive offense it is possible that evidence in the Division's possession may have been used against them.

Respectfully,

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It is also possible that the evidence against Bailey would be more effective on a charge of kidnaping. SPC

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*Take this up with Mr. Parish at once.
J. E. H.*

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Okla.**

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Oklahoma City, Okla. 8-23-33

Changed: **GEORGE R. KELLY** with aliases, **George Kelly**, **R. G. Shannon**, I.O. #120; **ALBERT BATES** with aliases **George Bates**, **James C. King**, **George Davis**, **George L. Davis**, **George Harris**, **Boy Harris**, **Bernard McLaughlin**, **Bernard Hughes**, **R. G. Shannon**, **ORA L. SHANNON**, **ARMON C. SHANNON**, **SYDNEY SHANNON**, **OLETA SHANNON**, **KATHRYN KELLY** with aliases **Gatherine Thorne Kelly**, **Deloris Whitney**, **Mrs. R. G. Shannon**; **HARVEY J. BAILEY** with aliases **J. J. Branham**, **John Brown**, I.O. #1189; **SAM KRONICK**; **SAM KOZBERG**; **CHARLES WOLK**; **CLIFFORD SKELLY**; **EDWARD BARNEY BERMAN** alias **Barney Berman**; **PETER VALDER** alias **Hackett** alias **Nelson**; **ISADOR BLUMENFELD**; **CHARLES F. URSCHEL** (Victim).

Special Session of the Grand Jury at Oklahoma City

8-23-33 returns true bill charging conspiracy to kidnap **Charles F. Urschel** against the following defendants: **George R. Kelly** with aliases, **Albert L. Bates** with aliases, **R. G. Shannon**, **Ora L. Shannon**, **Armon C. Shannon**, **Kathryn Kelly**, **Harvey J. Bailey**, **Sam Kronick**, **Sam Kozberg**, **Charles Wolk**, **Clifford Skelly**, **Edward Barney Berman**, **Peter Valder** and **Isador Blumenfeld**. Bonds fixed by court at \$100,000 each. Subjects **Bailey**, **R. G. Shannon**, **Ora L. Shannon**, **Armon C. Shannon** in custody; the three Shannons removed from Ft. Worth, Texas to Okla. City, 8-25-33. **Bailey** still in custody at Dallas, awaiting removal, order for which has been signed. **Bates** in custody Denver, Colo. awaiting removal, order for which has been signed. **Kozberg** and **Kronick** in custody Minneapolis. All subjects apprehended except **George R. Kelly** and **Kathryn Kelly**. Arraignment set for September 1, 1933, probable date of trial 9-18-33. No true bill returned as to **Oleta Shannon**.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] Dallas, Texas, 8-18-33.

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DETAILS:

On August 23, 1933 a special session of the United States Grand Jury convened at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. At this time evidence in the instant case was presented, as a result of which a true bill charging conspiracy to kidnap, transport interstate and hold for ransom, Charles F. Wright, was returned against the following subjects: George R. Kelly with aliases, Albert L. Bates with aliases, R. G. Shannon, Ora L. Shannon, Armon C. Shannon, Kathryn Kelly with aliases, Harvey J. Bailey with aliases, Sam Kronick, Edward Barney Berman with alias, Peter Valder with aliases, and Isador Blumenfeld. A no true bill was returned as to Oleta Shannon and she was ordered released at Dallas, Texas where she was being held under a Commissioner's complaint.

