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Her Heart Crushed By Hitler's Fist

Unity Freeman-Mitford Lies Shattered: Broken At Her Home

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Hitler and his one-time "blonde goddess"

by Edward Gottlieb

AFTER a strange career that skyrocketed her to international fame as the Nazi "goddess" of Adolf Hitler, Unity Valkyrie Freeman-Mitford now lies as a broken, dismembered doll in her father's British mansion, her heart crushed by the mailed fist of the world's No. 1 dictator.

So great was Unity's devotion to the German Führer and his Nazi political creed that this 25-year-old British beauty flung to the winds a family heritage that traced back to Christianity, her friends and relatives in England.

The name Valkyrie, which she proudly bore, is a word curiously symbolic of the over-shadowed attraction between the English girl and the Führer and who tried to call her "blonde goddess".

In ancient Norse mythology the Valkyries were pictured as divine, warlike maidens who served Odin, god of the northern and of battle and victories" immortalized in an opera by Richard Wagner. They rode forth to battle, chose the heroic warriors among the dead and carried them off to Valhalla, the heaven of heroes.

Hated of Nazism and the führer was a challenge and not an indication that year between Britain and Germany was inevitable.

Wearing a Nazi swastika armband, the girl attended a left-wing mass meeting in Hyde Park London's "Union Square." More than 50,000 British were in the assembly and her appearance was the signal for a tremendous anti-Nazi demonstration.

"Go back to Germany where you belong!" the crowd shouted.

"Throw her into the Serpentine!"

In a few minutes she was attacked, kicked and beaten. If it were not for a double-wedge London police, the beautiful daughter of Lord Redesdale might have been injured mortally.

It was not long after that event included with every creed of Nazism, for in that way only could she expect to remain Chancellor Hitler's "ideal nubile woman" in the face of other rumored romances which must have reached her from the inner circles of the German regime.

She became rapidly, openly and honestly. She once wrote in the violently anti-Jewish newspaper "The Statesman," edited by Julius Streicher. Her article said: "The English have no notion of the Jewish danger. Our work is here only behind the scenes. We hope you'll see us soon win against the world's enemy in spite of his cunning. We anticipate the day when we shall be able to see with just reason: "The English, too, win the Jews.""

Then she added this postscript: "Please publish my full name, for I want everyone to know I'm a Jew-hater."

Strange, under the spell of Hitler, this girl had completely forgotten——or refused to remember——that her grandfather Algernon, Sir Edward Mitford, was elevated to the peerage through the efforts of Disraeli, a Jew, and one of the greatest

Edward Gottlieb

International News Service
CHANCELLOR HITLER is a lover of opera, and the tempestuous music of Wagner's 'The Valkyrie' is one of his favorites. During her many visits with the Fuhrer, Unity may have told him that her middle name was given in honor of Wagner. She may also have confided that the old ideal of the Redesdale, her grandfather, had insisted that one of his grandchildren be given the name of the German composer. So, as so many others in the Nazi line, Unity is a little 'choosers of heroes.'

Just as Lord Redesdale became imbued with the idea of calling his granddaughter 'Valkyrie' to Hitler is said to have been inspired by the Wagnerian opus to apply the term 'great Nordic beauty' to his Pro-Nazi British friend. It may have been the same inspiration that brought Unity and Hitler together for the first time in a Munich restaurant in the autumn of 1931.

According to the wire of truth and fiction which has long been spun about this memorable meeting, Hitler saw Unity and her sister Diana, sipping coffee in a restaurant. "Who are the two beautiful blond women?" the Fuhrer inquired of his aids.

"They are two Englishwomen, but we understand they speak German fluently," he was told.

