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SUBJECT Howard Robard Hughes

FILE NO. 62-78335

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AR:W

TO : MR. E. A. WATMAN
FROM : A. ROSEN
SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER

DATE: 5/5/45

Call 10:15 PM

SAC Conroy, New York, telephonically advised the following information regarding John William Meyer:

Meyer has the background of being a promoter and was active in the wheat market in Chicago some years ago and is supposed to have been engaged in some shady deals. He was reported to have been friendly with [REDACTED] b7c

About two years ago the American Mercury Magazine ran an article entitled "Hollywood Press Agent" which concerns John Meyer although he is not mentioned by name. Mr. Conroy said this article is supposed to be quite informative and that everyone in the movie world knows who the subject of this particular was and that there was quite a lot of research put into it and it was rather accurate.

Meyer was press agent for the Trocadero night club in Hollywood and a short time thereafter he went on the Warner Brothers payroll and he later became the publicity director for the Howard Hughes Aircraft Company, owned by Howard Hughes, and is reported to have sold a quantity of planes to the Russian Army for delivery after the war.

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Mr. Conroy said they are trying to locate the article "Hollywood Press Agent" which appeared in the American Mercury and he will advise the Bureau as soon as it is located.

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AC, Los Angeles

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John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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May 14, 1945

JOHN WILLIAM MYERS, WA,
JOHN MYERS, INC. (L.A. 4008),
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Reference is made to the memorandum dated April 27, 1945, prepared for the Director by the Los Angeles Field Division in the above-captioned matter.

[REDACTED] b7c

The New York Field Division has further advised that Myers has the background of being a promoter and was active in the wheat market in Chicago some years ago where he is supposed to have engaged in some shady deals. He was also reported to have been friendly with [REDACTED]

About two years ago the American Mercury magazine published an article entitled "Hollywood Press Agent" which article pertains to Myers although he is not mentioned in it by name. The magazine article is said to be quite informative with an abundance of rather accurate information concerning Myers. It is further reported that Myers was employed as press agent for the Trocadero Night Club in Hollywood shortly before his employment in the Warner Brothers Studio. While employed as publicity director for the Howard Hughes Aircraft Company, Myers is said to have sold a quantity of airplanes to the Russian Army for delivery after the current war is terminated.

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SAC, Los Angeles

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May 10, 1945

cc - SAC, New York (regular mail)

The New York Field Division should be alert for information pertaining to John Myers and should promptly advise the Bureau and the Los Angeles Field Division of any additional data which is reported.

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THE DIRECTOR

DATE: May 9, 1943

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WA, 100-
JOHN W. MEYER; MISCELLANEOUS;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Mr. E. A. Tamm
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Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
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ASSOCIATION WITH HAROLD HUGHES

This subject became acquainted with Howard Hughes in 1940 or 1941, when Myers left Warner Brothers Studios voluntarily and became known as Hughes' public relations director in connection with the Howard Hughes Aircraft Company. He is said to have sold a quantity of planes

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to the Russian Army for delivery after the current war. Through his association with Hughes, Myers became known to Henry Kaiser, the ship magnate, and has put on several parties for the Kaiser interests.

It is reported that, through Myers, a Kaiser Liberty ship was christened the "Benjamin Kanner" in honor of the Kanner Brothers' Father. This move served to further enhance Myers' position with the Kanner Brothers and other officials. SAC Conroy of the New York Office has reported that confidential information indicated that, on the night of March 30 last, Hughes and Myers conducted a party in Hughes' Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Suite apparently for J. A. Krag of the War Production Board whom Myers had been cultivating.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm
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Mr. Nease
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Los Angeles, California
April 27, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

Re: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER,
JOHNNY MYERS

In accordance with your request, the following information is submitted concerning the above individual.

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Re: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, wa
JOHNNY MYERS

[REDACTED]

About 1940 or 1941 he became acquainted with HOWARD HUGHES [REDACTED] It is said that customers of HUGHES were entertained with liquor and women resulting in his obtaining orders for aircraft. He left the studio voluntarily and became associated with HUGHES as public relations director. In this capacity he became acquainted with HENRY KAISER the shipbuilder and has put on several parties for the KAISER interests. It is said that these parties were a help in getting contracts for KAISER. It is said that MYERS made arrangements for the last KAISER Liberty ship to be named the "Benjamin Warner" in honor of the father of the Warner Brothers and the WARNEFS went to San Francisco for the launching. As a result MYERS is very close to the WARNERS and other officials.

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AND ASSOCIATE OF MEYER. IT IS ALLEGED ROOSEVELT-EMERSON WEDDING WAS
ENGINEERED BY MEYERS IN ORDER TO HELP TWA OBTAIN LUCRATIVE TRANSOCEANIC
ROUTES IN POST WAR AVIATION WHICH ARE CURRENTLY BEING BID FOR BY PAN
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TO : CCH:MFW
THE DIRECTOR

DATE: May 23, 1945

FROM : R.A. MUSEY

SUBJECT: JOE WILLIAM MEYER, with alias
Johnny Myers; MISCELLANEOUS,
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
Mr. Carson ✓
Mr. Egan ✓
Mr. Gurnea ✓
Mr. Hendon ✓
Mr. Pennington ✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
Mr. Gandy ✓

PURPOSE OF MEMORANDUM

This is a status memorandum to acquaint you with the information thus far developed regarding John William Meyer, with alias.

[REDACTED]

Myers' latest employment has been with Howard Hughes as public relations director in connection with the Howard Hughes Aircraft Company. Myers and Hughes are reported to have recently held a part in New York City apparently for Mr. J. A. Krug of the War Production Board.

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Associates of Myers

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Myrna Dell, the current girl friend of Howard Hughes.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : *W. Rosen*

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with alias
Johnny Myers; MISCELLANEOUS,
INFORMATION CONCERNING

PURPOSE OF MEMORANDUM

BACKGROUND OF CASE

Myers, an associate *Errol Flynn and Ronald Hughes*, has been seen recently on several occasions in the company of *Elliott Roosevelt*. It has been alleged that the marriage of *Jayne* and *Elliott Roosevelt* was engineered by Myers in order to assist *Transcontinental Western Airlines* to obtain lucrative transoceanic routes in post-war aviation. *Jack Fye*, President of *Transcontinental Western Airlines*, has been seen in the company of Myers on recent occasions.

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CCN:rl

TO : THE DIRECTOR.

DATE: June 16, 1945

FROM : J.A. Rosen

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with alias,
Johnny Myers; MISCELLANEOUS;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

PURPOSE OF MEMORANDUM

This is a status memorandum to further acquaint you with the background, past and present activities, of Johnny Myers.

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Memorandum for The Director

ASSOCIATION WITH HOWARD HUGHES

[REDACTED] advised that Myers is presently the Public Relations Director for the Hughes Aircraft Corporation. This source stated that Howard Hughes has an ear defect and is extremely hard of hearing. As a result, Howard Hughes follows the practice of lip reading which seems to have given him an inferiority complex as far as his social life with women is concerned. Myers, through his extensive knowledge of girls, has served to acquaint Hughes with many young women. Practically all of them are "tarts and chummies" according to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that a rumor reached him that the Ray Emerson - Elliott Roosevelt

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wedding had been arranged by Myers who was instrumental in bringing the parties together. TWA, in which Hughes is financially interested, is hopeful of obtaining certain valuable transoceanic contracts which are presently being bid for by Pan-American. In [redacted] opinion, a member of the Roosevelt family being close to Myers would facilitate the expected contracts being granted to the Hughes - Frye interests. [redacted] has also heard a rumor that Hughes and Frye are negotiating with the Russians for an airline to that country and that they have been attempting to use the Elliott Roosevelt angle to further their plans in this regard.

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AR:JV

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

DATE: 6/21/45

FROM : R. A. ROSEN

Call 2:05 PM

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, was.
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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ASAC Vincent, New York, telephonically advised in connection with the information that subject was to be in New York with Krug, that it has been determined that Meyer and Krug are presently in Washington. Meyer has a room registered in his name on the top floor, Waldorf Towers, of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, which he has had for some time, and Howard Hughes is staying there now. Hughes apparently does not want anyone to know he is there.

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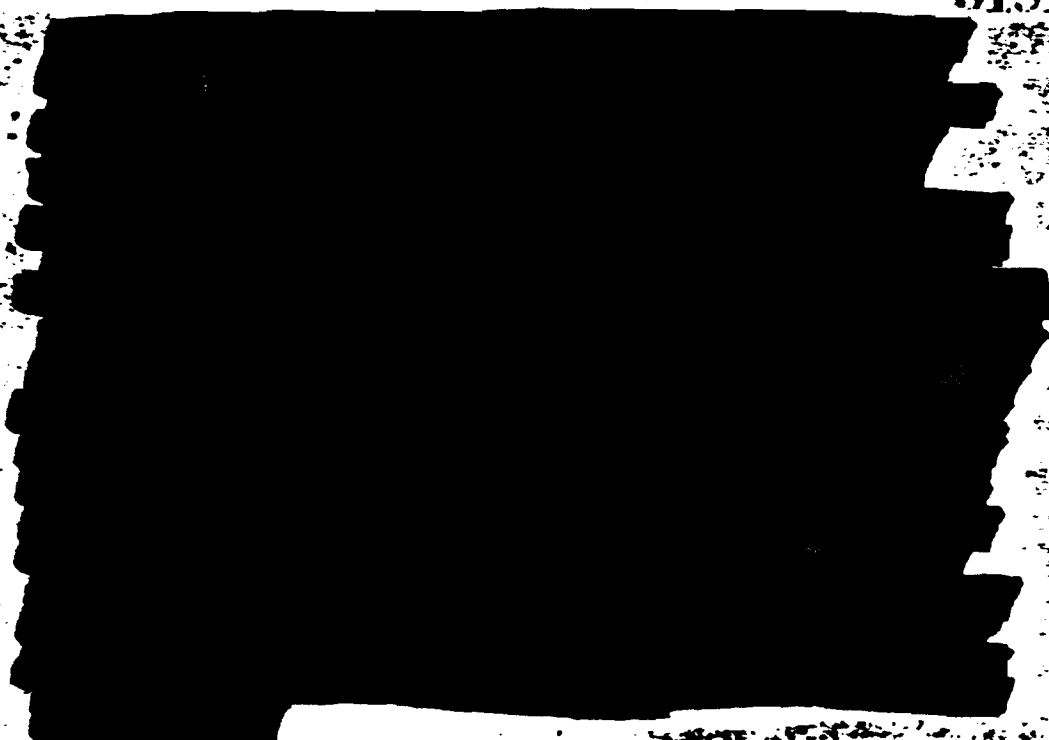
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MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 6/4/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/14-29 6/1-4/45	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] -RLB
SUBJECT JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases Johnny Meyers, Johnny Myers.			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

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REFERENCES:

Bureau letter dated May 10, 1945.
Los Angeles Memorandum for the Director dated April 27, 1945.
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DETAILS:

In 1940 or 1941, he struck up a friendship with HOWARD HUGHES

Informant stated that potential customers of Hughes Aircraft were entertained at these parties, and liquor and women were provided, which resulted in HUGHES obtaining orders for Post Aircraft. MEYER left the studio of his own accord and went with HOWARD HUGHES as Public Relations Director for Hughes Aircraft Corporation.

