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back to 1947 and 1948, checked at the request of SE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on May 20, 1958, failed to locate a record identifiable
with LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD, alias Jess Akers, FLOSSIE MAE
ARNOLD, nee HELMS, GERALDINE ARNOLD or [REDACTED]

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AT EL SEGUNDO, CALIFORNIA

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [REDACTED]: b7C

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INTERVIEW REPORT

May 20, 1958

Mr. VAL C. ZIMMER advised that regarding the apprehension of KATHRYN THORNE KELLY and ORA L. SHANNON he had no connection with this matter whatsoever. ZIMMER advised that his portion of instant case did not deal directly with the KELLYs or the SHANNONs; however, he did appear at the trial of these individuals upon the basis of a subpoena. Mr. ZIMMER furnished the following information concerning his knowledge of the trial of KATHRYN THORNE KELLY and ORA L. SHANNON:

Mr. ZIMMER stated that he had no knowledge of any interrogation of the defense attorneys concerning their source of fees prior to, subsequent or during the trial.

Mr. ZIMMER advised that he had no knowledge of the defense attorneys being threatened with criminal prosecution during any interrogations.

He advised that he had no knowledge of any false testimony used in the prosecution of ORA L. SHANNON or KATHRYN THORNE KELLY.

Regarding the atmosphere and demeanor of the trial court, Mr. ZIMMER advised that he would not consider this to be "circus like". He stated that he did not recall seeing "dozens and dozens" of FBI Agents in the courtroom and knew only of the presence of Agents concerned with instant matter, whose presence was necessary to the trial.

Mr. ZIMMER advised that he did recall seeing movie cameras in the courtroom, however could not recall how many.

He stated that he knew of no knowledge of any advance publicity given out by the FBI which resulted in the streets being roped off.

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by Special Agent [REDACTED] Dictated 5/20/58
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Regarding 40 armed FBI men with shotguns and machine guns surrounding the courthouse, Mr. ZIMMER advised that he has no knowledge of any FBI Agents guarding the exteriors of any buildings in connection with the trial.

Regarding Mr. E. E. KIRKPATRICK, ZIMMER stated that he recalled that KIRKPATRICK did occasionally sit at the counsel table during the trial of this matter. He stated he had no knowledge of the extent, if any, of KIRKPATRICK's participation in the trial with the government attorneys.

He advised that he had no knowledge of how many Agents were present when ORA L. SHANNON was arrested. He stated he had no knowledge of any Agent advising ORA SHANNON he would "shoot her guts out".

He stated that he could furnish no information to refute the allegation that SHANNON was told her children would be taken away from her or whether she was allowed to see an attorney until after her confession was made. He stated he had no information concerning the allegation that SHANNON was refused food and drink until she signed a confession.

He advised that he could not refute the allegation that defense attorneys were told by Agents that all conversations with the clients would be monitored and no confidential conferences would be permitted.

He advised that he had no knowledge of KATHRYN KELLY's allegation that she was allowed to confer with her defense attorney for only ten minutes.

Concerning the allegation that there were two to three hundred FBI Agents in the courtroom and corridors of the Post Office Building in Oklahoma City during the trial of KATHRYN KELLY, ZIMMER advised that he is certain there were not this number present. He stated that he felt the court records would reflect the exact number of Agents present, which number was comprised of those under subpoena plus the Agents from the Oklahoma City Office assigned to the matter by the Special Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City.

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He stated that he had no knowledge of persons attempting to strike KATHRYN KELLY while being taken to court and that guarding Agents made no effort to protect her.

He stated that he has no knowledge concerning the allegation that GEORGE KELLY was struck over the head by a Texas Ranger while en route to court.

ZIMMER advised that he has no knowledge concerning the testimony of LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD being perjured.

He stated he has no knowledge concerning any reward paid LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD after testifying. He advised that he does not know the present whereabouts of LUTHER ARNOLD, FLOSSIE MAE ARNOLD or GERALENE ARNOLD.

He stated that he has no knowledge that ARNOLD was kept in good hotels, furnished good clothing and later assisted in preparing articles for periodicals concerning his part in the capture of GEORGE and KATHRYN KELLY.

He stated that he has no knowledge of any efforts being made to prevent KATHRYN KELLY from receiving a fair trial.

He advised that he can furnish no information concerning the arrest of KATHRYN and GEORGE KELLY at Memphis, Tennessee, as he was not present at this scene.

He advised that he has no knowledge concerning how long KATHRYN KELLY was held in jail at Memphis, Tennessee or what questioning of her by the FBI took place.

Mr. ZIMMER stated he had no knowledge concerning KATHRYN KELLY being refused an attorney until after she confessed.

He stated that he had no knowledge of how many FBI Agents accompanied KATHRYN and GEORGE KELLY to Oklahoma City from Memphis or that any of these Agents cursed or threatened the KELLYs.

He stated that he had no knowledge that KATHRYN KELLY was advised while en route to Oklahoma City that the

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Attorney General was personally prosecuting the case and that efforts would be made to see that she "got the chair".

He stated he had no knowledge that KATHRYN KELLY was told ORA SHANNON would receive no consideration unless KELLY admitted a long list of unsolved crimes.

He advised that he has no knowledge that guards were placed in front of the open cell of KATHRYN KELLY with machine guns in their laps. He stated he has no knowledge that stronger light bulbs were placed in her cell or that KATHRYN KELLY was told that if she did not confess steps would be taken to make her confinement hard, rigorous and difficult.

He stated that he could furnish no information concerning press releases given by the FBI, guard assignments or how many men were used or any information concerning where a copy of the transcript of the KATHRYN KELLY trial could be located.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 5/21/58

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (7-19)

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

OO: Oklahoma City

Enclosed herewith are 3 copies each of the report of SA [REDACTED] dated as above at Los Angeles for the Bureau and Oklahoma City.

REFERENCES

Oklahoma City letter to Bureau 4/29/58
Bureau airtel to Oklahoma City 5/6/58
Oklahoma City airtel to Bureau 5/6/58
Dallas airtel to Bureau 5/10/58
Dallas airtel to Los Angeles 5/14/58
Kansas City airtel to Los Angeles 5/15/58

Los Angeles by State teletype to San Francisco 5/20/58, requested that the master death records at Sacramento, California, be checked in an attempt to confirm the reported death of LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD, wa., Jess Akers, near Long Beach, California, about 1944.

The community of Yermo, California, is a remote desert area and investigation is still pending there to attempt to find a trace of relatives of FLOSSIE MAE ARNOLD nee HELMS.

LEADLOS ANGELES OFFICEAt Los Angeles, California

Will report the results of attempt to find a trace of relatives of FLOSSIE MAE ARNOLD nee HELMS at Yermo.

2- Bureau (Encls.-3)
2- Oklahoma City (7-6)(Encls.-3)
2- Los Angeles

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Reporting Office ATLANTA	Office of Origin OKLAHOMA CITY	Date 5/23/58	Investigative Period 5/12/58
TITLE OF CASE GEORGE KELLY BARNES, was.; ET AL CHARLES F. URSCHER - VICTIM		Report made by [REDACTED] b7c	Typed by [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING	

Synopsis:

Former Special Agent W. A. RORER interviewed and furnished information requested by USA, Western District of Oklahoma.

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DETAILS:

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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W. A. RORER, [REDACTED] advised he was employed as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from [REDACTED]. He stated that during September 1933, he was assigned as Special Agent in Charge of the Birmingham Office at Birmingham, Alabama.

Mr. RORER advised he was in charge of officers and FBI Agents who conducted a raid which resulted in the arrest of GEORGE "MACHINE GUN" KELLY BARNES and KATHRYN KELLY at Memphis, Tennessee, on September 26, 1933. He stated that he did not participate in the arrest of ORA L. SHANNON.

Mr. RORER furnished the following information:

1. He has no knowledge when the attorneys for the defense were questioned concerning any source of their fees. He advised that he had no conversation with the defense attorneys employed by SHANNON or KATHRYN THORNE KELLY.
2. He has no knowledge concerning interviews with defense attorneys in this matter.
3. He has no knowledge of any false testimony used in the prosecution of either ORA L. SHANNON or KATHRYN THORNE KELLY.
4. He stated that during the trial of SHANNON and KELLY the court room was orderly at all times and there were less than twelve agents who were called as witnesses and appeared in the court room.
5. He advised there were news reporters present at the trial of SHANNON and KELLY, however, he stated he could not recall any newsreel cameras or press photographers in the court room at any time.
6. He advised that he could not recall any ^{words} agents being roped off during the trial.
7. RORER stated there were less than twelve agents

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on 5/12/58 at Albany, Georgia Dictated: 5/22/58
by Special Agent [REDACTED]

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at the trial of SHANNON and KELLY, therefore, there could not have been forty agents in the vicinity of the court house.

8. He stated he has no recollection that Mr. E. E. KIRKPATRICK assisted Government prosecutors in selecting a jury or that KIRKPATRICK sat at the counsel table with Government prosecutors.

9. Mr. RORER stated he was not present when ORA L. SHANNON was arrested and has no information concerning the arrest.

10. He stated he was not present when ORA L. SHANNON was interviewed in the Dallas County Jail.

11. He stated he has no information concerning any conversations with Defense Attorneys as he was never present when any conversation was held with attorneys and he had no conversation with any of the Defense Attorneys.

12. RORER stated that KATHRYN THORNE KELLY did not request an attorney when arrested and incarcerated at Memphis, Tennessee, and had no attorney until her arrival at Oklahoma City. He further stated that at no time during the period of time that KELLY was in jail after her arrest in Memphis until her transportation to Oklahoma City did KELLY request an attorney although she had opportunity to request counsel at any time.

13. RORER stated there was not more than twelve FBI Agents present at the trial of KATHRYN KELLY and, therefore, there could not have been 200 or 300 FBI Agents in the court room and corridors of the Post Office Building in Oklahoma City during the trial. He further added that there were less than 400 agents in the Federal Bureau of Investigation at the time of the trial of KELLY and it would have been impossible for that many agents to be in Oklahoma City.

14. RORER stated there is no basis to the allegation that people attempted to strike KATHRYN KELLY when she was taken into court in Oklahoma City.

15. He advised he has no knowledge that anyone ever struck GEORGE KELLY as he was not present when GEORGE KELLY was transferred to or from court.

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16. RORER stated he has no knowledge of the testimony given by LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD.

17. He stated he has no knowledge that ARNOLD was ever paid any reward or any other money and he has no knowledge of the whereabouts of LUTHER W. ARNOLD, FLOSSIE MAE ARNOLD, or GERALDENE ARNOLD.

18. RORER stated he has no knowledge where ARNOLD stayed during the trial or any relationship the Government may have had with ARNOLD.

19. RORER advised that to the best of his knowledge SHANNON and KELLY received a just and fair trial and he has no knowledge of any irregularities in their trial.

20. RORER stated that he, former Agent [REDACTED], Memphis Detectives [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were the persons who actually arrested KATHRYN and GEORGE KELLY in Memphis, Tennessee. He stated that former Agent B. F. FITZSIMMONS remained outside the building in which the arrests were made and that two or three officers of the Memphis Police Department were with FITZSIMMONS. He stated he cannot recall the identities of these officers and he stated that there were no other officers involved in these arrests nor were there other officers present.

21. RORER stated that KATHRYN T. KELLY was held in jail in Memphis for a period of a week or ten days before being transferred to Oklahoma City and during that period of time she was interviewed several times. He stated he cannot recall the exact number of times, however, it is possible that she was interviewed daily. He stated he recalls there were specific instructions, which he issued, that KELLY was not to be interviewed before 8:30 AM or after 7:00 PM without his instructions and to the best of his knowledge she was never interviewed except between these hours. He further added that an Agent remained at the jail during the night hours during the time that KELLY remained in jail in Memphis should she request to talk with any Agent, however, she made no such request to his knowledge.

22. He advised that KELLY made no request for counsel while incarcerated in Memphis, Tennessee.

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23. RORER stated that he personally acted as an escort to KATHRYN KELLY from Memphis to Oklahoma City and that former Inspector JOHNNY KEITH acted as an escort to GEORGE KELLY. He stated there were two or three other Agents who accompanied them on the plane, however, he cannot recall their identities. He added that the plane on which they travelled would not carry more than a dozen passengers to the best of his recollection and, therefore, there could not have been 50 FBI Agents present during the transfer of the KELLYs from Memphis to Oklahoma City. He stated he cannot recall the type plane in which they made the trip, however, he has a photograph of the plane showing the KELLYs boarding the plane and the type of plane and its capacity can be easily identified.

RORER further stated that KATHRYN KELLY was not talkative during the trip from MEMPHIS to Oklahoma City and there was no conversation in which she was cursed or threatened.

24. He stated that he cannot recall that KATHRYN KELLY even had knowledge at the time of her transportation from Memphis to Oklahoma City that the Attorney General was personally prosecuting the case. He stated that to the best of his recollection the prosecuting attorney for the Government was not identified until after reaching Oklahoma City. He added that at no time was KATHRYN KELLY advised that anyone was going to make an effort to see she got the "chair".

25. RORER stated there is no basis for the allegation that KATHRYN KELLY was told she had to admit to a long list of unsolved crimes or ORA SHANNON would receive no consideration.

26. RORER stated he has no knowledge that guards sat in front of the cell of KATHRYN KELLY during the time of her incarceration in Memphis. He stated to his knowledge there were no machine guns in either Memphis or Oklahoma City. He stated that the light bulbs in the cell of KATHRYN KELLY were the same intensity of bulbs used throughout the jail in Memphis and she received the same treatment as other inmates in the jail at Memphis. He stated that there is absolutely no basis to the allegation that KELLY was told if she did not confess, steps would be taken to make her confinement hard, rigorous, and difficult.

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27. RORER stated that he made all press releases in Memphis and handled some of the press releases made in Oklahoma City.

He stated that in Memphis an FBI Agent remained at the jail at all times the KELLYs were incarcerated. He stated the Agents remained in the jail should the KELLYs request to speak with an Agent, however, the Agents were not acting as guards and the KELLYs were handled under the same rules and regulations as were other inmates of the jail. He continued that the KELLYs were not interviewed between the hours after 7:00 PM or before 8:30 AM at his instructions and to his knowledge the KELLYs never requested to talk with an Agent at any time during these hours.

RORER stated he has no knowledge how many guards were employed at the jail in Memphis as the operation of the jail was not within his scope of authority.