Then, in the manner of what Americans call a 'gossip,' Hitler was said to have sent his adjutant, Helmut Brueckner, to invite the girls to his table. Unity and Diana, of course, were delighted and promptly that day until, perhaps, the outbreak of the European war, both were devoted admirers of the chancelor. Diana, who divorced Bryan Guinness, was the only British husband that right-wing Sir Oswald Mosley, leader of the British Fascists, filled her Belgrave square house with Nazi and Fascist emblems and even had to have trained her two sons by her first husband to great visitors with the Nazi salute and cries of 'Heil Hitler!'

After their coffee-house that with the chancelor the girls were invited to dinners and parties of all kinds staged by Hitler and other members of the Nazi hierarchy. At one of these in the Berlin home of Field Marshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering, the Fuhrer himself contributed to the feast and held up his glass and offered this toast:

I want to say that I believe Frau Goering, Frau Bryan Guinness and Miss Unity Milford are the most beautiful women in Germany.'

THE effects of these compliments by the Fuhrer are shown in the photographs of the younger Miss Freeman-Milford — she was only 21—then treasured by Unity. She followed Hitler from place to place, frequently staying as his guest in his own house or the Fuhrer's Munich estate at Berchtesgaden. She sold it for a crown, and when the money, there invariably was troubled of one sort or another.

The British haven't loved the Nazis this time worse than ever, nor has that war sent thousands of British Tommies to the front, so much back to England. It is on one notable occasion Unity found out what that is a Вульпогувавлі з Британії.

Czech officials explained that all foreign cars were subject to search. They confiscated three cameras, film, a diary and a book of German poems.

The British press attacked the obvious Nazi bias, but German newspapers sided with the incident to prove their allegiances of faith and loyalty, which is the growing British.
Acknowledging receipt of your letter-dated July 18, 1940, your reference No. please be advised that copies of your letter have been transmitted to Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 1300 Biscayne Building, Miami, Florida, who has been requested to have an appropriate investigation undertaken at once.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate with you in all matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,
Special Agent in Charge
Miami, Florida

July 24, 1940

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith copies of a letter of

requiring investigation in Miami, Florida.

It is my desire that you arrange to give this matter your appropriate attention at once, so that the results of your inquiry may be transmitted to

without delay.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure:

Communications Section
July 26, 1940
September 23, 1940

Reference is again made to your letter of July 18, 1940, your Reference No. concerning [blank].

In connection therewith, I am transmitting herewith one copy of a letter directed to this Bureau by its Miami office, dated August 3, 1940, together with photostatic copies of the enclosures which were attached thereto.

If I can be of any further assistance to you in this matter, I hope you will not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely Yours,

Enclosure

CANCELLATION SECTION
September 23, 1940
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 24, 1940, transmitting therewith copy of a letter from

dated July 18, 1940, requesting investigation in Miami, and that matter be given appropriate attention in view of the fact that results of the inquiry might appropriately be transmitted without delay.

In view of the information set forth in that letter to the effect that were allegedly employed in a bar contacted the State Alcoholic Division and caused a check to be made of licenses issued for that particular business. These records failed to indicate any liquor or night club license issued to, or for.

A similar check was made with the Division of Licenses, Dade County Court House, with negative results:

A check of the city and telephone directories failed to reveal the true identity of referred to in instant letter. Agent theretofore conducted a neighborhood investigation of the vicinity of interviewed of the Miami Police Department who advised that he recollected a man and woman by the name of who, in the past, had received considerable publicity in Miami in view of her alleged relationship.
A check of the licenses issued by the Alcoholic Division revealed that the Roma Restaurant

Thereafter a check was made at the morgue of the Daily News for newspaper articles which might involve further investigation of

in charge of

The photograph was radioed from London to New York.

