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

FILE: 7-115

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-8**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minnesota	DATE WHEN MADE: 7-11-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7/5 & 7/36	REPORT MADE BY: [REDACTED]
TITLE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; ET AL CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] Rogers Redemption Bureau, Minneapolis, Minn., denies he ever told [REDACTED] Fort Wayne, Ind., last December that C. J. Adrienne had been in there relative to a large sum of money. States last time he saw Adrienne was 10-20-34. [REDACTED] has not seen Adrienne since Spring of 1935.

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REFERENCE:

Teletype from Indianapolis Office, 6-20-36; reports of Special Agent [REDACTED] Indianapolis, Ind., 6-25-36, and Special Agent [REDACTED] Omaha, Neb., 5-13-36.

DETAILS:

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Agent interviewed [REDACTED] Rogers Redemption Bureau, Lumber Exchange Building, relative to the statement that he had told [REDACTED] Fort Wayne, Indiana, last December that C. J. Adrienne had recently been to the Bureau in regard to a large sum of money. [REDACTED] advised that this statement was not true, and that the last time he saw Adrienne was on October 20, 1934, when Adrienne, [REDACTED] and a man named [REDACTED] had come to the Rogers Redemption Bureau preparatory to going out on the road as salesmen for that concern. [REDACTED] stated that at that time only [REDACTED] had asked for any money.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>C. W. Steiner, E.H.W.</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-115-1911	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUL 15 1936
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Agent also interviewed [REDACTED] of the Rogers Redemption Bureau, as to whether he had received any recent information as to Adrienne's whereabouts, and he advised that he is possessed of no information except that already imparted to the St. Paul Office.

Special Agent [REDACTED] telephonically contacted [REDACTED] a salesman, rooming at 4017 Queen Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota. [REDACTED] advised he worked with Adrienne for six weeks in the Spring of 1935 contacting dairies while working for the Rogers Redemption Bureau; that at the time they worked together they traveled in Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio. [REDACTED] advised he had not heard from or seen Adrienne since he worked with him, but that he had talked to [REDACTED] of the Rogers Redemption Bureau about Adrienne; that [REDACTED] had tried to find Adrienne. [REDACTED] stated he never got along very well with Adrienne, who was the biggest liar he had ever known, having told him, [REDACTED] that he played on the Yankee Baseball Team and had a big hospital at the same time. [REDACTED] further stated Adrienne had a woman with him from Arkansas whom he claimed was his wife; that Adrienne drove a Packard at that time. [REDACTED] stated he had no idea where Adrienne might be, but if he ever found out he would notify the St. Paul Bureau Office.

A personal interview was requested of [REDACTED] who advised he was just leaving on a selling trip when Agent called, so would not have time to see Agent. He advised he was possessed of no additional information than that supplied over the telephone.

There being no further investigation in this district, the case is hereby,

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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July 13, 1936.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; ET AL;
CHARLES F. WESCHER - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, June 23, 1936, containing an undeveloped lead for the St. Paul Office to interview [redacted] Rogers Redemption Bureau, Lumber, Exchange Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, concerning the location of C. J. Adrienne.

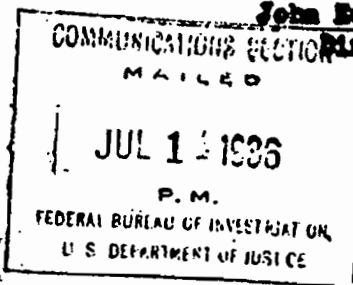
It is desired that this lead receive your immediate and expeditious attention. The Bureau further desires that you ascertain definitely whether Adrienne has in fact, as has been alleged recently, terminated his business connections or any other affiliations which he might have with the Rogers Redemption Bureau. If Adrienne is still employed as a salesman for that organization it would appear possible that his location might be effected through correspondence which he has on occasions with the Rogers Redemption Bureau.

Please give this matter your immediate and preferred attention.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **7-24**

REPORT MADE AT Indianapolis, Indiana.	DATE WHEN MADE 6-25-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-8, 9, 17, 18, 20-36	REPORT MADE BY <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
TITLE GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases; ET AL. Charles F. Urschel - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

when interviewed at Crawfordsville, Ind., advised that he had never seen Jack Adrienne, but that J. H. Drummond, Fort Wayne, Ind., had told him that he had seen Adrienne in Detroit, Michigan. Drummond, when interviewed at Fort Wayne, Ind., advised that he had first met Adrienne in Kansas City, Missouri, about two years ago, at which time Adrienne was working for the Rogers Redemption Bureau, and that he last saw Adrienne about two months ago in Detroit, Michigan; that Adrienne in the past has stayed at the Penn Hotel in Detroit, and perhaps could be located through [redacted] of Nat'l Silverware Syndicate, 9329 Centerline Street, Detroit; that Adrienne's father believed to be in Tulsa, Okla.; and that Adrienne was married in Arkansas about five years ago.

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Reference: St. Paul Bureau Office teletype message dated June 8, 1936;
Report of Special Agent T. W. Stein, St. Paul, Minn., June 10, 1936;
Detroit Bureau Office letter dated June 15, 1936.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Details:

There was received in the Indianapolis Bureau Office a teletype message from the St. Paul Bureau Office dated June 8, 1936, advising that C. J. Adrienne, who was formerly employed by the Rogers Redemption Bureau, Minneapolis, Minnesota, has made a statement in the past that he has secured \$2,000 of the ransom money paid in this case, which he was keeping in a safety deposit box in Minneapolis, and that he had purchased this money for \$500.00; that Adrienne also stated that [REDACTED] of the Rogers Redemption Bureau, had secured \$10,000 of the ransom money for the sum of \$2,500. The above-referred-to teletype message also stated that Adrienne was formerly employed as a salesman by the Rogers Redemption Bureau, and that that Bureau on June 8, 1936 had furnished the St. Paul Bureau Office with a letter dated June 3, 1936 in which letter one [REDACTED] Plymouth, Indiana, stated that he had met JACK ADRIENNE, believed identical with C. J. Adrienne, in Detroit, Michigan, a short time ago, and that Adrienne had referred him, [REDACTED] to the Rogers Redemption Bureau for employment. In this teletype message the Indianapolis Bureau Office was requested to conduct an appropriate investigation in an endeavor to locate [REDACTED] for the purpose of ascertaining the whereabouts of C. J. Adrienne.

On June 8, 1936 the information as received from the St. Paul Bureau Office in the above-mentioned teletype message was transmitted by telephone to Special Agent [REDACTED] at South Bend, Indiana, with instructions that Agent [REDACTED] should conduct an appropriate investigation in this matter. The following memorandum for the file dated June 8, 1936 was submitted by Special Agent [REDACTED], the substance of which memorandum was transmitted to the Indianapolis Bureau Office by telephone on the evening of June 8, 1936:

"At Plymouth, Indiana, on this night, Agent contacted [REDACTED] [REDACTED], which address is that of a tourist home. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] resided at that place about five days ago, leaving Friday morning, June 5, 1936; that [REDACTED] was in company with [REDACTED] and Mr. J. H. Drummond, the latter being from Fort Wayne, Indiana; that the party was selling correspondence courses in academic subjects for some college in Omaha, Nebraska; that they remain in a town for approximately one week and then move to another place.

"Agent was further informed that on June 5, 1936 [REDACTED] left for Battle Creek, Michigan; that his wife works and resides at Fort Wayne, Indiana, address unknown; that [REDACTED] will no doubt return to Fort Wayne, Ind., and that in all probability they have resided at that place long enough to establish a residence. Mr. J. H. Drummond on the latter-mentioned date returned to his home in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and is probably there at present, address unknown. [REDACTED] if not located otherwise, can no doubt be located through Mr. Drummond, if the latter's address can be ascertained."

The above information as transmitted to the Indianapolis Bureau Office by telephone was in turn transmitted by telephone to Special Agent [REDACTED] at Fort Wayne, Indiana, with the request that he conduct an appropriate investigation.

The following memorandum for the file dated June 13, 1936 was submitted by Special Agent [REDACTED] the substance of which memorandum was transmitted to the Indianapolis Bureau Office by telephone by Special Agent [REDACTED] on June 9, 1936:

"The Fort Wayne city directory lists an [REDACTED] as residing at [REDACTED]. Inquiry in that vicinity disclosed that the family had moved from that address approximately one year ago and that [REDACTED] could be located in a restaurant in Garrett, Indiana.

[REDACTED] informed that she was not aware of her husband's whereabouts and that she was very anxious to communicate with him herself. Through this party it was ascertained that for the last several years [REDACTED] has not worked at any job for more than two or three months at a time and has contributed very little to the support of his wife and two daughters. [REDACTED] and her attorney are at the present time endeavoring to contact him so that a guardianship may be set up for the children and [REDACTED] appointed as guardian. In connection with the matter, these parties are also endeavoring to obtain a portion of [REDACTED] World War Bonus to be used in providing for the support and education of the children. The only information of value available through this source was that [REDACTED] had departed from Ft. Wayne, Indiana, about May 8, 1936 for an unknown destination and was at that time selling magazines through an arrangement with an unidentified individual residing at some hotel in Fort Wayne. It was suggested by [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] of Ft. Wayne might be able to supply some information relative to the present whereabouts of [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] Ft. Wayne, Indiana, stated that he was state supervisor for the Civil Training School at Cleveland, Ohio, and that [REDACTED] had formerly worked for him up until the time that he departed on his present trip from Ft. Wayne. [REDACTED] further advised that the writer was about the tenth person who had contacted him in an effort to locate [REDACTED] and that it appeared that he owed numerous creditors over the city who were endeavoring to collect delinquent accounts. [REDACTED] could not recall of having heard of anyone by the name of Adrienne but suggested that possibly this person was identical with someone [REDACTED] had referred to as having embezzled some \$8,000 or \$9,000 in bonds from some unknown persons and was at that time headed east to remain with relatives. It appeared that [REDACTED] had recently met this party, whom he had known during the World War, and was informed that this friend had spent all of the money, but he did not think that the persons suffering the loss would prosecute him.

[REDACTED] was able to furnish no further information which would lead to establishing this person's identity or present whereabouts. Inquiry was made as to J. H. Drummond, and [REDACTED] informed that he felt sure that this person

was employed as a salesman for an automobile concern which he believed to be Oldsmobile, inasmuch as he had seen this person driving a new Oldsmobile Sedan.

"It was also learned through [redacted] that [redacted] had recently purchased a new Ford sedan from the Old Fort Motor Company of Fort Wayne, and that representatives of the Universal Credit Company, who held the conditional sales contract, had been making repeated efforts to locate him.

"Inquiry at the Old Fort Motor Company revealed that [redacted] had purchased a new 1936 model Standard Ford Sedan, motor number 2,379,945 on March 2, 1936 and at that time traded in a 1929 model Ford Coach, motor number 377,746. No information was available from this source as to the license number of the car now being driven by [redacted].

[redacted] investigator for the Universal Credit Company, Utility Building, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, informed that he had been endeavoring for several months to locate [redacted] without success. [redacted] stated that he learned several weeks ago that [redacted] had been in the Miller Hotel at Warsaw, Indiana, recently where he was employed by one [redacted] a representative of the Commercial Extension College of Omaha, Nebraska. It was the understanding of [redacted] that [redacted] and [redacted] were working together and had departed from Warsaw for either LaGrange or Ligonier, Indiana, but his efforts to locate them in either city had been unsuccessful. [redacted] advised that his office had wired the Commercial Extension College at Omaha, Nebraska, on two occasions since that time requesting the itinerary of [redacted] but that he had failed to receive an answer to these telegrams. Investigations made by [redacted] have disclosed that during [redacted] last residence in the city he resided at [redacted] which he suddenly left when he departed from the city to take subscriptions for magazines, and in so doing he left an unpaid rent bill for several weeks' lodging.

"A long distance telephone call was received by the writer from [redacted] at Garrett, Indiana, to the effect that she had just received a post card from her husband, stating that he was at that time in Athens, Michigan, and was working toward northern Indiana. [redacted] was unable to furnish any information beyond the above facts which would lead to an opportunity of contacting him. It appeared that she was not aware that her husband had dropped his connection with the magazine publisher and was now engaged in selling training courses for the Commercial Extension College.

[redacted] Assistant U. S. Postmaster at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, informed that the Veterans' World War Bonus Bonds would be delivered in that city on June 16, 1936 to the address listed by the veteran in his application to the Veterans' Administration offices in Indianapolis. Inasmuch as the only record of these applications is in Indianapolis, this party was unable to supply any information which might be of value at this time in locating [redacted].

"An inspection of the revised city directory in the possession of the post office failed to reveal any record of a listed address of [redacted] Inquiry at the General Delivery window disclosed that a letter is being held for him addressed to General Delivery from Garrett, Indiana, postmarked June 2, 1936.

"All new and used automobile dealers operating in Ft. Wayne were contacted telephonically in an attempt to locate J. H. Drummond after inquiry at the Ilg Collins Motor Company, Oldsmobile dealers, which failed to reveal any record of his employment.

"At the request of the writer, Assistant Postmaster [redacted] placed a bulletin on the mail carriers' bulletin board requesting information relative to the present address of J. H. Drummond. Through this source it was ascertained from [redacted] mail carrier, that he had been delivering mail to this party at 2517 Calhoun Street, but that a recent attempt to deliver a registered letter had failed inasmuch as Drummond has moved from that point and left no forwarding address. [redacted] stated that he had requested the Registry Division to hold this letter temporarily and that he would make a later attempt to deliver it in the event that further information had been obtained from the residents at that address as to the present whereabouts of the addressee.

"An inspection of this letter revealed that it was mailed from the Printer's Supply House, 327 16th Street, Toledo, Ohio. The envelope contained a notation to the effect that the address of 2517 Calhoun Street was the last one known to the sender and requested that it be forwarded to his last known address.

"The address stated above is a rooming house operated by [redacted] who advised that Drummond had been renting a room from her since the latter part of 1935 and had suddenly departed about a month ago, leaving a note that stated that he had "gone on the road" and would return in a few days and to hold any mail until his return. At the time of his departure Drummond was delinquent for rent on his room for about two weeks prior to that time. No information of value was available from [redacted] except that for the last several months he had resided with her she had noticed a woman visiting him who she believed to be [redacted] Wolcottville, Indiana. [redacted] exhibited a letter addressed to Drummond which bore the return address of the party mentioned above. Other mail in the possession of this party being held for Drummond consisted of a letter from the Tropical Paint Company, 1240 West 70th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, who appears to have been Drummond's employer during his stay in Fort Wayne. Another item consisted of a return receipt covering a registered letter apparently sent by Drummond to the Veterans' Administration at Kansas City, Missouri, which bore the signature of [redacted] and was dated May 26, 1936. A search through the personal effects of Drummond left with [redacted] failed to reveal any information which would lead to establishing his present whereabouts."

On June 9, 1936 a teletype message emanating from the Indianapolis Bureau Office was transmitted to the Detroit Bureau Office, advising of the above

investigation as conducted by the Indianapolis Bureau Office and requesting that the Detroit Bureau Office endeavor to locate [REDACTED] and interview him for the purpose of ascertaining the whereabouts of C. J. Adrienne.

On June 10, 1936 a conference teletype message emanating from the Indianapolis Bureau Office was transmitted to the Omaha and Kansas City Bureau Offices advising them of the information as obtained by the Indianapolis Bureau Office and requesting that the Omaha Bureau Office discreetly endeavor to locate [REDACTED] through the Commercial Extension College, and that the Kansas City Bureau Office endeavor to locate [REDACTED] through the Veterans' Administration at Kansas City, Missouri, and determine where his bonus check would be directed; that, if located, [REDACTED] should be interviewed for the purpose of determining the location of C. J. Adrienne or Jack Adrienne.

At Crawfordsville, Indiana

The reporting agent interviewed [REDACTED], one of the General Delivery clerks at the post office, Crawfordsville, Indiana, and he advised that a man by the name of [REDACTED] had called at the General Delivery window for mail on at least two occasions, but that no mail had been delivered to him; that a woman whose name he understood to be [REDACTED] had also called for mail during the week of June 8, 1936, the same week as [REDACTED] had called, but that he had had no mail for her; that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were not together to his knowledge and had no connection as far as he knew; that he did not know where either of them was from, what their business was, or where they were staying in Crawfordsville; that [REDACTED] usually called for his mail in the middle of the afternoon, while [REDACTED] usually called for her mail around noon.

The following descriptions of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were given to Agent by [REDACTED]

Name:	-- [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Age:	40	40
Height:	5' 8"	
Weight:	160	125
Build:	Chunky	Medium
Complexion:	Medium	Medium brunette
Characteristics:		Pleasing smile.

Agent interviewed [REDACTED] Post Office, Crawfordsville, Indiana, and he advised that a man who called himself [REDACTED] had called for mail at the General Delivery window between 3:00 and 4:00 P. M. on June 16, 1936; that there had been no mail for him at that time; that woman who called herself [REDACTED] had called for mail on the morning of June 17, 1936, and at that time he had delivered to her a letter contained in an ordinary correspondence stationery envelope, the address of which was typewritten; that he did not notice the postmark on this letter.