He further advised that he has no knowledge where any transcript of testimony in the KATHRYN THORNE KELLY trial can be located.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 5/23/58

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (7-22)

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

Enclosed herewith is report of SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Atlanta, dated as above.

REFERENCES:

Oklahoma City airtel to Bureau dated 5/6/58
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TITLE OF CASE GEORGE KELLY BARNES, Was., ET AL; CHARLES F. URSCHER - VICTIM		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed By: [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING	

Synopsis:

KATHRYN THORNE KELLY and her mother, ORA L. SHANNON, presently serving life sentences in Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, W. Va., have filed motions to vacate the sentences. Numerous allegations made against various individuals, but it is specifically alleged that perjured testimony was used by Government, knowingly, to secure convictions. Transcript of testimony in trial of KATHRYN THORNE KELLY not located. JAMES B. KEENAN, former Assistant Attorney General, who assisted in the trial of case, died 12/8/54 in Ashboro, North Carolina. LUTHER W. ARNOLD, Government witness who allegedly perjured himself, reported to have died in 1944. Efforts being made to confirm. USDJ EDGAR S. VAUGHT, who tried case, HERBERT K. HYDE, USA who presented Government's case, and defense counsel for KATHRYN KELLY, Mr. JAMES H. MATHERS, deny allegations. Handwriting expert who testified in ORA L. SHANNON trial available but in failing health. Efforts being made to locate transcript through other defense counsel. Investigation being conducted to interview agent personnel who participated in the investigation and trial of case.

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Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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DETAILS:

In connection with this case, ORA L. SHANNON was arrested at her farmhome near Paradise, Texas, on August 12, 1933, and was found guilty on September 30, 1933, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. KATHRYN THORNE KELLY, the daughter of ORA L. SHANNON, was arrested at Memphis, Tennessee, on September 26, 1933, and was found guilty on October 12, 1933, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Both women were tried by U. S. District Judge EDGAR S. VAUGHT for their participation in the kidnaping of CHARLES F. URSCHER and both were sentenced to life imprisonment. Both are incarcerated in the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, West Virginia.

On March 19, 1958, Attorney JAMES J. LAUGHLIN, of Washington, D. C., filed motions in behalf of ORA L. SHANNON and KATHRYN THORNE KELLY to have their sentences vacated. The motions were filed in U. S. District Court at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. On April 18, 1958, motions were filed in forma pauperis requesting the Court to pay their transportation to Oklahoma City if he deemed their presence necessary at the hearing.

The hearing was set for 9:30 a.m., June 9, 1958, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

A review of the affidavits filed by ORA SHANNON and KATHRYN KELLY reflect the allegations in both are similar and relate to (1) the handling of the trial by the judge; (2) E. E. KIRKPATRICK; (3) J. B. KEENAN; and (4) FBI.

With respect to the handling of the Court by the judge, they allege newsreels, cameras, and a "Roman Holiday" atmosphere prevailed. With respect to E. E. KIRKPATRICK, they claimed he sat at the trial table and assisted in the selection of the jury. With respect to J. B. KEENAN, they claimed that he threatened witnesses for the defense in the persons of BAILEY and GEORGE KELLY BARNES and that he used perjured testimony, knowing it to be false.

With respect to the FBI, they complained about the armed Agents, varying in number from 30 to 300, who caused their arrest, acted as guards to and from the trial, and were present in the courtroom. They claimed they were denied the right of counsel and the signed statements or admissions made were under coercion. ORA SHANNON complains that the publicity dealing with the FBI's efforts to locate GEORGE KELLY BARNES prejudiced her trial.

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In this connection, the transcript of testimony in the trial of ORA L. SHANNON is available in the office of the United States Attorney. It reflects the following Special Agents testified: [REDACTED] GUS T. JONES, E. J. DOWD and P. J. BLAKE. b7C

In the motion of ORA L. SHANNON, it is alleged that attorneys for the defense were unable to represent the defendants because they were questioned mercilessly by FBI Agents concerning the source of their fees, and that one attorney was subsequently sent to prison.

The motion alleges that during the trial, a telephone operator was allowed by the Court to "testify in such a manner" that the impression was given that the operator was conversant with all the activities of Mrs. SHANNON.

The allegation was made that "dozens and dozens" of FBI Agents were present in the Courtroom "day by day" and about 40 FBI Agents surrounded the Courthouse with shotguns and machine guns.

An allegation is made concerning "inflammatory press releases made by the FBI". It is alleged that when ORA L. SHANNON was arrested at her farmhome near Paradise, Texas, there were from 30 to 50 FBI Agents there; one of whom threatened to "shoot her guts out".

It is alleged that while incarcerated after her arrest she was not given food or drink and the signed statement taken from her was obtained through duress. It is stated she signed the statement to obtain food and drink.

The motion of KATHRYN THORNE KELLY alleges that a brother-in-law of Mr. URSCHER was allowed to sit at the counsel table. This individual was identified as Mr. E. E. KIRKPATRICK.

It is alleged that U. S. District Court of Judge EDGAR S. VAUGHT was full of newsreel photographers and reporters, and the Court had the air of a "Roman Holiday".

The allegation is made that in the trial of KATHRYN T. KELLY, one LUTHER W. ARNOLD perjured himself in testifying for the Government, and collected a \$15,000 reward after testifying.

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It is alleged that a handwriting expert was used by the Government to give testimony that was damaging to KELLY; was perjured; and that Mr. JOSEPH B. KEENAN, Assistant Attorney General who prosecuted the case, knew the testimony was perjured.

The motions allege, in addition to the above, that counsel for the defense were serving conflicting interests and were afraid to properly defend their clients for fear of criminal prosecution.

The defendants were denied compulsory service of process.

Counsel was not allowed to confer privately with defendants and for a short time only. Defendants hurried to trial although a request for a delay in trial was made. Large crowds on the streets and at the Courthouse where the trial was held, and numerous armed guards. Many of the people endeavored to strike the defendants and no effort was made to protect them.

GEORGE "MACHINE GUN KELLY" BARNES rebuked a Texas Ranger for striking KATHRYN T. KELLY (his wife) and was beaten over the head with a pistol.

Newsreel devices were in the Courtroom and the flashing of photo flash bulbs was constant.

Mr. HOOVER, Director of the FBI, now concedes that the ransom notes were not in the handwriting of KATHRYN T. KELLY but contends she suggested phraseology.

KATHRYN T. KELLY alleges that 75 FBI Agents and 18 members of the Memphis Police Department arrested her at Memphis, Tennessee. She alleges she was held in jail three or four days and was constantly questioned by FBI Agents, and was refused counsel until she confessed. Fifty FBI Agents accompanied her and her husband on the trip from Memphis to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, by airplane and en route the Agents cursed and threatened the two prisoners. Armed FBI Agents sat in front of her cell and stronger light bulbs were placed in her cell.

The transcript of testimony in the trial of KATHRYN THORNE KELLY is not available in the Office of the United States Attorney, U. S. Court Clerk, U. S. District Judge, all of Oklahoma City, or in the office of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, Colorado, or the Department in Washington, D. C.

The records in this case were stored by General Services Administration in Fort Worth, Texas. A re-check was made at the Records Center, but the transcript was not located.

A review of information available reflects the following:

BEN LASKA, an attorney from Denver, Colorado, who represented ALFRED BATES, was convicted and sent to prison as a result of his connection with this case.

[REDACTED] Chief Operator for the Southwestern States Telephone Company, Paradise, Texas (in 1933) testified for the Government. She was a hostile witness.

Potential witnesses for the trials were Special Agents JOHN A. DOWD, GUS T. JONES, [REDACTED] E. J. DOWD, [REDACTED] FRANK J. BLACK, R. H. COLVIN, VAL C. ZIMMER and R. C. COULTER.

The following individuals were present when the SHANNON farm was raided near Paradise, Texas:

1. [REDACTED] Dallas Police Department
2. [REDACTED] Dallas Police Department
3. [REDACTED] Dallas Police Department
4. [REDACTED] Dallas Police Department
5. [REDACTED] Fort Worth Police Department
6. [REDACTED] Fort Worth Police Department
7. [REDACTED], Fort Worth Police Department
8. [REDACTED] Fort Worth Police Department
9. [REDACTED] Deputy Sheriff, Oklahoma City
10. Special Agent E. J. DOWD
11. Special Agent GUS T. JONES
12. Special Agent [REDACTED]
13. Special Agent [REDACTED]
14. Victim CHARLES F. URSCHEL

On August 12, 1933, at Dallas, Texas, ORA L. SHANNON executed a signed statement for Special Agents F. J. BLAKE and R. H. COLVIN.

On August 21, 1933, at Dallas, Texas, she executed a supplemental signed statement for Special Agents EDWARD J. DOWD and GUS T. JONES.

The original ransom note was typewritten and was addressed to Mr. E. E. KIRKPATRICK. It was enclosed in a letter to Mr. JOHN CATLETT, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, written by CHARLES F. URSCHEL, who used a pencil in writing his letter to CATLETT. The second contact letter was also typewritten.

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The following individuals participated in the arrest of GEORGE "MACHINE GUN KELLY" BARNES and KATHRYN THORNE KELLY at Memphis, Tennessee, on September 26, 1933:

SAC W. A. RORER, Birmingham
SA B. F. FITZSIMONS, Birmingham
SA [REDACTED] Memphis
Local officers were:
Detective Sgt. [REDACTED] Memphis Police Department
Detective [REDACTED] Memphis Police Department
Detective [REDACTED] Memphis Police Department
Officer [REDACTED] Memphis Police Department
Officer [REDACTED] Memphis Police Department

In addition, Special Agents D. M. LADD, J. M. KEITHER, G. B. NORRIS, F. F. YEARSLEY and [REDACTED] were en route to Memphis, but did not arrive in time to assist in the arrest.

Following the arrest of BARNES and KELLY, the following FBI Agents were assigned to guard and interview the prisoners:

W. A. RORER, G. B. NORRIS, F. F. YEARSLEY and [REDACTED]

During the trial of this case, [REDACTED], who is now retired as U. S. Probation Officer, Western District of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, acted as bodyguard for U. S. District Judge EDGAR S. VAUGHT. [REDACTED] is presently employed as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was the United States Marshal at the time of the trials and presently resides at [REDACTED]

Mr. HERBERT K. HYDE was United States Attorney at the time of these trials and is presently practicing law in [REDACTED]

The Bureau has advised that in 1933 there were 353 Special Agents, and in 1934 there were 391 Special Agents in the organization.

With respect to GEORGE BARNES being pistol whipped, it is noted that on October 9, 1933, while BARNES and KATHRYN T. KELLY were being escorted to the Courtroom, KELLY stopped to wave or talk to a friend. She was urged forward. GEORGE KELLY BARNES raised his handcuffed hands to strike the agent urging KATHRYN forward and was struck by Special Agent [REDACTED]

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Mr. JOHN CATLETT, Tulsa, Oklahoma, oil man, who was contacted by Mr. URSCHER concerning the ransom payoff, died during February, 1958.

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TO : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (7-6)

DATE: 5/21/58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

DATE DICTATED: 5/5/58

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

On May 5, 1958, the records of this case which were returned from Fort Worth, Texas, by GSA, were checked in the office of the U. S. District Court Clerk by U. S. Attorney PAUL CRESS, Assistant U. S. Attorney GEORGE CAMP and SA [REDACTED]

There was found in the file a letter dated April 22, 1955, from [REDACTED] Clerk, U. S. District Court, Oklahoma City, to the U. S. Board of Parole, Washington, D. C., Attention THOMAS O. GROVER, Parole Executive. This letter grants the Board of Parole authority to "retain printed transcript of record on appeal in case of ORA L. SHANNON and the narrative statement of evidence in the case of KATHRYN KELLY until after 4/19/55".

There was also found a letter dated August 9, 1934, from Clerk [REDACTED] Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, Denver, Colorado, which advises Attorneys MATHERS and MATHERS he had received a "certified typewritten transcript" of the record in the case of KATHRYN THORNE KELLY vs USA.

There is also a letter dated August 21, 1934, from [REDACTED] to Attorneys MATHERS and MATHERS, which transmits a receipt for \$50 covering deposit for Clerk's Costs in the case of KATHRYN THORNE KELLY vs USA. The letter states the certified typewritten transcript had been received from [REDACTED] of Oklahoma City, and had been filed "today" as case #1133. The estimated cost of the printing was \$90.00.

On October 6, 1934, U. S. District Judge EDGAR S. VAUGHT issued an order for [REDACTED] U. S. Marshal, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to permit and grant a private interview with GEORGE and KATHRYN KELLY with the said JAMES H. MATHERS in the presence of but not in the hearing of any person.

There were also found several praecipes for subpoenas, handwritten, which were prepared by counsel for defendants or A. L. SHANNON and KATHRYN T. KELLY. These had been presented to the U. S. Attorney in Oklahoma City.

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TO : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (7-6)

DATE: 5/21/58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

DATE DICTATED: 4/23/58

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

[REDACTED]
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Telephone Number [REDACTED] on
April 23, 1958, furnished the file on this case which was
prepared by his father, D. C. PATTERSON, who is now hard
of hearing, in poor health and whose mind is failing; resides
2615 North Francis, Oklahoma City.

[REDACTED] advised this office could keep the file
until no longer needed.

He recalled that his father testified in the trial of
GEORGE and KATHRYN KELLY to the effect that KATHRYN KELLY wrote
the questioned letters.

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On April 30, 1958, Mr. HERBERT K. HYDE, [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, furnished the following information:

He was the U. S. District Attorney in Oklahoma City at the time of the kidnaping of Mr. CHARLES F. URSCHEL and subsequently prosecuted this case with his assistant, Mr. BILL HODGES. The two mapped the strategy of the case and an assistant from the U. S. Attorney General's Office, Mr. JOSEPH KEENAN, came to Oklahoma City to assist. Mr. KEENAN cross-examined several of the main defendants and did a good job. Mr. KEENAN is now dead.

Mr. HYDE stated a transcript of the testimony of the ORA SHANNON and the KATHRYN KELLY trials was made, but that he does not have a copy of it, and did not remove it from the files of the U. S. Attorney when he left that office.

He stated that possibly Mr. ROBERTS, of Enid, Oklahoma, who represented the KELLY interests or possibly Mr. JIMMY MATHERS, attorney who filed the appeal for KATHRYN KELLY, might have a copy of the transcript. MATHERS was last known to be County Attorney or Judge at Coalgate, Oklahoma.

