

REVEALED THE EXTORTIONIST TO BE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REPORT SUBJECT MENTALLY ILL AND SUFFERING FROM DELUSIONS. SUBJECT SERVED IN GERMAN WAR TRIALS FOLLOWING WAR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUBJECT ALSO DIRECTED ANXIOUS LETTERS TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN, SECRETARY OF STATE, HALLER JOHNSON, AND BING CROSBY. [REDACTED] IN FIRST LETTER TO VICTIM, SUBJECT ASKED FOR ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

TO BE USED TO HELP GERMAN CHILDREN. [REDACTED] WEST VANCOUVER POLICE TO TAKE ACTION TO HAVE SUBJECT TREATED. WEST VANCOUVER PD HAS TAKEN STEPS TO HAVE [REDACTED] DESIGN COMMITTAL PAPERS TO HAVE SUBJECT TREATED AT JESSUP HOSPITAL, NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C. SUBJECT WILL BE EXAMINED THIS DATE BY [REDACTED]

DESCRIBED BORN [REDACTED] ON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SIX FEET THREE INCHES, [REDACTED]

BROWN EYES, DARK COMPLEXION, NO SCARS

[REDACTED] FIVE MONTH OLD SON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]



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COMM BUREAU TO LOS ANGELES FROM NEW YORK  
DIRECTOR AND SAC RECENT

RE: SUBJECT, HARRIET DIETRICH, VICTIM, EXTORTION. VICTIM  
TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] LEARNED FROM [REDACTED] THAT  
[REDACTED] CONTACT WITH LATTER BY LOS ANGELES SPECIAL AGENTS TODAY  
[REDACTED] RECEIVED TWO SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTERS FROM WINCHESTER, D.  
MISS DIETRICH STATES SHE INSTRUCTED [REDACTED] TO TURN LETTERS OVER  
TO LOS ANGELES DIVISION TOMORROW MORNING IN ORDER TO PREVENT  
POSSIBLE LATENTS. [REDACTED] WILL OBTAIN LETTERS AND FORWARD  
SAME TO LAB FOR APPROPRIATE EXAM.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CASE NO. 1 CASE ORIGINATED AT <b>NEW YORK</b>		FILE NO. <b>9-423</b>	
REPORT MADE AT <b>SEATTLE, WASHINGTON</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/29/48</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/2,3/48</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE <b>[REDACTED]</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>
NAME OF DISTRICT - VICTIM <b>[REDACTED]</b>			

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation reveals subject to be [REDACTED] Vancouver, B. C. Subject described [REDACTED] as mentally ill as result of witnessing German war trials. Subject admitted sending extortion letters and telegrams to victim. [REDACTED] signed committal papers. Subject examined by two doctors and committed to Rossmore Hospital, New Westminster, B. C. for psychiatric treatment.

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**REFERENCE:**

Teletype from New York dated March 29, 1948, captioned "Unknown Subject, KARLENE LISTRICH - Victim, EXTORTION."  
 Teletype from the Bureau dated March 30, 1948.  
 Teletype from Los Angeles dated March 31, 1948.  
 Teletype to Bureau and New York dated April 3, 1948.  
 Teletype from New York dated April 5, 1948.

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 DETAILS:  
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**AT VANCOUVER, B. C.**

The writer contacted [REDACTED] who checked [REDACTED] in an effort to locate information concerning the writer of the extortion message with negative results.

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A check of the Vancouver, B. C. City Directory revealed several individuals by the name of [REDACTED] living in West Vancouver, B. C.

Sergeant [REDACTED], of the West Vancouver Police Department, was interviewed by the writer and he advised that he was well acquainted with [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] He stated that he has known [REDACTED] for a number of years and would personally vouch for his reliability. Sergeant [REDACTED] and the writer contacted [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] believed the writer of the extortion notice to the victim in this case to be [REDACTED] who presently lives at [REDACTED] Vancouver, B. C. He stated that [REDACTED] has been acting very strange during the past two or three months and that the family has been endeavoring to obtain his permission to make an appointment for him at the SHAUNESSEY Army Hospital for examination by a Psychiatrist but that [REDACTED] has consistently refused to be examined.