[redacted] also advised that a man who called himself [redacted] called for mail at the General Delivery window on the morning of June 17, 1936, and that at that time he had delivered to him a piece of mail contained in a medium-sized business envelope; that he did not note the postmark or any return address on that envelope.

[redacted] advised that he was unable to give any description of [redacted] other than to say that he was well dressed. [redacted] furnished the descriptions of [redacted] and [redacted] the same as the descriptions which were furnished to Agent by [redacted]

It was ascertained from the records of the Hotel Monon, Crawfordsville, Indiana, that one [redacted] residence address Omaha, Nebraska, had registered into Room 406 on June 11, 1936 at 6:30 P. M.; that [redacted] and wife of the Commercial Extension College, Omaha, Nebraska, had registered into Room 408 on June 11, 1936 at 6:35 P. M. and had been transferred to Room 415 on June 15, 1936.

It was ascertained from employees at this hotel that both [redacted] and [redacted] had automobiles; that they were apparently salesman; that a man and his wife who were rooming at the Crawford Hotel at Crawfordsville, Indiana, came over to the Monon Hotel practically every evening and conferred with [redacted] and [redacted]

The proprietress of the Monon Hotel displayed to Agent a letter addressed to [redacted] c/o Hotel Monon, Crawfordsville, Indiana, postmarked at Fort Wayne, Indiana, June 16, 1936, bearing the return address of Kennock & Kennock, attorneys-at-law, 508 Standard Building, Fort Wayne, Indiana. This letter at that time had not been delivered to [redacted]

The proprietress of the Monon Hotel further advised that on Saturday, June 13, 1936 a telegram had been received at the hotel for [redacted] from Fort Wayne, Indiana; the contents of this message was that he is not to come, and it was signed "Pat".

Agent interviewed [redacted] Hotel Monon, Crawfordsville, Indiana, and he advised that he had been working for the Commercial Extension College of Omaha, Nebraska, for approximately four weeks; that he is working under [redacted] who was registered at the Crawford Hotel, Crawfordsville; that at the time he commenced working for the Commercial Extension College, he met a man whom he knew as Jack Drummond, and who at that time was also working for the Commercial Extension College; that in his conversation with Jack Drummond he ascertained that Drummond had formerly been employed by the Rogers Redemption Bureau of Minneapolis, Minnesota; that Jack Drummond had told him that, if he would write to [redacted] of the Rogers Redemption Bureau, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, that perhaps he could obtain employment with this bureau; that, if he did write to [redacted] in an effort to obtain

employment, he should mention the name of Jack Adrienne and state that he had met Jack Adrienne in Detroit, Michigan.

When queried as to why Drummond had advised him to mention the name of Jack Adrienne and say that he had seen him in Detroit, [redacted] stated that apparently Drummond had got into some trouble with the Rogers Redemption Bureau and did not want that bureau to know where he was, and that accordingly Drummond had stated that [redacted] should mention Adrienne's name rather than his, Drummond's, in corresponding with the Rogers Redemption Bureau. [redacted] stated that he had never seen Jack Adrienne in Detroit, Michigan, and knew nothing concerning him; that in his conversation with Jack Drummond he had ascertained that Drummond and Jack Adrienne had formerly been employed by the Rogers Redemption Bureau at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and that Drummond had stated that Jack Adrienne was a high-pressure salesman; that at the time he wrote [redacted] of the Rogers Redemption Bureau, he was at Plymouth, Indiana; that he wrote [redacted] and asked for employment with the Rogers Redemption Bureau and mentioned in his letter that he had seen Jack Adrienne in Detroit.

[redacted] stated that at the present time Jack Drummond was not employed by the Commercial Extension College, and that he was living in Fort Wayne, Indiana; that he never knew any street address of Drummond in Fort Wayne; that he did know that Drummond was employed in the capacity of an extra dispatcher for the Nickel Plate Railroad at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and he was of the opinion that, if Agent would contact the superintendent of the Nickel Plate division at Fort Wayne, information could be obtained relative to the address of Drummond. [redacted] stated that Jack Drummond had ceased his employment with the Commercial Extension College on June 6, 1936 and at that time stated that he was going to Fort Wayne in order to collect his bonus, and that upon collecting his bonus he intended to marry a girl there named [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he did not know the address of [redacted] and did not know any way that she could be located.

When queried as to whether he knew [redacted], [redacted] stated that [redacted] was formerly his employer at the time he was working for the Civil Training School of Cleveland, Ohio. When queried as to whether he had ever told [redacted] that one Jack -- had embezzled \$8,000 or \$9,000 in bonds from some unknown person and that this Jack had gone east to visit with relatives, [redacted] stated that he had told [redacted] that one Jack, whose last name he could not remember, had embezzled \$500.00 from the First and Tri-State National Bank of Fort Wayne approximately four years ago, and that this Jack had paid this money back to the First and Tri-State National Bank of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and that he would never be prosecuted for this embezzlement. [redacted] stated that the last time he had seen this person named Jack was in November 1935, at which time he was reported to be working for some brewery; that Jack was not a world war veteran to his knowledge; and that he, [redacted] had only a slight acquaintance with Jack.

[redacted] stated that, if Agent would contact [redacted] of the Fort Wayne National Bank at Fort Wayne, Indiana, Agent could verify [redacted] statement about the alleged embezzlement by Jack --, and that in

all probability [redacted] would know the last name of this Jack, in view of the fact that [redacted] of the First and Tri-State National Bank in Fort Wayne at the time of the alleged embezzlement by Jack.

The following physical description of Drummond was furnished to Agent by [redacted]

Name:	Jack Drummond
Age:	45
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	185
Hair:	Gray-black
Eyes:	Blue
Residence:	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Characteristics:	Slow, slouchy walk; oval face.

Agent interviewed [redacted] Crawford Hotel, Crawfordsville, Indiana, who advised that he was in charge of the Commercial Extension College division in Indiana, and that a man whom he knew as Jerry Drummond had worked for him for about two weeks commencing about a month ago; that Jerry Drummond had left the employment of the Commercial Extension College on June 6, 1936 at Plymouth, Indiana, and stated that he was going to Fort Wayne, Indiana, to collect his bonus, after which he intended to marry; that he does not know any street address of Jerry Drummond at Fort Wayne, and that he always contacts Drummond through General Delivery. [redacted] stated that Jerry Drummond had contacted the Postmaster at Fort Wayne for the purpose of arranging to have his bonus delivered to him at a certain address; that it is his understanding that Drummond will again join up with him after he collects his bonus; that if he determines the whereabouts of Jack Drummond, he will immediately notify the Indianapolis Bureau Office.

On June 18, 1936 the above information as developed by the reporting agent was transmitted by telephone to Special Agent [redacted] at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Agent [redacted] was instructed to conduct appropriate investigation. On June 18, 1936 Agent [redacted] transmitted the following information by telephone to the Indianapolis Bureau Office from Fort Wayne, Indiana:

"Special Agent [redacted] located J. H. Drummond today and finds that he is presently employed by the Nickel Plate Railroad at Fort Wayne as a relief telegraph operator. Drummond denies knowing anything about the ransom money or ever hearing Adrienne mention it. He first met Adrienne at Kansas City about two years ago when Adrienne was working for the Rogers Redemption Bureau. He last saw Adrienne about two months ago on the street in Detroit, Michigan. He knows that Adrienne in the past has stayed at the Penn Hotel in Detroit.

"Drummond advises that the Rogers Redemption Bureau bears a questionable reputation and [redacted] is a shady individual. He also said that Adrienne seems to be a minor racketeer and will handle any kind of proposition to earn his living.

"Drummond says that Adrienne has a wife, name and address unknown, and a father who is thought to be in the dairy business at Tulsa, Oklahoma. About last Christmas Adrienne was travelling through some southern states in company with a woman other than his wife, and that his wife had him arrested at some point by local officers in this connection.

"Drummond believes that Adrienne can be located through [REDACTED] 9329 Centerline Street, Detroit, Michigan, who is in the same racket that Adrienne has been in. He also suggested that the National Silverware Syndicate and other like concerns in Detroit be contacted for information. [REDACTED] is also a shady character, and if he cannot be located, his wife will probably be informed as to the location of Adrienne.

"It was also suggested by Drummond that Adrienne was probably keeping in contact with [REDACTED] of the Rogers Redemption Bureau.

"Drummond described Adrienne as follows:

Age:	40 years
Height:	6' 1"
Weight:	210 pounds
Hair:	Black, parted in middle
Eyes:	Black
Complexion:	Fair
Dress:	Dark clothing, with blue or gray shirts and ties to match.
Peculiarities:	Full face; head narrow at top; round shoulders; high squeaky voice; feet turn out when walking."

On June 19, 1936 a teletype message emanating from the Indianapolis Bureau Office was transmitted to the Detroit Bureau Office, advising of the above information as ascertained by Special Agent [REDACTED] and requesting that an appropriate investigation be conducted in an endeavor to ascertain the whereabouts of G. J. Adrienne.

On June 19, 1936 telegrams were directed to the Omaha and Washington Field Offices, advising them that [REDACTED] had been located and interviewed.

The following memorandum for the file was submitted under date of June 18, 1936 by Special Agent [REDACTED]

"Acting upon a long distance call from Special Agent [REDACTED] from the Indianapolis Bureau Office to the effect that J. H. Drummond could not be located through the Nickel Plate Railroad offices at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, inquiry was made of [REDACTED] of that division with offices in Ft. Wayne, who advised that Drummond had been employed as an extra telegraph operator since March 20, 1936. It was also ascertained through that

source that Drummond was presently residing at 1201 Sweeney Avenue and could also be reached at 1519 North Calhoun Street in Ft. Wayne.

"When interviewed, Drummond stated that he was engaged in selling correspondence courses for the Commercial Extension College of Omaha, Nebraska, and was endeavoring to secure permanent employment with the Nickel Plate Railroad by working extra when needed as a telegraph operator. In this connection Drummond stated that prior to 1929 he had been employed for number of years by the Union Pacific, Texas and Pacific, and Missouri Pacific Railroads and was endeavoring to re-establish a connection in the railroad business. Since being furloughed by the Texas and Pacific Railroad in 1929, Drummond has spent most of his time travelling and selling various articles. In October 1934 while in Kansas City, Missouri, he became acquainted with Clifford J. Adrienne, who was at that time travelling and selling for the Rogers Redemption Bureau of Minneapolis, Minnesota. On that occasion Drummond established a connection with the same firm and travelled with Adrienne for two weeks, receiving instruction in his new work.

"Since that time he has seen Adrienne at only infrequent intervals when he happened to visit the Rogers Redemption Bureau office in Minneapolis. Drummond's connection with this firm was severed in December 1935, and he did not again see Adrienne until about two months ago when visiting in Detroit. On that occasion he met Adrienne accidentally at Detroit, and he believes that Adrienne was at that time stopping at the Penn Hotel and was connected with the National Silverware Syndicate, 9329 Centerline Street, Detroit, Michigan. This conversation lasted only about thirty minutes, during which time Drummond was told by Adrienne that he was promoting several types of deals and was principally interested in staging auction sales for bankrupt firms. Adrienne at that time had a list of various grocery and clothing stores who were on the verge of failure and suggested that Drummond join him in this enterprise, stating that they could make about \$150.00 per week.

"Drummond emphatically denied that Adrienne had then or on any other occasion mentioned anything about having purchased or having in his possession any of the Urshel ransom money. This party was closely questioned for an extended period of time, during which time he continued to deny any knowledge of the possession of this money by Adrienne or any person with whom he was acquainted. In checking upon Drummond's connection with [REDACTED] Drummond stated that he had met [REDACTED] on only one occasion, which was slightly over a month ago in Plymouth, Indiana, at which time Drummond was traveling in the company of [REDACTED] State Supervisor for the Commercial Extension College. On this occasion [REDACTED] happened to be stopping at the same place as Drummond and [REDACTED] and became acquainted with Drummond. [REDACTED] was dissatisfied with his present connection and solicited Drummond's help in securing a connection with the Commercial Extension College through [REDACTED]. During the conversations with [REDACTED] while in Plymouth, Drummond told him of his former connection with the Rogers Redemption Bureau and suggested that he might make a connection with that firm by writing to [REDACTED] and telling him that he had met C. J. Adrienne and that Adrienne had suggested that he apply for the position. Drummond explained that the business practices of the Rogers Redemption Bureau were

subject to question and they would therefore not employ any stranger who came to them without the recommendation of some member of their organization. Due to some trouble Drummond had experienced with [REDACTED] which led to Drummond's resignation, he suggested to [REDACTED] that he not mention to [REDACTED] that he had met or was acquainted with Drummond.

In response to questioning Drummond, while denying knowledge of Adrienne or [REDACTED] having had any of the Urschel ransom money in their possession, stated that both parties had been involved in deals in the past which were more or less questionable, but that he seriously doubted if either party would have been connected with any such undertaking as that mentioned above.

With reference to data concerning Adrienne which might be useful in locating him, Drummond informed that he believed Adrienne's father was in the dairy business in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and that Adrienne had married while living in Arkansas about five years ago. When in Minneapolis last December, Drummond was told by [REDACTED] of the Rogers Redemption Bureau, that Adrienne had been in that office recently attempting to obtain a large sum of money; that he had been involved in some trouble with a girl in the Virginias or Carolinas, and his wife had preferred charges against him. On this occasion, according to [REDACTED] Adrienne had requested permission to use another name in his contacts with the company. It was suggested that the best person, outside of [REDACTED], who would know of Adrienne's present whereabouts would be one [REDACTED] connected with the National Silverware Syndicate at 9329 Centerline Street, Detroit, Michigan. Drummond explained that the street address quoted above might not be entirely accurate, but he felt sure that [REDACTED] was connected with some firm in the vicinity of that address which would be engaged in the selling of silverware. While Drummond felt sure, that [REDACTED] would be glad to co-operate with Agents of the Bureau, he was positive that [REDACTED] wife would gladly furnish any information in her possession relative to Adrienne. Drummond stated that Clifford J. (Jack) Adrienne's last name is pronounced "Adreen".

As the result of the information set out in the above-quoted memorandum for the file submitted by Special Agent [REDACTED], a telegram was transmitted on June 20, 1936 to the Detroit Bureau Office, advising that C. J. Adrienne was alleged to be principally interested in staging auction sales for bankrupt grocery and clothing stores in Detroit, Michigan, and requesting that an appropriate investigation be conducted in an endeavor to locate Adrienne.

On June 20, 1936 a conference teletype message was transmitted to the Oklahoma City, St. Paul, and Little Rock Bureau Offices advising as to the information set out in the above memorandum dated June 18, 1936 submitted by Special Agent [REDACTED] and requesting that the St. Paul, Oklahoma City, and Little Rock Bureau Office conduct appropriate investigations looking toward the location of C. J. Adrienne.

- UNDEVELOPED LEADS -

DETROIT BUREAU OFFICE at Detroit, Michigan:

Will conduct appropriate investigation at the Penn Hotel in an endeavor to locate C. J. Adrienne.

Will endeavor to locate [REDACTED] who is alleged to be working for the National Silverware Syndicate, 9329 Centerline Street, or for some other firm in that locality which is engaged in selling silverware. If located, he should be interviewed regarding his knowledge of the whereabouts of C. J. Adrienne. The officials of the National Silverware Syndicate should be interviewed relative to any information in their possession which may assist in the location of C. J. Adrienne. [REDACTED] if she can be located, should also be interviewed for information as to the whereabouts of Adrienne.

It is noted that C. J. Adrienne is alleged to be principally interested in staging auction sales for bankrupt grocery and clothing stores in Detroit. This information should be developed in an appropriate investigation looking toward the location of Adrienne.

ST. PAUL BUREAU OFFICE at Minneapolis, Minnesota:

Will make discreet inquiry of [REDACTED] of the Rogers Redemption Bureau, Lumber, Exchange Building, in an endeavor to obtain information concerning the whereabouts of C. J. Adrienne.

OKLAHOMA CITY BUREAU OFFICE at Tulsa, Oklahoma:

Will endeavor to locate the father of C. J. Adrienne, who is alleged to be in the dairy business, in an endeavor to ascertain the whereabouts of C.J. Adrienne.

LITTLE ROCK BUREAU OFFICE at Little Rock, Arkansas:

Will contact the bureau of vital statistics or other central headquarters in an endeavor to obtain information concerning the marriage of C. J. Adrienne, who is alleged to have married in Arkansas approximately five years ago. Information relative to Adrienne's wife should be obtained, and she should be interviewed relative to her knowledge of the whereabouts of her husband.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit, Michigan
July 14, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
Indianapolis, Indiana

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES,
with aliases, et al;
CHARLES F. GERSHKE -
VICTIM - Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request
contained in your letter of July 11, 1936,
there is transmitted herewith a copy of the
report of Special Agent [redacted] dated
at Detroit, Michigan, June 24, 1936, setting
out lead for the Indianapolis office to
interview [redacted] Elkhart, Indiana.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Reinecke
Special Agent in Charge

[redacted]
cc - Bureau
Oklahoma City

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J. J. [signature]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT Kansas City, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 7-15-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-10-36	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, ET AL CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] of Harvey Bailey, advises [REDACTED] one and one-half years ago advised [REDACTED] that Bailey's loot was buried in a well on a farm near Richmond, Illinois. Party named Frank or Dad from St. Paul contacted [REDACTED] and tried to persuade him to deliver money to wife of Harvey Bailey.