He recalled vividly the full details of the receipt of information concerning LUTHER W. ARNOLD, how the man was arrested, how he was charged, how he cooperated with the Government, and how his daughter, GERALDINE ARNOLD, caused the arrest of GEORGE and KATHRYN KELLY at Memphis, Tennessee. He stated there was absolutely no perjury in the trial of this case on the part of ARNOLD.

With regard to the reward offered for the capture of GEORGE and KATHRYN KELLY, he stated this offer was made by Mr. CHARLES COLCORD, former Mayor of Oklahoma City, but who is now deceased. The reward was offered by COLCORD, who acted as front man probably for the URSCHEL family. The reward was claimed by many individuals but was believed to have been settled by a friendly suit, and that GERALDINE ARNOLD received a reward for her services. It was pointed out that ROY MIRT actually furnished the information that brought ARNOLD to the attention of the officers and HYDE. ROY MIRT is now dead.

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The telephone operator from Paradise, Texas, [REDACTED] was recalled as a hostile witness and HYDE recalled he asked permission of the Court to cross-examine her, although she was a Government witness.

He recalled the fact that a handwriting expert testified at the trials concerning handwriting on telegrams or hotel registration cards. Further, that the ransom letters were typewritten. He recalled that threatening letters received by URSCHER, KEENAN and possibly himself were admittedly written by KATHRYN KELLY in part and part by GEORGE KELLY, who put his fingerprints on his letters.

Mr. HYDE advised that he has never had a [REDACTED] but was acquainted with the man as a boy at Norman, Oklahoma. He stated there was no blood relationship between he and [REDACTED]

Mr. HYDE pointed out that FRANK SMITH, retired Special Agent, now dead, and Mr. GUS T. JONES, former Special Agent of the FBI, were the two men who could furnish complete information concerning this matter.

Mr. HYDE advised he would be happy to assist the Government in any way possible and would testify to the above if called upon to do so. He stated he plans to visit with Mr. PAUL CRESS and Assistant U. S. Attorney GEORGE CAMP before date of instant hearing and after going over the motion with them, can then be in a position to offer additional details and can possibly suggest additional ways to refute the allegations set forth.

Mr. HYDE advised that investigation concerning the source of fees paid to defense attorneys was not begun after the trial of the case was completed.

Mr. HYDE states there were no radio broadcasts made of the trial, but that newsmen were there and used a .35 or .16 mm camera to take pictures. He said many pictures were taken outside the Courtroom.

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[REDACTED] on April 30, 1958, advised that [REDACTED] was the body guard for U. S. District Judge EDGAR S. VAUGHT during this trial and was in the Courtroom at all times during the trials.

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by Special Agent [REDACTED]

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Mr. DAVIS EDWARD "BILL" HODGES, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on May 1, 1958, advised he was formerly Assistant U. S. Attorney in the Western District of Oklahoma at Oklahoma City under Mr. HERBERT HYDE. He recalled the trials of both the SHANNONS and the KELLYS but stated he has no idea where the transcript of testimony in either case would be unless in the U. S. Attorney's Office.

He advised that although he visited the trials he did not take an active part in the prosecution, but his part was to develop the conspiracy of and the prosecution of the "money changers".

With regard to allegations made by both SHANNON and KELLY, he stated that during the trials there was no intimidation of any of the witnesses or subjects. Photographs were taken in the Courtroom, but not during the actual trial of the cases. They were taken before Court opened, during recesses, and at the close of Court.

Mr. E. E. KIRKPATRICK was an important witness and may have sat inside the rail but was not recalled to have sat at the counsel table, and was not at the counsel table during the trial. It was HODGES' opinion that the "rule" was invoked and all witnesses kept out of the Courtroom until they testified.

The telephone operator from Paradise, Texas, was recalled and the records of telephone calls, Western Union telegrams, etc., were used to establish the conspiracy on the money changers. He could not specifically recall the testimony of the telephone operator.

On the day the SHANNON farm was raided, Mr. HYDE was in New Mexico. HODGES had planned a trip there with his father and father-in-law; however, he stayed in the office in Oklahoma City to prepare the complaints at the request of Mr. RALPH COLVIN.

The strategy of the case was mapped by Mr. HYDE and HODGES. It was recalled that with the evidence developed "a high school student could have obtained a conviction". Mr. JOE KEENAN was

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said to have been in Oklahoma City for the Grand Jury, but was not met by HODGES at that time. He was met in Mr. HYDE's office on Sunday night before the trials were to begin.

He did not recall that any investigation was made of the source of the fees paid defense attorneys until after the trials were completed, although, of course, it would be a natural reaction to wonder if the attorneys were being paid with ransom money.

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He advised no limitation was placed on the amount of time the defense attorneys could spend with their clients by the U. S. Attorney's Office and he did not recall any such restriction. He suggested that possibly [REDACTED] who was U. S. Marshal at the time, could possibly furnish information concerning any restrictions placed on the defendants and their attorneys.

He did not recall that the U. S. Attorney's Office had threatened to turn KELLY and BATES over to the Oklahoma State Authorities for prosecution on armed robbery charges if they testified in behalf of KATHRYN KELLY.

Mr. HODGES recalled that the ransom notes were typed and not handwritten. He recalled a handwriting expert was used to identify signatures on hotel registration cards and telegrams.

He recalled LUTHER W. ARNOLD was an important witness in the case, but did not recall the details of his testimony or how the man was involved in the case.

With regard to the transcript of testimony in the KATHRYN KELLY case, Mr. HODGES advised that Mr. ROBERTS, one of the defense attorneys from Enid, Oklahoma, might possibly have this transcript. He advised that from his knowledge of ROBERTS, if the man ever obtained a copy of the transcript he would still have it in his library.

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[REDACTED] Attorney at Law, [REDACTED] advised that JOHN V. ROBERTS has been dead for more than ten years. He was an attorney, but did not have much practice. At the time of his death, Mr. ROBERTS was not known to have an office or any practice. It was believed he had been involved in some unethical practice concerning insurance.

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at [REDACTED]

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by Special Agent [REDACTED]

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FROM : SA [REDACTED] b7C

DATE DICTATED: 5/8/58

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, Was., ET AL;
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b7C The City Directory of Enid, Oklahoma, for 1938 lists
the name of [REDACTED] widow of JOHN V. ROBERTS, [REDACTED]

b7C The Retail Credit Bureau advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in August, 1956, was a [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was interviewed at Phillips University May 8, 1958, and advised that her husband had no library, and none of his files were retained following his death in 1937. She stated all the files were immediately destroyed and she kept none of them. She pointed out that her husband was not involved in perfecting the appeal of the defendants in the URSCHER case but merely assisted in the defense of the subjects. She advised that no attorney was called on to complete any work her husband had started before his death.

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[REDACTED] of Enid, Oklahoma, advised that he recalled Attorney JOHN V. ROBERTS well. He advised that ROBERTS was seen in Enid, Oklahoma, on various occasions with KATHRYN KELLY before this kidnaping.

He stated ROBERTS did not maintain an office, but used an automobile or curbstone as his office. He carried his files in his pockets. The man had a brilliant mind, but during his later years drank too much.

He cited an instance where a lady paid ROBERTS \$20.00 to obtain a divorce for her from her husband who was in the hospital at Ft. Supply. After many years she remarried. On checking for her divorce decree no record was found, but she produced a carbon copy of a purported decree signed by Judge J. W. BYRD, who is now deceased. The case number on this instrument was found to be fictitious. As a result, she had to divorce her current husband, then divorce her first husband, and remarry the second husband.

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Mr. E. E. KIRKPATRICK, 114 East 5th, Tulsa, Oklahoma, was interviewed by SAC CARROLL DOYLE and SA [REDACTED] on May 9, 1958. He furnished the following information:

Mr. SAM SAYERS, of the firm McLean, Scott and Sayres, Attorneys in Fort Worth, Texas, was one of the outstanding attorneys in Fort Worth in the 1930's. Mr. SAYERS handled most of the trial work in this case for his firm and was a wonderful orator. Mr. SAYERS is now deceased, but his son is believed to be an attorney in Fort Worth and may have the transcript since, in all probability, he maintained his father's library and files.

Mr. BURCH, of Decatur, Texas, was the attorney who represented the SHANNONS, and was associated with Senator GRADY WOODRUFF.

During the trial of the SHANNONS and other defendants in Oklahoma during September, 1933, GEORGE and KATHRYN had made threats to bomb the Court; therefore, extra security precautions were taken and guards were at the head of all stairs. The prisoners were brought to Court in an armored car. One day an airplane flew over the Post Office and everything was deathly quiet. After the airplane passed, the sigh in the Courtroom was loud and long.

Spectators in the Courtroom were all known to the officers for security reasons. The defense attorneys were shown every courtesy. The Court was conducted in a very orderly manner. There was no circus atmosphere. The shackles were taken off the prisoners at the Courtroom door.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK advised that he sat inside the rail, but did not sit at the counsel table. In fact, on one occasion he sat with KATHRYN and GEORGE KELLY. He pointed out that page 65 of his book, VOICES FROM ALCATRAZ, contains photographs of the Courtroom scene and he can point out his position in some of the photographs.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK was under the impression that members of the press took photographs while the trial was in progress. He recalled that sound pictures were also taken. He advised

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that his book, VOICES FROM ALCATRAZ, on page 17, has a photograph of pictures being taken in the Courtroom and on page 112 has information on the Courtroom procedure.

The guards around the Post Office and County Jail were members of the Sheriff's Office, U. S. Marshal's Office, and FBI.

There were usually five or six FBI Agents in the Courtroom during the trial, but most of them were witnesses.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK could not recall that witnesses had to leave the Courtroom before they were called to testify.

The handling of prisoners and security measures taken is described in the book, CRIMES PARADISE, in a chapter entitled Threats and Guts, page 14.

Background information on KATHRYN KELLY is set forth in CRIMES PARADISE, on page 221.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK advised that he is not related by blood or marriage to Mr. URSCHER. In this connection, he advised that CHARLES F. URSCHER married a sister of TOM SLICK. Mr. TOM SLICK married BERNICE BRADY. Mr. URSCHER's wife died. Mr. TOM SLICK died. Thereafter, URSCHER married the widow of Mr. SLICK.

b7C [REDACTED] telephone operator from Paradise, Texas, testified in the trials, but was an unwilling witness. Her testimony was not recalled as being perjured.

With regard to KATHRYN KELLY, specifically, Mr. KIRKPATRICK advised as follows:

He recalled when U. S. District Judge EDGAR S. VAUGHT issued an order for the U. S. Marshal to allow defense attorneys to interview the KELLYS.

He states the provisions of the Lindberg Act were not in effect at the time GEORGE and KATHRYN KELLY were tried and the death penalty for kidnaping was not in effect.

LUTHER W. ARNOLD was recalled as a "shiftless individual" who was actually responsible for the capture of GEORGE and KATHRYN KELLY. Later, ARNOLD, with his daughter, appeared at various theatres in some kind of an act.

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During the interview with KATHRYN KELLY, Mr. KIRKPATRICK advised he did not mention ransom money and the interview was conducted in the presence of the Warden. He denied telling KATHRYN KELLY that he would bring pressure on the U. S. Board of Parole to see that she was never paroled, but did recall telling her that he would not recommend her mother, ORA L. SHANNON, for parole.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK advised he would bring his scrapbook containing news clippings from the date of the kidnaping until the trials were completed, and this might be a source of a great deal of information and photographs.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK furnished his personal file and a copy of his books, VOICES FROM ALCATRAZ, and CRIMES PARADISE, for use in this matter. The articles and his scrapbook are to be returned to him upon completion of this hearing.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK advised that he would be available for this hearing and would be a willing Government witness. He advised he does not have a transcript of the testimony of the KATHRYN KELLY trial.

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On April 30, 1958, [REDACTED] Oklahoma Bar Association, American National Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, advised his records reflect that JAMES H. MATHERS is listed as the County Attorney for Coal County, Coalgate, Oklahoma.

JAMES C. and JAMES H. MATHERS maintain a law office at Tupelo, Oklahoma.

One of the men is listed as a senior member of the bar and is therefore over 75 years of age.

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Mr. JAMES H. MATHERS, County Attorney, Coalgate, Oklahoma, and who resides on Mathers Ranch, three miles west and three miles north of Tupelo, Oklahoma, advised on May 19, 1958, that he is 80 years of age.

He recalled that he had represented HARVE BAILEY, GEORGE "MACHINE GUN" KELLY and KATHRYN KELLY in their trials in Oklahoma City in connection with the URSCHER kidnaping.

In recalling the trials, Mr. MATHERS advised he had copies of all the transcripts and filed an appeal in the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver. He stated he possibly has the transcript of testimony in the KATHRYN KELLY trial, but that three years ago one of his barns burned and numerous files were destroyed in the fire. A search was made of numerous old files found in two small buildings but the transcript of testimony was not located.

Mr. MATHERS furnished the following information:

During the trial the defense counsel was granted every consideration by the Court. They were granted every delay requested, could subpoena any witnesses they desired, and spent all the time they cared to in qualifying jurors. They were allowed to visit their clients in the County Jail any time they desired, and he visited his clients there on numerous occasions. During the visits, he discussed the cases with his clients alone.

Mr. MATHERS advised he represented his clients to the best of his ability, and said he had never seen a case where the evidence presented by the prosecution was so overwhelming against the defendants and was corroborated in every instance. During the trial he heard no mention of perjured testimony being given by any witness. He was able to get subpoenas served on any person he desired to call for the defense.

Concerning the Courtroom, he advised that nothing occurred that would keep the defendants from getting a fair trial. He pointed out that the case received wide publicity and numerous photographs were taken, both inside and outside the Courtroom. No photographs were taken during the trial, but

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photographs were taken before Court, after Court and during recess.

He advised that no restrictions were placed on the attorneys advising with their clients and all conferences were confidential. No threats were made to the attorneys by FBI Agents or other Government officials. He pointed out that his son, JAMES C. MATHERS, had been charged with receiving \$1,000 of the ransom money, but when the testimony was heard the Judge instructed the Jury to return a verdict of "Not Guilty", then apologized for the fact that JAMES C. MATHERS had been charged.

During the trial of the case, the Lindberg Case was not mentioned nor was the death penalty.

He recalled seeing possibly three FBI Agents in the Courtroom, one of whom was named JONES. He advised that Mr. JONES was very friendly and courteous.