The younger sister, Jessica, married a volunteer Spanish Loyalist aviator and she entered the United States in March, 1939, and sold dresses for a short period of time in a Fifth Avenue shop. She is the so-called "black sheep" of the Freeman-Mitford family. Her husband, Esmond Romilly, a nephew of Winston Churchill, accompanied her at that time. Esmond Romilly and Jessica were.
nineteen at the time of their marriage, were married after three
days' courtship, eloped to France, and her wealthy father, Lord
Redesdale allegedly sent a destroyer to France to bring her back.
She refused to return to England in view of her love for her
anti-Fascist husband, Emmond. Both Jessica and Emmond settled in
Southern France, earning their living translating Spanish broad-
casts and sending war news to the London Chronicle. Jessica
Romilly in interviews with reporters, considered her stay in the
United States as an adventure and refused to disclose any infor-
mation regarding ___________. She did remark
that it was quite natural for her family to be pro-Nazi because
"most of the upper class in England were pro-Nazi."

When Jessica and Emmond Romilly landed in the United
States they had $400.00, lived in a tiny Greenwich Village
apartment while Jessica sold dresses. Emmond Romilly was out of
work at the time but expressed a desire to obtain employment in
the advertising business or in journalism. Both expressed an
opinion that they would return to England if war was declared.
They liked America and intended to become citizens.

At the morgue department of the Miami Herald, a search
was made for news items concerning Jessica and Emmond Romilly.
Accordingly there is being enclosed herewith a copy of article
appearing in the edition of the Miami Herald dated January 3,
1940, setting forth information concerning Unity Freeman-Mitford;
an article in the Miami Herald dated January 4, 1940. An article
in the Miami Herald dated January 14, 1940, refers to the three
sister, Unity, Diana, and Jessica.

Effort was made to ascertain if Jessica and Emmond
Romilly are presently located at Miami. Accordingly inquiry was
made at 226 S. W. 1st Street, their alleged residence, with
negative results. ___________

this address advised that neither Jessica or Emmond
Romilly had ever resided at that address and that she had received
numerous inquiries concerning these individuals.

Accordingly, desperate inquiry was made of ___________
who advised that Jessica and Emmond Romilly had departed from
the Roma Restaurant at the termination of the winter season and
had gone to New Orleans, and he subsequently received a card from
them from some place in Virginia, the exact location of which
he could not recollect.

Subsequently, it was ascertained that they had gone to
Washington, D. C., and that he believed, at the present time,
Jessica was engaged as an entertainer at Washington, D. C., and
that her husband had gone on to Canada to enroll in the Royal
Air Force.
In view of the fact that discreet inquiry was requested, was not questioned further in reference to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Percy Wyly, Jr
Special Agent in Charge

GRM:CSR
HAS ADOLF'S LOVE COOLED?

'Perfect Nordic Woman' Fleeing Germany

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOLKESTONE, England, Jan. 2—A worried father and an empty ambulance waited beneath the chalk cliffs of this southern English port Tuesday night for Unity Valkyrie Freeman-Mitford, who has been "visiting friends" (including Adolf Hitler) in Germany since before the war, and expected on an Imperial Airways plane.

Lord Redesdale, her father, who fought against the Germans in France and Belgium in the World war and won "mention in dispatches" was said by a member of the family to be hopefully expecting his daughter Wednesday. At first he thought she would be here Tuesday. Lady Redesdale and another daughter are reported to be traveling with Miss Freeman-Mitford, reported suffering from an unexplained ailment.

Hitler himself is credited with arranging the wartime wartime trip from Germany to England.

Persons close to the family, however, were unable to throw any new light on the young woman's illness, which is of some months' duration. British newspapers have reported at various times that she was poisoned, suffering from a gunshot wound, and ill after a violent quarrel with the Fuehrer during which he delivered an historical tirade against Great Britain.

Hitler Passes Way

Before the war, she said: "I think Hitler is wonderful."

While London newspaper pla...
Sister of Adolf’s Perfect Nordic Type
Is Making Own Way As Miami Barmaid

Jessica Freeman-Mitford
Became Black Sheep of
Family When She Married Anti-Fascist

BY MARION STEVENS
Herald Staff Writer

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Lord Redesdale because she married a volunteer for toaist Spain.