[REDACTED] and the writer contacted [REDACTED] who advised that they had no personal knowledge that the writer of the extortion messages was [REDACTED] They advised that [REDACTED] has acted rather strange since he returned from German war trials and has uttered statements which show a great skepticism of the present condition of world affairs.

[REDACTED] very glad to sign consensual papers to have subject taken to Escondale Hospital, New Westminster, for nervous, psychiatric treatment. They stated that [REDACTED] was greatly disturbed by the actions of [REDACTED] and had become desperate. They stated that she would be willing to cooperate in this matter and would sign consensual papers to have the subject examined.

[REDACTED] was contacted at the home of [REDACTED] and she verified the facts which

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b7C have been previously related by [REDACTED]

b7C [REDACTED]  
Sergeant [REDACTED] obtained the necessary papers which must be filed in order to commit a person to Escondale Hospital for examination and they were filled out by [REDACTED]

Sergeant [REDACTED] made arrangements with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as well as Magistrate [REDACTED] to be present at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 3, 1948, when subject would be brought to the Police Station and examined by the Doctors and the Magistrate.

Subject was examined by the above-mentioned persons and found to be in need of hospitalization and the necessary papers were filed committing the subject to Escondale Mental Institution at New Westminster, B. C. for psychiatric treatment.

The writer had an opportunity to talk to the subject and he gave the appearance of suffering from delusions which apparently was the result of his war experience.

He admitted having written the instant letters and also stated that he had written abusive letters to President TRUMAN, Secretary of State MARSHALL, WALTER WINCHELL and KING CROSBY. He refused to divulge the contents of these letters. Subject stated that on March 15, 1948, everything was going to be changed by him and that he would be able to personally stop the Russians.

The subject was described as follows:

Full name  
Address  
Race  
Place of birth  
Date of birth  
Height

b7C [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Height	195 pounds
Education	High school
Complexion	Dark
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Dark
Scars and marks	none
Peculiarities	has difficulty sleeping.
Relatives	[REDACTED], wife, same address [REDACTED] son, age 5 months
Religion	Baptist

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **9-1085**

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/22/48</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/31/48</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE <b>MARLENE DIETRICH - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[REDACTED] in Los Angeles furnished two letters from [REDACTED] postmarked February 11 and March 10, 1948, at Vancouver. The first letter is a short note generally incoherent and the second letter requested \$100,000 but contained no threats. Letters furnished to the Bureau on 3/31/48.

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**REFERENCE:** Teletype from New York dated 3/29/48.  
Teletype to New York dated 3/30/48.  
Teletype to New York dated 3/31/48.

**DETAILS:**

[REDACTED] Paramount Studios, advised that she was in charge of all the mail received addressed to MARLENE DIETRICH in care of Paramount Studios. During the absence of Miss DIETRICH she stated that she reviewed the mail and only forwarded that which would be of particular interest to Miss DIETRICH. She caused a review of all the past mail for the month of January, February, March and April to be made since she had not discarded it as yet, and this search revealed that Miss DIETRICH had received two letters from [REDACTED] Vancouver, British Columbia. One was postmarked February 11, 1948, and the other was postmarked March 10, 1948. They had been opened by Mrs. [REDACTED] or her husband who assisted her. The first letter contained no message of interest to this investigation but the second letter, which was five, large, single-spaced typewritten pages, contained a request for \$100,000. The original of these letters were forwarded to the Bureau by letter dated March 31, 1948, and copies

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were furnished to New York and Seattle the same day. For this reason and to conserve typing, the letters are not being set out in this report.

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Form No. 1  
AS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. **9-1442**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>JUN 18 1948</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/29, 30, 4/2, 5/48</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>
TITLE <b>MARLENE DIETRICH - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

MARLENE DIETRICH, screen actress, received letter on March 24, 1948 at NYC from person in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, in which her life was threatened. Investigation disclosed author of letter to be a mentally ill Canadian who was subsequently committed to Institution at Westminister, British Columbia for psychiatric treatment. Facts presented to USA, SDNY who declined prosecution.

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## REFERENCES:

New York letter to Bureau dated 3/30/48.  
Los Angeles teletype to New York dated 4/1/48.  
Seattle teletype to New York dated 4/3/48.  
Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/29/48 at Seattle, Washington.