R.U.C.

REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated 7-1-36.

DETAILS:

Agent interviewed [REDACTED] who resides on a farm about two miles East of Pollock, Missouri. [REDACTED] stated that he was [REDACTED] who was a Subject in instant case. When Agent contacted [REDACTED] he contacted him under the pretext that he was looking for cattle to purchase, which was in accordance with the copy of letter attached to reference letter. [REDACTED] after Agent had introduced himself in accordance with the above pretext, took Agent to a field about a mile from his farm.

[REDACTED] advised that about one and one-half years ago [REDACTED] told him that a considerable amount of the loot which Harvey Bailey had collected during his career had been buried in the

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bottom of a sixty foot well on their farm in Wisconsin. [REDACTED] advised Agent that this farm was located very close to the Wisconsin-Illinois border line and that the Baileys received their mail through the Richmond, Illinois Post Office. It is the farm on which Harvey Bailey's wife is living at the present time. [REDACTED] could give Agent no further details concerning the burying of the loot as he had acquired this information merely by putting a question to [REDACTED] as to where Harvey Bailey had buried the money which he had stolen.

[REDACTED] further said that about one year ago a man by the name of "Frank" or "Dad" from St. Paul had called upon both he [REDACTED] and requested them to deliver a certain amount of money to Harvey Bailey's wife. About the middle of May 1936 this same party called upon [REDACTED] and made a similar request and [REDACTED] advised this party that he did not want to have anything to do in any of the affairs in which Harvey Bailey was mixed up. He described this party as follows:

Age	About 55
Height	5'4" to 5'6"
Weight	155 lbs.
Build	Stocky
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Gray at temples
Peculiarities	Apparently an injured right hand.

The above information is being set out for whatever value it may have, and undeveloped leads in connection therewith are being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **74-72**

REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 7-18-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-13-36	REPORT MADE BY <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
TITLE MRS. MOLLIE O. BERT with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE PERJURY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. Edna Clary Clark, Assistant U.S. Atty., Okla. City, advises trial of this case will be set for the fall term of Court, 1936 at Oklahoma City.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent , Oklahoma City, dated June 2, 1936.

DETAILS:

It was ascertained from the records of the Clerk of the United States District Court, at Oklahoma City, that the last development occurring in this case was the entrance of a plea of not guilty, in Federal Court at Oklahoma City on May 28, 1936.

Mrs. Edna Clary Clark, Assistant United States Attorney at Oklahoma City, advised that this case would be set for trial in the fall term of Court, 1936, at Oklahoma City.

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June 23, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Reference is made to the letter of [redacted] City Detective, Fort Worth, Texas, dated June 19, 1936, in which he criticizes the "cartoon strip" edited by Rex Collier, depicting the activities of the F. B. I., particularly with respect to the Urschel kidnaping case. In his letter, [redacted] states "that less than twelve hours after the kidnaping I called the Department of Justice office at Dallas, Texas, giving them all facts, including the names of the kidnapers, the farm where Urschel was being held captive and all information which caused this case to be eventually solved".

In connection with the services rendered by [redacted] who is a detective on the police force at Fort Worth, Texas, this will advise you that in a letter directed to this Bureau by SAC Blake, dated at Dallas, Texas, October 7, 1933, Mr. Blake advises that the first information which he ever received concerning George and Kathryn Kelly, came from [redacted] and [redacted] about July 5, 1933, at which time these officers offered the suggestion that Kelly was probably implicated in the Kansas City massacre. Mr. Blake continues "during the entire investigation and until the present time these Fort Worth detectives have cooperated splendidly". In the same letter, Mr. Blake states that it is alleged that Mr. Kirkpatrick said something to the following effect "If it had not been for these (Fort Worth) boys, we might still be wondering who kidnaped Urschel".

In a letter directed by SAC Blake to Mr. Lacey Simpson, Warden of the Kansas State Penitentiary, November 14, 1933, Mr. Blake says "The first information received at the Dallas office of the 'Division' relative to George Kelly and his visits to the Shannon farm near Paradise, Texas, where Harvey Bailey was captured August 12, 1933, came to me personally from [redacted] and [redacted] who, early in July, 1933, told me of the association of George and Kathryn Kelly with Harvey Bailey, Verne Miller and other outlaws. Subsequent to that time and up to the present, we have received material assistance and valuable information from [redacted] and [redacted] they actively participated in the investigations leading up to the raid on the Shannon farm and were present at and assisted in the capture of Bailey".

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By letter dated March 30, 1934, the Dallas office advised the Bureau that on August 25, 1933, SAC Blake paid to [redacted] City Detective at Fort Worth, Texas, \$250 for information furnished concerning George Kelly Barnes, et al, in connection with the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel.

The report of Special Agent D. L. McCormack, dated at Dallas, Texas, August 7, 1933, in the Urschel case, discloses that as early as July 24, 1933 (which was two days after the Urschel kidnaping) Detective [redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] that he felt confident that the Urschel kidnaping had all the earmarks of being the work of George Kelly. He further advised Agent [redacted] that Kathryn Thorne Kelly returned to Fort Worth on the Sunday morning preceding July 24, 1933; that she called [redacted] on the telephone stating she would like to see him; that he went to her home, at which time she advised she had just arrived from St. Louis, Missouri, where she left George Kelly. She inquired as to the location of [redacted] partner and was told he was visiting the World's Fair. She then said it was too bad that [redacted] could not go to the World's Fair; that she realized police officers were poorly paid, but that [redacted] should not be bashful; that she would let him have whatever money he needed since she expected in a few days to receive some money from George Kelly, who would have plenty at that time.

[redacted] advised [redacted] at this time that from the description then available of the person who kidnaped Urschel, said description exactly fitted George Kelly, and that the kidnaping was the type of job which Kelly would engage in. [redacted] furnished other information to Agent [redacted] as to the automobiles which were then being driven by George Kelly.

The file further reflects a letter dated November 24, 1933, written by Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] and directed to "Mr. Homer Cummings", in which these detectives advise their entrance into this matter was made prior to the kidnaping of Mr. Urschel. In this letter they allege that they had furnished information to the Department of Justice at Dallas, Texas, to the effect that the Shannon farm near Paradise, Texas, was being used as a hideout for Kelly and his associates who were then wanted in connection with the Kansas City massacre case. In this letter, the said officers also allege they furnished information to the effect that Mr. Urschel was being held at the Shannon farm and that a raid on that farm would doubtless result in the capture of Bailey and his associates and that a machine gun would

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undoubtedly be found at the time of this raid. They request that if such a machine gun were found they be given permission to retain this machine gun themselves. As is noted hereinbefore, a letter written by Mr. Blake to the Warden of the Kansas State Penitentiary explains that [REDACTED] did participate in the raid on August 12, 1933, which resulted in the apprehension of Harvey Bailey. By memorandum dated December 9, 1933, Mr. Joseph B. Keenan, then Assistant Attorney General, suggested to the Director that the machine gun found in the possession of Bailey be given to Detectives [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in keeping with promises which were apparently made to them by Mr. Keenan, Mr. Nathan and Special Agent [REDACTED]. Accordingly, this machine gun was given to the said officers.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire.

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CITY OF FORT WORTH

Fort Worth, Tex.
June 19, 1936.

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

Dear Sir:

Inclosed, you will find cartoon strip, one of a series being run in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, drawn or written by one Rex Collier.

I don't know where he is getting the facts in this strip, although the heading states it is based on the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Hoover, I feel you should know that such poppy-cock as this is what is causing officers in police departments over the country to become disgusted and unwilling or reticent to co-operate with the Department of Justice.

I don't know whether or not such strips as these and other articles are censored by the Department of Justice, but it seems to me that in the best interests of your Department some sort of censorship should be inaugurated.

In this particular case, the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping, I make the statement that less than twelve hours after the kidnaping I called the Department of Justice office at Dallas, Texas, giving them all facts, including the names of the kidnapers, the farm where Urschel was being held captive and all information which caused this case to be eventually solved. This statement can be verified from your own records and also Mr. Charles F. Urschel, who incidentally paid me a very nice reward for services rendered.

Yours very truly,

/s/ [REDACTED] b7C
CITY DETECTIVE

L.H.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The attached memorandum prepared by Mr. McIntire summarizes the information contained in the Bureau files pertaining to the Urschel case concerning [redacted] City Detective of Fort Worth, Texas, who, in the attached letter, belittles the Ray Collier cartoons and claims that in the Urschel case he, [redacted] in less than twelve hours of the kidnaping of Urschel called the Bureau office at Dallas, furnishing facts, including the names of the kidnapers, the farm where Urschel was being held captive and other information.

Mr. McIntire's memorandum indicates that [redacted] had about July 5, 1933, furnished information indicating that "Machine Gun" Kelly was probably implicated in the Kansas City massacre and that he had also, early in 1933, told Mr. Blake of the association of George and Kathryn Kelly with Harvey Bailey, Verna Miller and other outlaws and of the fact that these people frequented the Shannon Farm near Paradise, Texas, on which farm Harvey Bailey was captured on August 12, 1933. Blake states that [redacted] actively participated in the investigations leading up to the raid on the Shannon farm and were present at and assisted in the capture of Bailey.

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The report of Agent D. L. McCormack in the Urschel case, dated August 7, 1933, reports that as early as July 24, 1933, it being recalled that Urschel was kidnaped on July 22, 1933, Detective [redacted] had advised Agent [redacted] that he felt confident that the Urschel kidnaping had all the earmarks of being the work of George Kelly. According to this report, [redacted] informed [redacted] that Kathryn Kelly had returned to Fort Worth on the Sunday morning preceding July 24, 1933, and had informed [redacted] that George Kelly would shortly return there and would have plenty of money, enough so that Kathryn Kelly could give [redacted] funds to attend the World's Fair if he desired. McCormack's report states that [redacted] advised [redacted] at this time (presumably July 24, 1933) that from the description of the person who kidnaped Urschel, this person was none other than George Kelly and that the kidnaping was the type of job in which Kelly would engage in. [redacted] is also reported to have furnished information to [redacted] as to the automobiles being driven by George Kelly.

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Memo for the Director

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June 24, 1936.

You will recall that [redacted] is one of the individuals who on November 24, 1933, wrote the Attorney General claiming the machine gun which was found on the Shannon farm near Paradise, Texas, it appearing that [redacted] had stated that a raid on the Shannon farm would undoubtedly result in the capture of Bailey and the recovery of a machine gun. It further appears that Joseph B. Keenan, together with Mr. Nathan and Agent [redacted] had promised these officers this machine gun and the machine gun was accordingly turned over to them.

In view of all of these circumstances, I believe our letter to [redacted] should be very carefully worded since it is impossible to determine how much of the solution of the Urechel case was predicated on [redacted] statements and how much can be attributed to independent investigation. I am attaching hereto a suggested response to [redacted] letter.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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City Detective,
Fort Worth, Texas.

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of June 19, 1936, commenting upon the strip appearing in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram prepared by Rex Collier entitled "War on Crime Series," and appreciate your courtesy in affording me the benefit of your ideas with respect to such strips. This strip is published entirely as a commercial project and as a private enterprise. The Federal Bureau of Investigation furnishes to persons interested in the preparation of articles dealing with law enforcement data concerning the major developments in cases of exceptional public interest, refraining, of course, from supplying any details of a confidential nature.

I am fully aware of the splendid cooperation which you have afforded to Special Agents of this Bureau in supplying information for purposes such as are contemplated by the War on Crime strip. It is obviously impossible to mention each and every law enforcement officer who has assisted Special Agents of the Bureau in various cases from time to time. However, I have always consistently insisted upon the inclusion of information in material published of this nature concerning cooperation supplied to this Bureau. Upon checking the strips prepared by Mr. Rex Collier in the War on Crime Series, I find frequent references to the cooperation furnished to this Bureau by state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the country. As previously indicated, it is not feasible in these matters to specifically mention the various individuals by name who have assisted our representatives and it is necessary to make general reference to such cooperation.

Trusting that this will fully answer your inquiry,
I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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1130 Enquirer Building
Cincinnati, Ohio

July 30, 1936.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases,
et al.,
CHARLES F. OURSCHEL - Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Find herewith two copies of the report of Special Agent [redacted] Indianapolis, 7-29-36, containing a lead for St. Marys, Ohio, in your territory. It does not appear that copies were furnished your office.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Bureau
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Indianapolis

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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SAC OKLAHOMA CITY

PHONE. GEORGE KELLY BARNES WITH ALIASES ET AL CHARLES F. URSCHEL VICTIM
KIDNAPING. WIFE OF C. J. ADRIENNE RESIDING HERE INFORMS THAT
ADRIENNE RECENTLY SEEN BY [REDACTED] PRESENTLY RESIDING WELLS FAROO
HOTEL, OKLAHOMA CITY, WHILE IN JAUREZ, MEXICO. [REDACTED] TOLD MRS.
ADRIENNE THAT ADRIENNE DEPARTED FROM JAUREZ RECENTLY FOR SOME
POINT IN UNITED STATES WITH A MEXICAN GIRL NAMED [REDACTED]
SUPPOSED TO KNOW HISTORY OF THIS GIRL AND FULLER DETAILS AS TO PLANS
OF ADRIENNE. SUGGEST [REDACTED] BE INTERVIEWED AT WELLS FAROO
HOTEL.

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Approved: *R. B. Brown*
Special Agent in Charge

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which are hereby agreed to

Denver, Colorado

July 20, 1936

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9:45 p.m.

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D. BRANTLEY
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
224 FEDERAL BUILDING
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

GEORGE KELLY BARNES WA ET AL CHARLES F. URSCHEL VICTIM KIDNAPING
WELLS ROBERTS HOTEL CORRECT.

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7-115-1919
Special Agent in Charge,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Re: BREKID
WYMAP
STOLMAP

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau July 14, 1936.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure:

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Cincinnati
Mr. E. J. Connelley, Chicago
Cleveland
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Laboratory Report
July 23, 1936

Case: **BREKID**
KEYNAP
STOLNAP

Number: **7-576-12279**

Specimens: **A. Sample handwriting and printing of Fred Hunter consisting of two sheets.**

Examination requested by: **Atlanta Bureau Office.**
Date received: **July 14, 1936.**
Examination requested: **Document.**
Result of examination:

Examination by: **Appel #1**

The known handwritings of Fred Hunter, Alvin Karpis, and others of the gangsters known to have participated in the kidnaping cases, were compared with the numerous anonymous and crank letters and other unknown writings in the Ham, Bremer, Boettcher and Urschel kidnaping cases. No similar writings were found.

At the time the handwritings of G. E. Barker, Arthur Barker, Lloyd Barker, Fred Barker and Mrs. Kate Barker, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, George Kelly, Katherine Kelly, Vern Sankey, Dainard, Fliess and Fitzgerald were also under observation although not compared in the same detail.

If there are any specific writings which have not previously been forwarded or which should be given particular attention in connection with the handwriting of any individual, the Laboratory should be advised.

6-Bureau (1-BREKID; 1-KEYNAP; 1-STOLNAP; 1-HANAP; 1-file 7-50; 1-file 7-115)

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REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 7-22-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-17 & 21-36	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, Et Al CHARLES F. URSCHER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

C. J. Adrienne as Byron M. Andrews left Texas June, 1936 with [REDACTED] claiming he divorced his wife, [REDACTED] who is presently in Denver, Colo., in Juarez, Mexico and married [REDACTED] there. At that time Adrienne selling cosmetics and toilet supplies for Coronado Mfg. Co., St. Paul, Minn., and driving 1936 V-8 Ford Coupe bearing 1936 Utah licenses #54-394. This car purchased Salt Lake City through Pacific Finance Co. Adrienne was at Fond du Lac, Wis. approximately 7-6-36. [REDACTED] has an uncle in Carlsbad, N. M., where her parents may reside, and a sister at Winters, Tex. [REDACTED] formerly worked at Hilton Hotel, El Paso, Tex. Adrienne's father not located through dairy companies at Tulsa, Okla.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Okla. City, Okla., 6-25-36, and teletype from Denver Office, 7-20-36.