Today, Jessica, sister of the now famous Unity, is working as a
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destroy this same Hitler.

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W. First street. Publicly she denied any knowledge of the mys-
terious malady of her sister Unity
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Striking Resemblance

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Unity’s Sister
Miami Barmaid

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The Romillys live in a tiny efficiency apartment and drive a third or fourth-hand car of the 1926 vintage. In the Roma restaurant, at 1327 N. E. Bayshore court, they are set to start work together in the bar. The two have been on their own ever since they were married. They are both 27. Apparently they have come to Miami to stay.

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Nordic Beauty Rests
At Father’s Estate

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Pale and thin, Unity Valkyrie Freeman-Mitford, daughter of a British peer and friend of Adolf Hitler, rested Thursday night on the estate of her father at High Wycombe, about 20 miles from London, after a journey from Germany.

The 25-year-old Englishwoman, whom Hitler once described as a perfect “Nordic beauty,” completed the trip from Munich to her home by ambulance from Folkestone, a channel port.

"Quite Worn Out"

Although the British press reported she suffered a mysterious gunshot wound in the neck five days after the start of the European war, Lord Redesdale, her father, did not disclose the nature of her illness and only said: "She’s quite worn out, poor thing."

Lady Redesdale, who met her daughter in Switzerland, said: "I am glad to say she is very much better today."

When she left Folkestone, Miss Freeman-Mitford wore a blue coat and a green scarf high around her neck, but no hat.
For your information, in an interview, stated that subject was in Miami during the season of 1939 and 1940, accompanied by her husband, ESMOND ROMILLY, and that both were employed at the Roma Restaurant. She further stated that Mr. ROMILLY was reported to be a nephew of Mrs. WINSTON CHURCHILL. Stated that this couple were living at the home of an Englishwoman who had lived in this country about eight years. Stated that this couple were very interesting, intelligent, and well liked by the International Set in Miami. Viewed on June 11, 1942 and stated that she was English and had lived in this country about eight years. Stated that she knew the family of Mrs. ROMILLY in England, and that it was true that JESSICA ROMILLY, daughter of Lord Redesdale, also stated that ESMOND ROMILLY was a nephew of WINSTON CHURCHILL. Stated that JESSICA ROMILLY broke with her family when she married ESMOND and that she had never returned because of their Pro-Nazi attitude. Stated that this couple stayed during the winter season of 1939 and 1940, at which time they were both employed as bar attendants at the Roma Restaurant, 1327 N. E. Bay Shore Court. She further stated that subjects left Miami in May 1940 for New Orleans and that she received a letter only shortly after their departure to the effect that ESMOND was leaving for Canada to enlist in the Royal
Canadian Air Force. She further stated that ESMOND was reported lost in an airplane crash in the North Sea during December of 1941, at which time his wife, JESSICA, had remained in the United States and had gone to work for the British Purchasing Commission in Washington D. C. states that subject and her sixteen-month old daughter for two weeks during April of this year. states that subject told her she would under no circumstances return to England because of her family. also said that WINSTON CHURCHILL, during his visit to the White House early this year, had sent for subject and talked with her regarding the tragic death of her husband.

states that this was one of the loveliest couples that she had ever known and that they had both been slightly radical prior to ESMOND'S entry into the air force. states that ESMOND ROMILLY had been undoubtedly communistic but that she thought he had outgrown that. She stated that he fought with the Loyalist armies during the Spanish Revolution and saw a great deal of action.

Under date of January 5, 1940 The Miami Herald printed the following story regarding JESSICA and ESMOND ROMILLY:

"SISTER OF ADOF'S PERFECT NORDIC TYPE
MAKING OWN WAY AS MIAMI BARMAID

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"Father Redesdale must be prouder even of drink-serving Jessica than he is of himself, for he was one of the Cliveden Set who, for years, shouted that all should be surrendered to Hitler only to awaken one morning to find the British Empire had sworn to destroy the same Hitler.