[REDACTED]

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at the latter's home

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[REDACTED] went on to say that "MEYER graduated [REDACTED] to business associate in 1941" as a result of his friendship with EDWARD HUGHES. After 1941 MEYER was seen frequently in the company of ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT, [REDACTED] and through MEYER the friendship began which finally culminated in marriage between FAYE ESTERSON, motion picture actress, and ROOSEVELT.

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[REDACTED] stated that MEYER is presently Public Relations Director for Hughes Aircraft Corporation, which position he took in 1940 or 1941. This source continued that HUGHES has an ear defect, presumably from being around airplanes constantly, and as a consequence is extremely hard of hearing. As a result, HUGHES follows the practice of lip-reading, and this defect seems to have given him an inferiority complex as far as his social life with women is concerned. MEYER, through his extensive knowledge of girls, has served to acquaint HOWARD HUGHES with many girls.

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[REDACTED] recalled that approximately three months ago HOWARD HUGHES gave an open house for a group of visiting Russians when he was attempting to interest in an experimental transport ship which was on the drawing boards at Hughes Aircraft. It was his intention to sell the Russians on ordering an experimental ship of this type. In issuing invitations for the open house, HUGHES specifically requested that no photographs be taken, inasmuch as the visiting Russians, some of whom were military men and in uniform, would be compromised in Russia if any pictures were taken of them attending such a social affair. Accordingly, none of the newspapers took any photographs:

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[REDACTED] in discussing MEYER, stated that to the best of his knowledge subject has never worked, but that he is now "in the big money. HOWARD HUGHES is apparently paying him a big salary." Informant bore out previous descriptions by saying that MEYER is a promoter, [REDACTED] and that he is one of a number of such individuals around Hollywood.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

/ Practically the same characterization of MEYER was given by
[REDACTED] who said his investigation had revealed
subject [REDACTED]

Concerning the proposed airline
to Russia, [REDACTED] recalled that HUGHES and FREEMAN are linked up with one
Colonel CLARENCE SCHOUF, Commanding Officer of the Muroc Air Base, at Muroc,
Dry Lake, California. As soon as the war is over, it is the intention of
these individuals to form a company for the handling of air travel to Russia.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

DIRECTOR ROUTINE

MIL. JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, MISCELLANEOUS INFO CONCERNING MEYER ARRIVED
NYC TODAY AND IS AGAIN STAYING AT THE WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL. MEYER
HUGHES. HOWEVER HUGHES ALSO HAS ANOTHER SUITE IN THE HOTEL. IT WILL
BE ASCERTAINED [REDACTED] WHETHER SUITE [REDACTED]
TO STAY IN SAME ROOM WITH HUGHES.

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CCM:rl

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: JUNE 25, 1945

FROM : V. J. COSE

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM BYERS, with alias,
Johnny Byers; NICHOLA TROIL;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr.	Colson
Mr.	W. A. Ruckelshaus
Mr.	Chase
Mr.	Callahan
Mr.	Conrad
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Mr.	Tavel
Mr.	Trotter
Mr.	Tele. Room
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

PURPOSE OF MEMORANDUM

This is a status memorandum to further acquaint you with the current activities and associates of Johnny Myers.

Myers has had the Waldorf-Towers room registered in his name for some time and Howard Hughes was an occupant of the room on June 21, 1945.

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REBURTEL, JULY SECOND, FORTYFIVE, REQUESTING CURRENT ~~IDENTIFICATION~~.
MEYER AND HOWARD ~~X~~ HUGHES STILL AT HOTEL WALDORF-ASTORIA THIS CITY.
NO INDICATION OF DEPARTURE DATES. SUBJECT REGISTERED JUNE FOURTEENTH,
FORTYFIVE, UNDER OWN NAME AND HUGHES JUNE THIRTEENTH, FORTYFIVE UNDER
NAME CRANE GARTZ. BOTH OCCUPY DIFFERENT SUITES. SUBJECT MADE SIDE
TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC ENDING JUNE TWENTY-SECOND, FORTYFIVE. J. A.
~~K~~RUG AT WALDORF JUNE FOURTEENTH AND FIFTEENTH, FORTYFIVE IN SUITE MAIN-
TAINED BY HERCULES POWDER COMPANY, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE. NUMEROUS LOCAL
AND TOLL CALLS CHARGED TO SUBJECTS ROOM OVER PERIOD JUNE FOURTEENTH
TO TWENTYSEVENTH, FORTYFIVE BEING CHECKED. [REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: July 7, 1945

FROM J. A. ROSEN

CC# 2200

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with alias Johnny Myers
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tolson
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Purpose

This is a status memorandum to advise you of current developments in the inquiry presently being conducted into the activities of Johnny Myers, Public Relations Director for Howard Hughes.

Current Developments

The Los Angeles Office has also received information that Hughes Productions attempted to secure five and one-half million feet of 35 mm raw motion picture film from the War Production Board. This film is in addition to the regularly scheduled allotment of Hughes Productions according to the Los Angeles Office and is necessary in order for the studio to make 250 prints of the picture "Outlaw." This picture is a current Hughes Production to be released through United Artists.

Publicity as to Trans-Atlantic Air Routes

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"Elliott Linked to TWA in Trans-Atlantic O.K." The article comments upon the Presidential approval recently granted to the Civil Aeronautics Board when that board on July 5, 1945 granted international routes to Pan American Airways, American Export Airlines and Transcontinental and Western Airlines. The newspaper indicates that the issuance of a certificate to Transcontinental Western Airlines had repercussions in the House of Representatives when Representative Paul Shafer of Michigan issued a statement saying the facts involved should be "explored" because of the association between Brigadier General Elliott Roosevelt and TWA officials.

Representative Shafer is quoted as follows: "I make no direct accusations but I am forced to admit I am suspicious some undue influence was brought to bear to cause the favorable reconsideration of TWA's application to fly the Atlantic routes." After stating that TWA's application was rejected in January last, Mr. Shafer continued that it appeared that the Civil Aeronautics Board had given two "special favors" and was in some manner persuaded to change its previous decision. The newspaper believed that Representative Shafer was referring to a Civil Aeronautics Board Examiner's recommendation that Pan American and American Export Airlines be granted the routes.

The inquiry in connection with subject Myers has disclosed that he has been very friendly with both Brigadier General Elliott Roosevelt and Jack Krys, President of Transcontinental Western Airlines.

Action to be Taken

None for the present. These data are supplied for your information. You will be promptly advised of subsequent developments in this inquiry.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA -

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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 7-6-1945	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-4-1945 through 7-4-1945	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases: Johnny Meyers, Johnny Myers.			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** Los Angeles, Calif., dated 6-1-45.

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DETAILS:

This is a joint report of the writer and Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] 37c
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SUBJECT'S CONNECTIONS AT HUGHES AIRCRAFT CORPORATION

Since a review of the Los Angeles files indicated that in September, 1944, a Russian military mission was entertained at Hughes Aircraft, Culver City, California, and since it was reflected that in connection with this visit [REDACTED] Hughes Aircraft Corporation, Culver City, California, had been helpful in advising this office of the visit of the Russian military mission, and further since the Los Angeles Office records indicated that JERRY MEYER had participated in entertaining the Russian mission, [REDACTED] was consulted on June 8, 1945, with respect to the official connection of subject with Hughes Aircraft Company.

The inquiry was made in such a way that it related to the Russian military mission.

[REDACTED] advised that subject has been connected with Hughes Aircraft since 1942; that although he holds the title of Assistant to the President, HOWARD HUGHES, and Director of Public Relations, MEYER has rarely been near the Hughes plant in Culver City; that MEYER has an office at the Romaine Plant of Hughes Aircraft. [REDACTED] also said that on one occasion recently subject attempted to bring a group of visiting Government officials through the Culver City plant of Hughes Aircraft in order to show them work being done on a secret plane. [REDACTED] Hughes Aircraft refused to give MEYER permission to take this party through, whereupon, MEYER became highly incensed. [REDACTED] indicated that there was not a friendly relationship existing between [REDACTED] and the subject. 57c/D

[REDACTED] also advised that MEYER is a good friend of J. A. KRUG, head of the War Production Board, and MEYER has spent considerable time in entertaining KRUG. [REDACTED] also pointed out that MEYER has spent a lot of time with ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT and with FAYE PETERSON and has entertained them frequently.

[REDACTED]

In view of the position of ROBERT GRASS as President of Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, [REDACTED] Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, was consulted. [REDACTED] advised that the only official business which JOHN MEYER was interested in and which related to Lockheed Aircraft was the recent modification of a contract between Lockheed and TWA in which HOWARD HUGHES has a large interest. [REDACTED] said that the contract originally specified that Lockheed would build constellation airplanes for TWA alone. He explained that the constellation aircraft are being built for post-war commercial use and are extra large passenger planes. In view of the fact that AFB approval was needed for the contract modification whereby Lockheed would be able to build these planes for other companies than TWA, JOHN MEYER, who was acting for TWA interests and also in the interests of Lockheed, which company was also anxious to have the contract modification effected, contacted JULIUS A. KRUG during the early part of this year in Los Angeles. MEYER showed the constellation plane to KRUG and KRUG took a ride in the constellation, expressed himself as very pleased with the plane, and thereupon gave AFB approval for the contract modification.

According to [REDACTED] the modification was legitimately approved by WPB and MEYER did not act in an official capacity for Lockheed at this time nor did he ever act as an authorized agent of Lockheed, according to information received by [REDACTED] from ROBERT GROSS, President of Lockheed.

When the Lockheed-TWA contract change was first proposed, there were several meetings between Lockheed and TWA officials and there were several social functions at which MEYER conducted himself prominently. MEYER acted as the social representative of HOWARD HUGHES at these various functions. [REDACTED] said that this perhaps explained the reason for MEYER traveling to Washington at which time he expressed himself as being "on business for ROBERT GROSS." [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also stated that at no time had Lockheed ever entered into a contractual relationship with JOHN MEYER nor had they paid him any money. [REDACTED]

According to [REDACTED] Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, the Lockheed-TWA contractual adjustments are now completed so that there will no longer be any business reason for MEYER to be in any way associated with Lockheed. [REDACTED]

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It will be recalled that in the previous report in this case some indication existed that MEYER, together with JACK FRYE, President of TWA, and HOWARD HUGHES might be interested in a trans-Pacific airline to Russia and that this group had hoped that the ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT connection would enable facilitating granting of this contract; however, information most recently developed, which has been set out above, indicates that ROOSEVELT has no intention of entering into any phase of the aviation business.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice
517 South Spring Street, Room 800
Los Angeles 15, California
July 27, 1945

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Director, FBI

Re: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS.
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

On July 21, 1945, Los Angeles [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, stated that EDWARD HUGHES is ready to release "The Outlaw". It will be recalled that information was obtained from a highly confidential source which indicated that MEYER was attempting to secure a considerable quantity of 35 mm raw film for the Hughes organization so that the picture could be released. (See page 25, report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at Los Angeles July 6, 1945.)