DETAILS:

On July 21, 1936, [REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED] Denver, Colorado, was interviewed at the Wells-Roberts Hotel, Oklahoma City, based on reference teletype. He advised that all information in his possession concerning C. J. Adrienne, whom he knew as Byron M. Andrews, was to the best of his knowledge given to the Denver Office by Mrs. Adrienne. The Oklahoma City files do not reflect that Mrs. Adrienne was interviewed at

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Denver; however, a letter is noted from the Little Rock Office to the Indianapolis Office, dated July 2, 1936, mentioning a wire of June 15, 1936 from Denver to Little Rock, advising that Mrs. Adrienne was at Denver. In view of the above, complete information as obtained from [redacted] is being set out herein.

In May, 1936, [redacted] in answer to an advertisement in a Denver paper, contacted one Byron M. Andrews, who was residing with his wife, [redacted], at the Park Hotel in Denver. Andrews, who is apparently C. J. Adrienne, had credentials and correspondence showing him to be a vice president of the Coronado Mfg. Co., St. Paul, Minn. This firm sells toilet articles and cosmetics, and [redacted] agreed to work for the company after Adrienne had promised him the State of New Mexico as exclusive sales territory. [redacted] was to put up \$300.00 with the Coronado Mfg. Co., and contrary to the rules of that company, he claims to have made the payment in cash to Adrienne. He has since learned that Adrienne was not a vice president of the company, and that only \$160.00 of the \$300.00 was forwarded to the company. [redacted] is still selling for the Coronado Mfg. Co., but understands that Adrienne has severed connections, having left owing the company several hundred dollars.

Previous to [redacted] attempting to sell any merchandise for the Coronado Mfg. Co., Adrienne suggested that [redacted] accompany him to Texas, where he had some customers, thus giving [redacted] a chance to learn the business. At Adrienne's suggestion, Mrs. Adrienne was to live with [redacted] during the absence of their husbands. [redacted] left Denver about June 1, 1936 with Adrienne in the latter's 1936 Ford Coupe. According to [redacted] Adrienne purchased this Ford in Salt Lake City, Utah through the Pacific Finance Company, and the coupe is black in color. [redacted] is positive that this car bore 1936 Utah licenses #54-394. They proceeded to San Antonio and El Paso, Texas, and when leaving El Paso, [redacted] formerly employed at the Hilton Hotel, El Paso, accompanied them, Adrienne stating that he was taking [redacted] to Winters, Texas to see her sister. This sister's name, according to [redacted] probably [redacted] but she goes by the name of [redacted]. She appears to be a very fine girl and she holds a responsible position with the West Texas Utilities Company at Winters. During the trip to Winters [redacted] learned that [redacted] parents are supposed to live at Carlsbad, New Mexico, where [redacted] has an uncle in the lumber business.

Upon leaving Winters, Texas, Adrienne, [redacted] and [redacted] drove to Dallas, Texas. Adrienne stated that [redacted] had relatives there, but upon arrival in Dallas, Adrienne arranged for an apartment for all three of them to live in. He then told [redacted] that he had obtained a divorce from his wife, [redacted], at Juarez, Mexico, and had married [redacted] the same day.

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On Sunday morning, June 7, 1936, Adrienne left [redacted] at Dallas, Texas, saying he was proceeding to Oklahoma City and would return on Wednesday, June 10th. [redacted] left Dallas with Adrienne. When Adrienne did not return, [redacted] had [redacted] wire him some money so he could return to Denver. Up to that time Adrienne had financed the trip. When Adrienne left Dallas, some of [redacted] clothes were in Adrienne's car. He did not hear from Adrienne but approximately July 6, 1936, Adrienne expressed [redacted] clothes from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin to 715 Lafayette Street, Denver, Colorado. The express ticket on this shipment was turned over to the Denver Police by [redacted] Mrs. Adrienne told [redacted] that she was advising the Denver Office of Adrienne's being in Fond du Lac.

After Adrienne abandoned his wife, [redacted] in Denver, Colorado, [redacted] succeeded in helping her find employment, and her present address is known to [redacted]

According to [redacted] the Denver Police hold a felony warrant against Adrienne and are trying to cause his apprehension.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained from [redacted]:

Age - 26
Height - 5' 1"
Weight - 105 lbs.
Eyes - blue
Hair - dark red or auburn, not bobbed
Complexion - dark
Build - stocky
Teeth - good
Does not wear glasses
Has a Texas drawl; talkative; well dressed; well educated, and supposed to have taught school at one time.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] at Tulsa, Oklahoma:

A letter addressed to the Postmaster at Tulsa making inquiry as to any person named Adrienne was forwarded by the Oklahoma City Office on June 25, 1936. This was answered on June 27, 1936, signed by [redacted] Assistant Postmaster, stating that there was no mail or directory record of any such person.

On July 17, 1936, [redacted] Superintendent of Mails, went over all mail records, including rural routes, but failed to find any mail or directory record of any Adrienne. The City Health Department, which issues milk permits, was checked and no record found. Complete

records of all milk producers in the Tulsa area, or who sell or ship milk to Tulsa are kept.

[REDACTED] of the Beatrice Creameries, and Early Cass of this Company, both of whom have been in the dairy business at Tulsa for many years, were contacted and each said he did not know any Adrienne. The Beatrice Creameries are the largest purchasers of milk from producers in Tulsa.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

ST. PAUL OFFICE at St. Paul, Minnesota will contact the Coronado Manufacturing Company and obtain information available concerning the whereabouts of C. J. Adrienne, alias Byron M. Andrews.

DENVER OFFICE at Denver, Colorado will interview [REDACTED] and Mrs. C. J. Adrienne for any additional information they may have to that set out in the body of this report concerning Adrienne's whereabouts.

MILWAUKEE OFFICE at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin will make inquiry at the various hotels for information concerning Adrienne, bearing in mind the description of the automobile and license plates which Adrienne is supposed to be using, and endeavor to ascertain his whereabouts.

EL PASO OFFICE at Carlsbad, New Mexico will make discreet inquiry concerning the presence there of the parents of [REDACTED] as well as an uncle of this woman, and consider the advisability of interviewing them for information concerning her present whereabouts.

DALLAS OFFICE at Winters, Texas will make discreet inquiry at the West Texas Utilities Company, ascertaining the reliability of the sister of [REDACTED] and later interview her or place a mail cover on her mail in an endeavor to ascertain the whereabouts of [REDACTED] who is understood to be presently with C. J. Adrienne.

SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE at Salt Lake City will contact the Pacific Finance Company for information concerning the automobile purchased by C. J. Adrienne through that company, after first having determined to whom and for what automobile 1936 Utah license #54-394 was issued. Adrienne may still be making payments to the Pacific Finance Company or they may know his whereabouts.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Denver, Colorado.

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Re: GEORGE KELLY BAKER, with aliases,
et al; Charles F. Urschel, Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 22, 1936, in which leads are set out for the various offices receiving copies of this report calling for investigation looking towards the location of G. J. Adrienne.

It will be recalled that Adrienne has made the allegation that he did at one time purchase quantities of the Urschel ransom money at a price considerably below the value of such money. The field offices have previously been advised that it is the desire of the Bureau that Adrienne be located and interviewed thoroughly as to the allegation on his part to this effect.

It is desired that the offices for whom undeveloped leads are set out in the above mentioned report of Agent [redacted] give immediate, preferred and expeditious attention to the completion of these undeveloped leads. The Bureau desires to be advised immediately as to the results of these investigations.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc St. Paul
Milwaukee
El Paso
Dallas
Salt Lake City
Oklahoma City

Autograph

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 12, 1936.

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Mr. Baughman	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Dawsey	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Joseph	✓
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

The attached interesting case write-up, prepared in the Research Section, appears to me to be too colorful in the manner of its preparation. I realize that there should be some personality in interesting case write-ups but I don't believe we should endeavor to produce a finished article of the type that could be published without a single change in a newspaper or magazine. To prepare such articles would result in a disinclination to use these articles by writers who would recall the publication of such an article in some other periodical.

I believe our interesting case write-ups should be confined in so far as is possible to a factual resume of the particular case and should not be dressed up in superlative adjectives and structure to the point where they lose their identity as a mere factual resume.

You will note that the attached interesting case write-up which begins "The will-o'-the wisp glint of diamonds lured plain Kathryn Brooks from the simplicity of country life, through the coarse familiarities of libertines, into the choking complexities of big-time crime, et cetera", is rather far removed from a dignified introduction to a statement of facts.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Washington, D. C.

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July 24, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Re: Kathryn Kelly

There is attached hereto an interesting
case write-up concerning Kathryn Kelly which was
prepared by Special Agent [redacted] of this
section.

Respectfully,

R. E. Joseph
R. E. Joseph.

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KATHRYN KELLY

The will-o'-the-wisp glint of diamonds lured plain Kathryn Brooks from the simplicity of country life, through the scarce familiarities of libertines, into the choking complexities of big-time crime. Finally when known as Kathryn Kelly, vicious and contemptible, the cold twinkle of her diamond-studded bracelets was exchanged for the rough reality of cold steel handcuffs.

Kathryn was born on March 18, 1904, in Slatillo, Mississippi, the daughter of Ora Lillian and James E. Brooks. Her father's family were respectable citizens in this little town of approximately 400 population, located in the northeastern section of this southern state. Her mother's maiden name was Coleman and, as indicated in later years, the Coleman blood ran to criminality. Kathryn's book education was limited to the completion of the seventh grade when she deserted what to her was dull school work, at the age of fifteen, for a more exciting life of marriage.

It was at Asher, Oklahoma, that she was married to Lonnie C. Frye. Soon thereafter, she became the mother of a baby girl who was christened Pauline. Her marriage to Frye was short-lived and they were soon divorced, Kathryn maintaining custody of her baby daughter. Through her life she exhibited fondness for her offspring but never of such intensity as to retard her from disgracing motherhood by acts of crime.

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After her divorce from Frye another man, about whom even Kathryn can remember but little, made a short appearance in her life, in a life that was quickly and surely approaching the sordid.

The Brooks moved to Coleman, Texas, from little Saltillo and Mr. Brooks engaged in the grocery business. This was the home country of Kathryn's maternal grandparents and several of her uncles, including Cass and Fred Coleman. Coleman, Texas, apparently did not hold much attraction for luxury-loving Kathryn. It did not offer the opportunity of ready cash with which to buy the little niceties she began to crave. She started looking for easy money and dabbled in crime. She attained a few aliases and, as Cleo May, alias Catherine Williams, was assigned her first police number 3113 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on October 24, 1925, when she was arrested and charged with robbery. On March 18, 1926, she was sentenced to serve five years in the State Prison at McAllister, Oklahoma. On March 25th, however, she filed a notice of appeal, apparently made an appeal bond and three years later, on May 9, 1929, her case was reversed. No further action was ever taken and Kathryn perhaps felt that "she had beaten the law."

Kathryn liked action and she was resourceful. It is reported that to avoid apprehension one time after participating in a robbery, she flushed \$10,000 worth of diamonds in a hotel toilet. Other reports which seem to be well founded are that while working in Oklahoma City as a manicurist she would flash her brilliant and discerning smile upon tired business men and beguile them into nightly dates on lonely roads. Many

of these dates were interrupted by the sudden appearance of a hi-jacking gunman. Apparently Kathryn's business men friends contributed the tips and her bandit friends cut her in on the robbery spoils and Kathryn had cash with which to buy more fineries. During this period Kathryn was getting into Fort Worth a good deal and liked that Texas city.

Sometimes in 1926 while the Oklahoma robbery charge was still pending, she returned to Coleman and tried marriage again, this time with Charles G. Thorne. Thorne was a stock raiser, a gambler and a wholesale dealer in illicit liquor. He was financially comfortable and could give Kathryn more of the luxuries her avaricious tastes demanded. Kathryn was helpful to Thorne in his liquor activities for he used her as a delivery girl and she was proficient. Through these activities she made new associates and gained more knowledge with which to aid the development of a criminal career. After the better part of a year of marriage Charlie Thorne came to a violent death under mysterious circumstances, pronounced "suicide" by the coroner. After his death a note was found which read "I cannot live with her or without her." To a degree that paradoxical sentence is characteristic of this multi-married sweetheart of crime. She was a loving mother but still a disgrace to motherhood. She was at times a loyal wife and at others a rotten mistress. She was demure but still brash, attractive but yet repulsive. She was a hundred paradoxes as she flashed across the paths of the underworld.

Approximately concurrent with Kathryn's marriage to Thorne her mother and father after twenty-four years of married life, called it quits

in a divorce court. For a while Ora operated a restaurant in Coleman but then moved to Fort Worth to join her daughter who was becoming the spawn of hell. With the death of Thorne, Kathryn had luxuries showered upon her through his estate. She bought a house in Fort Worth at 857 E. Mulkey Street paying almost \$12,000.00 for the property. Her mother operated a small hotel of questionable character and Kathryn dipped further into crime. She was fast becoming acquainted with Fort Worth's lower strata. Among her friends were numbered petty thieves, hoodlums, street walkers and the closest friend was Louise Senton, a prostitute and shoplifter.

Kathryn played with prospering bootleggers, gamblers and occasionally pleasure-seeking business men out on the sly. She was quick to learn and from the assortment of riffraff she classed as friends, she was carefully gathering the knowledge and technique with which she thought she could outwit the law. She was not averse to bragging and was sufficiently vain to attempt the bribery of officers through friendliness and promises.

She became well known to Fort Worth Police, who were always watchful for the day when she would blossom into greater criminal activities at which time they would know where to look for the loot and associates. She wasn't yet ready though for big-time crime and headline public enemies, so when Willie Russo, a small-fry thief, became attentive, she urged him on. She was without a husband and she welcomed the opportunity to become his mistress. Probably she admired but was also jealous of the colorful tattoos he carried on his arms, a Jap girl on one and a nude woman in water on the other. All went well with Willie and Kathryn until he robbed a place of expensive furs in Abilene, Texas, in September of 1928 or 1929. The furs were found in Kathryn's home on Mulkey

Street in Fort Worth and the officers, whose good graces she always sought, arrested her and Russo and returned them to Abilene to face the charges. She was released because of insufficient evidence while Russo was convicted and sentenced to serve five years in Texas State Penitentiary. It is an even bet that she hated losing the recovered furs more than she did her man.

Before this time, in September, 1927, Kathryn's mother had married R. G. "Boss" Shannon at Weatherford, Texas. Shannon at the time of this marriage bore a good reputation in the community around Paradise, Texas, where he lived. He was a farmer, owning many acres of land, a live stock raiser and a county political power. He may have even been slightly ashamed of Fred Coleman, his new brother-in-law, and uncle of Kathryn, because of the prison term Fred had served for automobile theft. His feelings toward Kathryn are unknown but she became a constant visitor to the Shannon farm and "Boss" Shannon began to care less for his reputation.

It was six months after the marriage of Shannon that the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, received George "Machine Gun" Kelly to serve a three-year term for the illegal possession of liquor. Kelly had passed up a college diploma for a machine gun. He had himself been married at the early age of nineteen and soon divorced. He began his career in crime by dealing in pints of liquor and was first arrested in 1927 at Santa Fe, New Mexico. Later in the same year he was again arrested in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Kelly was a braggart, easy to meet and looking for big things in the criminal world. He made friends easily at Leavenworth and in the photography section in which he worked, he talked things over with Charlie Harmon, cronied with

Frank Nash, and buddied with Francis Keating and Tom Holden. Upon his release in 1930 he was ready to compile a record as impressive as that possessed by some of his prison friends.

He made his way to San Antonio where he accidentally met Kathryn Kelly. Her taste for luxuries matched his criminal ambitions. After corresponding for a period they were married in Minneapolis. Thoughtfully they wired the announcement of their marriage to her father who now was staying in her Fort Worth home. Her colored maid, to whom Kathryn punctually forwarded her due salary, with all due respect was happy at the marriage. George "Machine Gun" Kelly had joined forces with Albert Bates through the robbery of a Celfax, Oregon, bank. He introduced his new wife to Harvey Bailey. She became intimate with Verne Miller and spoke in friendly terms of such predatory criminals as Keating, Holden, Gus Binkler, Frank Nash, Ed Beatts and a dozen other lesser lights.

Kathryn had graduated into big-time crime and was well versed in its ways. Bank robbery and other depredations furnished ready cash for the kind of luxuries for which Kathryn had always longed. She and "Machine Gun" had dinner with an automobile salesman and his wife in Cleveland, Ohio, and to her delight bought a sixteen cylinder Cadillac from the salesman. The salesman's wife thought her to be well mannered, of rather striking appearance with her flashing smile and dark eyes. Kathryn boasted to her about spending money and of what she paid for clothes. Her wardrobe included expensive furs and gowns designed by Chanel. Kathryn called the Cadillac her "Sweet Sixteen" but she wasn't wholly satisfied for in a letter to the same automobile dealer, (she and George had adopted the Shannon name as aliases,) she wrote "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 convertible coupe, so try to have one on hand. He has decided that we would prefer a real spiffy sports type, something in a bright blue or green." In a prior letter to the dealer, "Machine Gun" Kelly had said he wanted a dark car.