"Jessica was found at an inexpensive rooming house at 226 S.W. First Street. Publicity shy, she denied any knowledge of the mysterious malady of her sister Unity which had demanded the attention of the world. "I'm not in touch with my family," she said which recalled the fact that this branch of the family's adventures started two years ago when Jessica eloped to France with young Romilly after a friendship of only three days. Lord Redesdale sent a destroyer to bring her back, but young Jessica was too much in love with anti-Fascist Esmond, of the blue eyes and curly hair. It was the first Communist element to enter the Fascist lines of the Redesdale family.

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"They said America and Americans are so wonderful, that they may become citizens."

Also attached hereto is a picture of subject and her husband which was sent out by the Associated Press under date of March 31, 1939.

The above is being furnished for your information and no further investigation is contemplated by this office.

Very truly yours,

R. G. DANNER
Special Agent in Charge

ENCLOSURES: Photostat of Associated Press Story dated March 31, 1939.

WRJ:EV5
100-4141
British Beauty Hates Nazis
So She's Working In U. S.

NEW YORK—Unity Freeman-Mitford, of England, has been hailed by Hitler as the perfect Nordic type, and has been honored with an autographed swastika badge.

Diana Freeman-Mitford is married to Sir Oswald Mosley, British fascist leader, and has brought up her children to greet visitors with a "Heil Hitler!"

But young sister Jessica married a volunteer for loyalist Spain, and now is selling dresses in a Fifth Avenue shop—the black sheep of the Freeman-Mitfords.

She and her husband, Esmond Romilly, a nephew of Winston Churchill, arrived in mid-March to continue the adventures that started two years ago when both were 19. At the having known each other only three days, they eloped to France. Wealthy Lord Redesdale—he's Jessica's father—sent a destroyer to bring her back. But she was too much in love with antifascist Esmond. So she hasn't seen her father since.

The two have been on their own since then. First off, they settled down in southern France, and proceeded to earn a-living—translating Spanish broadcasts and sending war news to the London News Chronicle.

"We lived in a hotel for two dollars a day," says Jessica proudly.

For both of us, I mean. Meals and wine included.

She's pretty and blue-eyed and silent most of the time—Esmond talks so much. She's quite casual about the American adventure. Wants to see all the country: says they've explored New York pretty thoroughly already. She won't talk much about her sister, but she says it's quite natural for her family to be pro-Nazi—"because most of the upper class in England is."

When she and Esmond landed here they had $400. Now they are established in a tiny Greenwich Village apartment. Jessica has her job, and Esmond thinks he may get one day — "in advertising or journalism," he says with a wave of his hand.

They say they will go home if there is a war. In the meantime, America—and Americans—are wonderful—except the landlord, who wouldn't lend Esmond fifty cents—that they may become citizens.

—lgs—(March 31, 1939)
77-27703

Date: March 5, 1943

TO: SAO, Washington

From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: Jessica Lucy Romilly

Please conduct an investigation regarding this applicant in strict compliance with the instructions contained in Bureau Bulletin No. 62, dated November 29, 1941, and Bureau teletype dated December 10, 1941. The Bureau is the office of origin; teletype summaries are not desired; the original and four copies of the reports are required. Reports of the complete investigation are to be submitted not later than March 19, 1943.

Address: 1721 1 Street, N.W., D.C.
Position: Junior Clerk Typist, OEM
Marital Status: Married
Birth Date: November 9, 1917
Birth Place: Glos, England—applicant is not a U. S. Citizen

R.A.F. Delegation, 1139 Conn., Avenue, D.C.
R.A.F. Delegation, 1661 Connecticut Avenue, W.
R.A.F. Delegation, 1139 Conn. Avenue, D.C.
R.A.F. Delegation, Springfield, D.C.
R.A.F. Delegation, Provisiony Dept., D.C.