[redacted] stated that the picture is ready for release now. This would indicate that the increase in raw film stock allocated to Hughes Aircraft by WPE was secured by MEYER in accordance with instructions set out in the memorandum which has been referred to, in above referenced report.

This situation is being called to the attention of the Bureau inasmuch as Subject's activities with J. A. IRUS of WPE are of interest in this investigation. The possibility exists that the manner in which this film was secured might be of interest to this investigation.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
R. B. Hood
Special Agent in Charge

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: July 26, 1945

FROM : A. ROSEN

OCH:RDC

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, wa Johnny Myers
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
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Purpose

This memorandum is to advise you of the current developments regarding the activities of Johnny Myers, a former close associate of Errol Flynn, who is presently connected with Howard Hughes.

Current Activities

Association of Myers with Elliott Roosevelt EX - 47

On July 5, 1945 Representative Paul W. Shafer, speaking before the House of Representatives regarding the issuance of certificates by the Civil Aeronautics Board, referred to the fact that Transcontinental Western Airlines was awarded choice trans-Oceanic routes. In his comments Representative Shafer said that in November, 1944, when Elliott Roosevelt returned to the United States on one of his frequent leaves, he was feted at the New York night club, El Morocco, by John Meyer, spokesman for Howard Hughes, owner of Transcontinental and Western Airlines, Incorporated. Representative Shafer said that Meyer also became spokesman for Elliott Roosevelt in that he announced to the press that Roosevelt would remain in New York for two days and then fly to the West Coast.

Representative Shafer also recalled that after the marriage of Elliott Roosevelt to Faye Emerson the wedding party was flown to the rim of the Grand Canyon by Jack Frye, President of Transcontinental Western Airlines. Later, according to Representative Shafer, Elliott and his bride were flown east by Frye to meet the Roosevelt family.

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Memorandum for THE DIRECTOR

There is attached for your interest a photograph supplied by the Los Angeles Field Division depicting the Elliott Roosevelt - Faye Emerson wedding party. The individuals in the photograph are identified from left to right as: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nye, Janet Thomas, Elliott Roosevelt, Faye Emerson, John Meyer, and Mrs. Joseph B. Livengood, matron of honor.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

None for the present. You will be promptly advised of further pertinent developments in this inquiry.

Attachment

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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TITLE JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, was.			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject registered at Waldorf-Astoria 6/14/45 under own name, and HOWARD HUGHES 6/13/45 under name CRANE GARTZ. Both in different suites.

[REDACTED]

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REFERENCE

Bureau letter dated May 10, 1945.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]

Los Angeles, b7c

7/6/45.

New York teletype dated July 13, 1945.

DETAILS

Information in this report was received from [REDACTED]

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The subject registered at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on June 14, 1945 under the name JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, Howard Hughes Productions, Hollywood, California. He was

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assigned Room 3603-4 located in the Waldorf Towers which is a separate unit on the hotel premises, and under different management. All registrations and bills however are handled by the hotel management.

The subject made a side trip to Washington, D.C. which ended June 22, 1945, and he has remained at the Towers since this date. It is noted that in the memorandum received from the Washington Field Division dated June 22, 1945, the subject was actually at the Hotel Statler in Washington, D.C. from June 14th to June 22, 1945.

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The New York Daily News dated July 6, 1945 featured an article in which Representative SHAFER urged an investigation to determine whether the CAA was influenced by pressure brought by Brigadier General ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT in making its decision to permit the TWA to engage in Trans-Atlantic service. The article referred to a speech by the Representative which was inserted in the Congressional

Record. Among other things Representative ~~SHAFER~~ pointed out that when ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT returned to the United States from England last fall he was met by JOHN MEYER, a personal representative of EDWARD HUGHES, who owns control of TWA. SHAFER stated that MEYER quickly became a spokesman "not only for HUGHES but for ROOSEVELT and made the announcement that ROOSEVELT would go to California to marry FAYE EMERSON". SHAFER stated that later MEYER went to Hyde Park where he conferred with the late President Roosevelt. SHAFER pointed out that when ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT and FAYE EMERSON were married, the entire wedding party was flown from California to the Grand Canyon by JACK FRYE, President of TWA.

It has been noted that the name of HOWARD HUGHES and JOHNNY MEYER have appeared occasionally in local newspaper columns as having been observed in various night clubs in this city. No physical surveillance has been instituted in this case pursuant to Los Angeles tele type dated June 19, 1945.

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CONCERNING. SUBJECT, HOWARD HUGHES, JANE THOMAS STILL AT WALDORF
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cc: Mr. Tolson



Members of the Elliott Roosevelt-Faye Emerson wedding party shown after today's wedding at Grand Canyon. Left to right, Mrs. Jack Frya; Jack Frya, best man and president of TWA; James Thomson; Elliott Roosevelt and his bride; John Meyer, who gave the bride away, and Mrs. Joseph R. Emerson, who was matron of honor.

Pan Am Charges CAB Routes Favored Elliott R.'s Pal-TWA

Washington, D. C., July 30. — There were echoes of the Grand Canyon wedding of Elliott Roosevelt and Faye Emerson today when Pan American Airways charged that the CAB's ruling in favor of TWA's route from New York to Los Angeles via Mexico City had been based on a questionable decision by the Civil Aeronautics Board.

One of the best plans, Pan American asserted, was given to Transcontinental and Western Air through and constituted a Government. Pan recalled that on July 8 Representative Paul W. Stutsman (R-Mich.) urged Congressional investigation of the much-investigated Elliott to determine whether he had brought pressure to get in for his good friends in TWA.

Officials at Wedding

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Livingston, granddaughter of the late Mrs. Schumann-Heink, who served as matron of honor, and actress Janet Clayton.

Stutsman also said that Meyer apparently was personal representative and spokesman for Elliott as well as Hughes, for it was he who had announced all the wedding plans.

Elliott had been lavishly entertained by Meyer, Stutsman reported, after which Meyer visited President Roosevelt at Hyde Park.

"While this was going on," he said, "TWA's application for a North Atlantic route was pending before the CAB. And during the time that CAB's own members awarded their routes, after lengthy

investigation, by Pan American and American Airlines, the CAB

Claims TWA Favor

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suddenly handed out the best routes to TWA.

In its petition filed with CAB yesterday, Pan American pointed out that it was being kept out of five of six of the largest transatlantic centers—Paris, Berlin, Rome, Moscow and Cairo. It charged that CAB's allocation of routes created a monopoly in favor of TWA for Paris and Rome. American Airlines was handed the same favor for traffic to Berlin and Moscow, it said.

Wants Only to Compete

Only London would be available to Pan American, but not on a monopoly basis for it would have to compete for traffic to the British capital with American Airlines.

Pan American's position to this asks only that it be allowed to compete on even terms with TWA and American Airlines over the foreign routes it desires.

Meanwhile, prospects of Congressional action on investigation into KIDNET's long-term financial transactions seemed to be fading.

Uninformed legislators had been saying that the airline was in a bad way.

Two Congressional groups, House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committee, are conducting an investigation of the financial death

that took place when Elliot had a fancy to getting into the airline network.

Topping the list is the fact that Elliot obtained \$250,000 from Hartford, Conn., for the Atlantic & Pacific Express Co. and settled for \$200,000. He also paid the unpaid \$100,000 as a part of his income tax report.

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TO : Mr. E. A. Tamm

DATE: August 21, 1945

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with alias: Johnny Myers
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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This memorandum is to acquaint you with the results obtained to date

ASSOCIATES OF MYERS

This individual was formerly [redacted] for movie actor Earl Flynn and it is reported that his activities in this regard became so notorious that Warner Brothers Studios requested Flynn to desist. Myers then became associated with Howard Hughes, airplane manufacturer and movie producer.

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There have been indications that the Hughes Movie Company which is operated by Howard Hughes has received additional allotments of raw film through the War Production Board in order to effect the release of the movie, "The Outlaw." However, there have been no indications of irregular activities upon the part of Mr. Krug in releasing this raw film to the Howard Hughes Productions.

It is noted that Representative Paul W. Shafer in speaking before the House of Representatives on July 5, 1945, regarding the issuance of certificates by the Civil Aeronautics Board referred to the fact that Transcontinental Western Airlines was awarded choice transoceanic routes. Representative Shafer commented

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Mr. E. A. Tamm

that in November, 1945, when Elliott Roosevelt returned to the United States, he was feted in New York night clubs by John Meyer, spokesman for Howard Hughes, owner of TWA. The Representative also commented that the Elliott Roosevelt wedding party had been transported by Jack Frye, president of TWA.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

CCN:abk

TO : The Director

DATE: August 25, 1945

FROM : A. Rosen *R*SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, alias Johnny Myers
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNINGPURPOSE

This memorandum is to advise you of the current activities of Johnny Myers who was a former close associate of Errol Flynn and who is presently connected with Howard Hughes and Jack Frye.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
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ACTION TO BE TAKEN

These data are supplied for your information. The Los Angeles Office is closely following the activities of subject Myers and you will be promptly advised of future pertinent developments.

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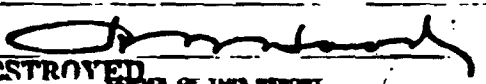
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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MEYER has circulated rumor he obtained film for "The Outlaw", Hughes picture, through confidential motion picture contacts but indications are that MEYER merely used up old film from HUGHES stockpile.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Los Angeles, 7-6-45;
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It is also learned from this source that [redacted] advised that New York newspapers were blasting the acquiring of TWA first flight around the world and holding that TWA acquired the rights to post-war air priorities through connivance between HOWARD HUGHES, ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT, and JOHN MEYER.