Of the above named subjects Harvey J. Bailey, R. G. Shannon, Armon C. Shannon and Mrs. Ora L. Shannon were in custody at Dallas, Texas and Arthur L. Bates with aliases was in custody at Denver, Colorado. Certified copies of indictment were forwarded to the United States Attorney at Fort Worth, Texas where on August 25th order was issued for the removal of Harvey J. Bailey, R. G. Shannon, Ora L. Shannon and Armon C. Shannon, the latter three of whom were immediately removed to Oklahoma City by airplane and delivered to the county jail at Oklahoma City at 2 P.M. Bailey has not yet been removed and was returned to the county jail at Dallas. Certified copies of the indictment were forwarded to the United States Attorney at Denver, Colorado and subject Bates has been ordered removed. Certified copies of the indictment were forwarded to the United States Attorney, Minneapolis, Minn. to cause the removal of subjects Kronick, Kozberg, Wolk, Skelly, Berman, Valder and Blumenfeld. It is understood that Kronick and Kozberg have been apprehended and furnished bonds for their appearance.

Subjects George R. Kelly and Kathryn Kelly, his wife, have not at this writing been apprehended but a non est return has not yet been made on the capias.

Indictment in this case was prepared jointly by Special Assistant Attorney General Joseph B. Keenan, Special Assistant Attorney General Leslie E. Salter and United States District Attorney Herbert K. Hyde.

On this date Agent was called into conference with United States Attorney Hyde and District Judge Edgar S. Vaught of Oklahoma City relative to arraignment and trial in this matter and at which time it was decided that those defendants in custody, with the possible exception of Harvey J. Bailey, would be arraigned for plea on September 1, 1933 and that it was thought possible that Bailey's attorney would enter a plea in the latter's absence, as it was not desired to transfer Bailey to Oklahoma City until just prior to the trial, owing to inadequate jail facilities at this place. It is anticipated that Bates will be removed here by September 1st. Judge Vaught tentatively set the date for trial as September 18, 1933. He expressed the desire that all defendants be tried at once and hoped that George R. Kelly and Kathryn Kelly might be apprehended prior to that date. If not, it is believed at this time that the trial will proceed on the date set as to the other defendants.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

ST. PAUL OFFICE will report upon the apprehension and removal of defendants located in that district.

The St. Paul Office will also, if it has not already been done, make investigation as to the purchase at the First National Bank, Madison, Wisconsin, on August 7, 1935 of a \$1500 draft payable to R. G. Shannon and drawn on the Guaranty Trust Company of New York. Efforts should be made to ascertain kind of money used in purchase of said draft and photos of Kathryn Kelly and George R. Kelly should be exhibited for the purpose.

SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE will report upon the apprehension and removal of subject Bates, apprehended at Denver, Colorado, and furnish outline of the testimony which may be expected from witnesses in that district.

DALLAS OFFICE - The United States Attorney, Oklahoma City, has suggested that he would like to have a complete check made of the earnings of subject R. G. Shannon during the past several years in an effort to determine when and where he accumulated the \$4,000.00 in cash which he now has on deposit in banks. He requested that the ledger sheets of this bank be procured for five or six years back. His object in obtaining this information is to show, if possible, that Shannon could not have accumulated and maintained a goodly cash balance for his legitimate farm operations, and also to ascertain when his apparent prosperity began.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE will note that it has been ascertained that one of the kidnapers on July 26th at Joplin, Missouri purchased a straw hat and shirt for the victim. This straw hat and shirt were purchased at Newmans about noon by a man 5' 11", weight 195 lbs., medium complexion, wearing no coat. The man at the same time purchased a Knox straw hat, size 7 1/8, for himself and stated that he was a resident of Springfield, Missouri. It is believed that there is a strong possibility that this hat and shirt were purchased by Harvey J. Bailey and further investigation at Newmans in Joplin is requested, at which time photograph of Bailey should be exhibited. It would be well also to submit photos of subjects Kelly and Bates at the same time and for that purpose, copies of photos of the latter two are herewith attached to the Kansas City copies of this report.

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE will confer with the United States Attorney with a view to securing a search warrant for the premises of T. M. Coleman near Stratford, Oklahoma with a view to the uncovering of further evidence in this matter, particularly in an effort to locate an armored Buick automobile, which is alleged to be kept at that place, and to investigate the contents of a trunk in the house of T. M. Coleman, which is alleged to contain the "tools" of George R. Kelly.