## DETAILS:

At New York

This case is predicated upon information received by the New York Office on March 29, 1948 from Mr. SOL A. ROSENBLATT, 630 5th Avenue, New York, New York that his client Miss MARLENE DIETRICH, the movie star, had received a threatening letter through the U. S. Mails. He declared that Miss DIETRICH had arrived in New York City from Hollywood on February 15, 1948 and was staying

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at the Plaza Hotel, 5th Avenue and Central Park South, with her husband, Mr. RUDOLPH SIEBER.

Miss DIETRICH was interviewed at her suite in the Plaza by the reporting agent at which time she turned over the note in question. She advised that upon her arrival from the coast she had stayed at the St. Regis Hotel, 5th Avenue and 55th Street, until March 6, 1948 when she moved to The Plaza. Her sojourn at the St. Regis, to which the note was sent, was publicized in the syndicated gossip columns. Miss DIETRICH advised that in addition to the threatening letter she was in receipt of two Western Union telegrams which might be connected with the extortion note.

These communications, i.e., the original threatening letter, accompanying envelope and the two telegrams, are described below. It is noted that they were all forwarded for appropriate examination to the FBI Laboratory by the New York Office letter of March 30, 1948.

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1) Western Union telegram dated March 11, 1948 at 4:26 PM sent from West Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, extra collect, via Hollywood, California, addressed to Miss DIETRICH, care of Famous Artists Corporation, her agents, 510 5th Avenue, New York City. It was signed [redacted] and reads:

"POSSIBLY MY RECENT COMMUNICATION DID NOT REACH YOUR HANDS AND HAVE TODAY TRANSMITTED ANOTHER MORE COMPREHENSIVE BY AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY . AND MARKED CONFIDENTIAL AND PERSONAL STOP REASONABLY IMPORTANT."

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2) Western Union telegram dated March 18, 1948, also sent from West Vancouver, British Columbia via Beverly Hills, California, addressed to Miss DIETRICH at Hotel St. Regis. This wire is also signed [redacted] and reads:

"MY TYPEWRITER IS IDLE STILLED BY YOUR PERSISTENT SILENCE STOP WHY MUST YOU LET ADOLPH SUFFER STOP HE COULD BE VERY PROUD OF YOU."



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3) The threatening letter, undated, typed, addressed to Miss DIETRICH at the St. Regis Hotel and signed "Guess, Marlene, Guess". This letter was enclosed in an envelope postmarked at Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada at 10 PM on March 21, 1948 and restamped on the back at New York, New York on March 24, 1948 at 1:30 PM. It bears a Grand Central Station flag. The address is hand printed in rough fashion in ink to Miss DIETRICH at St. Regis Hotel, New York City, and her name is misspelled as "Miss MARLEN DIETRICH", contrary to the correct spelling of the victim's name set forth in the letter itself and the wires. It is noted that the letter is replete with foul language, contains a threat to Miss DIETRICH's life and its author makes references to earlier communications which Miss DIETRICH advised had never actually reached her personally.

Because of the foul and caustic nature of the note, it will not be set forth herein. The original documents are on file at the Bureau and photographic copies are being maintained in the case file of this office.

Miss DIETRICH stated that when she received the letter on Wednesday, March 24, 1948, she disregarded it at first as the work of a crank or a psychopath. However, after discussing it with her husband and friends, she began to think there might be something to it because it is cleverly written. She became concerned and determined to advise the Bureau.

The above telegrams were initially also discounted by her as probably sent by some writer who had forwarded her a manuscript to be read. However, when she noted they also were from Vancouver, British Columbia, she thought they might have been sent by the author of the threatening letter. It is to be noted that the letter gave Miss DIETRICH up to noon on Thursday, March 25, 1948, to make her choice either to assist the writer or die. No return address or place to which she was to communicate was set forth.