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Subject's Activities in HUGHES Enterprises

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By physical surveillance it was determined that on August 20, 1945, JOHN MEYER had lunch with JACK FRYE of TWA and with one DIETRICH of Hughes Aircraft in Houston, Texas, at Romaine's Restaurant in Hollywood. Part of the conversation of these individuals was overheard, and it was noted that MEYER and FRYE discussed changes in the administrative personnel at Hughes Aircraft. It was indicated that the treasurer of the company, one FRANK McDONALD, was quitting and that McDONALD was a very valuable individual. It was also learned that MEYER and FRYE appeared anxious to replace CHARLES PERELLI, executive vice-president of Hughes Aircraft in charge of production. MEYER was particularly insistent that PERELLI be replaced, and discussed an interview of one BUD WILLIES, of Ryan Aircraft, San Diego, who had apparently been interviewed by JACK FRYE as a possible successor to PERELLI. The general trend of this conversation was to the effect that PERELLI was hampering the operation of Hughes Aircraft, at least in the judgment of Subject, and that the Hughes Aircraft needed a complete shake-up. It was also indicated that McDONALD, the treasurer of Hughes, was only getting \$13,000 a year, whereas MEYER himself was getting

10,000, and MEYER said that naturally people like McDONALD resented upstarts like himself, MEYER, coming into the firm in the capacity of public relations director and getting 10,000. MEYER himself suggested that McDONALD should get at least 25,000. MEYER and FRYE appeared agreed that HUGHES had absolutely no sense of proportion in business and it was apparent from this conversation that HUGHES takes very little direct control of the Hughes Corporation and apparently knows very little about its actual operation. It was further indicated that MEYER has better access to HUGHES than perhaps anyone of the executive personnel of Hughes Aircraft.

As indicated in referenced report of Special Agent [REDACTED] b7c
a memorandum dated December 22, 1944, on the stationery of Hughes Productions was located in the personal papers of Subject, and this memorandum stated that Hughes Productions had used up its quota of raw film and that unless a WPB order relaxing its quota could be obtained, the studio would not be able to release the picture entitled "The Outlaw." The memorandum also pointed out it was necessary to obtain five and one-half million feet of .35 mm. raw film and that unless the film were obtained, United Artists could not release the picture for HUGHES.

It was determined through [REDACTED] on July 21, 1945, that HOWARD HUGHES was ready to release the picture "The Outlaw." [REDACTED] indicated that the raw film stock of .35 mm. must have been obtained by HOWARD HUGHES through some source. b2
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[REDACTED] advised that in connection with the film, "The Outlaw," JOHN MEYER had circulated rumors through the HUGHES organization that he had obtained four or five million feet of raw film for "The Outlaw" through some secret connections in the motion picture industry in Hollywood. [REDACTED] stated, however, that he personally knew that there were several million feet of old raw .35 mm. film in the HUGHES stockpile at the Rosine Street Plant of Hughes Aircraft, and it was the opinion of [REDACTED] that MEYER undoubtedly obtained the film from this old stockpile and then circulated rumors that he had pulled a fast one on the WPB through his underground connections in the motion picture industry. [REDACTED] said that as far as he knew there was no illegal juggling of priorities in connection with the obtaining of film for "The Outlaw."

[REDACTED] advised on August 30, 1945, that in his opinion HOWARD HUGHES could not have stocked four or five million feet of raw film at the Rosine Street Plant because this is too large an amount of film to have merely accum- b2
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lated from leavings from other pictures, and [REDACTED] said that no one was astute enough before the war to store up that much film. 62/670

[REDACTED] pointed out moreover that the Culver City plant of Hughes Aircraft is so constructed that merely by dropping a few partitions it can be converted into an excellent motion picture studio, particularly for television sets. [REDACTED] added that [REDACTED] had stated that HUGHES was going to go into television production in the near future, and [REDACTED] was of the opinion that this was not mere boasting on Subject's part.

According to [REDACTED] Subject's only present connection with HOWARD HUGHES' enterprises is with HUGHES' motion picture work. MEYER has started a lot of wild rumors about what he is going to do for HOWARD HUGHES in connection with motion pictures - that he is going to build an enormous plant in Culver City and that HOWARD HUGHES will have a major studio in the very near future. This has no basis in fact, according to [REDACTED] at least as far as he knows. MEYER has never done any work at Hughes Aircraft, at least during the last year and a half, to the direct knowledge of [REDACTED]. He has appeared at the plant on Romaine Street on rare occasions and allegedly does his work from his home. He has no knowledge, qualifications, or experience in publicity work and has no relationships with the press to qualify him in any way for his title as publicity director. [REDACTED] states that MEYER is not even allowed at the Culver City Plant or the main Hughes Aircraft Plant. 62/670

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MEYER'S [REDACTED] made several calls to HOWARD
HUGHES in Falls Church, Virginia, on August 2, August 4, and August 18. [REDACTED]

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NOTION PICTURES FILM U.S.D. BY REAR WINDOW PRODUCTIONS
FILMING "THE OUTLAW"

The Los Angeles Field Division has learned from a highly confidential source that Johnny Burns has among his possessions a memorandum dated December 22, 1944, at the stationery of Hughes Productions. This memorandum was not addressed but was signed. However, it stated that Hughes Productions had used up its quota of raw film and that unless a War Production Board order relaxing its quota could be obtained the studios would not be able to release the picture entitled "The Outlaw". The memorandum indicated that it was necessary to obtain five and one half million feet of thirty-five millimeter raw film that United Artists were releasing the picture for Hughes Productions; and that unless the amount of film necessary was obtained it would not be possible to release the picture.

It is noted that, on June 22, 1945, one Cliff Broughton who is affiliated with the Hughes enterprises, while in Washington, received a call from John (possibly Edward) in New York. Broughton at that time expressed his happiness about getting film and indicated that it was needed to make the pictures for the Hughes Company. On this same date, Broughton told his wife in Los Angeles that "they are not getting Johnny because he has some pull out here. We both got more than we expected." While Broughton was awaiting the completion of one of his long distance calls on June 22, 1945, he made a side remark to a person in his Washington hotel room that he had over one half million feet of film and that an additional 50,000 feet was approved which was more than he expected.

ANALYSIS OF THE PICTURE - THE OUTLINE

██████████ has now advised the Los Angeles office that "The Bulletin" is presently ready for release. SAC Reed has pointed out by letter dated July 27, 1945 that this release would indicate that the Bureau is providing information to the Hughes organization by the War Production Board. It should be pointed out as outlined in the memorandum disclosed by the highly confidential source to the Los Angeles office.

SAC New Orleans advised that inasmuch as Jimmy Hasty, author of the War Production Board are of interest to the Department, the possibility exists that the manner in which the film for the production was secured might likewise be of interest. The Los Angeles Field Division letter dated August 1, 1945 requested advice as to whether information of this nature is desired.

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The Director

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Inasmuch as there is no tangible evidence that subject Johnny Myers, alias Myerton, Hughes Productions or J. A. King of the War Production Board have violated the law in the granting of additional film to Edward Hughes Productions, it is not deemed advisable to conduct further active investigation into this particular phase of Myers' activities. The Los Angeles office is being advised by teletype to conduct no further active investigation into the manner in which Hughes Productions secured additional film.

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LAD. JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, W.A. MISC. INFO. CONCERNING. REBUTEL
SEPTEMBER TWENTY EIGHT. SUBJ. HAS ~~SEEN~~ SPENT PRACTICALLY ALL
OF HIS TIME SINCE SEPT. ~~THIRD~~ THIRD WITH HOWARD HUGHES IN VANCOUVER,
B.C. AAND AT RENO AND ~~RENO~~ LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. IN LATTER TWO PLACES
HUGHES AND MEYERR REGI/STERED AT HOTELS UNDER FICTITIOUS NAMES.

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INDICATIONS -

RECEIVED HUGHES TO MAKE MAJOR CHANGES IN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 10/4/45

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-15-71 BY SP-10

PURPOSE - This memorandum is to acquaint you with recent information which has been received from the Los Angeles Division regarding the activities of Johnny Meyer.

MEYER'S ACTIVITIES IN HUGHES ENTERPRISES - During a luncheon engagement with Jack Frye of TWA, in August, 1945, Meyer discussed with Frye changes in the administrative personnel at Hughes Aircraft. Meyer and Frye appear anxious to replace one Charles Perelli, executive vice-president in charge of production, inasmuch as Meyer and Frye believe that Perelli is hampering the operations of the company.

Frye and Meyer agreed that Howard Hughes had absolutely no sense of proportion in business and it was apparent from their conversation that Hughes takes very little direct control of the Hughes Corporation and knows very little about its actual operation. It also appeared that Meyer has better access to Hughes than perhaps any one of the executive personnel of Hughes Aircraft.

[REDACTED] has advised that Meyer circulated rumors through the Hughes organization that he had obtained several million feet of film for "The Outlaw," a Hughes production, through some secret connections in the motion picture industry.

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picture industry. ██████ stated, however, that he personally knew that there were several million feet of old raw 35 millimeter film in the Hughes stockpile. ██████ believes that Meyer obtained the film from this old stockpile and then circulated rumors that he had pulled a "fast one" on the War Production Board through his underground connections in the motion picture industry. ██████ said that as far as he knew there was no illegal juggling of priorities in connection with the obtaining of film for "The Outlaw."

[REDACTED] has advised that in his opinion Howard Hughes could not have stocked four or five million feet of raw film at his plant because this is too large an amount of film to have merely accumulated from leavings from other pictures. [REDACTED] has also advised that Meyer has been making inquiries as to whether he was being investigated by the Bureau or by other Governmental agencies indicating that he believed his connections with Elliott Roosevelt were under scrutiny.

Since September 1, 1945, Meyer has been traveling with Howard Hughes. Meyer and Hughes made a trip to Vancouver, B.C. by private plane over the Labor Day week-end. Yvonne DeCarlo, motion picture actress, who recently appeared in the movie, "Salome, Where She Danced," was with the group in Vancouver.

Meyer and Hughes have, however, made recent trips to Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada, where they registered under fictitious names at hotels in these two cities.

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FILE NO. **62-2682**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 10/24/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/1-10/9/45	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	OFF OTF
TITLE (CHANGED) JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases; Johnny Meyers, Johnny Myers, John W. Morris			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject made trips with **HOWARD HUGHES** and **IVONNE DECARLO**, motion picture actress, to Vancouver, B.C., and to Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada. HUGHES planning global air routes as extensions of TWA. Indication that TWA has offered KRUG a position following KRUG'S retirement as head of W.P.B. HUGHES indicated to subject that **CHARLES PERELLI** to lose position at Hughes Aircraft. Subject continuing association with **JANET THOMAS** but has kept away from the **ELLIOTT ROOSEVELTS**. Subject's federal income tax for 1942 and 1943 shown.

REFERENCE:

Bureau File #62-78335.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]

Los Angeles, September 6, 1945.

DETAILS:

The title of this case is being marked changed in order to show an additional alias of the subject as **JOHN W. MORRIS**, in view of the fact that subject used this alias in registering at the Riverside Hotel, Reno, Nevada, Palace Club, and elsewhere.

This is a joint report of Special Agents [REDACTED]

SUBJECT'S TRIPS:

According to [REDACTED] subject planned to fly to Vancouver, B.C.

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over the Labor Day week-end with HOWARD HUGHES and YVONNE DeCARLO, motion-picture actress who recently appeared in the film "Salome, Where She Danced".