Mr. MATHERS could not recall seeing any newsreel devices in the Courtroom and stated emphatically that no flashbulbs were popped while witnesses were testifying.

He could not recall that KATHRYN KELLY had any photographs taken while she was on the witness stand, but pointed out this could have been a posed photograph, during a recess or before or after Court.

Mr. E. E. KIRKPATRICK did not sit at the counsel table and assist the Government in selecting a Jury.

He advised that he heard no mention made of the fact that Mr. KEENAN planned to turn ALFRED BATES and GEORGE KELLY BARNES over to Oklahoma Authorities for prosecution on armed robbery charges. He stated that Mr. KEENAN was an able prosecutor; was very courteous and ethical.

Mr. D. C. PATTERSON, a handwriting expert from Oklahoma City, testified in the trial but his testimony was not recalled. No request was made by MATHERS for a delay in the trial of the case so he could obtain the services of an outside expert to refute the testimony of Mr. PATTERSON. Mr. MATHERS advised that every request he made of the Court was granted.

He did not recall the testimony of a telephone operator from Paradise, Texas.

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During the trials he was not advised of any mistreatment of his clients incidental to their arrest, or confinement, and stated nothing was said to indicate his clients had been questioned constantly by FBI Agents and were denied counsel.

He recalled that the prisoners were kept in the old County Jail in Oklahoma City, which was not a secure place. One guard was kept on duty at night. This guard was observed to wear a pistol, but that was the only firearm in evidence. He observed no guard sitting in front of KATHRYN KELLY's cell, and had never heard that a stronger lightbulb was placed in her cell. He recalled visiting KATHRYN KELLY at her cell on several occasions and stated he was always afforded courteous treatment by the officials at the jail.

Mr. JAMES H. MATHERS advised he would continue his search for the transcript of testimony in the KATHRYN KELLY trial and if he locates it will telephonically advise this office.

He stated in view of the allegations made in the motions, he would be a willing witness for the Government and will appear any time needed, if called. He stated his telephone at the ranch is reached by calling the Stonewall, Oklahoma, exchange and asking for the Mathers Ranch. During the mornings he can usually be reached at the County Attorney's Office in Coalgate, Oklahoma.

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Mr. JAMES C. MATHERS, Mathers Ranch, three miles west and three miles north of Tupelo, Oklahoma, advised on May 19, 1958, that he has been County Commissioner in Coal County Oklahoma for the past twelve years.

He advised that he is running for the office of County Judge in Coal County, is unopposed in the coming election, and will take office the first of the year, 1959.

Mr. JAMES C. MATHERS advised he was working with his father, JAMES H. MATHERS, when the URSCHEL kidnaping trials were held in Oklahoma City. He could not recall the details of the trials.

He did recall being charged with receiving a part of the ransom money, but stated that Judge EDGAR S. VAUGHT directed the jury to return a verdict of "Not Guilty" in his case. He stated that attorney BEN LASKA, of Denver, Colorado, was convicted of this charge.

He attempted to locate the transcript of testimony in the trial of KATHRYN KELLY and stated he would continue his search. He advised it was possible that this transcript had been destroyed in a fire at the farm about three years ago when a barn was destroyed.

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[REDACTED] Attorney at Law, [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, was interviewed on May 21, 1958, and advised as follows:

He represented six defendants from St. Paul, Minnesota, during the first trial, which was the one in which ORA L. SHANNON was convicted.

He advised that the Court was operated in a very orderly manner by U. S. District Judge EDGAR S. VAUGHT.

The defense attorneys were shown every consideration and were not threatened in any way, and were free to consult with their clients when they saw fit. He advised he knew of no instance in which perjured testimony was used by the Government.

He stated in his mind this was the first case tried under the Lindberg Act, but since Mr. URSCHER was not harmed, the death penalty would not have applied.

He advised he was allowed to subpoena any witnesses he desired.

Photographs were taken before Court, after Court had adjourned and during recess, but none were taken during the trial and no flashbulbs were used while Court was in session.

He advised that Mr. E. E. KIRKPATRICK did not sit at the counsel table with the prosecuting attorneys.

[REDACTED] advised that in his opinion all the allegations made by KATHRYN THORNE KELLY and ORA L. SHANNON are false. He stated he would be a willing witness for the Government in the event he is needed to refute any of the allegations against the Court and the Government officials or the defense attorneys.

He advised that since he was not representing KATHRYN T. KELLY or GEORGE KELLY BARNES he would not have a copy of the transcript of testimony in their trial and could not think where one might be located.

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TO : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (7-6)

DATE: 5/22/58

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

DATE DICTATED: 4/30/58

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

LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD was arrested September 14, 1933, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and charged with transporting KATHRYN GEE and HAZEL WALDRIP from Texas to Oklahoma in violation of the White Slave Traffic Act. He was charged under the name of JOHN WILLIAMS. There is no record of this case in the Oklahoma City indices.

The records of the U. S. Attorney in Oklahoma City reflect that:

Case #13208, a complaint was filed against W. L. ARNOLD charging violation of WSTA in the interstate transportation of KATHRYN GEE and CLEO WALDRIP from Texas to Oklahoma. The complaint was filed September 14, 1933. ARNOLD was released on bond September 16, 1933, and the case was "closed" March 24, 1934.

The records of the U. S. Attorney further reflect that in case #13209, JOHN W. WILLIAMS was charged on September 15, 1933, with violating the WSTA in that he transported into interstate commerce from Texas to Oklahoma, KATHRYN GEE and CLEO WALDRIP. This record reflects WILLIAMS made bond on September 16, 1933, and the case was "closed" March 24, 1934.

There is no other known record of either case.

There is a copy of the notation by the Identification Division that no record had been found for KATHRYN GEE, OCPD #14840, or CLEO WALDRIP, OCPD #14842.

The files of the Oklahoma City Police Department reflect that LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD, alias Jess Akers, is a white male, age 43 (in 1933), 5' 8", 144 pounds, gray brown eyes, black hair, (mostly bald), $\frac{1}{4}$ Indian and $\frac{3}{4}$ white, born Paris, Texas; occupation, Insurance Salesman; FBI #313877; FPC 18 L 9 U 000 17
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FROM : SA [REDACTED]

DATE DICTATED: 4/30/58
5/6/58SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, Was., ET AL;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

The records of the Court Clerk's Office for Oklahoma County reflect that GERALENE ARNOLD, a minor, by L. W. ARNOLD, filed suit against C. F. COLCORD in the amount of \$15,000.00. This suit is recorded in appearance docket 240, pages 361 and 365. The case number is 82061.

The Journal Entry of Judgment reflects that on June 18, 1934, the matter was tried before the Court after a Jury was waived. GERALENE ARNOLD appeared in person by her next friend, L. W. ARNOLD, and was represented by Attorneys P. D. SMITH, JACK C. BURROUGHS and LEDBETTER, STUART, BELL and LEDBETTER. The defendant appeared in person but was represented by Attorneys DUDLEY, HYDE, DUVALL and DUDLEY. The intervenors, L. W. ARNOLD and FLOSSIE MAY ARNOLD, appeared in person and were represented by attorneys for GERALENE ARNOLD.

District Judge LUCIUS BABCOCK heard the case and rendered a decision in favor of GERALENE ARNOLD. A judgment in the sum of \$4,000.00 was entered in her behalf; the intervenors, L. W. and FLOSSIE MAY ARNOLD, were awarded nothing in this action.

A certified copy of this Journal Entry of Judgment was obtained May 6, 1958.

The records reflect that payment was made in full on June 18, 1934, and the case was closed on July 1, 1934.

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[REDACTED] Postmaster, Tussy, Oklahoma, advised that she does not recall LUTHER WILLIAM, FLOSSIE MAY or GERALDINE ARNOLD, nor does she recall anyone by the name of Colonel ARNOLD.

Interview with [REDACTED] File # 7-6
on 5/13/58 at Tussy, Oklahoma
by Special Agent [REDACTED]

DATE DICTATED: 5/13/58

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DATE: 5/22/58

[REDACTED] Tussy, Oklahoma, advised on May 13, 1958, that she has resided in this vicinity for about 50 years and that she and her husband formerly owned and operated a general store there. She stated she recalls the ARNOLD family and believes that one of the girls in the family married [REDACTED]. She stated she does not know the present whereabouts of [REDACTED] or the ARNOLDS. She did say, however, that [REDACTED] has a brother [REDACTED] who resides at County Line, Oklahoma.

Interview with [REDACTED]

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on 5/13/58 at Tussy, Oklahoma

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██████████ County Line, Oklahoma, advised on May 13, 1958, that he recalls the ARNOLD family and believes that Colonel ARNOLD died about two or three years ago in an "Old Soldiers' Home" at Tulsa, Oklahoma. He said that his brother, ██████████, married ██████████ of ██████████ Colonel ARNOLD. ██████████ advised that his brother and ██████████ have been married and divorced twice; that ██████████ is presently residing with ██████████ at Duncan, Oklahoma, and that ██████████ is residing in Phoenix, Arizona.

██████████ telephonically contacted his brother, ██████████ at Duncan, Oklahoma, at which time he stated he has no idea where LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD is at the present time. He said the last time he knew anything about him was in about 1933 when LUTHER was living in Oklahoma City. He said his former wife, ██████████ is presently residing at ██████████ Phoenix, Arizona.

Interview with ██████████ File #7-6

on 5/13/58 at County Line, Oklahoma

DATE DICTATED: 5/13/58

by Special Agent ██████████

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The Dallas Office, by letter dated May 10, 1958, reported information developed that LUTHER W. ARNOLD died in 1944 in Long Beach, California.

The following is the identification record for LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD under FBI #313877:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Long Beach, Calif.	Jess Akers #10040	8/20/30	checks	180 days Co. J, 2 cts., 9/8/30 170 days susp. on each ct.
SO, Riverside, Calif.	Jess Akers #9831	9/27/30	fict. checks	
PD, Okla. City, Okla.	Luther Wm. Arnold #14839	9/14/33	vag. and inv. by Fed. Officers	
SO, Lovelock, Nev.	Luther William Arnold, #253	12/5/35	inv.	rel.
SO, Holbrook, Ariz.	L. W. Arnold #---	12/6/36	bad checks	
SO, St. Johns, Ariz.	L.W. Arnold #103	3/6/37	bad checks	
SO, Phoenix, Ariz.	L. W. Arnold #9881	3/8/37	bogus checks	ret. St. Johns Ariz.
SO, Holbrook, Ariz.	Luther William Arnold, #1495	3/8/37	bad checks	18 mos to 3 yrs. St. Pr.
St. Bd. of Pardons and Paroles, Phoenix, Ariz., #---	L. W. Arnold #10649 SP Florence, Ariz.	3/27/37	drawing check on insuf. funds	1½ to 3 yrs. *rel. by exp. 6-18-38
PD, Las Vegas, Nev.	Luther W. Arnold #15292	9/28/39	drunk	deferred
PD, Phoenix, Ariz.	Luther William Arnold #102672	10/24/39	inv.	10-27-39, 30 das deferred sent on chg of vag.

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U. S. District Judge is quoted in a press release dated April 23, 1958, as stating he plans to hold a four-week term of court in San Francisco, California, beginning June 2, 1958.

On May 2, 1958, [REDACTED] Federal Reformatory for Women, Alderson, West Virginia, advised SA [REDACTED] that KATHRYN KELLY earns approximately \$50 per month by her employment with Federal Prison Industries, but by letter dated February 27, 1958, KELLY designated that \$35 per month of her earnings be sent to her daughter [REDACTED] and that KELLY has only \$83.57 credited to her commissary account at the Reformatory.

[REDACTED] further advised that prior to 1957, Mrs. KELLY had a sum of money in the American National Bank, Shawnee, Oklahoma, but that in 1957 Mrs. KELLY had her entire account at this bank transferred to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] continued that several years ago Mrs. KELLY transferred all of her real estate to [REDACTED] and that the Reformatory has no further information regarding KELLY's financial condition.

[REDACTED] advised that Mrs. ORA SHANNON earns approximately \$17 per month at the Reformatory; that she has \$63.03 credited to her commissary account, and that it is believed that she has no other income, money or property.

The records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D. C., and Oklahoma City fail to reflect that a copy of the transcript of the testimony in the KATHRYN KELLY trial is available.

[REDACTED] the Oklahoma County Attorney's Office, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, checked his files and advised that all files had been destroyed following the deaths of ALFRED BATES and GEORGE KELLY BARNES.

He advised that the files had been photographed, then destroyed, but that nothing was found that would indicate a copy of the transcript of testimony in the KATHRYN THORNE KELLY trial had ever been in the possession of the County Attorney's Office.

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The Bureau has advised that with regard to the allegation that in a recent publication, Mr. HOOVER, Director of the FBI, now concedes KATHRYN T. KELLY did not write the ransom letters, but indicates they were written in her phraseology, no record of such statement either oral or written has been located.

The records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect the following addresses for personnel involved in the arrest, interview and investigation of this case:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
GUS T. JONES: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

VAL C. ZIMMER: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

H. C. COULTER: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

W. A. RORER: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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G. B. NORRIS: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

F. F. YEARSLEY: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

C.A. APPEL, Jr.: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

HAROLD NATHAN: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Of the personnel listed above, [REDACTED] and JONES participated in the arrest of SHANNON on August 12, 1933, at Paradise, Texas. JONES took a supplemental statement from her. J. F. BLAKE and R. H. COLVIN took the original statement from SHANNON. Both are deceased. [REDACTED] J. DOWD (deceased) also participated in the arrest.

RORER, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (deceased) arrested KELLY September 26, 1933, at Memphis, Tennessee. NORRIS and YEARSLEY interviewed KELLY after the arrest.

C. A. APPEL, Jr., conducted document examinations in this case.

The Washington Field Office by letter dated May 16, 1958, has advised as follows:

Mr. CHARLES A. APPEL, Jr., formerly assigned to the FBI Laboratory, stated he was employed in FBI Laboratory during 1933 and 1934, and recalls examining ransom note in this case. He stated as he recalled, ransom note written on typewriter which he identified as a Remington, stated several specimens received, however, no identification of a particular typewriter was made on the ransom note. APPEL said he also recalled that during progress of trial of BOSS SHANNON, ORA SHANNON and others, extortion letters were directed to the U.S. District Judge and JOSEPH B. KEENAN (deceased) former Assistant Attorney General who assisted in prosecution. APPEL stated he recalled that while

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trial of BOSS SHANNON and others was in progress, the extortion letters were received, one from GEORGE KELLY and one from KATHRYN KELLY.