Miss DIETRICH declared that she has never been in Vancouver, B. C., knows nobody there, and the name [REDACTED] means nothing at all to her. She reiterated that she knows nothing about any prior correspondence referred to in the above communications although she declared letters may have been sent to her in Hollywood and not forwarded on to New York. Nothing in the letter or telegrams gives her any idea as to what the author is driving at or who he is. b7c

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It was ascertained that mail from personal friends is usually sent to her wherever she is staying as they know her whereabouts. In Hollywood, she would get personal mail at the Shoreham Apartments, Shoreham Drive. All other mail such as fan letters are usually sent to her mother, addressed Marlene Dietrich, Hollywood or U. S. A., or at Paramount Studios. The latter mail is all handled by [redacted] Hair Dressing Department, Paramount Studios, Hollywood. [redacted] reads this mail, selects anything that might appeal to Miss DIETRICH or anything extraordinary and forwards it to Miss DIETRICH. To date, nothing that might pertain to the above communications has been sent on. Miss DIETRICH declared that her daily mail usually numbers 1,000 letters. She stated that she had wired [redacted] to examine all mail in her possession, extract all letters from Vancouver, British Columbia, and send them to her. She advised that at present her picture, "Golden Earrings", is being shown in the U. S. A. and Canada. She has never been in the latter country. b7U

Miss DIETRICH declared that instant letter has been handled by herself; by Mr. ERICH MARIA REMARQUE, the writer who lives at the Ambassador Hotel, New York City, and by [redacted] the writer. b7U

She stated that she has been fingerprinted several times in connection with her tours with the U. S. Armed Forces and that she knows all the foregoing have been fingerprinted in connection with their becoming U. S. citizens.

She advised that although during her career she has received many vicious letters from psychopaths and cranks this is the first that threatened her life.

The Laboratory was requested to examine enclosed letter for latent fingerprints using the fingerprints of the above, if such were available in the Identification Division, for elimination purposes. It was also requested that the handprinting on enclosed envelope and the typing on the threatening letter be searched through the Anonymous Letter File for possible identification.

By letter of March 30, 1943 the Los Angeles Division was instructed to contact [redacted] and interview her in regard to any correspondence from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada addressed to the b7U



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victim that might be connected with instant case. Miss DIETRICH gave authority to have any letters or other communications in possession of [REDACTED] possibly pertaining to the author of the note obtained from her forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate examination. b7C

The Seattle Division was instructed to conduct investigation at Vancouver or West Vancouver, British Columbia to identify the [REDACTED] who might be identical with the author of the threatening note.

On April 1, 1948 the Los Angeles Office advised that two letters had been obtained from [REDACTED] postmarked at Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada on February 11, 1948 at 3:00 PM and March 10, 1948 signed by [REDACTED] Vancouver, British Columbia.

Because of the length of these communications and the rambling nature of them, they will not be set forth herein. It is noted that the letter of February 11, 1948 is an incoherent note and the letter of March 10, 1948 is extremely lengthy in which the author [REDACTED] says he has the power to prevent the Third World War and requests \$100,000.00 from Miss DIETRICH to be used by him in writing a book. b7C

By report of April 6, 1948 the FBI Laboratory advised that nothing of significance was noted in the comparison with the Anonymous Letter File of the letter obtained from Miss DIETRICH by the reporting agent and those, set forth above, which were forwarded by Los Angeles to the Laboratory on March 31, 1948. By letter of April 13, 1948 the Laboratory reported that the latent fingerprint examination was negative.

On April 3, 1948 the Seattle Division advised by teletype that investigation at West Vancouver, British Columbia had revealed that the writer of the above notes to Miss DIETRICH was one [REDACTED] reported [REDACTED] was mentally ill and suffering from delusions. He served in Germany during the War trials following the end of hostilities. b7C

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Seattle advised that [redacted] and [redacted] requested the West Vancouver Police to take action to have the subject treated for his mental illness. Examination of subject by doctors in Vancouver, British Columbia, resulted in the conclusion that he needed hospitalization and he was committed to Essoudale Mental Institution at New Westminster, British Columbia for psychiatric treatment. b7C

Details of the investigation at Vancouver are set forth in referenced report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 29, 1948 at Seattle, Washington. b7C

The facts of this case were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney AMEDEO L. LAURITANO of the Southern District of New York on April 2, 1948. On examination of the letter received by Miss DIETRICH on March 24, 1948, Mr. LAURITANO was of the opinion that this letter was written by a psychopath and that he should be located, if possible, and warned about sending such communications through the mails. He declared he would not render any final opinion until he had an opportunity to read the letters obtained by the Los Angeles Office from [redacted] and was advised as to the results of the inquiry at Vancouver, British Columbia. Mr. LAURITANO declared that a review of the treaty between Canada and the United States would be necessary to determine whether this was an extraditable offense. b7C

On April 8, 1948 the Los Angeles letters and results of the investigation at Vancouver were furnished to Mr. LAURITANO at which time he declined prosecution because of the mental state of the subject.