Subsequently the following was noted in the gossip column of HARRISON CARROLL in the Los Angeles Evening "Herald & Express" of September 6, 1945: "Although they refused to be photographed, Yvonne DeCarlo and Howard Hughes have been traipsing all over Vancouver together. But Hughes' trip, according to rumor, has a very serious object: the establishment of an airline from Vancouver to Japan."

It was also noted that subject on August 31, 1945 sent a wire to a Mr. BURNS, Vancouver Hotel, Vancouver, B. C. in which subject requested a reservation for two pilots for Saturday night only.

Subject returned to Los Angeles on September 11, 1945 and at this time was in brief contact with [redacted] who learned that subject and HOWARD HUGHES planned to make a trip to Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada with YVONNE DeCARLO.

Source [redacted] subsequently advised that subject, as JOHN W. MORRIS, had telephoned the Riverside Hotel in Reno from Los Angeles and had made reservations for a party of four persons including himself. MEYER indicated at this time that HOWARD HUGHES would be one of the party and MEYER identified himself as HUGHES' manager. It was later learned by Source [redacted] that HOWARD HUGHES, YVONNE DeCARLO, who registered as YVONNE MIDDLETON, HUGHES' private pilot, and subject were in the party which arrived on the evening of September 11, 1945. It was learned that subject and the pilot slept in a twin bed in the bedroom of JOE HALL, owner and manager of the Palace Club, who maintains a permanent suite at the Riverside Hotel, and that HOWARD HUGHES and YVONNE DeCARLO stayed in Room 315. The hotel records reflect that "MORRIS and party occupied Room 315".

On the evening of September 11, 1945 Source [redacted] ascertained that subject was in telephonic conversation with an unidentified man and that during this conversation subject claimed to be HOWARD HUGHES' manager and said that HUGHES was in the process of selling all of his property with the exception of the Hughes Tool Factory in Houston, Texas. MEYER further said that HUGHES is inaugurating a new airline which will be an adjunct of TWA and that it will not duplicate TWA present lines but will extend from TWA bases to points throughout the Pacific Ocean and will eventually cover the entire world. It was stated by subject that the new HUGHES project would provide for extensive trips throughout the world, but that there

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Subject, together with HOWARD HUGHES and YVONNE DeCARLO, proceeded to Las Vegas in the early afternoon of September 13, 1945. Subject and HUGHES stayed at the Hotel El Rancho Vegas, but Miss DeCARLO stayed at the Last Frontier Hotel. HUGHES left word at his hotel that his visit there should receive no publicity.

[REDACTED]

Despite HOWARD HUGHES' request for no publicity, a news-story concerning him appeared in the Las Vegas "Morning Tribune" on September 17, 1945. This story indicated JOHN MEYER accompanied HUGHES to Las Vegas, and that MEYER is his "confidant and assistant for many years".

Subject, together with HOWARD HUGHES and YVONNE DeCARLO, left in HUGHES' plane from Las Vegas September 16, 1945, reportedly for Los Angeles. Subject was first noted again to be in Los Angeles on September 19, 1945. It was learned through a physical surveillance that subject spent considerable time with HOWARD HUGHES who was staying at the Town House in Los Angeles, except for intervals when subject and HUGHES were out of the city.

It was learned through [REDACTED] that subject had gone to the home of THOMAS JOYCE in Santa Barbara with HOWARD HUGHES on September 22, 1945.

[REDACTED]

Following the return of the subject [REDACTED] from Palm Springs on September 25, 1945 subject and HUGHES were together around Los Angeles, HUGHES staying at the Town House, Room 905, under the name J. B. ALEXANDER. On September 29, 1945 subject and HOWARD HUGHES made a trip to San Diego and subject returned alone on the same evening to Los Angeles.

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It was learned through Confidential Informant [REDACTED] that on October 2, 1945 subject wired one E. HUTCHINS, Assistant Manager, Rancho Vegas Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, stating "REMEMBER EDDIE POSITIVELY NO PUBLICITY FOR MYSELF OR ANY MEMBER OF PARTY DURING STAY. THANKS. REGARDS." It was later observed by physical surveillance that subject, together with HOWARD HUGHES and a woman believed to be YVONNE DECARLO, left the Metropolitan Airport in HUGHES' private plane, apparently for Las Vegas, Nevada.

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It was learned through Confidential Informant [REDACTED] that on September 29, 1945 subject sent a wire to LEONARD GILCHRIST, Manager Waldorf Astoria Towers, as follows: "PLEASE SEND ALL LETTERS AND WIRES, ALSO ANY WIRES HELD AT WU DESK FOR HOWARD HUGHES TO ME AT 1134 NORTH OGDEN DRIVE, HOLLYWOOD. REGARDS."

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It was also shown that Miss DELARQUE is employed by Howard Hughes Productions, 7020 Romaine, Hollywood, that she is a motion picture actress and has been under contract for several years [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was recontacted and stated that there was no further activity in the accounts of HOWARD HUGHES and JOHN MEYER at the Beverly Hills Hotel. [REDACTED]

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In view of the fact that investigation during the period of this report indicates the close connection between HOWARD HUGHES and JOHN MEYER, and since it is indicated that CHARLES PERELLI will shortly lose his position at Hughes Aircraft, it is not deemed advisable to attempt to obtain [REDACTED] through PERELLI.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION:

At Los Angeles, California will continue to investigate the daily activities of subject with particular reference to his associations with HOWARD HUGHES, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Will determine the nature of any communications made by subject which may be of interest to this inquiry.

[REDACTED]

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A copy of this report is being designated for the New York Field Division in view of subject's previous activities in New York.

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ADD. JOHN W. MEYER, WAS, MISC., INFO CONCERNING.

[REDACTED] IS ALSO STATED TO
 HAVE RECEIVED OTHER OFFERS, INCLUDING ONE FROM HOWARD HUGHES FOR AN
 EXECUTIVE POSITION WITH TWA, [REDACTED]

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TALE. JOHN W. MEYER, WAS, MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING. MEYERS ACTIVITIES FOR WEEK OF NOV. TWELVE, LAST, WERE CONSIDERABLY CURTAILED AS SUBJECT WAS SUFFERING FROM INFLUENZA. MEYERS INTERESTS WERE PRIMARILY LIMITED TO CONTACTING VARIOUS GIRLS SUCH AS DIANA LYNN, JEAN CRANE AND OTHERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MOVIES IN WHOM HOWARD HUGHES HAS INDICATED AN INTEREST AND DESIRES TO MEET. MEYER IS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH HUGHES AND MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HUGHES AND HIMSELF TO GO TO PALM SPRINGS FOR A VISIT. MEYER PLANNED TO LEAVE FOR PALM SPRINGS EVENING OF NOV. NINETEEN, LAST, WHERE HE WOULD JOIN HUGHES. INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT MEYER DURING OCTOBER LAST MADE CONTACTS WITH MOST ALL HOLLYWOOD COLUMNISTS AND OFFERED GIFTS OF SCOTCH WHISKEY WHICH WERE REPORTEDLY OFFERED IN ORDER TO HAVE COLUMNISTS REFRAIN FROM MAKING COMMENTS ON HOWARD HUGHES ASSOCIATION WITH YVONNE DE CARLO.

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cc: Mr. Nelson

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SOFT.

JOHN W. MEYER, WAS, MISC, INFO. CONCERNING. JOHN MEYER RETURNED FROM PALMSPRINGS ON NOVEMBER TWENTY THREE LAST. SINCE HIS RETURN FROM PALM SPRINGS, MEYER HAS CONTINUED TO MAKE CONTACTS WITH VARIOUS WOMEN IN MOVIES IN WHOM HOWARD HUGHES HAS SHOWN INTEREST. NO INFORMATION OF UNUSUAL INTEREST DEVELOPED.

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cc. Mr. Nelson

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California
November 6, 1945

Director, FBI

RE: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases;
MISCELLANEOUS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

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in 1943
he became closely associated with HOWARD HUGHES and was given a position as



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Director

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Re: John William Meyer, wa;

Misc. - Inf. Concerning

public relations director with the HUGHES AIRCRAFT CORPORATION and has continued to hold that position since 1941.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

MEYER's principal responsibility as an employee of HOWARD HUGHES appears to be that of confidant. It is positively known that he is always in very close contact with HUGHES whenever the latter is in Los Angeles and, furthermore, he frequently arranges pleasure and business trips and entertainment for HUGHES as is evidenced by trips made by all of these persons with YVONNE de CARLO, film actress. In addition, MEYER appears to act as a liaison man for the HUGHES enterprises for he always appears to be designated to entertain outstanding persons coming to Los Angeles who have any contact with the HUGHES organization.

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Mr. Mohr ✓
Mr. Casper ✓
Mr. Callahan ✓
Mr. Conrad ✓
Mr. Felt ✓
Mr. Gale ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Sullivan ✓
Mr. Tavel ✓
Mr. Trotter ✓
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Director

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Re: John William Meyer, wa;
Misc. - Inf. Concerning

[REDACTED] he has been
acting as a liaison man for HUGHES in endeavoring to iron out his contract
with SOL LESSEPMAN, United Artists Studio, who was to handle HOWARD HUGHES
motion picture "The Outlaw".

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Very truly yours,

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AIR MAIL


R. W. HOOD, SAC.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : THE DIRECTOR:

DATE: December 4, 1945

FROM : Lt. A. ROSEN

JO 'G: RE

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS.;
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

PURPOSE

To acquaint you with the recent developments in this case and to call to your attention the Los Angeles Division's recent request that consideration be given to closing this case.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

The subject has recently been reported as suffering from influenza and his activities have been limited to contacting various girls such as Diana Lynn, Jean Crane, and others associated with the movie industry, in whom Howard Hughes has indicated an interest and desires to meet. Meyer and Howard Hughes, as of November 20th, were reported to be planning a trip to Palm Springs. Information has also been received that Meyer, during the month of October, made contacts with most of the Hollywood columnists and offered gifts of scotch whiskey, apparently in an effort to have the columnists refrain from commenting upon Howard Hughes' association with Yvonne De Carlo.

Subject is also reported as having made trips with Edward Hughes and Yvonne De Carlo to Vancouver and to Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada.

BACKGROUND

- In 1940, he became closely associated with Howard Hughes, being employed as Public Relations Director for Hughes Aircraft Corporation.

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS,
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PURPOSE - To acquaint you with the recent developments in this case

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS - The Los Angeles Division advises that Meyer reportedly endeavored to get a passage for [redacted] aboard the Constellation on its first trip from Europe to the United States. Meyer did arrange passage for Harry Gold, United Artist Pictures, from New York to Los Angeles in connection with Gold being used to handle release of Howard Hughes' motion picture. Meyer has continued to contact various movie actresses for Hughes, possibly for a new picture to be made by Hughes.

ACTION TAKEN - A teletype is being sent to Los Angeles

requesting that they keep the Bureau promptly advised of any developments.

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JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS, MISCELLANEOUS, INFO. CONCERNING.