APPEL stated as no identification was made on ransom note other than make of typewriter, he could not have testified to any matter of the material value in the BOSS SHANNON, ORA SHANNON case. APPEL stated he believed as he identified extortion letters from GEORGE and KATHRYN KELLY, he testified in trial of KATHRYN KELLY, identifying the letter she had directed, he believed, to the U. S. District Judge in which she threatened to kill him for prosecuting her relatives.

The Washington Field Office has advised that contact was made with [REDACTED] who replaced [REDACTED] U. S. Board of Parole, Washington, D. C., who advised on May 7, 1958, that a review of the USBP files revealed there is no indication that the USBP ever possessed the original transcript of the trial in this matter. [REDACTED] informed that the USBP in April of 1955, had in its possession the printed transcript of record on appeal in the case of ORA L. SHANNON and the narrative statement of evidence in the case of KATHRYN KELLY. [REDACTED] informed the files reflected that on May 20, 1955, [REDACTED] returned above-mentioned record to [REDACTED] U. S. District Court Clerk's Office, Oklahoma City, but in 1957 request again made for file of Clerk's Office, Oklahoma City, at which time Parole Board informed file in possession of Federal Records Center, Fort Worth, Texas. [REDACTED] stated printed transcript of record on appeal temporarily in possession USBP early part of 1958 and returned to JOHN B. WATSON, Chief, Reference Service Branch, Federal Records Center, Fort Worth, Texas.

Further, the Washington Field Office has advised that JOSEPH B. KEENAN died December 8, 1954, in Ashboro, North Carolina.

The Charlotte Office has furnished a certified copy of the Death Certificate of JOSEPH B. KEENAN which reflects that JOSEPH B. KEENAN died December 8, 1954, in Ashboro, North Carolina. This is recorded in the records of Vital of Statistics in Volume 41, Page 216.

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The Washington Field Office has advised that Mr. WILLIAM C. LEWIS, former U. S. Attorney, Oklahoma City, now residing 807 Milestone Drive, Silver Springs, Maryland, informed on May 8, 1958, that during trial of instant matter he was Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

Mr. LEWIS stated that he has never seen a copy of the transcript of the original trial in this case, but feels certain that a transcript was made in view of the importance of the case at that time, as it was one of the first kidnaping cases to be prosecuted under Federal Law. Mr. LEWIS stated that there were many defendants in this case and that they were represented by a number of attorneys. LEWIS stated that one [REDACTED] an attorney in Oklahoma City, who has an office either in the First National Bank Building or the Liberty National Bank Building, was an attorney for one of the defendants in this case. LEWIS said that he is certain that [REDACTED] appealed the conviction of his clients and it would be his impression that [REDACTED] obtained a copy of the transcript of the trial.

On May 8, 1958, [REDACTED] widow of JOSEPH B. KEENAN, [REDACTED] advised that she did not possess any of her husband's legal papers. She informed that all of his legal documents were taken over by Attorney [REDACTED], whose office is located in the [REDACTED], Washington, D. C. [REDACTED] said she did not know whether her husband had ever obtained a copy of the original transcript in this case or not.

On May 8, 1958, effort was made to locate [REDACTED] and in his absence request was made that he contact Washington Field Office.

On the evening of May 8, 1958, [REDACTED] telephonically communicated with Washington Field Office and advised that he possessed several boxes containing legal matters left by JOSEPH B. KEENAN and that he did not know whether a transcript of the trial in this case was contained in the legal documents left by KEENAN. [REDACTED] stated that he would examine the contents of the boxes of material left by JOSEPH B. KEENAN and advise whether a copy of the transcript was available.

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[REDACTED] Attorney at Law, [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on May 20, 1958, advised that he was formerly a partner with [REDACTED] who is now deceased. He stated he had taken over the law practice of [REDACTED] and would look through the records in the office and at the home of [REDACTED] in an effort to locate the transcript of testimony in the trial of KATHRYN THORNE KELLY.

[REDACTED] advised that should this transcript be located he would immediately notify this office. He recalled that [REDACTED] had represented BEN LASKA.

Interview with [REDACTED] File # 7-6
on 5/20/58 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma DATE DICTATED: 5/20/58
by Special Agent [REDACTED]

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The Denver Office by letter dated May 15, 1958, has advised as follows:

[REDACTED] Clerk, United States Tenth Circuit Court Clerk's Office, Denver, Colorado, on May 9, 1958, advised SA [REDACTED] that his records fail to reveal that a court reporter's transcript was ever sent to his office. He stated that a check of the appeals by Subjects in this case revealed that the testimony of the pertinent witnesses was not set out verbatim but as an "agreed narrative statement of evidence." The testimony of KATHRYN KELLY was narrated as Folio 56, Page 42, and is available to the United States Attorney at Oklahoma City.

[REDACTED] also pointed out that the material found in the files of the U. S. District Court Clerk's Office in Oklahoma City pertaining to a "certified typewritten transcript of the record in the case of KATHRYN THORNE KELLY vs. U.S." did not contain a verbatim transcript of the testimony in the matter but was the same "agreed narrative statement of evidence" referred to above. The printer would have received only that same narrative.

A review of the Denver file in this matter failed to disclose copy of transcript of testimony ever in possession of Denver Division.

[REDACTED] U. S. Attorney's Office, Denver, Colorado, advised on May 9, 1958, that even if received, transcript would not be presently available as all transcripts of testimony coming to their office are destroyed after five years.

On May 9, 1958, efforts were made to contact MOLLIE O. EDISON, Denver Attorney, former partner of BEN B. LASKA, a convicted subject in this case. [REDACTED] had suggested that if there ever had been a transcript of the testimony in this case, LASKA might have obtained it and it might have been retained by EDISON.

MOLLIE EDISON advised on May 14, 1958, that she did not know that LASKA ever had a transcript of testimony in this case and that she is not aware that any was prepared. She suggested that [REDACTED] Oklahoma City Attorney active in defense of subjects in this matter, may have had transcript prepared and still available.

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The Portland Office has advised that no record of the missing transcript was located in the files of the United States Attorney, Clerk of the Court, or the FBI Office there.

The Little Rock Office by letter dated May 15, 1958, reported information had been developed that [REDACTED] is dead.

The New York City Office has advised that records of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, 274 Madison Avenue, New York City, reflect that former Special Agent REUBIN [REDACTED] died in February, 1953.

The Memphis Office advised by teletype May 21, 1958, that records in the case of LANGFORD RAMSEY and J. C. TICHENOR, who were tried and convicted for harboring BARNES and KATHRYN KELLY, had been forwarded to the Federal Records Center, 221 St. Joseph Street, West Point, Georgia. The files of the U. S. District Court Clerk fail to reflect that the transcript of testimony in the trial of KATHRYN KELLY was among the records submitted.

The files of the United States Attorney's Office in Memphis for the year 1933 were found to have been destroyed by burning during February, 1950.

No information found at Memphis, Tennessee, indicating this transcript had ever been there.

The Chicago Office by teletype dated May 21, 1958, advised transcript of testimony in KATHRYN KELLY trial not located in the Chicago Office, the Office of the United States Attorney or the Office of the U. S. District Court Clerk.

The Phoenix Office by teletype dated May 21, 1958, advised that [REDACTED] Phoenix, advised she has not seen LUTHER W. ARNOLD and family since about 1935. She had heard that ARNOLD had changed his name and become Governor of some state, about three years ago. This information received from Colonel ARNOLD, [REDACTED]

GERALDINE ARNOLD, daughter of L. W. ARNOLD, was reported to be a movie actress in California about 10 or 15 years ago under the name of VIRGINIA LANE.

[REDACTED] suggested interviews with [REDACTED] Sheriff at Ardmore, Oklahoma, [REDACTED] of Ardmore, Oklahoma, [REDACTED] of Antlers, Oklahoma, and [REDACTED] of Miller, Oklahoma, for possible information concerning L. W. ARNOLD.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 5/22/58

FROM: *CD* SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (7-6)SUBJECT: *yes* GEORGE KELLY BARNES, Was., ET AL;
CHARLES F. URSCHER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING
(Oklahoma City Origin)*ml* Enclosed is report of SA [REDACTED] dated 5/22/58 at Oklahoma City in captioned case.REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED], dated 5/13/58 at Miami, Florida.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Leads have been set by teletype, airtel and letter to locate LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD and the missing transcript of testimony with the following offices: Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Portland, Chicago, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, San Antonio and WFO.

Leads to locate and interview witnesses in this case have been set by teletype, airtel and letter to the following: Albuquerque, Atlanta, Dallas, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Memphis, Miami, New York City, Phoenix, San Antonio, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, WFO and Oklahoma City.

Mr. PAUL CRESS, U. S. Attorney at Oklahoma City, has advised he does not intend to retry this entire case, but hopes to be able to limit the hearing to the specific allegations concerning the use of perjured testimony by the Government to secure convictions. Mr. CRESS has advised that during the course of this hearing this Bureau will be given every opportunity to refute the allegations made against Bureau personnel.

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LEADS

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

When LUTHER W. ARNOLD is located or determined to be dead, will remove the stop notice placed against his FBI number in the Identification Division of the Bureau.

Will when the missing transcript in the KATHRYN KELLY trial is located, advise the Bureau concerning the testimony of the document examiner.

Will keep Bureau advised of all developments.

Will follow and report results of hearing.

At Ardmore, Oklahoma

Will interview Sheriff [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for information concerning L. W. ARNOLD, his wife, FLOSSIE MAY, and daughter, GERALDINE ARNOLD.

At Antlers, Oklahoma

Will interview [REDACTED] for information concerning the whereabouts of L. W. ARNOLD, his wife, FLOSSIE MAY, and daughter, GERALDINE ARNOLD.

At Miller, Oklahoma

Will interview [REDACTED] for information concerning whereabouts of L. W. ARNOLD, his wife, FLOSSIE MAY, and daughter, GERALDINE ARNOLD, so they can be interviewed concerning this case.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115) (AM)

DATE: 5/23/58

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (7-6)

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

There is enclosed herewith a copy of a motion filed in U. S. District Court, Oklahoma City, by ORA L. SHANNON and KATHRYN THORNE KELLY which requests the hearing set for June 9, 1958 at Oklahoma City be removed to another judicial district for hearing.

Attached to the motion is an affidavit of W. C. GEERS, former U. S. Marshal at Oklahoma City.

Mr. PAUL CRESS, U. S. Attorney in Oklahoma City, has furnished photostat copies of both the motion and affidavit. He has advised that by letter dated May 22, 1958, U. S. District Judge W. R. WALLACE advised Mr. JAMES J. LAUGHLIN that the motion to transfer the hearing to another District was denied; and further that he contemplated having the U. S. Marshal of Oklahoma City transport both ORA L. SHANNON and KATHRYN THORNE KELLY to Oklahoma City for this hearing, June 9, 1958. Mr. CRESS has advised that copies of this motion and the affidavit have been forwarded to the Department.

The Bureau will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff

Criminal No. 10478

ORA L. SHANNON,
KATHRYN THORNE KELLY,

Defendants

MOTION FOR TRANSFER

Now come Ora L. Shannon and Kathryn Thorne Kelly, defendants in this cause, and move the Court for an order transferring the hearing under 2253 of the New Judicial Code from Oklahoma City to another District.

The defendants are of the view that since so much unfavorable publicity has emanated from Oklahoma City that it will be virtually impossible for a fair, impartial and unbiased hearing to be had in Oklahoma City.

/s/ James J. Laughlin
James J. Laughlin
National Press Building
Washington, D. C.
Counsel for Defendants

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 20th day of May, 1938 mailed copy of the foregoing Motion for Transfer to Paul W. Cress, Esq., United States Attorney, Post Office and Federal Building, Oklahoma City 1, Oklahoma.

/s/ James J. Laughlin
James J. Laughlin

ENCLOSURE

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff

vs.

Criminal No. 10478

ORA L. SHANNON,
KATHRYN THORNE KELLY,

Defendants

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT

Now come Ora L. Shannon and Kathryn Thorne Kelly, defendants in this cause, and move the Court for leave to file supplemental affidavit of W. C. Coors. Said affidavit is annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

/s/ James J. Laughlin
James J. Laughlin
National Press Building
Washington, D. C.
Council for Defendants

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 20th day of May, 1938 mailed copy of the foregoing Motion for Leave to File Supplemental Affidavit to Paul W. Cross, Esq., United States Attorney, Post Office and Federal Building, Oklahoma City 1, Oklahoma.

/s/ James J. Laughlin
James J. Laughlin

ENCLOSURE

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

Criminal No. 10478

vs.
ORA L. SHANNON,
KATHRYN THORNE KELLY,

Defendants.

AFFIDAVIT OF W. C. GEARS

W. C. Gears, being first duly sworn on oath, as required by law, deposes and says that when the above-captioned case was on trial he was United States Marshal for the Western District of Oklahoma and that he had personal knowledge of the incidents leading up to the trial and the conduct of the trial and his recollection is vivid as to the matters occurring therein.

Affiant says unto the Court that there was tremendous feeling and resentment toward the defendants in this case. Affiant says the feeling was exceedingly bitter toward George

as in his opinion Kathryn Thorne Kelly and Ora L. Shannon did not receive fair trials due to the feeling and passion that had been worked up by the public and by the press and radio of the day. Affiant says that the Courthouse was surrounded by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the courtroom and the corridors of the Courthouse were surrounded by FBI agents. Affiant says that he knew of a beating administered to George Kelly when he attempted to come to the defense of his wife Kathryn Kelly in an elevator. Affiant says that the assistance received by Kelly remained with him throughout the trial.

Affiant says further that the camera men and the news photographers disrupted the conduct of the trial and made it virtually impossible for the matter to be decided fairly and impartially by the jury as related to Mrs. Shannon and Mrs. Kelly.

Affiant says further that the Urschels apparently exhibit tremendous influence and that he personally knows that at least one of the Urschels sat at the trial and assisted Mr. Keenan in the prosecution of the case and made certain suggestions. Affiant says that it was well known that the Urschels were persons of wealth and were well known throughout the State of Oklahoma and elsewhere.

Affiant says further that he believes counsel in the case could not deal fairly and justly with Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Shannon because they were under investigation and suspicion. Affiant says he knows that one of the attorneys was indicted and sent to prison.

/s/ W. C. Geers
W. C. GEERS

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 18th day of April, 1938.