Kathryn adored diamonds and "Machine Gun" was free with his money. She wore a platinum bracelet set with 234 cut diamonds valued at \$1150.00 and a platinum ring set with eight round and two baguette diamonds. "Machine Gun" Kelly bought two of these on the same day at a total cash price of \$2000.00. Among her other costly jewelry was a platinum wrist watch set with many brilliant diamonds, a Martin diamond dinner ring, a square cut emerald diamond solitaire and a wedding ring brilliant with cut diamonds.

Kathryn and "Machine Gun" Kelly roamed the midwest in luxury, pursuing their illegal activities, stopping in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Chicago, Cleveland, Kansas City, St. Louis and Oklahoma City. They made frequent trips back to Fort Worth and visited the Shannons at Paradise, Texas. They also paid their respects to Kathryn's grandfather, T. M. Coleman, who was then farming near Stratford, Oklahoma. Her grandparents liked the swaggering Kelly and allegedly bragged about the expensive cars he and their granddaughter possessed. They are also supposed to have stated that "no one dare fool with George on account of the business he is in as he is the kind of a man who takes you for a one way ride." As the Kellys paid more frequent visits to the Shannon farm near Paradise, "Boss" Shannon came under suspicion of local officers and neighbors by reason of numerous long distance phone calls and telegrams worded mysteriously,

which he received. Strangers came and went in the night and he occasionally became possessed of large amounts of money, the source of which he attempted to explain with indifferent success.

In the spring of 1933 Kathryn Kelly purchased a machine gun from a pawn broker in Fort Worth for \$250.00 cash. On July 22, 1933, at about 11:30 P. M., two men suddenly opened the outside door to the sun parlor on the ground floor of the Charles F. Urschel home in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where Mr. and Mrs. Urschel and friends were playing bridge. One of these men carried a pistol and the other a machine gun. The Kellys had at last laid their plans for big money. Mr. Urschel was kidnaped and nine days later he was released after the payment of \$200,000.00 in ransom. As he subsequently related his experiences to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, leads were obtained, which, upon being followed out, definitely located as one place to which Urschel had been taken by his kidnapers the farm of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Coleman near Stratford, Oklahoma. With further information, a net was spread and it tightened around the Shannon farm near Paradise, Texas, which had been identified as the kidnaping hideout. At dawn on August 12, 1933, Special Agents of the FBI and local law enforcement officers surrounded and closed in upon the farm taking into custody Ora Shannon, "Boss" Shannon, and the latter's son, Armon. Harvey Bailey was captured where he slept on a cot in the yard by a tree. By his side was found the machine gun purchased in the spring by Kathryn Kelly and in his pocket was found \$1,000.00, \$700.00 of which was ascertained to have been a part of the \$200,000.00 Urschel ransom. Albert Bates was soon apprehended in Denver and "Machine Gun" Kelly and he were identified as the actual kidnapers. Investigation disclosed that Kathryn's shrewd mind played a

major part in this crime which stirred the nation. In September the Shannons, Harvey Bailey, Albert Bates and numerous other money-changers and abettors were brought to trial in Oklahoma City. The Kellys were harried fugitives because the heat was on. During their flight which carried them on a criss-cross trail of thousands of miles throughout the midwest, they stopped long enough during the course of the Oklahoma City trial to pen venomous letters to the prosecutors, every line weighted with death threats if the Shannons should be harmed.

Kathryn displayed intense fondness for her mother and, paradoxically, a willingness to put the finger on her husband. From Chicago she vainly and audaciously wrote on August 18, 1933, "The entire Urschel family and friends and all of you will be exterminated soon. There is no way I can prevent it. I will gladly put George Kelly on the spot for you if you will save my mother, who is innocent of any wrong-doing. If you do not comply with this request, there is no way in which I can prevent the most awful tragedy. If you refuse my offer I shall commit some minor offense and be placed in jail so that you will know I have no connection with the terrible slaughter that will take place in Oklahoma within the next few days."

Eleven days before she wrote this letter, her old paramour, Willie Russo, was released from the Texas Penitentiary and with memories of the past endeavored to communicate with Kathryn. He was taken into custody heavily armed, by Special Agents of the FBI at the Palace Hotel in Dallas, Texas, as a result of this endeavor. In his effort to so communicate with her, he had used the name of June Johnson because he did not want "Machine Gun" Kelly to know of his desire to chisel on his wife as Kelly had told Kathryn that if

he ever ran across Willie Russo "he was going to put him out of commission." Russo said he had the same idea about Kelly. Kathryn was the conqueror of both.

The forces of the FBI and local officers throughout the country were gradually driving Kelly and his wife out into the open. They were frantic, but of the two Kathryn was the calmer. "Machine Gun" Kelly dyed his hair, and for \$80. Kathryn uselessly bought a red wig to disguise herself. In the evening of September 25, 1933, the Kellys were located in Memphis, Tennessee, and, as dawn broke on the morning of September 26th, they were apprehended without the firing of a shot, by Special Agents of the FBI, aided by detectives of the Memphis Police Department. They were immediately taken to Oklahoma City to stand trial for the Krachel kidnaping. Kathryn appeared at the proceedings fashionably attired. She adopted a demure attitude on direct examination, cast friendly smiles at the jurors, and at the trial she pitched her quick witted answers in pathetic tones. She placed the blame for her trouble on "Machine Gun" Kelly in a desperate attempt to let him take the rap, but her coyness evaporated upon cross examination and she fought a losing battle like a tigress with venom and hate. On October 12, 1933, she and her husband, while fourteen-year-old Pauline Frye sat in the court room with rapt but uncomprehending attention, were convicted and sentenced to serve life in prison, where an extra cigarette and an occasional inspected package from the outside will only serve to torment Kathryn's insatiable taste for luxury.

404 New York Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota
July 25, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases
ET AL
CHARLES F. ⁰URSCHEL - Victim
KIDNAPING

Reference is being made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 22, 1936, requesting that the Coronado Manufacturing Company at St. Paul, Minnesota, be contacted for any information they might have relative to the whereabouts of C. J. Adrienne, known by them as Byron M. Andrews.

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For your information, Adrienne, while formerly employed by the Rogers Redemption Bureau, Minneapolis, Minnesota, made the statement that he secured \$2,000 of the 936 ransom money involved in instant case, which he was keeping in a safety deposit box in Minneapolis, having purchased said money for the sum of \$500. He is also reported to have made the statement that [REDACTED] of the Rogers Redemption Bureau, possessed \$10,000 of ransom money which he had secured for \$2,500. Efforts to date have been unsuccessful in locating C. J. Adrienne.

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At the Coronado Manufacturing Company, 500 Robert Street in St. Paul, Special Agent [REDACTED] of this office interviewed [REDACTED] who advised that Byron M. Andrews had been employed for several months in 1936 by his concern in the capacity of a salesman of cosmetic products, but that they had been forced to terminate his services because he was in the habit of making collections from persons to whom he sold the Coronado products and failed to turn over the money to that concern. [REDACTED] advised that he has not heard from Andrews for about three or four months, and that the last place that they had received any word from him was the fore part of April of this year, at which

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time he indicated he was staying at the Hilton Hotel, El Paso, Texas.

[redacted] advised that at the time that Andrews formed a connection with his concern that he was then in Salt Lake City, Utah, and that Andrews has never paid a visit to the Coronado Company. [redacted] showed Agent [redacted] the application which Andrews had filled out, which indicated that B. M. Andrews, 1749 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, desired to form a connection in the capacity of salesman with the Coronado Company. He stated at the time that he was possessed of an income of \$8,000 a year, and gave as references [redacted] and [redacted] both of Minneapolis. It is believed that the [redacted] mentioned is [redacted] who is connected with the Rogers Redemption Bureau, of which [redacted]

At that time he gave as his physical description: Age, 38 years; height, 6 feet, 1 1/8 inches; weight, 232 pounds; an American by nationality; married, and educated at the University of Wisconsin. At that time he was driving a 1931 Packard Model 733, and stated that he preferred California as a territory to sell in.

[redacted] indicated that Andrews had claimed that he was part owner of the Andrews Hotel in Minneapolis and had an interest in two banks in the Twin Cities. [redacted] advised that they had written a number of letters to Andrews at Fort Worth, Texas; El Paso, Texas, and several other places notifying him that his services were terminated, but that each time the letters had been returned to him. He advised that Andrews has a habit of writing on stationery which is from a different place from where the letter is postmarked.

Following his course of employment with the Coronado Manufacturing Company, [redacted] advised that Andrews then became connected with the Maybey Electric Company, Peori, Illinois, of which [redacted] He advised that he had received information that Andrews had called up [redacted] on several occasions and called him [redacted] which led [redacted] to believe that

possibly [REDACTED] was a long-time acquaintance of Andrews.

[REDACTED] advised that several weeks ago he had received an inquiry from the Maybey Electric Company relative to the whereabouts of Andrews. It appears that Andrews, when he secured his employment with the Maybey Electric Company, gave the Coronado Manufacturing Company as a reference in much the same fashion as he gave the owners of the Rogers Redemption Bureau as a reference when he applied for a position as a salesman with the Coronado Manufacturing Company. The nature of the inquiry from the Maybey Electric Company indicated that they were looking for Andrews. [REDACTED] was of the opinion, however, that even though they had severed their connections with Andrews, that he might still be soliciting business for the Maybey Electric Company and might still be sending in orders, which would give an idea as to about where Andrews is now located. [REDACTED] advised that if he obtained any information relative to the whereabouts of B. M. Andrews that he would communicate same to the St. Paul Office.

It is respectfully suggested that the St. Louis Office interview [REDACTED] of the Maybey Electric Company at Peoria, Illinois, and secure from him any information he might have which would lead to the location of Byron M. Andrews, which is possibly the alias of C. J. Adrienne.

This case is now being considered referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

cc Bureau
Oklahoma City
Salt Lake City
El Paso

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

FILE NO. **7-24**

REPORT MADE AT Indianapolis, Indiana	DATE WHEN MADE 7-29-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-20-36	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al; CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED], Elkhart, Ind., former alleged wife of Adrienne, advises his correct name is Clifford Jacques Adrienne; that she resided with him from May, 1932, to April, 1934, as his wife but was never in fact married to him; that during that time they traveled in about 28 states, chiefly western; that Adrienne never informed her of his business or associates but that she recalls him to have worked on a commission basis for a Rogers Silverware Service (or Syndicate) of Omaha, Nebraska, which concern was later forced to leave the city, for a vending machine company, name unknown, located in Kansas City, Kansas, and for the Corona Cosmetics Co. of Louisville, Ky. Could recall none of the associates of Adrienne referred to in previous reports but advised that one [REDACTED] (phonetic) was apparently a close friend; that [REDACTED] parents reside in St. Marys, Ohio, and that he is a friend of a [REDACTED] (phonetic) in St. Joseph, Mich. Adrienne had stated that many years ago his father, name unknown, operated a dairy in Tulsa, Okla., but during recent years practiced medicine in Detroit, Mich., and is now deceased; that his mother, name unknown, lived in Algeanick, (phonetic) Michigan, (probably Algonac); that he, Adrienne, had also been a doctor in Detroit, Mich. [REDACTED] could advise of no alias other than Jack Clifford, used at the time of arrest in Jonesboro, Ark. States has not seen or heard of him since April, 1934 and has no idea as to his present whereabouts.

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Reference:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Indianapolis, Indiana, 6-25-36; report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Detroit, Michigan, 6-24-36; Bureau letter to the Indianapolis office dated 7-9-36 (7-115).

Details:

At Elkhart, Indiana

[REDACTED], the writer located and interviewed [REDACTED] the daughter of [REDACTED] of St. Joseph, Michigan, who advised that she first met Adrienne, whom she knew as Clifford Jacques Adrienne, at Elkhart, Indiana, during May, 1932, at which time Adrienne was working for the Rogers Silverware Service (or Syndicate), located in Omaha, Nebraska, which company has since been forced out of Omaha by the Chamber of Commerce and moved to some unknown city in Ohio. It is noted in the second reference reports efforts to locate the silverware company with which Adrienne was supposed to have been associated at Detroit, Michigan, were unsuccessful. [REDACTED] advised that she was never in fact married to Adrienne although it was generally thought that such was the case, inasmuch as they told various individuals upon occasion that they had been married at Watertown, Wisconsin; that upon leaving Elkhart, Indiana, with him they traveled to Joplin, Missouri, "for the purpose of selling milk boxes". It is presumed that reference is above made to Adrienne's scheme whereby he induced milk and truck farmers to give coupons to customs as explained at the bottom of page seven in the second reference report.

[REDACTED] continued stating that she traveled with Adrienne for about two years until the time of his arrest in Jonesboro, Arkansas, on April 9, 1934; that she had probably traveled with him in as many as 28 states, chiefly western; that upon his arrest she secured money from her parents and left him and has not seen him since that date; that during the first week of May, 1934, he wrote her from Jonesboro, Arkansas, and asked her to come back to him and that if she did not he was going to get married; that she did not answer his letter and has not heard from him in any manner since that time. [REDACTED] confirmed that information set out in the second reference report relative to her former marriages.

She further stated that during her entire travels with Adrienne they traveled in a Cadillac Sedan, model unknown, which he had previously secured from her step-father, [REDACTED] at St. Joseph, Michigan; that it was not until his arrest at Jonesboro, Arkansas, and her return home did she learn that he had taken her step-father for \$1,000 and the above mentioned automobile. She stated that during her entire travels with Adrienne he never told her anything of his business or his associates; that she would remain at hotels or tourist cabins while he would attend to his business; that during practically the entire period

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he apparently worked for the above mentioned Rogers Silverware Service (or Syndicate); that she could not state when the above company had been forced out of Omaha, Nebraska, and that she does not know who the officials of that company were.

██████████ also stated that during part of the above period Adrienne was working for a vending machine manufacturing company and sold chiefly five and one cent machines; that the name of the company is unknown, but that it is located on the north side of the city in Kansas City, Kansas; that he worked on a commission basis for this company for about five months during 1933. ██████████ further stated that at the time she met Adrienne he was also working for the Corona Cosmetics Company at Louisville, Kentucky, on a commission basis, but that she does not think he worked for that company but for a few days after she met him. She stated that the above three mentioned companies are the only ones to her knowledge with which he was at any time connected; that she never learned the names and identities of any of his business associates or friends and repeated that at all times he kept his business affairs strictly to himself.

██████████ stated that she at no time met any of Adrienne's relatives and that insofar as she knows he never called upon them; that she does not know the name of his father and mother, but was told by Adrienne that when the latter was a small boy his father operated a dairy business in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for several years, but since that time his father had been a doctor in Detroit, Michigan, and was now deceased; that his mother was supposed to live in Algeanick (phonetic), Michigan, (probably Algonac); that he was supposed to have been married once before to a woman named ██████████ otherwise unknown, whom he divorced and that he is supposed to have had two daughters, names and ages unknown, by ██████████. He was also supposed to have had a common law wife, otherwise unknown, before he met ██████████. Agent was also informed that Adrienne told ██████████ and her family that he himself had once been a doctor in Detroit, Michigan, but that he did not dwell further on the subject.

██████████ continued stating that Adrienne is a very intelligent and educated man; that he appeared to be very refined and business-like, possessing a good personality and using no vulgar expressions; that his English was good and that he was a very convincing talker; that he was neat in dress and of good moral habits; that he did not appear to be flirtatious or to chase after women; that he was regular in all respects and did not drink but smoked only cigars; that he did not care for the average entertainment but seemed to be business-like at all times. She further informed that she did not know if Adrienne belonged to any organizations or regularly communicated with any individuals or associations but that he appeared to know the ritual of the Elks very well; that when he traveled, which was always, he would stop at middle class hotels and occasionally at tourist camps; that he did not live out of the ordinary in any respect and appeared to be an average type salesman; that he traveled in all size cities and would remain from one day to one week usually;

that at one time he remained at Hutchinson, Kansas, for a period of two weeks; that he worked chiefly in western states having "coupon laws"; that he worked in no particular group of states and that when he worked at a place as much as a week he would usually secure a furnished apartment.

[redacted] stated that she has never heard of [redacted] J. H. X Drummond or [redacted] of Detroit, Michigan, and is not aware that Adrienne ever used the aliases of [redacted] or Fred Green, and that he has never been known as Fred, although he has been called "Doc" but she presumed this latter expression was used because of his above mentioned dealings in cosmetics; that the only alias she has ever known him to use was that of Jack Clifford, which he used at the time of his arrest in Jonesboro, Arkansas; that he was more commonly known as Jack Adrienne. She further advised that she has never stopped in Detroit, Michigan, with Adrienne and does not know of the Penn Hotel; that he never staged any auction sales while she was with him; that he never worked for the Rogers Redemption Bureau in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to her knowledge. She states that the description of Adrienne as set out on page eight of the report of Special Agent [redacted] Detroit, Michigan, dated June 24, 1936, is very accurate except that she thinks Adrienne is French and that in some pronunciations he has a foreign (French) accent to his speech.