MEYER REPORTEDLY ENDEAVORED TO GET PASSAGE FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ABOARD THE CONSTELLATION ON ITS FIRST

TRIP FROM EUROPE TO U.S. HE ARRANGED PASSAGE FOR HARRY

GOLD, UNITED ARTIST PICTURES, FROM NEW YORK TO L.A. IN

CONNECTION WITH GOLD'S BEING USED TO HANDLE RELEASE OF

HOWARD HUGHES' MOTION PICTURE. MEYER CONTINUES TO CON-

TACT VARIOUS MOVIE ACTRESSES FOR HUGHES, POSS-

IBLY FOR NEW PICTURE TO BE MADE BY HUGHES. [REDACTED]

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MR. ROSS
MR. MCCALL
MR. O'GRADY

DECEMBER 19, 1945

SAC, LOS ANGELES H. P. G. E. R.

JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WA, MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING.
REURTEL DECEMBER TWELFTH LAST. BUTFL ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CONCERNING REPORTED DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN MEYER AND EUREFS. [REDACTED]
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DIRECTOR URGENT

JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS. MISC. INFO CONCERNING. REURTEL DEC-
EMBER THIRTEEN LAST. NO ADDITIONAL INFO AVAILABLE REGARDING
MEYERS ALLEGED DISPUTE WITH HOWARD HUGHES. [REDACTED] *WHL*

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Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease

WASH FROM LOSA2 12 10-30 AM
DIRECTOR URGENT

JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WA., MISC. INFO CONCERNING. MEYER IS
REPORTED TO HAVE HAD ROW WITH HOWARD HUGHES DURING LATTER
PART OF LAST WEEK. MEYER REPORTEDLY STATED HE NEVER WANTED
TO SEE HUGHES AGAIN. [REDACTED]

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FILE NO. **62-2682**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 12-7-45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/9-11/30/45	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] ESP
TITLE JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING 57c

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] He has continued to be in touch with HOWARD HUGHES and has endeavored to make contacts with various movie actresses in whom HUGHES is interested. **[REDACTED]**

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]** dated 10-24-45 at Los Angeles. **57c**

DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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"Variety" for October 23, 1945, stated that in addition to the position offered by the MPPA, KRUG had received offers from FLOYD COLUN to become an executive of the Atlas Corporation, and another offer from HOWARD HUGHES to become an executive in charge of foreign operations for TWA.

Connection with Hollywood Columnists

Through the services of [REDACTED] it was learned that HARRISON CARROLL, a columnist who writes for the Hearst newspapers, had written an article to the effect that YVONNE DE CARLO and HOWARD HUGHES had been in Canada together. Further it was stated that HUGHES had recently taken DE CARLO to New York City and that MEYER personally called on CARROLL and asked him not to print the story in his column regarding the trip to New York. CARROLL reportedly stated that he did not intend to use the story as the subject was no longer news. MEYER replied that he was delighted to hear of this and that he was sending two cases of Scotch whisky to CARROLL for his cooperation. CARROLL replied that he did not want any of MEYER'S

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SCOTCH and that he was not printing the article simply because it was not news. This informant stated that MEYER had contacted practically every columnist in Hollywood and had sent Scotch all over town in order to attempt to make sure that the item would not leak out in the papers.

MEYER'S Activity in HOWARD HUGHES Productions

Through contacts had with [REDACTED] it was learned that HOWARD HUGHES had been able to secure the services of SOL LESSERMAN, United Artists, to handle the release of HOWARD HUGHES' film "The Outlaw"; however, it appeared that some of the terms of the contract were objectionable to LESSERMAN and considerable difficulty ensued. It was reported that MEYER was working on LESSERMAN in order to iron out the difficulties regarding the contract. It was noted on several occasions that MEYER went to the Beverly Hills Hotel where LESSERMAN was staying, and it was thought that MEYER had made contact with LESSERMAN on these occasions for the purpose of endeavoring to straighten out the difficulties. Subsequently it was determined that MEYER was also endeavoring to secure the services of other men well known in the motion picture industry to handle the release of the film instead of LESSERMAN. One of the individuals whose services have been solicited for the position is HARRY GOLD, of United Artists Pictures in New York City. 32/1670

Through the same source it was reported that MEYER had been keeping himself somewhat busy during the past three or four weeks endeavoring to make contacts with various noted motion picture actresses in whom it was believed that HOWARD HUGHES had indicated an interest. Among those actresses whom MEYER has been contacting are: DIANA LYN, JOAN LESLIE, GAIL RUSSELL, JEAN CHAIN, and BARBARA BATES.

Trips Made by Meyer

It will be noted in the referenced report it is stated that MEYER, HOWARD HUGHES, and a woman believed to be YVONNE DE CARLO, the noted film actress, had departed from Los Angeles for Las Vegas, Nevada, on October 2, 1945. [REDACTED] 1

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[REDACTED] It was stated that HOWARD HUGHES was to have made the trip to Palm Springs on this occasion; however, his reservations were cancelled [REDACTED] 1

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FAITH DOMERGUE mentioned above is identical with FAITH DANN who resides at [REDACTED] and who was employed by the Hughes Productions as a movie actress and with whom HOWARD HUGHES has previously had dates.

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Through Confidential Source [REDACTED] it was ascertained that MEYER receives a letter almost daily from the Howard Hughes Aircraft Corporation, Culver City, California; however, no other mail was received at his residence which was considered to be of particular interest to the instant investigation.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This source stated that HOWARD HUGHES had dined at the home of NILS THOMAS GARLUND, master of ceremonies at the Florentine Gardens, with YVONNE DE CARLO. GARLUND stated that HUGHES had ten million dollars invested in the big airplane which is presently in production and that the United States Government has a like amount invested; further, that recently the Russians had endeavored to buy this plane; however, HOWARD HUGHES had refused to do business with them.

[REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: December 13, 1945
JO'G:RH

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WA,
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING

PURPOSE - To acquaint you with the recent development in this case.

RECENT DEVELOPMENT - The Los Angeles Division advises that Meyer is reported to have had a disagreement with Howard Hughes and stated that he never wanted to see Hughes again.

[REDACTED]

ACTION TAKEN - A teletype is being sent to Los Angeles requesting that they furnish additional information on the reported disagreement between Meyer and Hughes.

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JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS. MISC INFO CONCERNING. RE TEL DECEMBER

FOURTEEN LAST

IT IS REPORTED THAT DISPUTE BETWEEN MEYER AND
HUGHES WAS MERELY A FLARE-UP AND MEYER IS STILL WORKING FOR
HUGHES. NO FURTHER INDICATIONS MEYER INTENDS TO LEAVE HUGHES'
EMPLOYMENT AT THIS TIME.

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DIRECTOR URGENT

JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS, MISC. INFO CONCERNING. MEYER CONTINUES
TO BE IN CONTACT WITH HOWARD HUGHES AND IS PRINCIPALLY ACTIVE
IN ENDEAVORING TO MAKE CONTACTS WITH VARIOUS MOVIE ACTRESSES,
PARTICULARLY DIANA LYNN WHOM HOWARD HUGHES DESIRES TO MEET.
HUGHES IS REPORTED TO BE ~~BE~~ QUITE CONCERNED OVER FAILURE TO
GET HIS PICTURE QUOTE THE OUTLAW UNQUOTE PASSED BY CENSORS IN
NUMEROUS STATES.

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DIRECTOR URGENT

JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, MISC. INFO CONCERNING. RE REPORT SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LA, DATED SEPT. SIX AND OCT. TWENTY FOUR LAST RE-
PORTING INFO REGARDING CHARLES PERELLI, VICE PRESIDENT, HUGHES
TOOL CO. PERELLIS RESIGNATION WAS ANNOUNCED JAN. NINE LAST
AS RESULT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE SHAKE UP IN HUGHES PLANT.
FRANCIS PAULSON REPORTED PROMINENT CLEVELAND ATTORNEY IS
SAID TO HAVE BEEN IN CONFERENCE WITH HOWARD HUGHES DURING
DECEMBER LAST AND IT IS THOUGHT PAULSON WILL REPRESENT HUGHES
IN GETTING QUOTE THE OUTLAW UNQUOTE PASSED BY STATES CENSORS.

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DIRECTOR URGENT

JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS, MISC, INFO CONCERNING [REDACTED]

MEYER CONTINUES HIS CONTACTS WITH HOWARD HUGHES AND
STILL INTERESTED IN MAKING CONTACTS WITH MOVIE ACTRESSES WHOM
HUGHES DESIRES TO MEET. [REDACTED]

REPORT BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU. [REDACTED]

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. **62-2682**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 1-29-46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/1-23/45 1/7-25/46	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

MEYER continues close contact with HOWARD ~~X~~HUGHES in Los Angeles and is reported to be endeavoring to contact various motion picture actresses for HUGHES. Subject had row with HUGHES during December last, but break with HUGHES merely temporary. FRANCIS POULSON, prominent Cleveland attorney, stated to be handling HUGHES' picture "The Outlaw" so as to get it passed by censors.

CHARLES PATERNI, general manager and vice-president Hughes Tool Co., resigned as a result administrative changes made by HUGHES. EDWARD FLYNN, former leader Democratic Party, visited Los Angeles during December last and reservations made for him at Palm Springs by HUGHES' office.

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REFERENCE:

Reports of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 9-6-45 and 10-24-45 at Los Angeles.
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 12-7-45 at Los Angeles.

DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

MEYER'S Activities in Connection with HOWARD HUGHES

[REDACTED]

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In this regard it has been noted that the Variety reported on December 12, 1945, that HARRY L. GOLD, United Artists Eastern Sales Manager, had resigned to be effective January 1, to become general manager of the world-wide distribution on HOWARD HUGHES' production. GOLD was stated to have been with United Artists for the past twenty-three years.

Information was made available [REDACTED] to the effect that MEYER had had a row with HOWARD HUGHES during the first part of December and that MEYER had reportedly stated he never wanted to see HOWARD HUGHES again. It was ascertained [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that MEYER had left Los Angeles on December 7, 1945, and was staying at the Racquet Club. In connection with this particular trip to the Racquet Club, [REDACTED] reported that during MEYER's stay there, there had been numerous telephone calls for MEYER from HOWARD HUGHES in Los Angeles. However, MEYER refused to talk to HOWARD HUGHES on the telephone. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] appeared to be quite peeved with HOWARD HUGHES.

[REDACTED] stated that there was no further information available concerning HUGHES' and MEYER's alleged fight and that it was not known whether MEYER was endeavoring to seek any other employment.

Reference is made to the reports of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 6, 1945, and October 24, 1945, at Los Angeles, wherein information is set forth regarding CHARLES PERELLI, who was employed as vice-president and general manager by HOWARD HUGHES at the Hughes Tool Company, Los Angeles. It was pointed out in the reference reports that HUGHES had indicated to MEYER that CHARLES PERELLI would lose his position.