(SEAL)

/s/ Lelia D. LeRoy

Notary Public
State of Texas

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office SAN ANTONIO	Office of Origin OKLAHOMA CITY	Date 5/21/58	Investigative Period 5/6-9,13,14,19/58
TITLE OF CASE GEORGE KELLY BARNES, was.; ET AL CHARLES F. URSCHER - VICTIM		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed By: [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING	

Synopsis:

Former SAC, Mr. GUS T. JONES, and Mr. CHARLES F. URSCHER interviewed at San Antonio, Texas. The answers to the questions which Mr. JONES and Mr. URSCHER were able to give from their own knowledge refutes allegations made by subjects KELLY and SHANNON. Mr. JONES advised that testimony of LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD was corroborated on almost every point and he feels certain there was no perjury, but he is desirous of reviewing ARNOLD's testimony prior to a definite statement by him. No information obtained in San Antonio which would assist in locating LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD, FLOSSIE MAE ARNOLD, or GERALDINE ARNOLD. [REDACTED] former U. S. Marshal at Oklahoma City, advised that KATHRYN KELLY and ORA SHANNON were confined to County Jail at Oklahoma City prior to and during trials and were in custody of former Sheriff [REDACTED] ALBERT BATES, GEORGE KELLY BARNES, and HARVEY BAILEY kept in cells at Federal Building during trial. Women were handcuffed when being transported from jail to courtroom and return. [REDACTED] has no knowledge of light bulbs being changed in women's cells. Attorney JIMMY MATHERS allowed to talk to KATHRYN KELLY in County Jail on one occasion by [REDACTED] Photographers allowed to take pictures in courtroom.

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Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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INTERVIEW REPORT

May 21, 1958

Mr. GUS T. JONES [REDACTED] advised that the attorneys for the defense were not interrogated by the Agents of the FBI during or prior to the trial against ORA L. SHANNON and KATHRYN THORNE KELLY.

He stated that the attorneys for the defense were not threatened with criminal prosecution during the interrogations.

He advised that he is sure there was no false testimony used in the prosecution of ORA L. SHANNON and KATHRYN THORNE KELLY.

Mr. JONES said that the atmosphere of the courtroom was not "circus-like" and that there were not dozens and dozens of FBI Agents in the courtroom daily. He estimated that there were four or five Agents in the courtroom at different times.

He informed that newsreel cameras and press photographers did operate in the courtroom during the trial of the KELLYs.

Mr. JONES stated that advance publicity given out by the FBI (Division of Investigation) did not result in the streets being roped off.

He stated that there were not forty FBI men armed with shotguns or machine guns surrounding the courthouse and along the way from the courthouse to the Federal Building.

He stated that Mr. E. E. KIRKPATRICK was not allowed to sit at the counsel table and assist the Government prosecutors in selecting a jury.

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File # 7-11

on 5/8/58 & at [REDACTED]

DICTATED: 5/16/58

by Special Agent [REDACTED]

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Mr. JONES said that there were four FBI Agents in the group that arrested ORA L. SHANNON and he further stated that he is certain that no Agent advised ORA SHANNON that he would "shoot her guts out".

Mr. JONES further stated that his recollection is that ORA SHANNON did not have any children other than KATHRYN KELLY and therefore she would not have been told that her children would be sent away and she would never see them again.

Mr. JONES advised that he and SA DOWD took a supplemental signed statement from ORA SHANNON in the Dallas County Jail and that no threats such as alleged by her were ever made. He informed that she was in custody of the U. S. Marshal in Dallas at the time he and SA DOWD took the supplemental signed statement, and therefore, he is sure that she was not refused food and water until after a confession was signed.

He informed that he is certain the defense attorneys were not told by Agents that the Agents would listen in on all conversations and would not permit confidential conferences between clients and attorneys.

He said that KATHRYN THORNE KELLY was allowed to confer with her counsel as long a time as she desired.

He stated that no more than approximately four or five Agents were in the courtroom of the Post Office Building at Oklahoma City during the trial of KATHRYN KELLY.

He said that, to the best of his knowledge, no one tried to strike KATHRYN KELLY when she was taken to court and advised that he is certain that Agents guarding her would have protected her if this had happened.

Mr. JONES pointed out that there were no Texas Rangers to his knowledge in Oklahoma City at the time of the trial and that he is sure that no Texas Ranger struck

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GEORGE KELLY over the head with "a pistol or club". Mr. JONES said that KELLY said that it was common knowledge that KELLY was struck by SA [REDACTED] but that he, Mr. JONES, was not at the scene at the time of the striking. b7C

Mr. JONES said that the testimony of LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD was corroborated in practically every point and, therefore, he, in his own mind, feels that there was no perjury in any of Mr. ARNOLD's testimony. However, he said that he would like to review the entire testimony of ARNOLD before making a definite statement on this matter.

Mr. JONES said that he has no knowledge of ARNOLD receiving any reward after testifying except hearsay. He advised that it is his understanding that a reward was offered for the capture of GEORGE KELLY and KATHRYN KELLY. He stated, however, that this was common knowledge and he understands that part of that reward was paid to ARNOLD or members of his family for their part in the capture of the KELLYs.

Mr. JONES advised that ARNOLD was not kept in "swanky" hotels and that he has no knowledge of any one assisting ARNOLD in preparing articles concerning his part in the capture of GEORGE and KATHRYN KELLY.

He stated that he does not recall ARNOLD being furnished any clothing or being given any other consideration.

Mr. JONES averred that no effort was made with his knowledge to prevent either subjects of receiving a fair trial and he is sure in his own mind that no efforts were made by anyone to prevent a fair trial.

Mr. JONES said that he was not in Memphis at the time of the arrest of KATHRYN and GEORGE KELLY.

He stated that he personally met the plane which brought the KELLYs to Oklahoma City, and that it is his recollection that a U. S. Marshal or Deputy Marshal and approximately three Agents were all the law enforcement officers that accompanied the KELLYs to Oklahoma City.

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Mr. JONES further averred that he did not tell KATHRYN KELLY that Mrs. SHANNON would receive no consideration unless KATHRYN KELLY admitted to this or any other crimes and he does not believe any other law enforcement officer did.

Regarding the allegation that guards sat in front of KELLY's open cell with machine guns on their laps, or that stronger light bulbs were placed in KELLY's cell, Mr. JONES said that he never heard any such complaint and has no knowledge of this if it happened.

He further stated that he personally never told KATHRYN KELLY that if she did not confess, steps would be taken to make her confinement hard, rigorous, and difficult and that he knows of no other person telling her this.

Concerning the press releases given by the FBI, Mr. JONES pointed out that he personally never talked to any newspaperman at any time of the trial and he believes the same can be said for all of the Agents. Mr. JONES said that he is almost certain that no Agent talked to any newspaperman or gave any news releases. He stated that it is his definite recollection that the newspapers were somewhat "miffed" because the Bureau would not make any statement regarding this case.

Regarding the guard assignments, Mr. JONES stated that the Oklahoma City Jail was a poor jail, and it is his recollection that two Agents at a time were helping guard at the jail on the request of the sheriff. He said that he is certain they had no instructions to sit in front of KATHRYN KELLY's cell.

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On May 19, 1958, Mr. GUS T. JONES was contacted regarding the testimony of the telephone operator from Paradise, Texas. He informed that this operator was a hostile witness and for awhile refused to testify. He stated that Attorney HYDE made a motion before the court, stating that she was a hostile witness and was allowed by the court to examine her as such. Mr. JONES stated that he recalls that she testified regarding at least one telephone call which was from GEORGE KELLY to someone whom Mr. JONES does not recall. The substance of this conversation bore out information which a person whom Mr. JONES believed was "BOSS" SHANNON had had with Mr. URSHEL. Mr. JONES stated he cannot recall any other particularly detrimental testimony by the operator.

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Mr. URSCHEL advised that he has no knowledge concerning the interrogation of the attorneys for the defense and that he has no knowledge of any threats to the attorneys.

He further stated that he has no knowledge of any false testimony used in the prosecution of either ORA L. SHANNON or KATHRYN KELLY.

He stated that in his opinion the courtroom was not "circus-like" and estimated that there were not more than eight or ten Agents at the most in the courtroom at any time. He advised that he is being very liberal in this estimate.

He verified that newsreel cameras and press photographs operated in the courtroom during the trial of these cases.

He said that to the best of his knowledge the streets were not roped off at the time of the trial.

He advised that he is certain that there were not forty FBI men surrounding the courthouse and along the way to the Federal Building from the courthouse.

He stated that he is sure Mr. E. E. KIRKPATRICK was not allowed to sit at the counsel table and assist Government prosecutors to select a jury.

Mr. URSCHEL advised that his recollection is that there were four FBI Agents in the arresting party when ORA SHANNON was arrested and he did hear anyone threaten to "shoot her guts out".

Mr. URSCHEL stated that he has no knowledge of anyone threatening ORA SHANNON in order to get a confession from her.

Interview with CHARLES F. URSCHEL File # 7-11
on 5/14/58 at Offices of National Bank of Commerce, San Antonio, Texas DICTATED: 5/16/58
by Special Agent [REDACTED] [REDACTED] All b7C

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He advised that he does not know of any Agent telling an attorney that their conversation would be listened in on and that the attorneys could not have confidential conferences with their clients. He stated that he doubted that such statement was made by the Agents and he further doubts that KATHRYN KELLY was limited in the time she could talk with her counsel.

Mr. URSCHER said that there were definitely not two hundred to three hundred Agents in the courtroom or corridors of the Post Office Building during the trial of KATHRYN KELLY.

He advised that he is sure the Agents of the FBI would have protected KATHRYN KELLY if anyone had attempted to strike her.

Mr. URSCHER stated that no Texas Ranger struck GEORGE KELLY but that [REDACTED] FBI Agent, at one time struck GEORGE KELLY over the head when KELLY attempted to attack WHITE with his handcuffs. b7C

Mr. URSCHER informed that LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD did not receive \$15,000 reward after testifying. He advised that he, himself, paid \$4,000 to ARNOLD's daughter for her part in the arrest of the KELLYs. Mr. URSCHER stated that this was because Mr. COLCORD had offered a \$15,000 reward for the apprehension of GEORGE and KATHRYN KELLY. He advised that it was the opinion of Mr. URSCHER and other persons that ARNOLD or members of his family did not deserve any reward, but that to keep Mr. COLCORD from having to pay out of his own pocket the reward money, Mr. URSCHER paid this money.

He advised that he has no knowledge of any financial help given ARNOLD or any help in preparing articles for periodicals. He stated that he is certain in his own mind that both KATHRYN and SHANNON received a fair trial and that no efforts were made to prevent them from receiving a fair trial.

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He stated that he was not in Memphis, Tennessee, at the time of the arrest of the KELLYs nor can he furnish any details concerning the trip from Memphis to Oklahoma City.

He stated that he does not know of any promises made to KATHRYN KELLY and that he personally never talked to her.

He advised that he does not have information regarding press releases made by the FBI or information regarding the guard assignments.

Mr. URSCHER further advised that he does not know where transcript of testimony in the KATHRYN THORNE KELLY trial can be located.

Mr. URSCHER advised that he cannot testify as to the adequacy of the counsel for SHANNON and KELLY nor whether the members of that counsel were serving conflicting interests or not.

He stated that he does not know whether the defense counsel was able to subpoena witnesses in behalf of their clients and has no knowledge of questioning of attorneys by FBI Agents.

He advised that he felt that both KELLY and SHANNON had a fair trial and it was his observation that the court gave them every opportunity and exerted every effort to see that KELLY and SHANNON received a fair trial.

Mr. URSCHER said that he does not believe the rule for excluding witnesses was invoked at either trial as he, Mr. URSCHER, was in the courtroom throughout both trials.

He stated that to the best of his knowledge there was no broadcasting at the trial but that newsreels and cameras did operate in the courtroom while the trial was in progress.

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Mr. URSCHEL said that no relative of his was allowed to sit at the counsel table and assist in the selection of the jury.

He advised that he has no knowledge of whether or not the attorneys for the defense were afraid to attack the validity of the written statements of ORA L. SHANNON.

Mr. URSCHEL stated that he thinks JOSEPH B. KEENAN was nominally in charge of the prosecution of the trial but that HERBERT K. HYDE did practically all of the prosecution of the case.

Mr. URSCHEL stated he has no knowledge of whether or not KATHRYN KELLY had plenty of time to make adequate preparation for her trial and he does not know whether she was advised by the court to cooperate with newsmen, commentators or photographers.

He said that he does not recall whether or not the testimony of the telephone operator from Paradise, Texas, was particularly detrimental to KELLY or SHANNON.

He likewise informed that he has no knowledge of ALFRED BATES or GEORGE KELLY BARNES offering to testify in behalf of KATHRYN KELLY.

He further stated that he does not recall handwriting testimony about KATHRYN KELLY writing certain ransom notes. He informed that the ransom notes received in this case were written on a typewriter.

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It is noted that Mr. URSCHER informed that at the start of the trial of KATHRYN KELLY and possibly ORA L. SHANNON, the trial judge announced in open court that if any attorney was found to accept part of the ransom money as part of his fee, he would be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. He further pointed out that it was his understanding at one time Mrs. SHANNON offered to help the Government in their prosecution but that she obviously wanted to make a deal and no deal was made. He further pointed out that in connection with the hitting of GEORGE KELLY by Agent [REDACTED] the evening before that incident when KELLY was being led to the courtroom, he turned to URSCHER and made a cutting gesture with his hand at his own throat and said to URSCHER, "This for you for that". URSCHER stated that this was definitely a threat against his life by KELLY. b7C

He further stated that [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] at Oklahoma City at the time of the trial and [REDACTED] told Mr. URSCHER that KATHRYN KELLY offered someone at the Sheriff's Office (name unrecalled by Mr. URSCHER) \$10,000 or \$15,000 if that person would help KATHRYN KELLY to escape and he pointed out that none of the kidnapers or none of those tried in that case have ever assisted in returning any of the ransom money. He stated that \$72,000 is still missing. b7C

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On May 8, 1958, [REDACTED] of the San Antonio Retail Merchants Association advised he could find no record of LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD, FLOSSIE MAE ARNOLD, or GERALDINE ARNOLD having applied for credit at San Antonio.

On May 8, 1958, the records of the San Antonio Police Department, Identification Division, were checked without locating a record of these three individuals.