She further stated that Adrienne associated with other people only in a business way; that he apparently made no personal friendships and that she cannot recall any close acquaintances of his except a [redacted] (phonetic) whose mother and father operated a clothing store at St. Marys, Ohio; that [redacted] was with Adrienne when she first met him, at which time Adrienne was traveling with that individual, whose business is unknown, but who probably worked for his parents; that when first leaving Elkhart, Indiana, the three went direct to St. Joseph, Michigan, where she and Adrienne visited her parents and where [redacted] stayed a short while with a [redacted] (phonetic), who operated the only private sanitarium in St. Joseph, Michigan, and who lived on Lake Boulevard at a location situated about one and one-half blocks south of [redacted] home.

Agent was further informed that at no time during the above period did Adrienne appear to have any surplus money; that he was rather careful in his expenditures and at one time possessed only one suit; that he appeared to have only that money which he had from his above mentioned occupations; that until the time of his arrest at Jonesboro, Arkansas, he never appeared to engage in any unlawful activities to her knowledge, but she repeated acted "only as an average honest salesman". [redacted] was questioned specifically as to further alleged activities of Adrienne as set out in the reports of reference and as to other information contained therein, but she could in no manner add to that information supplied above. She appeared to be very cooperative and stated that if at any time she recalled other facts of interest to this investigation of which would aid in the location of Adrienne, she would

immediately communicate with the Indianapolis office. She was not advised as to the reason why Adrienne's location is desired.

For the information of those offices which have not received prior reports in this matter, it is stated that Adrienne has been sought for sometime by the Bureau for questioning, due to the fact that he told [REDACTED] a nurse and former employee; that he had \$2,000 of the Urschel ransom money in a safety deposit box under his wife's name in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He also told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] of the Rogers Redemption Bureau, Minneapolis, Minnesota, had \$10,000 of the Urschel ransom money. Adrienne is described as follows, it being borne in mind those changes in the following description as mentioned by [REDACTED]

Name:	Dr. C. J. Adrienne, aliases: Fred Brudernich, C. J. Clifford, Fred Green
Age:	40 (1934)
Height:	6'2"
Weight:	241
Build:	Heavy
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Black
Complexion:	Dark
Race:	White
Nationality:	American
Residence:	Alleged to be Detroit, Michigan
Fingerprints:	Arrested and printed by Jonesboro, Ark. P.D. on charge of swindling on 4-9-34.

Adrienne's wife, [REDACTED] Adrienne, who is a daughter of [REDACTED] Jonesboro, Arkansas, is described as being - age 27 (1934); height, 5'5"; weight, 130; build heavy; hair, blonde; eyes, blue; race, white; nationality, American.

No lead is being set out for the Detroit office to check the allegations mentioned herein that Adrienne and his father formerly were doctors in Detroit, Michigan, inasmuch as it is noted that the same has already received thorough attention as indicated in the second reference report. It is further noted that the first reference report sets out a lead for the Oklahoma City Bureau office to determine if Adrienne's father actually operated a dairy business at Tulsa, Oklahoma, several years ago.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

LOUISVILLE OFFICE -
At Louisville, Ky.

Will determine if there is a Corona Cosmetics Company at Louisville and if so will cause the records to be checked for the purpose of ascertaining if Adrienne actually worked as a salesman for that company as indicated in the details of this report. If so will secure all in-

formation which might aid in his present location.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE -

At Kansas City, Kans.

Will determine if there is a vending machine company located in that city, probably on the north side, for the purpose of securing that information indicated in the above paragraph.

OMAHA OFFICE -

At Omaha, Nebraska

Will make inquiry at the Chamber of Commerce and ascertain if a Rogers Silverware Service (or Syndicate) was located in that city during the years 1932 to 1934 and was forced out of town to some unknown city in Ohio. If such a company or similar company is known, will indicate an appropriate lead to have the records of that company checked for information concerning Adrienne.

DETROIT OFFICE -

At St. Joseph, Mich.

Will locate and interview [REDACTED] if possible from that information supplied herein and ascertain if he is acquainted with Adrienne (on which there is no information) or with [REDACTED] (phonetic), the latter named individual alleged to have visited [REDACTED] during the summer of spring of 1932 as stated herein. [REDACTED] is alleged to be a friend of Adrienne and the ultimate purpose of this lead is to locate [REDACTED] for purposes of appropriate interview as regards his present knowledge of Adrienne.

At Algeanick (or Algonac), Michigan

Will determine if an Adrienne lives at that place inasmuch as the mother of Adrienne, name unknown, is supposed to reside there.

CINCINNATI OFFICE -

At St. Marys, Ohio

Will attempt to locate and interview [REDACTED] whose parents are supposed to operate a clothing store at that place. [REDACTED] is supposed to be a friend of Adrienne and if located should be thoroughly interviewed in the premises.

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Detroit, Michigan
July 31, 1936

D. Brantley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

GEORGE KELLY BARNES ETAL CHARLES F URSCHEL VICTIM KIDNAPING NO RECORD REGISTRATION
BY ANDREWS FORT SHELBY HOTEL DETROIT JULY TWENTY TWO TO THIRTY THIS YEAR CORRECT
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FBI DEPT OF JUSTICE, EL PASO, TEXAS JULY 30 1936 5-25-PM [REDACTED]

SAC OKLAHOMA CITY.

PHONE. GEO KELY BARNES ET AL, KIDNAPING. C. J. *ADRIENEE ALIAS B. M.

ANDREWS WAS AT HOTEL FT SHELBY, DETROIT, MICHIGAN, ON TWENTY FOURTH
INSTANT AS MR AND MRS B M *ANDREWS. SUGGEST CONTACT DETROIT IM-
MEDIATELY FURNISHING NECESSARY INFORMATION AS THEY ARE MOVING RAPIDLY
ABOUT THE COUNTRY. [REDACTED] WITH HIM. CLAIMS THEY ARE MARRIED
BUT I DOUBT THAT. NO RECORD OF MARRIAGE HERE.

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FBI DEPT OF JUSTICE OKLAHOMA CITY 7/30/36 6 PM [REDACTED]

SAC DETROIT

PHONE. GEORGE KELLY BARNES ETAL CHARLES F URSCHAL VICTIM KIDNAPING
REFER TAX INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE TO YOU JUNE TWENTY THIS YEAR. EL PASO
ADVISES INFORMATION OBTAINED THERE THAT C J ADRIENNE ALIAS B M
ANDREWS WAS AT HOTEL FT SHELBY DETROIT MICHIGAN ON TWENTY FOURTH
THIS MONTH AS MR AND MRS B M ANDREWS. [REDACTED] APPARENTLY
POSING AS MRS ANDREWS CLAIMS THEY ARE MARRIED BUT THAT IS DOUBTED.
NO RECORD OF MARRIAGE OBTAINED EL PASO DISTRICT. YOU APPEAR TO
HAVE BASIC BACKGROUND AND DATA. SUGGEST IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION
AS INFORMATION OBTAINED THEY ARE MOVING RAPIDLY ABOUT THE COUNTRY.

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SAC EL PASO

PHONE. GEORGE KELLY BARNES ETAL CHARLES F URSCHEL, VICTIM, KIDNAPING.
UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR TEL OF JULY THIRTY, CONCERNING POSSIBLE PRESENCE
DETROIT OF ADRIENNE UNDER NAME OF B. M. ANDREWS, I CONTACTED THE LATTER
OFFICE AND AM NOW IN RECEIPT OF INFORMATION FROM THERE TO THE EFFECT
THAT NO RECORD IS FOUND OF REGISTRATION OF B. M. ANDREWS UNDER THAT NAME
OR OTHER ALIASES. PLEASE MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH YOUR INFORMANT EL PASO
AND FURNISH TO INTERESTED OFFICES ANY FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING
LOCATION OF ADRIENNE.

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Special Agent in Charge,
El Paso, Texas.

Re: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases,
et al; Charles F. Urschel - Victim;
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge R. H. Colvin, dated at El Paso, Texas, July 30, 1936, setting out undeveloped leads for the Dallas, Milwaukee and El Paso Offices looking toward the location of C. J. Adrienne, alias Byron M. Andrews.

I desire to impress upon the offices receiving copies of this letter the extreme importance of locating Adrienne with the least possible delay so that he may be appropriately interviewed to determine whether he did in fact purchase quantities of the Urschel ransom money at a price considerably below the face value of such money. He has made such an allegation, and it is the Bureau's desire that complete information concerning this statement be obtained.

You are therefore instructed to give immediate and expeditious attention to the undeveloped leads contained in the above mentioned report. The Bureau should be advised at an early date concerning the results of these inquiries.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC - Dallas
Milwaukee
Oklahoma City

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. **7-7**

REPORT MADE AT El Paso, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 7-30-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-29-36	REPORT MADE BY R. H. Colvin
TITLE GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Byron M. Andrews was at Hilton Hotel, El Paso, Texas, April 3 to 13, 1936, representing Coronado Manufacturing Company and Maybey Electric Company. Sold merchandise for both concerns in El Paso. Departed with [REDACTED] former cashier Hilton Hotel, and apparently still traveling with her in Michigan. [REDACTED] corresponds regularly with [REDACTED] Hilton Hotel, who expects to receive letter from her in next few days.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Okla., 7-22-36.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p>[REDACTED] mentioned in the report of reference, is known to the reporting agent and is well known to [REDACTED] at the El Paso Bureau office.</p> <p>Agent interviewed [REDACTED] at the coffee shop, Hilton Hotel, and ascertained that she has been corresponding regularly with [REDACTED] since her departure from El Paso with subject in April of 1936. [REDACTED] has lead [REDACTED] to believe that she married subject under name of Andrews but [REDACTED] states she has caused search to be made of the marriage records at Juarez, Mexico, El Paso, Texas, and Las Cruces, New Mexico, but could find no record of such marriage.</p> <p>[REDACTED] exhibited to Agent two postcards received from [REDACTED] one postmarked Marquette, Michigan, 7-13-36, in which [REDACTED] made mention of traveling all over the north and enjoying herself, and the second postmarked St. Ignace, Michigan, July 15, 1936, in which she mentioned having been</p>			
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at Copper Harbor and Kenosaw, Michigan. (Note: No such places are found in the Postal Directory. May be Copper City, Michigan, and Kenosha, Wisconsin.)

██████████ also had received a letter from ██████████ but it could not be located. She stated she hears regularly about every ten days from ██████████ and that a letter is now due. She promised to advise Agent upon receipt of any further communications from ██████████.

██████████ stated that ██████████ had a sister named ██████████ who is the wife of an ex-railroad man, residing in Hillsboro, New Mexico; that she has no other sister who is not married but whose given name she does not know, employed by the Gas Company at Abilene, Texas; that she has a brother who operates a saloon at Carlsbad, New Mexico.

██████████ of the Hilton Hotel, has received correspondence from ██████████ of the Maple Terrace Apartments, Dallas, Texas, inquiring about Adrienne under the name of Byron M. Andrews. Apparently Adrienne is indebted to the Maple Terrace Apartments in some manner.

Agent ascertained from ██████████ that Adrienne had had some dealing with ██████████, El Paso, Texas. ██████████ upon interview, stated that he had answered a blind advertisement and as a result had contacted Adrienne at the Hilton Hotel who approached him on the subject of handling some electric steam tables or containers made by the Maybey Electric Company for servicing hot tamales, chili, etc. Upon ██████████ not being interested in this matter, he approached him on the subject of handling cosmetics made by the Coronado Manufacturing Company. Relying on credentials produced by Adrienne, ██████████ placed an order for \$350 worth of such merchandise, paying the cash to Adrienne. He related he had a great deal of trouble in securing the merchandise, as apparently Adrienne had not transmitted payment to the company. ██████████ however, stated he had finally received the merchandise on July 28, 1936. ██████████ also met ██████████ while they were together in El Paso, and later received a letter from Adrienne mailed from some hotel in Abilene, Texas.

From ██████████ and from ██████████ of the Hilton Hotel, it was also ascertained that Adrienne contacted ██████████ of the Wilson and Company packing plant in El Paso. ██████████ upon interview, stated that the only contact he had with Adrienne was in connection with Adrienne's effort to sell the electric heating machines in this vicinity, with the understanding that Adrienne was to contract with prospective purchasers of the machines that they should buy all their products from the Wilson Company. ██████████ had no contact with Adrienne except in this connection and stated that Adrienne was a very high powered salesman.

From the tenor of the postcards received from ██████████ by ██████████ it appears that she and Adrienne are traveling extensively and during the present time appear to be centering their activities around the State of Michigan. It is probable that Adrienne is still engaged in some salesmanship activities.

Agent was informed by ██████████ that the Coronado Manufacturing Company had informed him they had spent something like \$300 in an effort to locate Adrienne, without result. ██████████ of the Wilson Packing Company stated that his

company had received notice from the Maybey Electric Company, Peoria, Illinois, warning them that Adrienne was no longer connected with that concern in any capacity.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The DALLAS office at Dallas, Texas, will contact [REDACTED] of the Maple Terrace Apartments, ascertaining from him the facts and circumstances of his contact with Adrienne and any information he may have concerning him.

At Abilene, Texas, will locate and interview [REDACTED] sister, who is employed by the Gas Company there. It may be that this is the same sister referred to in the report of reference as living at Winters, Texas.

The MILWAUKEE office at St. Ignace and Marquette, Michigan, will endeavor to obtain trace of Adrienne and [REDACTED] through hotel registrations and otherwise as it is possible they have left forwarding addresses. The attention of the Milwaukee office is invited to the fact that Adrienne is driving 1936 Ford V-8 Coupe, dark in color, bearing Utah 1936 license #54-394. The Milwaukee office will bear in mind the possibility of a violation in the White Slave Traffic Act.

The EL PASO office at El Paso, will keep in touch with [REDACTED] cashier at the Hilton Hotel, who has promised to inform the El Paso office of the receipt of any further communications from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was very insistent that any information furnished by her be treated as confidential.

After a few days, if no results are had, the El Paso office will locate and interview [REDACTED] brother at Carlsbad, New Mexico, and consider the advisability of contacting her sister, [REDACTED] at Hillsboro, New Mexico.

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Newark, N. J.
Aug. 3, 1936
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs;

If possible
would you kindly send
me the following information
why George "Machine Gun"
Kelley did not receive the
penalty of death in the
electric chair. Thanking
you for your trouble,
I remain,

Yours sincerely

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[REDACTED]
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:

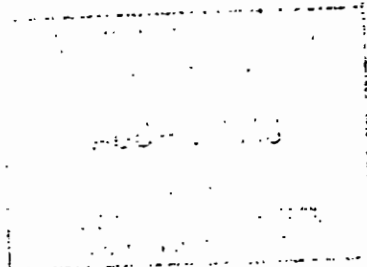
Reference is made to your letter of August 2, 1936 inquiring as to why George Kelly Barnes did not receive the death penalty.

This will advise that George Kelly Barnes, alias "Machine Gun" Kelly, was prosecuted for his complicity in the kidnaping of Mr. Charles F. Urschel under an Act of Congress which was approved on June 22, 1932. This statute did not permit the imposition of the death penalty upon convicted kidnapers. The Act permitting the imposition of the supreme penalty upon convicted kidnapers in Federal Court was approved on May 18, 1934, subsequent to the prosecution of George Kelly Barnes.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Dear [REDACTED]

I am enclosing herewith for your information a copy of a letter which I have received from Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones of the San Antonio Office of this Bureau, dated August 19th, concerning Kathryn Kelly.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Enclosure.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Quinn

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Washington Field Office, Rm. 4244,
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August 4, 1936.

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

RE: [REDACTED] with aliases;
[REDACTED] with aliases;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS -
ESCAPE ACT.

GEORGE KELLY BARKER, with aliases;
ET AL; CHARLES F. URSCHKE, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 1, 1936,
(7-118 and 76-1830) requesting this office to contact [REDACTED]
a former inmate of the U. S. Medical Center, Springfield, Missouri who
is now located in Baltimore.

The resident agent at Baltimore attempted to contact
[REDACTED] at the reported address of [REDACTED] where
it was learned that the [REDACTED] family had moved to
Baltimore and that [REDACTED] was employed by the Premier Laundry and
Cleaning Company.

Agent telephonically communicated with [REDACTED] who
stated that they reside at [REDACTED] and not at the reported
address of [REDACTED] as indicated in reference letter.

[REDACTED] was contacted at [REDACTED] and
he advised that he had attempted on two occasions to contact Mr. H. A.
Tamm of the Bureau, having made trips to Washington for this specific
purpose. On both occasions, Mr. Tamm was unavailable for interview and
therefore he made no further attempts to keep the promise which he had
made to representatives of the Kansas City office of the Bureau. He
also advised that he had written the Bureau concerning his attempts to
fulfill his promised engagement with Mr. Tamm.

[REDACTED] stated that quite recently a person whose name
he did not divulge, approached him in Baltimore relative to the bonds
which Ben J. [REDACTED] was to turn over to him. He stated that at the time
of this person's visit, he did not have the necessary funds to pay the

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bonds and therefore he paid no further attention to the matter. He indicated that he did not desire to have anything to do with the bonds. This unknown person, came from Denver, Colorado and represented Looka in the attempted transaction. Looka did not come to Washington in regard to the bonds, nor in regard to his appeal as far as he knew.