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The Los Angeles Times dated January 9, 1946, carried a news article to the effect that HOWARD HUGHES' plant in Culver City was undergoing an administrative shakeup, which was capped by the resignation of general manager CHARLES W. PERELLI. It was stated that he had quit as vice-president of the Hughes Tool Company and as general manager of the Hughes Aircraft Company, which positions he had held since August, 1944. HUGHES was stated to have said that he and PERELLI had disagreed over the manner in which the plant should be operated, and related that he could not begin to tell all of the disagreements that had occurred in regard to policy. NOAH BETRICH, executive vice-president of the Hughes Tool Company, was reported as having flown to Los Angeles from Houston, Texas, and as a result of his presence the resignations of PERELLI and his associates began.

Other individuals affected by the shakeup were TONY BORN, public relations manager, JOHN W. HEDDEN, assistant general manager, CLIFFORD SHARPS, production manager, and CLINTON ERE, auditor, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also related that reservations were made by HOWARD HUGHES' office in Los Angeles for the POWELSONS, and in addition, reservations were made for the former Governor [REDACTED] of Ohio. [REDACTED] Contact had with [REDACTED]

Developed information to the effect that POWELSON was believed to be in confidence with HUGHES regarding the release of the motion picture "The Outlaw." HUGHES has been having considerable difficulty in getting "The Outlaw" passed by the censors of numerous states, and has shown considerable worry over its failure to be released. It was thought that POWELSON would handle the motion picture "The Outlaw" and endeavor to have it passed by censors.

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[REDACTED] also reported that HOWARD HUGHES' office had endeavored to make reservations for EDWARD FLYNN, the former leader of the Democratic Party, about the first of December. [REDACTED]

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Through the services of [REDACTED] it was learned that XEY? apparently had shown considerable interest in the various movie actresses, in whom it was thought that HOWARD HUGHES had an interest and desire to know. Among those movie actresses were such persons as JEAN CRAINE, JOAN LESLIE, DIANNA FLYNN, GAY RUSSELL, and BARBARA OVERTON.

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Miscellaneous

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] b7C
dated September 6, 1945, at Los Angeles, wherein information is set forth
regarding NIA MACKLIN [REDACTED] b7C
It was
reported that MEYER had picked up NIA MACKLIN on August 23 last and had
driven her to HOWARD HUGHES' private airport, where she apparently boarded a
private plane headed for the east.

[REDACTED]

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In connection with JOHN MEYER's and HOWARD HUGHES' social activities, it was noted that JIMMY STAR, in the Los Angeles Evening Herald Express on January 8, 1946, reported on a party which was held on January 4, 1946, in which he stated that one of the smartest parties of the season was given by Mrs. ERIC GILDA DAHLBERG in honor of the EDWIN PAULEYS. It was reported that Mrs. DAHLBERG had among her guests movie stars, politicians, socialites, newspaper people, bankers, etc., and HOWARD HUGHES and JOHNNY MEYER.

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Beverly Hills Hotel, reported that JOHN MEYER had been a regular visitor to that hotel, usually for drinks and occasional parties. However, she could not recall who he generally had with him at the time. She stated that on occasions JOHN had visited the hotel with HOWARD HUGHES, but that there was no information of particular importance to report regarding his activities at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

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- P E N D I N G -

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. Tamm

DATE: 2/4/46

FROM : R. A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases;
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Mr. Coffey
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Mr. Ladd
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Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that investigation of subject Meyer's activities reveals no unusual activity; that he is still making contact for Howard Hughes with motion picture actresses; that the Howard Hughes office made reservations which were not used for former Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio at Palm Springs, California; that the Hughes office endeavored to get reservations for Edward Flynn, former leader of the Democratic Party; and to call your attention to other information developed.

MOTION PICTURE ACTRESSES HOWARD HUGHES DESIRES TO KNOW

[REDACTED] advises that subject Meyer has shown considerable interest in the following actresses:

Jean Craine
Joan Leslie
Dianne Lynn
Gail Russell
Barbara Davenport

HANDLED BY
[REDACTED]

It is understood that Howard Hughes desires to meet these girls and that Meyer is making these contacts in his behalf.

RESERVATIONS FOR EDWARD FLYNN AND FORMER GOVERNOR JOHN W. BRICKER

[REDACTED] Racquet Club at Palm Springs, California, states that reservations were made by the Howard Hughes office during the month of December in behalf of former Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio.

[REDACTED] also advises that the Howard Hughes office during the first part of December, 1945, endeavored to make reservations for Edward Flynn, former National leader of the Democratic Party.

ATTORNEY FRANCIS POULSON OF CLEVELAND, OHIO

[REDACTED] advises that she made reservations for Attorney Francis Poulson and his son at the request of the Howard Hughes office.

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Memo. to Mr. Tamm

[REDACTED] Poulson appears to be negotiating in behalf of Hughes for the release of the motion picture "The Outlaw." Hughes has been having considerable difficulty in getting the latter picture past the censor throughout the states. b7c

ADMINISTRATIVE SHAKE-UP OF HUGHES AIRCRAFT COMPANY

The Los Angeles Office advises that the Los Angeles Times on January 9, 1946, carried a news article indicating that the Howard Hughes Plant in Culver City was undergoing an administrative shake-up. The news item stated that Charles W. Perelli had quit as Vice President of the Hughes Tool Company and as General Manager of the Hughes Aircraft Company, which positions he had held since August, 1944.

REFERENCE MADE TO KRUG IN WIRE BY MEYER

[REDACTED] advised that Meyer had wired Dr. Lewis H. Marks, Commercial Alcohol Company, 1429 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, during December, 1945, stating: b7c

[REDACTED] Francis Poulson arriving here this weekend for conferences with Hughes. [REDACTED]

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

You will be advised immediately concerning any new developments in this case.

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JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS. MISC. INFO, CONCERNING. HOWARD HUGHES
PLANNING PARTY OF PROMINENT HOLLYWOOD PERSONAGES TO MAKE INAUGU-
RAL PASSENGER FLIGHT ON THE QUOTE CONSTELLATION UNQUOTE FROM
L.A. TO NEW YORK AND RETURN, LEAVING HERE FEB. FIFTEEN AND RE-
TURNING FEB. SEVENTEEN NEXT. MEYER ENDEAVORING TO GET SUCH
PEOPLE AT L.B. MAYER, JACK WARNER, DARRYL ZANUCK, CARY GRANT,
INGRID BERGMAN AND OTHER MOVIE NOTABLES TO MAKE TRIP. MEYER
HAS MADE RESERVATION AT WALDORF HOTEL, N.Y. FOR THE PARTY.

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DIRECTOR URGENT

JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS. WISC. INFO CONCERNING. REMYTEL ~~REXXE~~
FEB. SEVEN LAST. HOWARD HUGHES WILL PILOT CONSTELLATION LEAV-
ING TONIGHT AT MIDNIGHT FROM L.A. WITH NUMEROUS PERSONAGES IN
PARTY. RESERVATIONS MADE FOR PARTY AT WALDORF AND SHERRY
NETHERLANDS HOTELS, NYC. THE GROUP WILL LEAVE N.Y. SHORTLY
AFTER MIDNIGHT SUNDAY EVENING AND RETURN TO L.A. MEYER TO
MAKE TRIP WITH HUGHES. INFORMANT ADVISED THAT BUGSY SIEGEL
STATED HE HAD BEEN INVITED BY HOWARD HUGHES TO MAKE TRIP
ON THE CONSTELLATION. HOWEVER SIEGEL UNABLE TO ACCEPT IN-
~~REXXE~~ VITATION

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JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS. MISC. INFO CONCERNING. SUBJECT ARRANGED FOR
RESERVATIONS AT SHERRY NETHERLANDS HOTEL, NYC FOR GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY
FORTY MOTION PICTURE STARS AND OTHER GUESTS WHO ACCOMPANIED HOWARD
HUGHES ON FLIGHT OF CONSTELLATION PLANE FROM CALIFORNIA TO NYC ON FEB.
FIFTEEN LAST. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUBJECT
AND HOWARD HUGHES ARE STILL REGISTERED AT HOTEL AND NO INFO AS TO
CONTEMPLATED DEPARTURE AVAILABLE. [REDACTED]

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Meyer

JOHN WILLIAM ~~WARR~~, WAS. MISC. INFO CONCERNING. HOWARD HUGHES AND

MEYER ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN FROM N.Y. TO L.A. BY TOMORROW.

HAS BEEN INVITED BY HUGHES TO TAKE

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A PUBLICITY-TRIP TO LAS VEGAS, NEV. ON FEB. TWENTY THREE IN A

CONSTELLATION. [REDACTED] MEYER IS EXPECTED TO BE WITH HUGHES ON

THIS TRIP.

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JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS. MISC. INFO CONCERNING. HOWARD HUGHES
AND JOHN MEYER HAVE NOT RETURNED L.A. FROM NYC AS EXPECTED.

[REDACTED] PROPOSED TRIP TO LAS VEGAS POSTPONED UNTIL

THEIR RETURN. [REDACTED]
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cc. Mr. O'Grady

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles, 13, California
March 11, 1946**

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. **62-2682**

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

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

RE: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, was
MISCELLANEOUS,
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that the following information was made available to this office by a very confidential source, with reference to a contact had by MEYER on March 7, 1946 with BILL CAGNEY, a motion picture executive and brother of JAMES CAGNEY, screen star.

It was stated that MEYER had contacted CAGNEY with reference to some property which was suitable for studio space, on which it was thought that Twentieth Century Fox Studios might build. CAGNEY reportedly showed no interest in this particular matter and indicated that on March 6, 1946 he and five other individuals including SOL LUSKER and LEO MCCARTY, both motion picture executives, had closed a deal for a million dollars to purchase sixty acres of property in Culver City near the Metro Goldwyn Mayer Studios. CAGNEY indicated that this group did not desire to finance the building of a studio on this property themselves, but desired to do the financing through the RFC. At this time MEYER indicated that he was provoked with CAGNEY for not having been previously advised of the deal and that he and DONALD HUGHES had not been out in. MEYER told CAGNEY that he had many contacts in Washington, and that he could easily arrange the securing of the financing of the deal through RFC and also secure the necessary priorities. CAGNEY then agreed that MEYER would be retained to give assistance to the group in this matter, and MEYER was to discuss the plan with DONALD HUGHES to see if he desired to be taken in. MEYER remarked that he could guarantee the deal being arranged within two weeks.

[REDACTED SECTION]



- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
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Re: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, was

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MEYER made the following general comments with reference to his reported contacts in Washington. He related that DONALD HUGHES had contacts there whom HUGHES only used about once a year, and it was MEYER's opinion that these contacts would pay off with a few little favors, and that the instant deal in which CAGNEY was interested was certainly not "like stealing something". MEYER remarked that he had every angle there is in Washington under control.