Oklahoma City Office will continue to maintain mail cover and surveillance of the said premises of T. R. Coleman and also maintain mail cover on the [redacted] family at Asher, Oklahoma and the family of [redacted] at Stratford, Oklahoma.

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September 15, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,
New York, New York.

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to the case entitled GEORGE
R. KELLY, with aliases, Fugitive, et al - KIDNAPING.

The Division is in receipt of a letter from
the Dallas Office, which advises that the firm of
Wolf & Klar at Fort Worth, Texas, sold a machine gun
to Kathryn Kelly, one of the subjects in the above en-
titled case.

It is my understanding that Wolf & Klar are
the distributors in the Southwest for the Colt's Arms
Manufacturing Company. It is requested that an agent
of the New York City Office advise the Colt's Arms
Manufacturing Company of the above fact.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc-Dallas
cc-Oklahoma City

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420 Post Office Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

Mr. Clegg
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
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Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson

August 29, 1933.

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

RE: George R. Kelly,
with aliases - FUGITIVE;
et al.
KIDNAPPING.

Dear Sir:-

Attention of the Division is invited to report of Special Agent E.J. Dowd in this matter, wherein the firm of Wolf & Klar at Fort Worth, Texas, admits selling a machine gun to Kathryn Kelly, knowing her to be the wife of a bootlegger.

I am reliably informed that Wolf & Klar are the Southwest distributors for the Colt's Arms Mfg. Co.; and the Division may desire to bring to the attention of the Colt's Company the fact that a machine gun has been sold by Wolf & Klar to the wife of a known bootlegger.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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August 31, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Will you please forward to the Division a complete list of the names and addresses of those to whom the Division is indebted for cooperation and assistance in the investigation which led to the capture of the kidnapers of Charles F. O'Connell. This list should be as complete as possible and should include all those who contributed not only investigatively to the success of the investigation but those who supplied physical means which aided materially.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Will you please forward to the Division a complete list of the names and addresses of those to whom the Division is indebted for cooperation and assistance in the investigation which led to the capture of the kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel. This list should be as complete as possible and should include all those who contributed not only investigatively to the success of the investigation but those who supplied physical means which aided materially. The Division has in mind, in this connection, the supplying of an aeroplane and aviator by a petroleum company in Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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August 23, 1933.

Mr. Harrison Robertson, Editor,
The Louisville Courier-Journal,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

My attention has been called to an editorial appearing in The Washington Post of August 18, 1933, quoted from The Louisville Courier-Journal entitled "Uncle Sam, Detective".

I wanted to express to you my sincere appreciation for the commendatory statements appearing in this editorial with regard to the work and efficiency of the Division of Investigation, Department of Justice. It is helpful in the current warfare against criminals for information of this kind to appear in the public press for the information of the general public and it is a source of gratification to me that the efforts of this Division have been such as to merit editorial comment in the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Sincerely yours,

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Uncle Sam, Detective

From the Louisville Courier-Journal.
It must have been a good moment for Attorney General Homer Cummings when he was able to announce the capture of Harvey Bailey, one of the king pin criminals of the Nation. Not only is this the man who led the break from the Kansas Penitentiary on Memorial Day, when a warden and two guards were kidnaped; not only is he the man who has been identified as the ring leader in the Kansas City Union Station massacre, when five men were mowed down by machine-gun bullets; this Harvey Bailey is the kidnaper of Charles F. Urschel, who was snatched from his home in Oklahoma City and held until his family had paid \$200,000 ransom.

There is something more in the capture of Bailey than the mere triumph of law over the forces of organized crime. The story of how he was apprehended, how the search was made for his hide-out by airplane, and how he was arrested while lying on a cot with a machine gun, an automatic rifle and an automatic pistol beside him, would do credit to the most sensational fiction writer. The story is very pat in all its details. Urschel identifies an out-building on the farm where Bailey is discovered as the place where he was held captive, and his own fingerprints on various objects in the building corroborate his statement. A considerable number of the marked bills paid out in ransom by the Urschel family are found in Bailey's possession, linking him positively with that particular case.