On May 8, 1958, a check of the San Antonio City Directories for 1954 through 1958 failed to reflect the names of LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD, FLOSSIE MAE ARNOLD, or GERALDINE ARNOLD.

On May 8, 1958, San Antonio City Directories for the years 1933, 1935, and 1936 failed to reflect the names of LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD, FLOSSIE MAE ARNOLD, or GERALDINE ARNOLD.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

AT McALLEN, TEXAS:

On May 9, 1958, Mrs. W. C. GEERS, 401 South McColl, advised that her husband departed that date by automobile for Dallas, Texas, where he could be located at the Plaza Hotel. She stated he expected to be in Dallas for several days.

Mrs. GEERS advised her husband, who is eighty-five years of age, believes that ORA L. SHANNON and KATHRYN T. KELLY should be freed and has loaned Attorney LAUGHLIN of Washington, D.C. his scrapbook concerning the URSCHER kidnaping. She also stated that Mr. GEERS has had some correspondence with KATHRYN KELLY.

By teletype May 12, 1958, the Dallas Office advised that Mr. GEERS had not been located at the Plaza Hotel in Dallas or the White-Plaza Hotel.

On May 13, 1958, Mrs. W. C. GEERS telephonically advised that her husband had returned to McAllen, Texas, and would be available for interview on May 14, 1958.

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DATE: May 15, 1958

Mr. W. C. "RUHE" GEERS, 401 South McColl, advised he was United States Marshal at Oklahoma City during the trials of the defendants in the URSCHEL kidnaping case.

Mr. GEERS stated ORA L. SHANNON and KATHRYN T. KELLY were kept in the County Jail at Oklahoma City prior to and during the trials in this case. He stated that after the trials started ALBERT BATES, GEORGE KELLY BARNES, and HARVEY BAILEY were kept in "hold-over cells" at the rear of his office on the fourth floor of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City until the trials were ended.

Mr. GEERS stated there was an extreme amount of tension in the area during these trials and a great deal of excitement among the people due primarily to the newspaper publicity accorded this case. He stated that many of the newspaper stories were untrue but, nevertheless, created a great deal of excitement.

Mr. GEERS continued that his decision to keep the male defendants in the cells at the courthouse was made when an incident occurred as KATHRYN KELLY and GEORGE KELLY BARNES were being put on the courthouse elevator by Special Agent [REDACTED] of the FBI. GEORGE KELLY BARNES had already entered the elevator and KATHRYN KELLY was following him onto the elevator when she tripped slightly and lunged toward her husband. GEORGE KELLY BARNES apparently thought that Special Agent [REDACTED] had pushed KATHRYN KELLY and turned on Special Agent [REDACTED] and attempted to strike [REDACTED] with his manacled hands. Thereupon, Special Agent [REDACTED] hit GEORGE KELLY BARNES over the head with his pistol, inflicting a wound which necessitated thirteen or fourteen stitches.

Mr. GEERS advised that the Federal Courtroom was on the ninth floor of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City and that he ordered all elevators stopped at the seventh floor. He continued that everyone who went up to the courtroom was searched as they passed the eighth floor. He also stated he issued passes for those who entered the courtroom. No one was allowed to

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on 5/14/58 at McAllen, Texas Date Dictated: 5/14/58

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enter the courtroom or to reach the ninth floor without a pass.

Mr. GEERS also advised he hired twelve extra guards and that six of these extra guards were on duty at all times guarding the prisoners in the "hold-over cells" at the courthouse.

Former U. S. Marshal GEERS stated he has no knowledge of stronger light bulbs being placed in the cells of ORA L. SHANNON and KATHRYN KELLY at the County Jail. He stated the light bulbs in the "hold-over cells" at the courthouse were not changed.

Mr. GEERS continued that ORA SHANNON and KATHRYN KELLY, while in the County Jail at Oklahoma City, were actually under the custody and control of Sheriff [REDACTED]. He stated that on one occasion he (GEERS) was in the County Jail when an attorney named JIMMY MATHERS requested permission to talk to KATHRYN KELLY. Mr. GEERS stated he allowed MATHERS to talk to KATHRYN KELLY and that this conversation lasted for approximately thirty minutes. He stated that when MATHERS left he found a note in the attorney's pocket which had been placed there by KATHRYN KELLY and which had something to do with \$5,000.00 of the ransom money. He stated he immediately reported this to the FBI.

Mr. GEERS stated he does not recall what orders, if any, were issued regarding visitors who wished to see KATHRYN KELLY or ORA SHANNON. He pointed out that this would be more or less up to Sheriff [REDACTED]. He further pointed out that both Mrs. SHANNON and Mrs. KELLY conversed frequently with their attorneys in the Federal Courtroom. He stated that both KATHRYN KELLY and ORA SHANNON were handcuffed each time they were taken from jail to court and from court to jail. He stated that no other restraining devices were used on the women.

Mr. GEERS stated that newspaper photographers were allowed to take pictures in the courtroom during the trial and although he does not definitely recall having seen any newsreel cameras operating at the trial, he is sure they did operate there since he vaguely recalls seeing newsreel photographs of the trial later.

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He also pointed out that there were many photographers in the courthouse corridors, at the courthouse entrance, at the County Jail, and even along the route used by the Marshals in transporting the prisoners to and from jail.

Mr. GEERS stated that in spite of the photographers and newspaper reporters, the trial was conducted in a dignified manner by U. S. District Judge EDGAR S. VAUGHT, and that the proceedings certainly did not resemble a circus.

Mr. GEERS stated that in his opinion there is certainly no question as to the guilt of the defendants in this case but that he feels that ORA SHANNON and KATHRYN KELLY have been punished enough, and since they are now old women he would like to see them receive leniency.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)
FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (7-11)
SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, was.; ET AL
CHARLES F. URSCHER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING
(OO: OKLAHOMA CITY)

DATE: 5/21/58

Enclosed to the Bureau and designated office are appropriate copies of the report of SA [REDACTED] dated 5/21/58, at San Antonio.

REFERENCES

Oklahoma City letter to the Bureau dated 4/29/58.
Oklahoma City airtel to the Bureau dated 5/5/58.
Oklahoma City airtel to the Bureau dated 5/6/58.

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For the information of the Bureau and the completion of the file in this case, there is set forth below a summary of investigation conducted to date to locate LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD, with alias JESS AKERS, who is one of the witnesses who allegedly perjured himself in the trial of KATHRYN THORNE KELLY. A STOP NOTICE has been placed against the name and FBI number of LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD with the Identification Division of this Bureau.

The Identification record of ARNOLD was furnished by the Identification Division of the Bureau and leads were set forth to have the records of arresting agencies and places of confinement reviewed to develop information concerning ARNOLD and his whereabouts. Known relatives have been contacted, and other relatives known to them, have been contacted or are now being sought to determine the whereabouts of ARNOLD.

A Texas relative has advised that LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD died in about 1944 in Long Beach, California, and that his wife, FLOSSIE MAE ARNOLD, died a few years later. The Los Angeles Office has been unable to verify this information.

Investigation has been conducted in the following states and cities:

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TEXAS:	BOWIE DALLAS SAN ANTONIO	SUNSET WICHITA FALLS
OKLAHOMA:	ANTLERS ARDMORE COUNTY LINE DUNCAN	MILLER TUSSEY OKLAHOMA CITY

For the further information of the Bureau, the following investigation has been conducted in an effort to locate the missing transcript of testimony in the trial of KATHRYN THORNE KELLY and GEORGE KELLY BARNES:

ARIZONA:	Former SA R. C. COULTER, [REDACTED]
ARKANSAS:	Efforts to locate SA PETERSON, deceased.
CALIFORNIA:	Former SA VAL ZIMMER, [REDACTED]
COLORADO:	TENTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS. Files of US Attorney, Denver Files U. S. District Court Clerk, Denver. MOLLIE EDISON, former clerk for Attorney BEN LASKA. FBI Office, Denver.
FLORIDA:	Former SA G. B. NORRIS, [REDACTED] Former SA F. F. YEARSLEY, [REDACTED]

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ILLINOIS: Files of U. S. Attorney, Chicago, Illinois
Files of U. S. District Court Clerk, Chicago, Illinois
FBI Office, Chicago, Illinois.

KANSAS: Dodge City, Kansas to locate SA VAL ZIMMER.

NEW MEXICO: Former SA [REDACTED]
Former SA [REDACTED]

OREGON: Files of U. S. Attorney, Portland, Oregon.
Files of U. S. District Court Clerk, Portland, Oregon.

TENNESSEE: Files of U. S. Attorney, Memphis, Tennessee
Files of U. S. District Court Clerk, Memphis, Tenn.
FBI Office, Memphis, Tennessee.

TEXAS: Former SA GUS T. JONES, [REDACTED]
CHARLES F. URSCHEL - VICTIM, San Antonio, Texas.
[REDACTED] Attorney, Houston, Texas.
FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER, Fort Worth, Texas.
Files of McLEAN SCOTT, SAYERS & MOSS, Ft. Worth, Texas.
CLERK U.S.D.C., Ft. Worth, Texas.
Files of U. S. Attorney, Ft. Worth, Texas.
Files of U. S. District Court Clerk, Dallas, Texas.
FBI Office, Dallas, Texas.
Files of Attorney [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas.
Files of U. S. District Court Clerk, San Angelo, Texas.
Files of Firm, BURCH [REDACTED], De Catur, Texas.
W. C. "BOB" GEERS, (former USM, OC), McAllen, Texas.
[REDACTED] former SA, [REDACTED] (Interviewed
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 Records of U. S. District Court Clerk's Offices,
 Seattle and Tacoma, Washington.
 FBI Office, Seattle, Wash.

WASHINGTON, D.C. Records of Department of Justice.
 Records of Federal Bureau of Investigation.
 Records of U. S. Board of Parole
 Records of Mr. JOSEPH B. KEENAN, deceased.
 Mr. CHARLES F. APPEL, Jr., former SA
 Mr. WILLIAM C. LEWIS, former US Attorney, Oklahoma City.

OKLAHOMA: U. S. District Judge EDGAR S. VAUGHT, who tried this case.
 Oklahoma Historical Society (to whom Judge Vaught gave his scrap book on this case).
 Files of U. S. Attorney
 Files of U. S. District Court Clerk.
 Files of Court Reporter, SIMPSON, who reported this case.
 Files of Clerk, Oklahoma County District Court, where armed robbery charges against BARNES & BATES were on file.
 Files of Oklahoma County Attorney's Office.
 Mr. HERBERT K. HYDE, Former USA who tried this case, Oklahoma City.
 Mr. D. E. "BILL" HODGES, Former AUSA, who tried this case. BARTLESVILLE.
 Files of [REDACTED] deceased, Enid, Oklahoma.
 Files of JAMES C. MATHERS, Tupelo, Oklahoma.
 Files of JAMES H. MATHERS, Tupelo, Oklahoma.
 Files of [REDACTED] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
 [REDACTED] former law partner of Attorney [REDACTED] deceased.
 Files of Mr. E. E. KIRKPATRICK, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
 FBI Office, Oklahoma City.

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With reference to the allegation that Mr. HOOVER, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in a recent publication, now concedes that KATHRYN THORNE KELLY did not write the ransom notes in this case, but that her "phraseology" was used; this is to advise that in a petition prepared by Mr. GUS T. JONES, and submitted to the U. S. Board of Parole during a meeting, it is stated; (with reference to the letter addressed to Mr. CHARLES F. URSCHER in Oklahoma City, postmarked 9-18, 1933 at Chicago, Illinois and on which GEORGE KELLY BARNES placed his fingerprints) "Handwriting experts at the trial in Oklahoma City testified that the above letter to Charles F. Urschel was definitely in the handwriting of Kathryn Kelly.

Even without the evidence of Geraldine Arnold and the handwriting expert testimony that Kathryn Kelly was the writer of the above quoted letter - it was quite apparent that the very theme of the letter conveyed the thoughts of Kathryn Kelly. She is not only capable of expressing her thoughts in the manner expressed in the letter, but from her record, she is fully capable of carrying out the threats made."

In connection with the hearing of this matter set for June 9, 1958, Mr. PAUL CRESS, United States Attorney in Oklahoma City, is planning to handle the matter personally. He has indicated he plans to subpoena the following individuals for the hearing:

Mr. HERBERT K. HYDE, Former U. S. Attorney who prosecuted this case, Oklahoma City.

Mr. D. E. "BILL" HODGES, Former AUSA, who assisted Mr. HYDE, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Mr. JAMES H. MATHERS, Defense Counsel for KATHRYN T. KELLY, Tupelo, Oklahoma.

_____ one of the defense attorneys during the trial of ORA L. SHANNON. _____ is a practicing attorney in _____

Mr. CHARLES F. URSCHER, San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. GUS T. JONES, _____

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Former USM W. C. GEERS, McAllen, Texas.
Former SA [REDACTED]
Mr. E. E. KIRKPATRICK, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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On May 27, 1958, Mr. CRESS obtained an affidavit from U. S. District Judge EDGAR S. VAUGHT of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, which denies allegations concerning the manner in which the trial was held.

Mr. CRESS is of the opinion that the allegation which attributes the statement to the Director concerning the handwriting of KATHRYN KELLY; refers to the statement in the petition prepared by Mr. GUS T. JONES.

On May 28, 1958, USA PAUL CRESS of Oklahoma filed a motion requesting the COURT to reconsider and to conclude that petitioners are not entitled to relief for the reason that transcripts of the records in the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals are available and show both motions to be without merit.

The motion further requests that Paragraph Five of each motion be stricken because it is indefinite. This paragraph is as follows:

"Defendant's constitutional rights were violated in other respects that will be brought to the attention of the Court when this motion is argued."

A review of this file reflects that on 10/6/33 a letter from Oklahoma City to the Director advised that a "transcript of testimony will be obtained and forwarded".

There is no indication in the Oklahoma City file that a transcript of either trial was obtained or furnished the Bureau.

In view of the fact that no record has been found of such a statement being made by the Director, or being a part of an article written by him, it is anticipated that if necessary, SAC CARROLL DOYLE will testify that records of this Bureau do not reflect such a statement, either oral or written, has been made by Director HOOVER.

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Further, if testimony is needed concerning the number of Special Agent personnel, SAC DOYLE plans to testify there were 353 Special Agents in this Bureau during 1933 and in 1934 there were 391 Special Agents.

SAC DOYLE will so testify UACB.

