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Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that there have been so many versions of the apprehension of George R. Kelly and Katherine Kelly on the morning of September 26, 1933, by Police Officers and newspapers, I feel that it is in order that I give you the details as I saw them.

→ On arriving at 1408 Rayner Street, the home in which Kelly and wife were supposed to be hiding, Agent in Charge W. A. Rorer instructed me to enter the house from the front with he and Detective Sergeant [redacted]. Agent [redacted] was instructed to remain on the outside and assist Sergeants [redacted] and [redacted] in covering the sides of the house. Patrolmen [redacted] and [redacted] had been instructed to cover the rear of the house.

When Agent in Charge Rorer, Sergeant [redacted] and this agent arrived at the front door we found that it was open and immediately entered the front living room. On entering this room it was noticed that a door on the right led into a bedroom. Agent Rorer and Sergeant [redacted] reached this door first and Sergeant [redacted] covered Tichenor and Travis who were asleep in this room. Agent Rorer, noticing that neither of these men were Kelly, told this agent to remain there and he rushed to the back of the house through the kitchen. As Agent Rorer left for the back of the house, Kelly came into view, having approached from the back bedroom. He was immediately covered by Sergeant [redacted] who was the nearest to him, and agent then covered Tichenor and Travis. At about this time agent [redacted] glanced into the nback bedroom and saw Katherine Kelly in bed and noticed that Agent Rorer had entered the back bedroom and was covering Katherine.

Agent was at the right of Sergeant [redacted] at the time that Kelly approached from the rear bedroom, and agent at no time saw any gun in the possession of Kelly, nor did agent hear [redacted] command him to drop a gun. Soon after Kelly had been handcuffed, Sergeant [redacted] found the 45 Colt Automatic lying on a sewing machine in the hall, and he stated that he believed that Kelly had placed it there when he realized that the house was surrounded and that he had no chance to escape.

Within five minutes after Kelly had been handcuffed Sergeant [redacted] stated to this agent that Kelly gave him no opportunity to shoot; that he did not see Kelly with a gun and that he showed no resistance.

It was evident to agent that Agent in Charge Rorer did not

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see Kelly until he was standing with his hands up and therefor did not have an opportunity to shoot him.

Today Sergeant [REDACTED] advised me that he entered the house from the front just after Agent Rorer, Sergeant [REDACTED] and this agent entered it. Until today I did not know this, but I do know that he arrived in the front bedroom in time to put the handcuffs on Kelly.

Everything happened in just a few moments and it is difficult to be sure of all the details, but I have set them out as I saw them.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]  
Special Agent.

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