The most important feature about the Bailey arrest, however, is the credit which it reflects on the Federal machinery for crime detection. Definite steps have been taken by the Roosevelt administration to strangle the kidnaping racket by means of a central agency in Washington. Nothing feasible offers such promise of relief from this national disease as the establishment of confidence among the people in the ability of the United States Government to crush the kidnapers. When such confidence is achieved, the families of kidnap victims may no longer try to hide their dealings from the proper authorities, as they now do most frequently in the hope of negotiating directly with the criminals. The successful handling of the Urschel case should go far to impress the public with Uncle Sam's superior ability to deal with kidnapers.

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The Washington Post
August 18, 1933.

Letter Harrison Robertson
Editor Louisville
Courier-Journal
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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1806 First National Bank Building
Charlotte, N. C.

August 30, 1933

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

TO THE OFFICER IN CHARGE,
ALL BANKS & TRUST COMPANIES IN NORTH CAROLINA AND SOUTH CAROLINA:

The kidnapers of Charles F. Urshel, wealthy oil man of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, are in custody, with the exception of GEORGE R. KELLY alias R. G. SHANNON, a man 35 years of age, 5' 9 1/2" tall, weight 177 lbs., gray or blue eyes, dark brown hair, medium ruddy complexion, medium muscular build, and probably wearing octagon shaped, rimless glasses. KELLY is an expert machine gunner, and will no doubt be heavily armed.

KELLY, another man, and two woman companions are thought to be traveling at the present time in a Chevrolet sport coupe, motor #3,740,186, bearing Iowa 1933 license #82-17210; or, a blue-black, 16 cylinder Cadillac sedan, 9 passenger, Motor #1,400,263, with Ohio 1933 license #691-965 or Texas 1933 license #F-24-752.

Law enforcement officials in this district have been notified to be on the lookout for Kelly and the above automobiles.

Recently you were furnished with a list of the serial numbers contained on the \$20 Federal Reserve notes with which a ransom of \$200,000 was paid. Although the case has been solved, only a part of the \$200,000 ransom money has been recovered, and it is believed that prior to their arrest the criminals may have secreted this money in safety deposit boxes. The names which may have been used in renting such boxes are unknown. Accordingly, this Division would most highly appreciate your further cooperation in advising this office immediately as to any safety deposit boxes which may have been rented in your bank between the dates of July 22nd and August 14th, 1933, inclusive, to any person or persons whose true identity and activities may be questionable. You may rest assured that any information you transmit will be treated with the strictest confidence.

It is urgently requested that should a safety deposit box have been rented at your bank during the dates in question and under suspicious circumstances, you communicate with me by telephone at Charlotte, 3-4127, collect.

cc: Bureau
cc: Dallas
cc: Oklahoma City
cc: 7-13

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E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge
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RE:

F. J. BLAKE
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
POST OFFICE BUILDING
DALLAS, TEXAS

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Crescent, Oklahoma.

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Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 15, 1933, addressed to the Attorney General, wherein you advise that you have a missing brother by the name of George Kelly and request a photograph of the George Kelly who is wanted in connection with the Charles F. Urschal kidnaping case.

A representative of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, in the near future, will furnish you with a copy of the photograph and description of the George Kelly wanted in connection with the Charles F. Urschal kidnaping case.

Very truly yours,

Director,

BUREAU FILES DIVISION
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From
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MALLOY

To
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MEMORANDUM

- The Attorney General*
- The Solicitor General*
- Assistant to Attorney General Stanley*
- Assistant Attorney General Wideman*
- Assistant Attorney General Stephens*
- Assistant Attorney General Sweeney*
- Assistant Attorney General*
- Director Division of Investigation*
- Mr. Bates, Director Bureau of Prisons*
- General Agent and Chief Clerk*
- Assistant Chief Clerk*
- Division of Supplies*
- Mail and Files*
- Mr. Finch, Pardon Attorney*
- Mr. Parrish*
- Mr. Key*
- Mr. Ridgely*
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Crescent, Oklahoma
Route 1, S
Aug. 15, 1933

Washington, D. C. Capital
Attorney General

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

As I was glancing through yesterday's Daily I was reading about the convicts and kidnapers of the Charles F. Urschel case. I saw a name George Kelley connected in the crimes.