DOYLE

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 5-29-58

FROM :SAC, WFO (7-19)

SUBJECT:GEORGE KELLY BARNES, was., et al;
 CHARLES F. URSCHER - VICTIM
 KIDNAPING
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Reference is made to the report of SA [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] dated May 21, 1958 at Washington Field Office.

On May 22, 1958, [REDACTED] Washington,
 D. C., telephonically advised SA [REDACTED]
 that he did not possess any of the legal papers of his
 former partner, JOSEPH B. KEENAN. [REDACTED] informed
 that his partnership with JOSEPH B. KEENAN was dissolved
 prior to the death of JOSEPH B. KEENAN. [REDACTED]
 further informed that while he was associated with
 JOSEPH B. KEENAN, he never recalled seeing any transcript
 of the kidnaping case of GEORGE KELLY BARNES or KATHRYN
 KELLY.

On May 27, 1958, [REDACTED] Clerk's
 Office, United States Supreme Court, advised that the
 records of the Supreme Court failed to reflect that any
 appeal had been made to the Supreme Court by KATHRYN KELLY
 and said that the United States Supreme Court did not
 possess any transcript of the kidnaping trial of KATHRYN
 KELLY.

On May 28, 1958, [REDACTED] telephonically
 advised SA [REDACTED] that he had been able to make a
 complete search of the legal papers and books of JOSEPH
 B. KEENAN and that these papers or legal documents did not
 contain any transcript of the trial of KATHRYN KELLY or
 GEORGE KELLY BARNES. [REDACTED] further informed that
 the legal papers of Mr. KEENAN did not contain any reference
 to the kidnaping trial held in Oklahoma City during 1933
 or 1934.

As no further action remains in WFO, this matter
 is being RUC'd.

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To: SACs, OKLAHOMA CITY (7-6)
LOS ANGELES
From: Director, FBI (7-115)
GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WAS., ET AL.;
CHARLES F. URSCHEL
VIKID

Both offices suairtel by return mail brief summary current investigation to locate Luther Arnold and/or record of his death and efforts to locate transcript of trial of Kathryn Kelly.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office LOS ANGELES	Office of Origin OKLAHOMA CITY	Date 6/5/58	Investigative Period 5/22, 23, 25-29; 6/3, 4/58
TITLE OF CASE GEORGE KELLY BARNES, Was.; ET AL; CHARLES F. URSCHER - VICTIM		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed By [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPPING	

Synopsis:

Further attempts to confirm reported death of LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD, with alias Jess Akers, near Long Beach, California, about 1944 or locate relatives of ARNOLD in Los Angeles and vicinity unproductive. Death records entire state of California, 1940 - 1955 negative as to LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD. Available records do not confirm employment of GERALDINE ARNOLD as a movie actress in Hollywood under name of VIRGINIA LANE past or present. *See*

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DETAILS:

AT YERMO, CALIFORNIA

Investigation at Yermo, California was conducted by SA **[REDACTED]**

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Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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[REDACTED] Cactus Cafe, May 23, 1958, said he had been in Yermo since 1932, could not recall any [REDACTED] but recalled a man by the name of ARNOLD, who was a carpenter who worked a few months in the early 1930's for the State Highway Department and who he last saw about 1950 when he came through Yermo. [REDACTED] said he could not identify this man with LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD.

[REDACTED] State Highway Maintenance Department, said on May 23, 1958 he recalled an ARNOLD on the maintenance crew about 1933 or 1934, but had no records and could not recall his first name and could not in any way identify him as LUTHER WILLIAM ARNOLD, with alias Jess Akers.

[REDACTED] here since 1926, on May 23, 1958 claimed he could not identify ARNOLD in any way and the only [REDACTED] he recalled worked for a short time at a garage operated by [REDACTED] now deceased. [REDACTED] and her son [REDACTED] live in Long Beach, California. [REDACTED] is employed by the Union Pacific Railroad. [REDACTED] and his wife lived in Yermo for a short time and [REDACTED] did odd jobs, present whereabouts not known to [REDACTED]

The following residents of Yermo on May 23, 1958, unless otherwise indicated, stated that they could not identify ARNOLD or [REDACTED] in any manner:

[REDACTED] Postmaster;
[REDACTED] Yermo Hotel;
[REDACTED] Kenney's Market (since 1923);
Constable [REDACTED] - General Delivery;
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
General Delivery;
[REDACTED] (May 22, 1958);
[REDACTED] Union Pacific
Railroad, who searched time records back to 1932;
[REDACTED]

AT BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA

Investigation at Barstow was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] O'Donnells Funeral Home, 616 East Main, who handles death records for Barstow - Yermo areas and

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whose records go back to 1941, said on May 22, 1958 that he could not identify the ARNOLDS or [REDACTED] in any manner.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] all here since prior to 1930, stated they could not identify the ARNOLDS or [REDACTED] by name or description.

AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

All investigation at Long Beach was conducted by SA [REDACTED] unless otherwise indicated.

[REDACTED] Bureau of Vital Statistics, May 26, 1958, said she could not locate a death record identical with FLOSSIE MAE ARNOLD or FLOSSIE MAE AKERS.

A further check, May 26, 1958, of the 1929-1931 Long Beach City Directories, disclosed that during that period JOHANNES and [REDACTED] operated an auto finance business at [REDACTED], Long Beach, further identified as PAUL E. JOHANNES and [REDACTED]. A check of available 1958 Directories disclosed that JOHANNES is deceased and no listing for [REDACTED] was located.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were previously reported legal owners of an auto owned by L. W. ARNOLD in 1930.

No identifiable record was located in the Identification Files of the Long Beach Police Department, May 27, 1958, for FLOSSIE MAE ARNOLD or AKERS, GERALDINE ARNOLD or [REDACTED]

On May 29, 1958 [REDACTED] Long Beach, employed in the Union Pacific Railroad Office, Long Beach, advised SA [REDACTED] that his father formerly operated a garage in Yermo, California and employed many different men and that he himself lived in Yermo prior to 1927 and again in 1931. [REDACTED] said he could not recall ARTHUR WILLIAM ARNOLD, with alias Jess Akers, or anybody by a similar name. He did, however, recall faintly a man by the name of [REDACTED] who was around Yermo about 1931,

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but not enough to furnish a description or background. He just recalled the name because it was unusual and he associated the name [REDACTED] with a man who was a sort of "transient", who was reportedly mixed up in "bootlegging" liquor in that area. [REDACTED] added that he had no idea where [REDACTED] might be. b7C

[REDACTED] checked with his mother [REDACTED] who is over 80 years of age and a former resident of Yermo, and advised that his mother did not recall anyone identifiable with the ARNOLDS or [REDACTED] who were in the Yermo area around 1930 - 1931. Furthermore, they could not suggest any leads except checking with current residents of Yermo.

The files of the Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association, checked by SE [REDACTED] on May 26, 1958, failed to disclose a record identifiable with [REDACTED] or with GERALDINE ARNOLD, with alias Virginia Lane, actress. b7C

The current Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters records, checked on May 22, 1958 by SE [REDACTED] failed to reveal a record identifiable with [REDACTED] b7C

No listing of [REDACTED] or GERALDINE ARNOLD, with alias Virginia Lane, was located in the current telephone directories for Los Angeles and its metropolitan area. There were two VIRGINIA LANES listed, one at [REDACTED] and another at [REDACTED] but both advised on May 28, 1958 that they were not connected with GERALDINE ARNOLD nor had they ever heard of an actress who used the name of VIRGINIA LANE.

The following Hollywood sources, on dates indicated, were unable to find a record of an actress by the name of VIRGINIA LANE or GERALDINE ARNOLD, past or present:

Screen Actors Guild
7750 Sunset Boulevard (Records date from 1933)
[REDACTED] May 26, 1958; [REDACTED] June 4, 1958

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Screen Extras Guild
723 North Western Avenue
[REDACTED] May 26, 1958
(Records retained four years)

Allied Casting Agency, Inc.
5746 Sunset Boulevard
[REDACTED] May 26, 1958

Independent Casting Agency, Inc.
1523 Crossroads of the World Building
[REDACTED] (Records from 1946), June 4, 1958

Actors Equity Association
6636 Hollywood Boulevard
[REDACTED] (Stage actors records from
early 1930's), June 4, 1958

American Guild of Variety Artists (night clubs)
6513 Hollywood Boulevard
[REDACTED] (Records from mid-1940's), June 4, 1958

American Federation of Television and Radio Artists
6331 Hollywood Boulevard
[REDACTED] (Records from late 1930's), May 26, 1958

Central Casting Corporation
5504 Hollywood Boulevard
[REDACTED] May 26, 1958 (Records back to 1942)

[REDACTED] said that while he could not find a record of a VIRGINIA LANE as a movie actress he did find a record of one [REDACTED] who had been employed by one of the eight major motion picture studios in Hollywood and had been assigned an accounting "man number", 550-790. He explained that in addition to casting movie extras for the eight major studios, his corporation maintained an accounting record identification system put into effect about 1948 by the member studios. An accounting "man number" being assigned to each employee in the payroll at the time was then retained when the employee transfers from studio to studio. When first put into effect, the studio submitting the man number was not recorded. Consequently, [REDACTED] occupation and place of employment was not recorded and a check of the eight major studios would

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have to be made to locate the employment record, as it was possible that she may have been employed at more than one studio.

The following payroll sources at the studios associated with Central Casting Corporation advised on May 27, 1958, unless otherwise indicated, that no record could be located identifiable with VIRGINIA LANE or GERALDINE ARNOLD:

Warner Brothers, [REDACTED]

Republic, [REDACTED]

Universal International, [REDACTED]
May 28, 1958

MGM, [REDACTED]

20th Century Fox, [REDACTED]

Paramount, Captain [REDACTED]

Columbia Pictures Corporation, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
RKO - Radio Pictures, who maintains office space at Desilu Studios, 780 North Gower Street, Hollywood, on May 27 - 28, 1958 advised that they could not identify a VIRGINIA LANE, actress, with alias Geraldine Arnold, on their payrolls and that the VIRGINIA LANE referred to by Central Casting Corporation was a [REDACTED] a publicist, employed October 30, 1941 and terminated July 13, 1948. She was also known as [REDACTED]. The only address listed was [REDACTED] which address is obsolete.

[REDACTED] former head of RKO Publicity Department and now with 20th Century Fox Studios, knew [REDACTED] according to [REDACTED]

On May 28, 1958 [REDACTED] advised that he had known [REDACTED] for many years and that this

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was her true name but she had a "nickname" of [REDACTED]. She had never been an actress but a publicist until a few years ago when she became a nun and she is currently in Rome, Italy teaching school. She would be somewhere in her mid 40's as to age. He added that he was unable to identify any actress by the name of VIRGINIA LANE, also known as Geraldine Arnold.

On the basis of available information, no record identifiable with a VIRGINIA LANE, actress, also known as Geraldine Arnold, was located in the identification files of the Los Angeles Police Department, checked May 26, 1958 at the request of SE [REDACTED] or in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, checked by SE [REDACTED] on May 26, 1958.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (7-115)

DATE: 6/5/58

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (7-19)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KELLY BARNES, Was.; ET AL;
CHARLES F. URSCHER - VICTIM
KIDNAPPING

OO: OKLAHOMA CITY

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy, and for
Oklahoma City three copies of the report of SA [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] dated as above at Los Angeles.

REFERENCES

Report of SA [REDACTED] b7C dated 5/19/58 at Dallas.
Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 5/21/58 at Los Angeles.
Oklahoma City airtel to Los Angeles dated 5/22/58.
Los Angeles airtels to Oklahoma City dated 6/3/58 and
Bureau dated 6/4/58.
Bureau airtel to Los Angeles and Oklahoma City dated 6/3/58.

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[REDACTED] who has an extensive
personal knowledge of actresses in Hollywood past and
present advised on 5/28/58 that he could not identify
an actress by the name of VIRGINIA LANE or similar spelling,
or GERALDINE ARNOLD, reported to have worked as a movie
actress in California ten or 15 years ago.

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AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Attempt to obtain, from any logical sources
available, additional information on GERALDINE ARNOLD which
might aid in locating her.

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- 2-Oklahoma City (Encls.3)
- 1-Los Angeles

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TO: OKLAHOMA CITY

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WAS, ET AL, CHARLES F. URSCHER, VIKID.
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FBI REPORTS. THIS APPEARS GENERAL REQUEST AND NO SPECIFIC
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SITUATION USA SHOULD CONFER DIRECTLY WITH DEPARTMENT.
YOU SHOULD HAVE AVAILABLE FROM REVIEW OF REPORTS ANY
MATERIAL THAT APPEARS OBJECTIONABLE AND NOT SUITABLE
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Mr. Nease _____
Mr. Parsons _____
Mr. Rosen ☒ _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Mr. Clayton _____
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Miss Gandy _____

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC OKLAHOMA CITY 2P

GEORGE KELLY BARNES, WAS ET AL, CHARLES F. URSCHEL, VIKID. REBUTEL
JUNE FOURTEEN. ON NIGHT OF JUNE THIRTEEN, USA CRESS RECEIVED TELE-
GRAM FROM DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTING THAT HE PREPARE A STATEMENT RE NO
INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED OF DEFENSE ATTORNEYS AND TO PLEAD RULE THREE
TWO TWO NINE MONDAY JUNE SIXTEEN. ON JUNE FOURTEEN, USA CRESS CONFERRED
INFORMALLY WITH USDJ W. R. WALLACE RE SUBMISSION OF AFFIDAVIT STATING
NO INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED OF DEFENSE ATTORNEYS. JUDGE WALLACE STATED
THAT IF USA CRESS HAD SO STATED AT TIME ISSUE AROSE, THE JUDGE WOULD
HAVE ACCEPTED IT. JUDGE STATED TOO MUCH PUBLICITY HAS ARISEN AND
THE ISSUE IS TOO GREAT FOR HIM TO ACCEPT SUCH AFFIDAVIT NOW. JUDGE
STATED ONLY ALTERNATIVE IS FOR COURT TO INSPECT REPORTS. JUDGE
HAS PREVIOUSLY STATED IN MOTION THAT EITHER FBI AGENT OR USA CRESS
WOULD HAVE TO TESTIFY RE ISSUE OF INVESTIGATION OF DEFENSE COUNSEL

Mr. Rosen

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OR JUDGE FELT IN CAMERA INSPECTION OF FBI REPORTS SHOULD BE MADE.

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cc: MR. ROSEN
AND SUPERVISOR
INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

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