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[REDACTED] b7C  
Provincial Mental Hospital  
Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada

Dear Mr. Coo:

I have received your letter of October 19, 1948,  
advising of the release of your patient, [REDACTED] b7C

Thank you kindly for making this information  
available to me.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc - New York (with copy of incoming)  
Los Angeles  
Seattle

This is for information in connection with the matter  
entitled [REDACTED] Marlene Dietrich, Victim,  
Extortion [REDACTED]

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FORM 1, NEW BRUNSWICK 2500

**Provincial Mental Hospital**  
ERSKINDALE, N.C.  
CANADA

October 19th, 1948.

The Superintendent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

The above named was admitted to this  
Hospital from West Vancouver, B.C. on April 3, 1948.  
I am given to understand that his admission was pre-  
cipitated by the fact that the patient was investigated  
by one of your officers as a result of certain threaten-  
ing letters he had written to Marlene Dietrich. I  
regret that I am unable to give you more specific  
information other than the above.

He received a course of intensive  
treatment in the hospital and his symptoms have entirely  
disappeared. He has developed good insight, and has been  
discharged from the hospital into the care of his wife on  
October 13th.

If your office requires any further  
information, I will be glad to hear from you.

Yours truly,

[Redacted signature block]

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Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy



# STAR FEARS KIDNAPERS

CHICAGO, July 14 (U.S.A.)—Marlene Dietrich, cinema star, was in Chicago today bound for Europe and—with the help of her 13-year-old daughter, Maria, and Maria's bodyguard—gave the reporters and photographers a lively time.

When the party arrived, Miss Dietrich came out of the train alone and kept everybody busy by talking and posing, while Maria and her guard sneaked out the other end of the train and plunged into a cab which took them to the New York train. The photographers, caught up later, but couldn't pass the guard. So they asked Miss Dietrich why they couldn't photograph Maria. The actress said:

"I'd love to have you do it, save for one thing. You all know there were threats once to kidnap Maria. I'm still worried about it. That's the reason for the guard and that's the reason I don't want Maria photographed. Take more pictures of me if you want to."

They did.

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- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

# U. S. Investigates Hollywood Threats

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. (U.S.)—Threats to Colleen Moore and Marlene Dietrich, film stars, were investigated today by the Department of Justice. E. E. Sachett, acting director of the department's Los Angeles division, assumed command of the case shortly after the terrorist plot was revealed dramatically by Universal Service. It was reported, Miss Dietrich had received a letter, some one telephone call from two different men and in one telephone call had been urged to join a group of men.

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## A high-contrast, black and white photograph of a person, possibly a soldier or performer, standing in a dark, textured environment. The person is wearing a hat and patterned clothing. The image is heavily degraded with horizontal lines and noise.

**MARLENE DIETRICH**  
"Take Some Pictures of Me"

CHICAGO, Jan. 17 (U.S.A.)—Mariene Duvach, cinema star, came to Chicago today bound from Europe and—with the help of her 17-year-old daughter, Maria, and Maria's bodyguard—gave the reporters and photographers a five-minute time.

When the party arrived, Miss Dietrich came out of the train alone and kept everybody busy by talking and posing, while Maria and her guard sneaked out the other end of the train and plunged into a cab which took them to the New York train. The photographers caught up later, but couldn't get the guard. So they asked Miss Dietrich why they couldn't photograph Maria. The actress said: "I don't know what that

"I'd love to have you do it, save for one thing. You all know there was a third man besides Maria. You all worried about it. That's the reason for the guard and that's the reason I don't want Maria's picture grabbed. Tell me more pictures of you if you want it."

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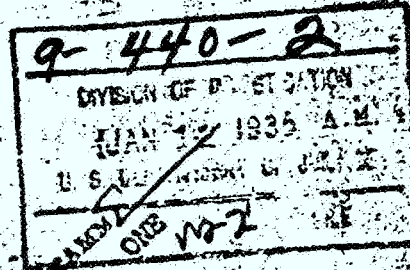


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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telegram from this office to the Division yesterday, advising that the newspaper publicity of yesterday to the effect that Miss Colleen Moore and Miss Marlene Dietrich, motion picture stars, had received kidnaping threats was without foundation.