I have a brother that has been gone 4 years and can't hear a word nor haven't heard tell of him. His name is George Kelley and I am interested to find out about the George Kelley I wish you would please send me a picture of him and if there is any charges I'll pay them. I wish you would also send me a description of him. Please answer at once because I have a brother missing and I'd like to find out at once. Answer by return mail.

Yours Very Truly

(Signed) [Redacted]

Crescent, Okla.

My adress _____

[Redacted]

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L. J. [unclear]
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August 30, 1933

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
221 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith copies of a letter from [redacted] Crescent, Oklahoma, addressed to the Attorney General under date of August 15, 1933, which is self-explanatory, and which requests a copy of the photograph, as well as a description of subject George Kelly who is wanted by the Division in connection with the Charles F. Urschel case. [redacted] states that she has a missing brother by the name of George Kelley.

It is requested that you direct an Agent of your office to interview [redacted] and ascertain whether her brother is subject George Kelly in the instant case, and if so, secure information concerning his relatives and associates which will assist in his apprehension. If practicable and advisable under the circumstances, furnish [redacted] with a copy of the identification order on subject George Kelly.

Very truly yours,

Encl. #668259

Director, [redacted]

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September 1, 1931

MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FIVE,
IDENTIFICATION UNIT

Re: George E. Kelly, et al
Charles F. Urschel - Victim,
Kidnaping.

I am transmitting herewith for your files ten copies
of a photograph of Subject George E. Kelly, who is wanted in
connection with the above entitled case.

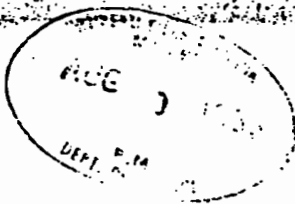
Copies of these photographs have been forwarded to
all field offices of the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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September 1, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM STANLEY,
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

I thought you might be interested in a development which arose at Fort Worth, Texas, incident to the removal of the Shannons from Fort Worth to Oklahoma City for trial for the kidnaping of Mr. Urschel. The day when Judge Wilson granted the order of removal for the Shannons to be taken to Oklahoma City, the defense attorneys had a writ of habeas corpus prepared to be filed immediately following Judge Wilson's decision. However, in the interim, the United States Marshal and Agents of this Division executed Judge Wilson's order of removal by taking the Shannons from the Federal Building to the Municipal Airport and placed them in a plane. They were in the air within fifteen minutes after Judge Wilson's order of removal was issued.

The attorneys for the defense requested Judge Wilson to hold the Shannons in Fort Worth as they intended to file a writ of habeas corpus. However, the Judge refused to do this, whereupon the attorneys for the defense claimed that the officers were "spiriting the Shannons out of town." The Judge replied that if so, the officers were only executing his order of removal, and as the matter that had been before the Court had been disposed of, there was nothing at that time before the Court. The habeas corpus writ was then filed, but as indicated, we had the Shannons out of town before it reached Judge Wilson's hands. As a matter of fact, the officers departed from the Federal Building at Fort Worth, Texas, at 12:20 p.m., and at 1:50 p.m., the Shannons were safely lodged in the Oklahoma County Jail two hundred miles away. The move of the attorneys for the defense was simply one in which they hoped to get the removal case before the Appellate Court and thereby cause a delay in removing them to the jurisdiction of the Federal Court in Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

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Director.	
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