Should this office receive further information with regard to MEYER's contacts and the deal mentioned herein, the Bureau will be immediately notified.

Very truly yours,



R. B. Hood,
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR.....U R G E N T

JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS., MISC, INFO CONCERNING. MEYER RETURN-
ED TO LA FROM NYC MARCH FIVE ON THE PLANE FLOWN BY HOWARD
HUGHES. AMONG THE PASSENGERS ON THE TRIP FROM NYC WERE GOV-
ERNOR M.C. WALLGREN, WASHINGTON, EX PRINCE CARL JOHAN BERNA-
DOTTE, AND HIS WIFE. [REDACTED]

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VICE CONDITIONS, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, RESEARCH MATTER. HE PROPOSED
PUBLICITY TRIP [REDACTED] TO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA WITH
HOWARD HUGHES, REPORTED AS DELAYED [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

cc - Mr. Rosen, Mr. Ladd
Mr. McCabe
Mr. O'Grady

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JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS, MISC., INFORMATION CONCERNING. PREUTEL
MARCH FOURTEEN INSTANT. NO VERIFICATION OF REPORT ON HUGHES AND
ELLIOT T. ROOSEVELT'S STORY TO DATE. HUGHES REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN
AWAY FROM LA SINCE RETURN FROM NYC MARCH FIFTH. NO INFO AVAILABLE
INDICATING MEYER AWARE OF PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP. WILL ENDEAVOR TO
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TO : MR. E. A. Tamm *EAT*

DATE: March 14, 1946

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, was
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNINGPURPOSE

To advise of information developed concerning the recent inaugural flight of the "Constellation" from Los Angeles to New York in which subject Meyer and Howard Hughes participated;

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INFORMATION CONCERNING INAUGURAL FLIGHT OF "CONSTELLATION"

The Los Angeles Division learned that "Bugsy" Siegel, notorious West Coast racketeer stated he had been invited by Howard Hughes to make the recent inaugural trip on the "Constellation" from Los Angeles to New York. Siegel explained, however, that he was unable to accept, not indicating the reason why.

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Governor M. C. Wallgren of Washington and ex-Prince Carl Johan Bernadotte and his wife accompanied subject Meyer and Howard Hughes when they recently returned by plane to Los Angeles.

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A recent news item in the Danton Walker column "Broadway" on March 11, 1946 advised that "Elliott-Roosevelt's next business partner will be Howard Hughes."

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MEMO TO MR. E. A. TAMM

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This case is being closely supervised and the Los Angeles Office has been requested to submit a summary report of all investigation conducted to date. It is expected this report will be received at the Bureau on or about March 21.

The Los Angeles Division has also been requested to airtel any information they might have indicating that Elliott Roosevelt will soon be associated with Howard Hughes.

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cc - Mr. Rosen
Mr. McCabe
Mr. O'Grady

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TITLE JOHN WILLIAM MYER, with aliases Johnny Meyers, Johnny Myers, John Morris			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

**SUMMARY REPORT
PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL**

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Synopsis:

[REDACTED] became friendly with **HOWARD HUGHES** and obtained position as Director of Public Relations with **HUGHES** August, 1942. He has been personal confidant for **HUGHES**. He is reported to make acquaintances with numerous women in whom **HUGHES** is interested. [REDACTED] allegedly used his friendship with **FAVE** and **ELIOT** to further interests of **HUGHES**' enterprises.

[REDACTED] reportedly used his influence to secure five and a half million feet of film in **HUGHES**' picture "The Outlaw."

Records LDB show subject deferred on basis of position with **Hughes Aircraft**.

References:

Bureau letter, May 10, 1945.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]

Los Angeles, June 4, 1945

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MEYER'S ACTIVITY IN CONNECTION WITH HOWARD HUGHES:

Business

As previously mentioned in this report, MEYER first became acquainted with HOWARD HUGHES in 1940 or 1941 and was reported to secure girls for HOWARD HUGHES' parties. He then became Public Relations Director for Hughes Aircraft Corporation. As a result of his acquaintance with HUGHES, MEYER became associated with HENRY KAISER, the ship builder and industrialist

[REDACTED]

According to [REDACTED] HOWARD HUGHES, during the early part of 1945, gave an open house for a group of visiting Russians, whom he was attempting to interest in an experimental transport ship, then on the drawing board at Hughes Aircraft. HUGHES intended to sell the Russians an order on this experimental ship.

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Through the use of a highly confidential source, information was obtained concerning personal papers maintained at the subject's residence, 1134 North Ogden Drive. Among these papers was a memorandum dated December 22, 1944 on the stationery of Hughes Productions, which stated that Hughes Productions had used up its quota of raw film and that unless a WFB order relaxing its quota could be obtained, the studio would not be able to release the picture "The Outlaw." Further, it stated it was necessary to obtain five and a half million feet of 35 mm. raw film and that United Artists were releasing this picture for HUGHES, and unless this amount of film was obtained, the release could not be made.

[REDACTED] advised on July 21, 1945 that HOWARD HUGHES was then ready to release the picture "The Outlaw" and it was indicated that the raw film must have been obtained by HUGHES through some other source than the WFB..

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This source related as far as he knew there was no illegal juggling of priorities in connection with obtaining the film for "The Outlaw."

[REDACTED] on August 30, 1945, advised it was his opinion EDWARD HUGHES could not have stocked four or five million feet of raw film at the Romine plant, as it was too large an amount to have accumulated from other pictures, and that no one was astute enough prior to the war to store such a quantity of film.

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A further review of the file reflects that MEYER has assisted EDWARD HUGHES in endeavoring to secure the services of SOL LEBESMAN, United Artists, and HARRY GOLD, United Artists, to help in the handling of the release of the motion picture "The Outlaw." SOL LEBESMAN apparently was not available to assist HUGHES and according to the "Variety" on December 12, 1945, HARRY GOLD, United Artists Eastern Sales Manager, resigned his position to become general manager of the world-wide distribution of EDWARD HUGHES' productions.

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MEYER is also believed to have been assisting HUGHES in endeavoring to secure the services of FRAUCIS FOULSON, noted Cleveland attorney, to aid HUGHES in getting "The Outlaw" passed by the censors of several states.

According to [REDACTED] Jacket Club in Palm Springs, California, EDWARD HUGHES' office made reservations for FRAUCIS FOULSON and his son to stay at the club from December 12 through December 29, 1945. At the same time reservations were also made by HUGHES' office for former Governor BRUCKER of Ohio. [REDACTED]

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During the course of a surveillance made on August 20, 1945 at Los Angeles, it was noted that MEYER had lunch with JIM FRYE, President of U.A., and W. STRICK of Hughes Aircraft, Houston, Texas, at Romine's Restaurant in Hollywood. A portion of the conversation of these individuals was overheard and MEYER and FRYE were heard to discuss changes in the administrative personnel at Hughes Aircraft. FRYE and MEYER appeared

anxious to replace CHARLES PERELLI, Executive Vice President, Hughes Aircraft, in charge of production. MEYER particularly was insistent that PERELLI be replaced and discussed an interview with BUD GILLIES of Ryan Aircraft, San Diego, who was considered as a possible successor to PERELLI.

By physical surveillance it was learned that HOWARD HUGHES, together with MEYER, YVONNE DeCARLO and JIMMYE ANN, visited the Florentine Gardens in Hollywood on September 19, 1945. During this visit to the night club HUGHES and MEYER were overheard to discuss the dismissal of CHARLES PERELLI. HUGHES advised MEYER confidentially that PERELLI would be replaced as soon as a suitable man could be found and that MEYER was to receive a raise.

The Los Angeles Times for January 9, 1946, reported that HOWARD HUGHES' Culver City plant was undergoing an administrative shake-up which was caused by the resignation of General Manager CHARLES M. PERELLI. HUGHES was reported to have said that he and PERELLI had disagreed over the manner in which the plant should be operated and related that he could not begin to tell all the disagreements which had occurred in regard to policy.

Through [REDACTED] it was ascertained that HOWARD HUGHES was planning to take a party of prominent Hollywood persons aboard the inaugural passenger flight of the Constellation from Los Angeles to New York and return. It was stated that MEYER was endeavoring to get such people as L. B. NAYER, JACK WALKER, DARBYL ZANUCK, CARY GRANT, IRVING BERGMAN and others to make the trip.

Through [REDACTED] it was ascertained that MEYER sent a wire to TED SAUCIER, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, on February 5, 1946, stating that he appreciated SAUCIER's cooperation and would make a list which would be forwarded to the hotel as soon as possible. It is believed that this wire pertained to the making of the reservations for the group which was to go to New York in HOWARD HUGHES' plane. It was determined through [REDACTED] previously mentioned, that HOWARD HUGHES would pilot the Constellation which was to leave at midnight on February 14, 1946 with many Hollywood stars.

In regard to the people making the trip, it was reported by [REDACTED] that BUGSY SIEGEL had advised him that HOWARD HUGHES had invited SIEGEL to make the trip on the Constellation, but SIEGEL was unable to accept.

It is noted from the newspaper articles that EDWIN B. HILL and MEYER, along with such persons as Governor JOHN C. WALLACE of Washington, ex-Prince CARL JOHAN BERNADOTTE and his wife, CARLY GRANT, Mr. and Mrs. DANEY KAYE, Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM POWELL and LILIAN IMPWELL, arrived at Los Angeles on March 5, 1946 on the Constellation, piloted by HOWARD HUGHES.

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[REDACTED] was flying to Las Vegas on Saturday, February 24th, in the Constellation, as a guest of HOWARD HUGHES. It was thought that MEYER would go along on the trip and that the main object of this trip would be for publicity purposes. Subsequently this source reported that the trip had been postponed inasmuch as HUGHES and MEYER did not return to Los Angeles on the date expected.

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Social

From a review of the file, it is noted that such sources as [REDACTED] have frequently reported that the subject endeavors to become acquainted with the majority of the prominent movie actresses, and that it was apparent that subject was endeavoring to become acquainted with certain actresses in order that he might be able to introduce them to HOWARD HUGHES. The subject reportedly endeavored to become acquainted with such persons as DIANA LYNN, JOAN LESLIE, GAIL RUSSELL, JOANNE CRAIG, BARBARA HAYES and others.

The file further reflects that MEYER has, on numerous occasions, been in contact with FAITH DOMER, also known as FAITH DOMERTEL, who resides in Hollywood. Miss DOMER was employed by Howard Hughes Productions and has been under contract to him for several years. Further, in the past, MEYER has been in frequent contact with MIA MCKELIN who, according to report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 6, 1945 at Los Angeles, was picked up on August 25, 1945 and driven to [REDACTED] airport.

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According to [REDACTED] MEYER planned to fly to Vancouver over the Labor Day week end of 1945, with HOWARD HUGHES and YVONNE DeCARLO. It was learned that this party then continued to Reno and Las Vegas. [REDACTED]

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