[REDACTED] further advised in this regard that at one time the bonds were to be turned over to an attorney in Eastland, Texas and [REDACTED] was to get his share. He advised that this was never accomplished.

[REDACTED] was further questioned as to the information contained in reference letter relative to the brief case which was to be sent to [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] the brother of [REDACTED] from Princeton, West Virginia. [REDACTED] stated that he could offer no further information concerning this matter, as the brief case had never arrived and because no communication had ever been received from [REDACTED] in connection with this matter.

[REDACTED] restated his willingness to confer with Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau concerning this matter, and suggested that a definite appointment be made either through the resident agent at Baltimore or by correspondence. It was noted that [REDACTED] is now using the name of [REDACTED] as disclosed by observing the name plate on the mail box at his apartment. [REDACTED] is engaged at the present time in installing pin machines and similar devices in restaurants and similar establishments in Baltimore, and in the surrounding counties. He advised that he has been making considerable money at this enterprise and does not care to have anything to do with anything of an illegal nature.

In the event that further contact is desired with [REDACTED] it is requested that the Bureau advise this office.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KRITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 4, 1936

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

RE: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases,
et al., CHARLES F. URSCHEL, Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telegram to you of August 1,
1936, you are advised that Ben B. Laska surrendered to the
United States Marshal at Oklahoma City early on the morning
of August 1, 1936, and was immediately taken to the United
States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, where I am in-
formed he was dressed in on that date, and was assigned a
number.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Baughman	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Dawsey	✓
Mr. Edwards	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Foxworth	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Joseph	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Schuler	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Post Office Box 1857,
Charlotte, N. C.

August 6, 1936.

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

Re: [REDACTED]
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.

Dear Sir:

This is with reference to a telephone call received by me from Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau on the afternoon of August 5, 1936, during which Mr. Tamm advised that the Bureau had received a telegram from an individual signed [REDACTED] advising that the sender was being detained by the Union, South Carolina, Police Department. Mr. Tamm further advised that he believed [REDACTED] to be identical with [REDACTED] an individual recently released from the Leavenworth Penitentiary and who has been dealing with the Bureau on the basis that he is supposed to have information concerning the activities of Basilaska, Denver Attorney, convicted in connection with the Urshel kidnaping case.

In compliance with instructions from Mr. Tamm, Special Agent [REDACTED] of this office proceeded to Union, South Carolina, and there interviewed [REDACTED] who was being detained by the Union, South Carolina, Police Department, on charges of investigation, it having been reported that he was changing license plates on an automobile than in his possession. After some questioning, [REDACTED] executed a signed statement in which he sets forth, in part, that he recently approached a taxicab driver in Washington, D. C., the driver being named [REDACTED] (phonetic spelling), who drives his own taxicab in that city; that he asked [REDACTED] if it would be possible for him to obtain a good automobile at a low price and [REDACTED] replied that he would secure such a car for [REDACTED] and for [REDACTED] to return the following day; that the following day [REDACTED] met the taxicab driver in Hyattsville, Maryland, at which time the cab driver had with him a blue black, 1936 Chevrolet Coach, which is the automobile seized by the Union, South Carolina, Police in the possession of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] further states in his confession

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that the taxicab driver informed him that he had gone to the Coast to Coast Drive-It-Yourself Company, in Washington, D. C., and had rented the automobile, and that after turning it over to [REDACTED] he, [REDACTED], would return to the rental agency and tell them that the car had been stolen. This transaction is supposed to have taken place about the middle of July, 1936, according to [REDACTED] statement.

Special Agent [REDACTED] examined the automobile taken from [REDACTED] and found that the original motor number had been out, but upon examining the secret motor number determined that the correct number is 5,589,308. [REDACTED] also had in his possession two sets of 1936 Maryland license plates, number 133084, which were issued in [REDACTED] name for another automobile, and he also had 1936 Georgia license plates number 102,888, which, according to telegraphic information received from the Atlanta Police Department, were issued in the name of [REDACTED] of Atlanta, Georgia, who is wanted in that city for the larceny of an automobile in a manner very similar to that described above.

According to the information received from Special Agent [REDACTED], [REDACTED] is identical with the [REDACTED] referred to by Mr. Tamm. On arrest, [REDACTED] informed Union, South Carolina, Chief of Police [REDACTED] that he was doing under-cover work for the Bureau, but it does not appear at this time that prosecution for violation of the Impersonation Statute can be successfully instituted. It is possible that [REDACTED] is operating with other individuals in various cities and ensnaring automobiles from rental agencies.

The above facts were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney E. P. Riley, Greenville, South Carolina, by Special Agent [REDACTED], who authorized the filing of a complaint charging [REDACTED] with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Copies of this letter are being forwarded to the Washington Field Office in order that the Coast to Coast Drive-It-Yourself Company may be interviewed relative to the loss of their car, and also in order that an attempt may be made to identify the taxicab driver [REDACTED].

A report containing more details relative to the above will be submitted in the near future.

Very truly yours,

OHL [REDACTED]
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cc Washington Field

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G. H. LOWDON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT Denver, Colorado	DATE WHEN MADE 8-5-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-15, 18, 22, 24, 27 & 7-2, 20, 30 & 8-2-36	REPORT MADE BY R. D. BROWN
TITLE GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases; ET AL; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. C. J. Adrienne advises she married Adrienne at Jonesboro, Ark., in 1934; relates her travels with Adrienne throughout the South, Middle West, and Rocky Mountain region until he deserted her in June 1936, at Denver, Colo., where she is presently residing and employed as a domestic. She apparently knows very little of his past life; recalls that while in Memphis, Tenn., that both were friendly with a [REDACTED] who operated a tea shop; that [REDACTED] was madly in love with Adrienne, and that he, during the Christmas Holidays, 1934, borrowed \$90.00 from [REDACTED] and at the time told [REDACTED] he had \$2,000.00 in a Minneapolis, Minn., bank which he "could not touch". Mrs. Adrienne claims to know nothing about this money but admits visits to Minneapolis with her husband and meeting [REDACTED] of the Rogers Redemption Bureau, who employed Adrienne as a salesman. Mrs. Adrienne is very bitter toward Adrienne due to his deserting her and also to the report he is now again married. Close contact with her will be maintained in effort to locate Adrienne.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge R. H. Colvin, El Paso, Tex., 7-30-36; report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Okla., 7-22-36; teletypes from Denver Office to St. Paul and Little Rock Offices, 6-15-36; teletypes from St. Paul and Little Rock Offices, 6-22-36; teletype to Oklahoma City Office, 7-20-36.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. D. Brown</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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DETAILS:

On June 15, 1936, a woman called at the Denver Bureau Office, advising her name was Mrs. B. M. Andrews. She acted very mysteriously and desired to know if the Government had any charge against her husband, B. M. Andrews. The index cards in the Denver Bureau Office failed to reveal this name, and she was requested to advise whether or not her husband had used aliases. She then stated her true name is Mrs. Clifford J. Adrienne; that her husband has used the aliases B. M. Andrews and Jacques Clifford.

She was asked if she could throw any light on the type of case for which her husband might be wanted by the Bureau. She stated she was unable to assist with respect to this question, but that approximately a year ago a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation called upon her mother, [REDACTED] Jonesboro, Arkansas, and inquired for Mr. Adrienne. She also stated that an Agent of the Bureau also called at the office of the Rogers Redemption Bureau, Minneapolis, Minnesota, inquiring for Mr. Adrienne.

Mrs. Adrienne then advised that her husband had, about two weeks before, deserted her at Denver, Colorado. She stated he was employed by the Carlyle Manufacturing Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, and had previously worked for the Rogers Redemption Bureau [REDACTED] of Minneapolis, Minnesota. She stated she was married to Adrienne at Jonesboro, Arkansas, in 1934, having previously known him but a short time and knowing nothing concerning his family and personal history. She further advised that during the latter part of 1935, Adrienne purchased a new 1936 model Ford Coupe, bearing Motor #255328, from some small Ford dealer located approximately ten miles just outside the city of Salt Lake City, Utah. She believed the name of the motor dealer to be Bill Petty Motor Company. She also stated that the car was financed through the Pacific Finance Company, and that this company was attempting to locate her husband for failure to make payments and for his unlawfully removing this car from the State of Utah.

Mrs. Adrienne advised that her husband told her he was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Medical School; that he served in the Canadian Army during the World War, and approximately fifteen years ago was a professional baseball player and played with the New York Giants and the New York Yankees, according to his statement. She described Adrienne as being 40 years of age, height 6 feet 3 inches, weight 212, black

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curly hair, black eyes, nice looking, previously married to some girl in Algonac, Michigan, and apparently spent some time in Detroit, occupation salesman.

Mrs. Adrienne failed to furnish any further information but agreed to call at the Denver Bureau Office during the next day or two. She stated she is using the name of Andrews and is working as a domestic at the home of [REDACTED] Denver, Colorado, telephone [REDACTED]

Immediately upon receiving this information, the writer communicated with the St. Paul and Little Rock Offices, requesting advice as to the identity of Clifford J. Adrienne. A teletype reply was received on the same date from the St. Paul Office advising of Adrienne's identity; that he was formerly employed by the Rogers Redemption Bureau of Minneapolis, and had made a statement that he formerly secured \$2,000.00 of the Urschel ransom money, which he was keeping in a safety deposit box at Minneapolis, Minnesota, having purchased this money for \$500.00; that he also stated [REDACTED] of the Rogers Redemption Bureau, had in his possession \$10,000.00 of this ransom, which he secured for \$2,500.00. The St. Paul Office advised that the Bureau desired an immediate investigation for the purpose of locating Adrienne for interview.

On the same date a teletype was received from the Little Rock Office also advising of Adrienne's identity. Upon receipt of this information, Mrs. Adrienne was requested to again call at the Denver Bureau Office, and on June 17, 1936, was interviewed by the writer. She was requested to relate her travel with Adrienne since their marriage and include all circumstances and the names and addresses of all persons with whom they resided and associated. She stated that after their marriage in Jonesboro, Arkansas, in 1934, they proceeded to Memphis, Tennessee, where they resided in an apartment, the name of which she was unable to recall; that they became very friendly with a [REDACTED] in Memphis, who operated a tea shop, which shop has since burned down.

She stated this [REDACTED] was very much in love with her husband and made many attempts to induce him to go away with her. She stated that some time around Christmas, 1934, her husband borrowed \$90.00 from [REDACTED]. At this time, her husband told [REDACTED] in her, Mrs. Adrienne's presence, that he had \$2,000.00 in a bank at Minneapolis but could not touch it. Mrs. Adrienne stated she wonders now of the

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significance of this statement, but that Adrienne has never informed her what he meant by "being unable to touch it". She stated that some time during November, 1934, she and her husband drove to Minneapolis, Minnesota, during which time he was working for the Rogers Redemption Bureau, and while in Minneapolis stopped at the Andres Hotel; that immediately upon their arrival at Minneapolis, Mr. Adrienne and herself went to see [redacted] at his office, the address of the office not recalled. She advised that they stayed in Minneapolis for two days and returned to Memphis for Thanksgiving.

They then proceeded to Tampa, Florida, where they remained until February, 1935, he working for the Rogers Redemption Bureau. From Tampa, Florida, they proceeded to some point in Georgia, and from there traveled the Carolinas, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and finally arrived in St. Paul about 3 or 4 months later. She advised that upon leaving St. Paul, Minnesota, they traveled for the Rogers Redemption Bureau through North Dakota, Montana, and to Salt Lake City, arriving in Salt Lake City in November, 1935.

She stated that in Salt Lake City they resided in Smith's Apartment House, which she recalled was located on 4th Street Southeast, remaining in Salt Lake City until January 1, 1936. She stated that while at Salt Lake City, the before mentioned Ford Coupe was purchased by Adrienne. She stated that upon departing from Salt Lake City, they traveled to Phoenix, Arizona, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and arrived in Denver, Colorado, about February 1, 1936, where they resided at the Park Lane Apartments, at which time Adrienne was employed by the Carlyle Manufacturing Company.

She stated they resided in Denver, and Adrienne became associated with [redacted] who then resided at [redacted], Denver. With reference to proceedings which took place at Denver, Colorado, Mrs. Adrienne related them precisely as appears in the report of Special Agent [redacted] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated July 22, 1936, as related to Special Agent [redacted] by [redacted] who at the time of interview was at Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Adrienne advised her husband left her approximately June 1st without funds, and that she has no idea as to his present whereabouts but has secured a position as a domestic at the home of [redacted]. Mrs. Adrienne was then advised that her husband was wanted for questioning, although she was not advised as to the nature of the questioning.

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desired. She informed, however, that she would do anything in her power to assist in locating Adrienne, as she is anxious to proceed with divorce action as soon as possible. It is the opinion of the writer that Mrs. Adrienne will cooperate in every possible way.

Mrs. Adrienne was questioned as to any suspicious friends her husband may have had, and she recalled that while in Memphis, Tennessee, during the latter part of 1934, a man, whom she knew to be an aviator but whose name she was unable to recall, called at their apartment one evening and asked Mr. Adrienne if he wanted to make \$25,000.00. She advised this aviator informed Adrienne that he was to fly with him, the aviator, to some point in Mexico and "get something from the boys". She advised her husband refused to make this trip but never furnished her any further information as to the identity of this aviator or the "boys". She thought this rather suspicious, but her husband refused to elaborate on the circumstances.

Concerning Adrienne's past history, she informed he once told her he has a brother, [REDACTED] who was formerly a Police Surgeon in Detroit, Michigan; that he, Adrienne, was practicing medicine in Detroit about 12 years ago, during which time his associate, name not known, was sent to the penitentiary for abortion, and he, Adrienne, lost his license to practice medicine. She also stated Adrienne told her he served in the Canadian Army during the War, and that he would get a bonus in November, 1938, from the Canadian Government in the amount of \$17,000.00.

Mrs. Adrienne stated she does not believe her husband ever served in the Army or that a bonus is due him from the Canadian Government. She was unable to furnish further information as to Adrienne's relatives other than that his father and mother are supposed to be deceased, and that he originally came from some point in Wisconsin, although he has never visited any relatives or friends known to him previous to their marriage.

On July 20, 1936, Mrs. Adrienne called at the Denver Bureau Office and advised that [REDACTED] Adrienne's former associate, is presently in Oklahoma City, residing at the Wells Fargo Hotel; that [REDACTED] recently communicated with his wife, advising he had seen Mr. Adrienne in Juarez, Mexico, and had departed for the United States, destination unknown, with a Mexican girl named [REDACTED]. Upon receipt of this information, a teletype was directed to the Oklahoma City Office requesting that [REDACTED] be located and interviewed.

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The report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated July 28, 1936, records the interview with [REDACTED] who was stopping at the Wells Roberts Hotel rather than the Wells Fargo.

Mrs. Adrienne has been interviewed frequently since she first called at the Denver Bureau Office, but she has been unable to furnish any further helpful information.

The Denver Police Department is in possession of a felony warrant for Adrienne based on a warrant from the Salt Lake City Police for removing mortgaged property from the State of Utah, this being in connection with the Ford Coupe purchased by Adrienne at Salt Lake City, as is related in the body of this report.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DENVER OFFICE: At Denver, Colorado, will keep in close contact with Mrs. Adrienne, who is using the name of Mrs. Andrews, and who resides at the home of [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED]

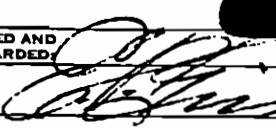
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FILE NO. 7-10

REPORT MADE AT Birmingham, Ala.	DATE WHEN MADE 8-6-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-25-36	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, et al, CHARLES F. URSHEL - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnaping.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [REDACTED] states Adrienne was known in drug store near Lee Huckins Hotel, Oklahoma City. Also says that Adrienne is known to [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, and [REDACTED] Chickasha, Okla. Believes he may be known to [REDACTED], Del Rio, Texas as Dr. Rambo.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R.U.C.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Sp. Agt. [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, 6-25-36.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>At Montgomery, Ala.</u></p> <p>[REDACTED] at Maxwell Field stated that he is due to be released July 27, 1936. In questioning [REDACTED] about Dr. Adrienne there appeared to be some possibility that the person whom [REDACTED] had in mind is not the individual whose description is set out in the report of Special Agent D. P. Smith, Birmingham, Alabama, dated April 17, 1936. There is also some question in the writer's mind whether [REDACTED] ever knew Adrienne, or if he did, whether the information given by him is truthful or not. When asked to describe Adrienne, [REDACTED] was very vague, saying that he only saw him a few times. When pressed for details, however, he stated that he was about 5'11" tall and weighed about 150 pounds. He said that his hair was dark with some gray at the temples.</p> <p>[REDACTED] stated that the woman with Adrienne who purported to be his wife was younger, short and plump. He described her as "doll faced" and a peroxide blonde. He said that this woman was a good friend of [REDACTED] the Battle Creek Baths in Oklahoma City.</p> <p>[REDACTED] was not certain of the spelling of Adrienne's name and when</p>			
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asked to spell it was again vague and said it might be Adrian.