This matter was noticed in the Los Angeles Examiner yesterday morning, which carried a story on the front page, intimating that the above named stars had received kidnaping threats.

Acting Agent in Charge Sackett contacted Miss Colleen Moore, who stated that she had not received any letters of any kind containing any threats whatever; that during the past several weeks she did receive several anonymous telephone calls, warning her to keep a doll house, which she is building for the benefit of charity by exhibiting same throughout the country, off the streets. However, according to Miss Moore, the unknown male person telephoning did not demand any money, nor did he threaten Miss Moore in any manner. Miss Moore is not in the least apprehensive and has for sometime employed armed guards. She agreed to immediately notify this office should she receive any threats which would come within jurisdiction of this Division. This matter was explained to Miss Moore in detail.

Captain McCaleb of the West Los Angeles Police Department had already contacted Miss Marlene Dietrich, who resides in West Los Angeles, and she informed the Captain that she did not receive any letters whatever of a threatening nature, nor did she receive any telephone calls, and that the newspaper publicity to the effect that she was threatened is absolutely without foundation. Miss Dietrich was furnished with the Los Angeles Division Office address and telephone number and agreed to notify this office, as well as Captain McCaleb in the event she receives any threatening letters or any other threats. It was also determined



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that Miss Dietrich has, for the past year, been employing five armed guards at her home so that she is constantly under protection, but this action was not due to any specific threats she received, but was merely as a precautionary measure.

The newspaper publicity is, therefore, without any foundation and Acting Agent in Charge Sackett has determined that the same resulted when Miss Colleen Moore confidentially informed one of the reporters for the Los Angeles Examiner that she had received telephone calls with respect to her doll house, and that Miss Dietrich was renting her, Miss Moore's place in Los Angeles and that she may have possibly received the same kind of telephone calls. The reporter thereupon wrote the story which appeared in the press which, of course, is without foundation.

The above is being submitted for your information.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. Dunn  
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Special Agent in Charge.

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## Police Guard Two Stars After Abduction Threats

By RUSSELL J. BIRDWELL  
HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 7 (U.P.).  
Two of Hollywood's most famous stars are under armed guard following a series of threatening messages during the past several days.  
They are Colleen Moore and Marlene Dietrich. It was learned exclusively by Universal Service tonight.  
Not only have the actresses engaged personal body guards and placed sawed-off shotguns in their automobiles to frustrate any kidnapping attempt, but their homes

have been assigned policemen during the night hours.  
Both Miss Dietrich and Miss Moore feared an abduction plot. The German star, worried for the safety of her small daughter, Marie, has increased to five the number of guards that constantly patrol about her home in West Los Angeles.  
Miss Moore, whose Beverly Hills home resembles an armed camp, reported the threat to Chief of Police Charles Egan of Beverly Hills last Friday after she had received four menacing calls.

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# **Crank Suspected in Plot Against Screen Actress**

By United Press

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—Reports that Marlene Dietrich and Colleen Moore were targets of recent threats brought to the attention of Justice Department agents today.

Acting Chief Agent R. E. Sackett planned to confer with the two actresses in an effort to learn if some crank had not telephoned Miss Moore threatening to destroy her famous "doll house" and wipe her out as a "strange woman." Miss Dietrich, a target of the threats, was not present.

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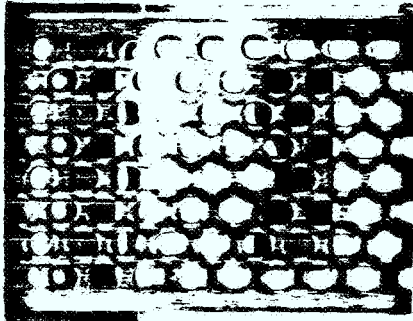
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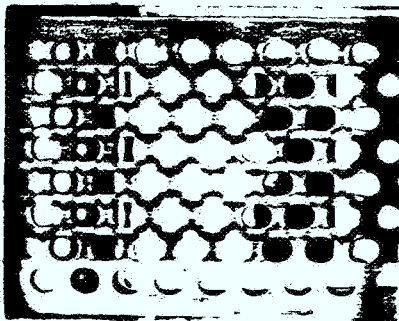
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