

Tulsa, Oklahoma
October 14, 1933.

b7c I, Geraldine Arnold, make the following voluntary statement to [redacted] Special Agent, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice:

As previously related, I first made the acquaintance of Kathryn Kelly with my parents on Labor Day, September 4, 1933 on the highway at Itasca, Texas, and later met George Kelly at Cass Coleman's place at Coleman, Texas, at which time I accompanied George and Kathryn Kelly to San Antonio, Texas, in a light Ford pickup truck. The three of us returned to a place, five or six miles of Santa Anna, Texas to visit Cass Coleman's daughter. At this place, we changed cars and from there the three of us proceeded to Chicago, Illinois in a model A Ford Coupe. After reaching Chicago, Kathryn and George rented an apartment which they gave up the same day going to the Astra Apartments, where we remained several days before going to see Joe Bangle, where Kelly obtained \$200., a bottle of whiskey and a new 1933 Chevrolet Sedan. George and Kathryn Kelly and myself left Chicago, Illinois in this car about 11:30 a.m. Friday, September 22, 1933, and arrived at Memphis, Tenn. about 1:00 a.m., September 23, 1933, going directly to John Tichenor's house on Bayner Street, Memphis, Tennessee. George Kelly called him 'Tich', and on the trip from Chicago George made fun of 'Tich'. He told Kathryn that Tich was a very funny looking man, ugly, and was crippled in one of his legs, and paralyzed on one side. George Kelly said he was a nice fellow and that was where the three of us were to stop after reaching Memphis. After getting to Tichenor's house, Kelly got out of the car and rapped on the door and getting no response he walked in the house. George Kelly returned and told Kathryn and myself to get out of the car and come into the house. Tichenor was in bed and did not get up. The same morning about 8:00 o'clock Tichenor went out of the house and returned shortly after with Langford Ramsey. I heard George Kelly tell Ramsey that he wanted him to drive to Cass Coleman's place at Coleman, Texas and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and to take me with him, as I knew the place at Cass Coleman's, and would act as identification for Ramsey. In the beginning Kelly said he would go with Ramsey to Coleman's and get out of the car about a mile from the place, where he would put on some old clothes and then go to the cotton patch and dig up the money he had buried there. After talking some more, Kelly said it might be better that he not go as the place might be surrounded with officers. Kathryn Kelly told Ramsey that Coleman had her furs and to get them, and also make inquiry for her little Pekinese dog, Sammie, and if located to take it along. Kathryn Kelly told me several times during the day that she was going to send me with Ramsey to her uncle, Cass Coleman. I told her I was not crazy about going, but agreed to accompany Ramsey. Kathryn told Ramsey that after visiting the Coleman farm, he was to go with me to the Ryan Rooms at 126½ Reno Street, Oklahoma City.

and ask for my mother who was to be there under the name of Mrs. M. L. Ramsey that if she was not there to see her father, Mr. Brooks, and if he could not be located to go to a pay station telephone and call my father, L. E. Ramsey, who was supposed to be at the Mirvina Hotel, Oklahoma City, and arrange to meet him about the money. I left Memphis with Mr. Ramsey on Sunday morning about 6:00 o'clock in George Kelly's 1935 Chevrolet Sedan, which he got from Joe Bergle at Chicago, Illinois. Before leaving George Kelly, Tishenor and Ramsey went out to the car and changed the Illinois license plates and replaced them with Arkansas license plates.

We reached Cass Coleman's place at 9 o'clock the next morning, Monday, September 25, 1935. I got out of the car and walked on the porch and peered through the window to see if Cass Coleman was up. The lights were on. I noticed Cass Coleman coming around the end of the house. He recognized me, and said I know what you are after. He returned to the car with me. I got in the car and Cass Coleman then talked to Ramsey. Ramsey said he came after Katheryn's furs. Coleman said it was best that we did not take them. Ramsey told Coleman to get the buried money and take it to a place about a hundred miles from Coleman, Texas and there meet George Kelly on a certain night (unknown) at midnight, that if he could not get there that night, he was to continue going to the place every night thereafter until he met Kelly, that Coleman was to take some of his family along as a disguise. Coleman told Ramsey that it could not be done, because the place was surrounded by the law. Coleman told Ramsey to tell Katheryn and George to stay away from his place, because he did not want him and his family to get killed. Ramsey asked Coleman if he and I could stay at his place until daylight. Coleman said no, to go away quickly because just after we would leave the law would be up to see him, and question him about us. Ramsey then drove me to Fort Worth, Texas and he sent two telegrams. One to my father at Oklahoma City, and the other one to Tishenor. Ramsey wanted me to return with him to Memphis, Tenn. but I refused. He said it would cost too much money that he would take me in the car to Oklahoma City. I told him that I would pay my own way, out of \$20. that Katheryn had given to me. Ramsey bought me a ticket on the train to Oklahoma City, and he told me that he would drive the car to Oklahoma City. On arrival at Oklahoma City, I was met by my father and mother at the station, and with them went to Mr. Colvin's apartment in Oklahoma City where I gave him all the information regarding the trip.

As my father and mother and myself were leaving the room in the Wallis Robert Hotel in Oklahoma City, I noticed Ramsey. He talked to my father a little bit and then left, and said he was going to drive to Memphis, Tenn. He asked me if I was going with him to Memphis and I said no, and my father told him that I could not go back with him.

While at Tichenor's house, I heard George Kelly, Langford Ramsey and John Tichenor speak about the kidnaping, while they were drinking some whiskey and gin. Tichenor told George that it was a good thing that he came when he did because had he and Kathryn come a few days later they would have found his wife there. I also saw Tichenor come to the house with a pistol for George Kelly. George Kelly gave him the money for the pistol and I heard Tichenor tell Kelly that there was a better pistol but that it cost more money. George Kelly took the pistol apart and examined it and said it would do.

I can read and write, and after reading this statement over consisting of two pages, each of which bears my signature, I say it is true.

Geralene Arnold.

This statement was made in the presence of
and witnessed by the parents of Geralene Arnold.
Mrs. L. W. Arnold L. W. Arnold."

The original and copy of signed statement secured from Geralene Arnold, and copy of signed statement of Cass Coleman, were forwarded to the Birmingham Division Office by letter. The original statement of Cass Coleman was sent direct by letter to the United States Attorney at Memphis, Tennessee.

Witnesses, Mrs. Luther Arnold and Geralene Arnold, returned from Memphis, Tennessee to Dallas, Texas on the evening of October 22, 1933 and at the present time are located in Dallas, Texas.

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