He said that he had gotten to know Adrienne when he, [REDACTED] was hanging around a drug store across from the Lee Huckins Hotel. He stated that this is not the Lee Huckins Pharmacy, but another drug store which he believes is on the corner of Broadway and 3rd Street. He could not recall the name of the woman who was performing abortions with Adrienne, and was equally vague about the location of her place in Oklahoma City. He said that he did not know if Adrienne ever had an office or not.

[REDACTED] believed that Adrienne was known to [REDACTED] of Chickasha, Oklahoma. [REDACTED] according to [REDACTED] is a drug addict and also had a fake cure for gall stones, which consisted of obtaining money from persons who were made to believe they had such trouble by a demonstration given by [REDACTED]

He said that Adrienne was also known to [REDACTED] in Oklahoma City.

[REDACTED] also said that Adrienne had broadcasted over [REDACTED] station at Del Rio, Texas, under the name of Dr. Rambo. He said that he got this information from [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas, whose address may be 1938 Akard Street.

When each of these names was mentioned, [REDACTED] would say that he was not sure whether that person would give the information if questioned, and it may be that the entire story of [REDACTED] is fictitious and that he anticipates that each of these people will deny knowing Adrienne.

[REDACTED] said that when he is released he intends going to the Centennial at Dallas, Texas, and he was requested by Agent to call at the Dallas office to assist them in obtaining information from [REDACTED]

For the information of the Dallas office, which it is believed has not received previous information relative to Adrienne, it is stated that Adrienne, using the name Dr. C. J. Adrienne, appeared at Memphis, Tennessee about November of 1934, as a representative of the Rogers Redemption Bureau of Minneapolis, Minnesota. He had a scheme whereby he induced milk and truck farmers to give coupons to customers and when the customers had accumulated a certain trust value in the coupons they would be redeemable for alleged Rogers Silverplated Silverware.

Adrienne employed one [REDACTED] a nurse, as one of his solicitors in and around Memphis, Tennessee, but she left his employ some time in December, 1934, and thereafter took an agency for the La Belle Cosmetics Company and proceeded to Florence, Alabama, to demonstrate these cosmetics.

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During the period that [REDACTED] was working for Adrienne, he told her that he had bought \$2,000.00 worth of the Urschel kidnaping ransom money for \$500.00, and indicated that this money was cached in a safety deposit box at Minneapolis, Minnesota, adding that [REDACTED] had \$10,000.00 of the Urschel money in a safety deposit box at Minneapolis.

Efforts have been made to locate Dr. Adrienne in order to interview him concerning his alleged statement that he had some of the Urschel money and to determine if he could furnish the identity of the other persons who have a portion of the ransom money. However, he has not been located to date. The last address on Dr. Adrienne is that he was traveling throughout the country and was last heard from at Paysón, Utah, January 13, 1936, at which time he and his wife mailed a package to his wife's mother, [REDACTED] of Jonesboro, Arkansas.

The following are the descriptions of Adrienne and his wife, as obtained from the report of Special Agent D. O. Smith, Birmingham, Alabama, dated April 17, 1936.

Name	Dr. C. J. Adrienne, with aliases: Fred Brudernich, C. J. Clifford and Fred Green
Age	40 (1934)
Height	6'2"
Weight	241 pounds
Build	Heavy
Hair	Black
Eyes	Black
Complexion	Dark
Race	White
Nationality	American
Residence	Alleged to be Detroit, Michigan
Fingerprints	Arrested and fingerprinted by Jonesboro, Arkansas, Police Dept. on charge of swindling 4-9-34

NAME	[REDACTED]
Age	27 (1934)
Height	5'5"
Weight	130 pounds
Build	Heavy (has very prominent hips which seem to hang down)
Hair	Blonde
Eyes	Blue
Race	White

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Nationality
Occupation
Residence
Parents

American
Waitress in cafe prior to marriage
Jonesboro, Arkansas
[REDACTED]
Jonesboro, Arkansas.

In 1934 Adrienne drove a Packard automobile about 1930 model, with white wheels, and claimed that he had interned in hospitals previously in Des Moines, Iowa.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE, at Oklahoma City, will locate and interview [REDACTED] Battle Creek Baths, who is believed to know Adrienne's wife. Also will interview [REDACTED] of Oklahoma City, and will conduct appropriate investigation at drug store described in report.

At Chickasha, Oklahoma, will interview [REDACTED] for information concerning Adrienne.

DALLAS OFFICE, at Dallas, Texas, will interview [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] for information concerning Dr. Adrienne.

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE, at Del Rio, Texas, will interview [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] concerning Dr. Adrienne and the identity of Dr. Rambo, who is believed to have broadcasted over his radio station.

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Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Eughman	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Dawsey	✓
Mr. Edwards	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Foxworth	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Joseph	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
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Mr. Tracy	✓
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BEN LASKY SENT WORD TO ME BY [REDACTED] AUGUST 2 TO OBTAIN SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR PARCEL HE HOLDS FOR A D AND HE WOULD TURN SAME OVER DID NOT ADMIT HE KNEW CONTENTS OF SAME I WAS INFORMED THAT NECESSARY MONEY COULD BE OBTAINED AT FEDERAL PENITENTIARY ON MY WAY TO ATLANTA

I PICKED UP A HITCH HIKER AND TOOK HIM HOME I CHANGED TAGS AND WAS REPORTED TO POLICE AND ARRESTED AND NOW HELD FOR INVESTIGATION BOTH SETS LICENSE ISSUED ME ADVISED BY LASKY THAT IN EVENT HE WAS NOT IN DENVER AT TIME OF MY ARRIVAL TO DEAL WITH WOMAN ATTORNEY AND USE SAME IDENTIFICATION AS I USED WHEN IN DENVER EVERYTHING HERE SATISFACTORY SEND SOME AGENT IN

CARE CHIEF OF POLICE.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT ATTACHED MESSAGE IS "COLLECT"

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 5, 1936.

Time - 3:40 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: [REDACTED] alias

Mr. Nathan ☒
Mr. Tolson ☒
Mr. Baughman ☐
Mr. Clegg ☐
Mr. Coffey ☐
Mr. Dawsey ☐
Mr. Edwards ☐
Mr. Egan ☐
Mr. Foxworth ☐
Mr. Glavin ☐
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Mr. Lester ☐
Mr. Nichols ☐
Mr. Quinn ☐
Mr. Schilder ☐
Mr. Tamm ☐
Mr. Tracy ☐
Miss Gandy ☐

With reference to the attached collect telegram addressed to me by one who signs himself [REDACTED] care of the Chief of Police, Union, South Carolina, I telephoned SAC Lowdon of the Charlotte Office and advised him of the contents of this wire, further advising him that [REDACTED] is probably [REDACTED] who was recently released from the penitentiary, and who took us for quite a ride on the allegation that he had some information concerning Attorney Ben B. Laska, involved in the Urschel Kidnaping Case.

I told Mr. Lowdon that it is entirely possible there is an impersonation case present in connection with this matter; consequently, I told him to have an Agent go down there and make an inquiry into the facts. I cautioned Mr. Lowdon, however, as to the proclivities of this man, pointing out to him that the Agent should not be taken for any ride on what [REDACTED] says he has on Ben Laska, and should not make any particular attempts to keep in the good graces of this man, it probably being to our advantage to get out of his good graces. I told Mr. Lowdon that if the elements of an impersonation case are present in this matter, appropriate action should be taken without regard for our past associations and relations with this man.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 7-8

REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 8-11-36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-6-36	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE GEORGE KELLY BARNES with aliases, et al Charles F. Urschel - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

C. J. Adrienne sold gambling machines for Peerless Products Company, North Kansas City, Missouri, from January to June, 1933. Officials of company with whom he dealt are dead. Hand-writing specimens of Adrienne obtained and forwarded herewith to Oklahoma City office.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED], Indianapolis, 7-29-36.

DETAILS: Although reference report sets out a lead for Kansas City, Kansas, it appeared that Kansas City, Missouri, was meant for there is little industrial activity on the north side of Kansas City, Kansas. Telephonic inquiry of the Peerless Products Company, 15th and Gentry Streets, North Kansas City, Missouri, determined that company is the only company now in existence which was selling one and five cents vending machines in 1933.

[REDACTED] Peerless Products Company, produced correspondence file under the name of C. J. Adrienne which he permitted Agent to examine. This file contained numerous letters concerning the business from Adrienne to J. Herbert Smith, who was President of Peerless Products Company and who died in 1933. Thereafter Roland R. Whitey was President of the company, but he died in February, 1934, and in February, 1934, [REDACTED] and other men too

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over the business, keeping no one connected with the former management.

The correspondence file, which was carefully reviewed by Agent, contained nothing which appears helpful in determining Adrienne's present whereabouts. Several of the letters contained reference to the fact that the woman who was traveling with Adrienne as his wife was believed by some people to be the daughter of [REDACTED] but it was quite clear by the correspondence between [REDACTED] and Adrienne that this was a mistake. Adrienne was apparently using that misconception to assist him in securing business. According to her own statement, [REDACTED] was living with Adrienne at that time.

The Peerless Products Company in 1933 was making various gambling devices and Adrienne was selling a race horse machine. His correspondence was all from the following addresses:

Hotel Black, Grand and Hudson, Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma (1-22-33).

709 South Jackson, Tulsa, Oklahoma (1-28-33).

Capitol Hill Apartments, Little Rock, Arkansas
(2-16-33).

Forest Park Apartments, Memphis, Tennessee
(3-3-33).

Perkview Hotel Apartments, Memphis, Tennessee
(3-17-33).

312 North 17th Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Hotel Rusher, Brinkley, Arkansas.

The correspondence indicated that Adrienne began working for the Peerless Products Company in January, 1933, and that he discontinued his employment in the company in June, 1933, at which time he apparently owed some money to the company. The correspondence further reflected that Adrienne was without funds most of the time and that he occasionally collected for machines at the time of the sale and did not turn the money over to the company. At the present time the Peerless Products Company is, according to [REDACTED] making only

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vending machines and is not making any gambling devices. [REDACTED] stated that he and the other officers of the company did not know Adrienne and could give no information about him. [REDACTED] readily permitted Agent to take two letters written by Adrienne to [REDACTED] one in ink and one in pencil. Both of these letters are being forwarded herewith to the Oklahoma City office. These letters and other correspondence show Adrienne signed himself as C. Jack ~~Adrienne~~ and Jack ~~Adrienne~~.

No leads are being set out for the Nashville and Little Rock offices, this being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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CT: **b7C**

August 10, 1936.

Mr. Gus T. Jones,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1216 Smith-Young Tower Building,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Mr. Jones:-

I will appreciate it very much if you will furnish such details as are in your possession with respect to the following questions pertaining to Kathryn Kelly, who was involved in the Urschal kidnaping:

1. What was her character? Was she shrewd and was she "putting on an act with her apparent talkativeness?"

2. Did she actually take part in any bank robberies or other crimes by driving the getaway cars, locating the bank to be robbed, et cetera?

3. Was she ever a go-between for Kelly with other gang members?

4. Did she find hideouts for the gang?

5. Was the home in Fort Worth a pretentious place and was she known socially at all? If not, what was her general reputation and what was it based upon?

6. How did [redacted] secure her confidence so thoroughly and why did she talk so much to him?

7. How did she and Kelly become associated during the attempt of Kelly to escape and why did they separate so often?

8. Is there any evidence that she took part in a local kidnaping in Indiana in which Kelly and Eddie Doll were involved?

9. Did she write any of the ransom notes to the Urschals or any of the threatening letters to Urschal or others?

In addition to the foregoing, please furnish such intimate details as you possess concerning Kathryn Kelly's criminal activities, associations with the underworld or any anecdotes in your possession concerning her character or background.

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Sincerely yours, **7-115-1937** FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

John Edgar Hoover,
Director,

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
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Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

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August 24, 1936

Special Agent in Charge,
Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case presently pending in your office involving [REDACTED] I am attaching hereto for your information a photostatic copy of a letter addressed to the Bureau under date of August 11, 1936 by [REDACTED] from which it will be noted that he inquires whether he will be returned to Washington or Baltimore in connection with this case. It is desired that an Agent orally inform [REDACTED] that the question of jurisdiction in connection with prosecution of charges preferred against him is one to be determined by the United States Attorney.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. Tamm,
Washington, D. C.

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I was recently informed by [redacted] here that I failed to keep my appointment with you ten days or so ago. Mr. [redacted] of Baltimore phoned my wife for me to get in touch with him which I did at once. He informed me that you asked him to see me. I asked him at that time whether I should see you and he informed me that he would take the matter up with you and then inform me whether you wished to see me.

This morning I received a special delivery letter from my wife informing me that someone called and left a message with her regarding Mr. Laskey. She also informed me that she would take the matter up with Mr. [redacted]

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if she could get in town with him
so she doesn't care to be mixed up
in anything like that.

Then [redacted] questioned me I
gave him an incorrect answer to one
question and just happened to think
of it. [redacted] lived at [redacted]
[redacted] ave. and just at [redacted] I always
thought of the house as the third one
and for that reason I gave the in-
correct answer.

Will you kindly advise me
whether I will be returned to either
Washington or Baltimore on this case
and if so when. If it is necessary
to waive anything for an immediate
removal I will sign same.

Would it be advisable for me
to inform Mr. Lasky that it is necessary
to drop the matter as I cannot get
him the money now and that I am
at present under arrest or do you
wish to send someone else out in
my place with the amount of money
requested?

Kindly advise me upon the
two questions above.

Very truly yours,
[redacted]

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City**

FILE NO. **7-8**

REPORT MADE AT St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE 8/10/36	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/4, 5/36	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7C
TITLE GEORGE KELLY BARNES, with aliases, etal; CHARLES F. URSCHEL - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Information obtained that **[REDACTED] b7C** Attorney, Minneapolis, Minnesota, deposited \$500.00 of ransom money in account at Marquette National Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota, shortly after kidnaping and was allowed to take same back after identity had been checked. Investigation at bank resulted in conflicting stories being told by employees.

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DETAILS:

During investigation of the Hanap case, **[REDACTED] b7C** informed that during conversations with **[REDACTED] b7D** ascertained that Jack Peifer was the contact of "Machine Gun" Kelly in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and that Peifer was the individual who was responsible for the Urschel kidnaping money being in Minneapolis. She stated that Peifer brought the money to Minneapolis and disposed of it through various bootleggers and other underworld connections in the Twin Cities.

Also during the Hanap investigation information was obtained by this office from a source known to United States Attorney George F. Sullivan, St. Paul, Minnesota, the identity of this informant having previously been supplied to the Bureau, that the Urschel kidnaping money was brought to Minneapolis Minnesota by Jack Peifer and Tom Banks; that they arranged the switch of this money through underworld connections, including Clifford Skelly and Ed Berman; that when Berman and Skelly were arrested for handling this money they intended to tell the truth about its source but that Peifer and Banks took these two men for a ride in an automobile and after placing guns against them threatened to kill them unless they kept the names of Banks and Peifer out of the picture and

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ransom bills from the Urschel kidnaping case having been deposited by [REDACTED]. He advised, however, that on one occasion [REDACTED] had brought one \$20.00 ransom note from the Urschel kidnaping to him and had informed him that it had been deposited by a barber whom he recalled was possibly named [REDACTED].

During the contact with [REDACTED] the ledger sheets of [REDACTED] account for the months of August and September, 1933 were examined and deposits which will be set out hereinafter were noted. The deposit tickets relating to these deposits were located with the exception of one slip under date of September 30, 1933, which was missing. However, arrangements have been made with [REDACTED] to make an additional search for this deposit slip.

Date:	Amount:	Composition:
8-9-33	\$ 683.77	All checks
9-6-33	2000.00	All currency
9-6-33	207.20	All checks
9-14-33	2000.00	All currency
9-23-33	500.00	\$326.00 in currency and bal. in checks.
9-30-33	500.00	Deposit slip missing.

[REDACTED] who was employed as teller in the Marquette National Bank during 1933 and who was discharged during the spring of 1936 for mis-application of the bank's funds, was interviewed and when questioned concerning this incident he advised that he remembers a cash deposit of possibly \$300.00 or \$400.00 having been made by [REDACTED] shortly after the issuance of the list of ransom bills in the Urschel kidnaping case; that he recalls he checked some of the bills from this deposit with the ransom list and found that the serial numbers tallied; that he reported the incident to [REDACTED] who said he would take care of the matter; that later, he believes on the same day, [REDACTED] or his secretary came to the bank and after a dispute either received the deposit back or furnished other bills for the ransom bills.

It is to be stated that [REDACTED] is not definite in his statements; that he particularly cannot state whether [REDACTED] made the deposit in person or whether same was made by his secretary; also that he cannot fix the date on which this deposit was made