FILE NO. **7/2**

REPORT MADE AT Butte, Montana	DATE WHEN MADE 8/28/33	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/26/33	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE GEORGE R. KELLY, with aliases - I.O. #1189 - FUGITIVE; ALBERT L. BATES, with aliases - FUGITIVE; KATHERINE THORNE KELLY, with aliases - FUGITIVE; ROBERT G. SHANNON - FUGITIVE; ARMON CRAWFORD SHANNON - FUGITIVE; ORA L. SHANNON - FUGITIVE; OLETA BROWN SHANNON - FUGITIVE; HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases, I.O. #1189 - FUGITIVE; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnapping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
 I.O. #1189 - FUGITIVE; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM

Synopsis of Facts: Telegram dated 8/23/33 from Salt Lake City Office advising that a letter Postmarked Twin Falls, Idaho, dated August 17, 1933, addressed to George L. Bates, 3950 - 38th. Street, Denver, Colorado, with return address, Post Office Box 516, Twin Falls, Idaho. Investigation developed that this Post Office Box is listed to the Diamond Hardware Company, [REDACTED] advised that he could give no information regarding the letter nor could any of his employees. P.

Reference: Telegram from Salt Lake City Office, dated August 23, 1933.

DETAILS:

At Twin Falls, Idaho:
 The Butte Office received a telegram from the Salt Lake City Office dated August 23, 1933, advising that a letter Postmarked Twin Falls, Idaho, and dated August 17, 1933, addressed to George L. Bates, 3950-38th. Street, Denver, Colorado, with a return address, Post Office Box 516, Twin Falls, Idaho; that there is no such address in Denver, Colorado, and that the letter had been

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	RECORDED AND INDEXED: SEP 5 1933
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: Division-2 ✓ Butte-2 Oklahoma City-2 Salt Lake City-2	7-115-392 SEP 2 1933 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: [REDACTED] FILE	CHECKED OFF: SEP 8 1933 JACKETED:
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placed in Post Office Box 631, which had been rented by Bates under the alias of George Davis, and requested investigation of the writer.

Agent ascertained from Postmaster [REDACTED] that this Post Office box was rented to the Diamond Hardware Company of Twin Falls, Idaho. Agent then interviewed [REDACTED] Sheriff of Twin Falls County, who advised that the Diamond Hardware Company is under the management of [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] had been in Twin Falls for the past 15 years and was one of the most substantial citizens of the community.

[REDACTED] was interviewed at the Sheriff's Office; he advised that he had been released from the Idaho State Penitentiary on July 24, 1933 and that he had been in Twin Falls since that time and that he had never written any letters to Denver, Colorado, nor anywhere since; that he knew nothing regarding the letter heads on the stationery, and knew nothing regarding the return address on the above mentioned letter; that he was at a loss to know how this stationery could possibly have gotten into any stranger's hands. [REDACTED] gave Agent a specimen of his handwriting and expressed a willingness to do anything possible to locate the party who wrote the above letter.

[REDACTED] of the Diamond Hardware Company, advised that he had not written any letters to any business firm in Denver, Colorado recently, and that he knew no person named Bates or Davis, and when shown the photograph of Bates advised that he had never seen him, to his knowledge.

[REDACTED] stated that he had three men employed at the Hardware store, namely [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that the first two men he would vouch for but that although he knew nothing regarding [REDACTED] he did not trust him to any extent. He, however, interviewed the three clerks, who all advised that they knew no person named Bates and had not written any letters to anyone. [REDACTED] advised that some time in May of this year, the Hardware Store was robbed of some six or seven cheap pistols, including one thirty-two calibre automatic Colt, and some cheap twenty-two calibre pistols; that the burglars gained entrance through a window which would lead them into the part of the store where the desk was located and it might have been that they had stolen some of the stationery at that time. [REDACTED] gave Agent a sample of the stationery as well as an envelope that the firm has used for many years. He also gave Agent the names of the employees in his own handwriting.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

Salt Lake City: If deemed advisable, could send a tracing of the handwriting or signature of the writer of the above mentioned letter or the contents of same and a more satisfactory check could be made.

PENDING.