Applicant was employed by Simpsons Dress Shop, Conn. Avenue, D.C., as salesgirl under from July to December 1940, salary $20 week.
Royal Air Force Delegation, 1139 Conn. Avenue, D.C., as stenographer under F.W.
Harley from March 1941 to probably February 1943, salary $105 to $120 month.

Obtain applicant's maiden name from investigations Office, OEM, 1401 L Street, N.W., D.C.

Check FEC Committee indices.

Miami
Applicant was part owner of Roma Restaurant, Bayshore Drive, Miami, Florida, from September 1937 to June 1940, salary $25 to $30 week.

An individual possibly identical with the applicant is mentioned in a Field Division to the Director dated August 3, 1940, re: file No. 17703 entitled "Jessica Romilly, niece Freeman Mitford, London"
SAC Washington
Re: Jessica Lucy Romilly

Romilly, Internal Security", and a letter from Miami to the Director dated June 16, 1942, re "Jessica Romilly, Internal Security". Miami file No. 100-4141. Pertinent information should be incorporated in instant report crediting it to original sources and not to field office file by title or number.

(61-10381)

NEW YORK
Applicant was employed by [Redacted] World's Fair, New York, N. Y., as salesgirl from May to September 1939, salary $20.

For the information of all offices: Applicant attended school in France from 1933 to 1934, and was employed in England from June 1937 to January 1939.

cc: Miami
New York
February 19, 1943

Mr. John Edgar Hoover,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. D. M. Ladd
Assistant Director.

In re: DI- B-1754 A
Jessica Lucy Romilly (Mrs.)
1721 Eye Street, NW
Washington, D.C.
Junior Clerk Typist
CAF-2, $1440, War Service
Washington, D.C.

OPA

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is requested that a complete investigation be made of the above-named employee of the Office for Emergency Management and constituent agencies.

The application form filled out by the employee is attached.

Sincerely yours,

Dallas Dort,
Director, Division of Central Administrative Services.

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Attachment
APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT

Date: 03-24-2006

1. Place of examination (If a written test or place of employment if a
   special examination is required):

   City and State:

2. Name of examination: (See announcement for EXACT title)

   Optional subject of study:

   Examination Number:

   Address:

   City or postal

   office, and State

   WASHINGTON D.C.

3. Date of birth (month, day, year):

   7. Date of this application:

4. Address:

   RE: 4233 E 45.00

   Telephone:

5. Social Security Number:

   10. Business:

   S. B. 7 in 120 lb.

6. Age at last birthday:

   11. Height:

   12. Weight:

   13. Where were you born?

   GLOS, ENGLAND

   14. Are you a citizen of the United States? (Check circle only)

   Yes No

   Otherwise instructed, naturalized citizens must submit

   along with the application, the Certificate of Citizenship,

   or other temporary, documentary proof of citizenship.

   Documents will be returned.

   15. Have you ever been arrested, or summoned to court as a

   defendant, or indicted, or convicted, or hung, or imprisoned, or

   placed on probation, or have any cause against you been filed, or have

   you ever been ordered to deposit collateral for allowed breach or

   violation of any law or penalty in your regular occupation or profession

   whatsoever? If so, list all cases without any exception, whatever, under

   Item 45, and give in each case (a) the date, (b) your age at the time,

   (c) the place where the alleged offense or violation occurred, (d) the

   name and location of the court, (e) the nature of the offense or

   violation, (f) the penalty if any imposed, or disposition. The question

   includes arrests by military or naval authorities and disciplinary

   actions imposed by courts martial as well as in civil cases.

   If applicable, your fingerprints will be taken.

   16. (a) Have you any physical defect or disability whatsoever?

   No Yes

   (b) Have you ever had a nervous breakdown?

   No Yes

   17. Do you advocate or have you ever advocated, or are you now

   or have you ever been a member of any organization that

   advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by

   force or violence? No Yes

   18. Have you ever been discharged for misconduct or unsatisfactory

   service, or for any other reason?

   No Yes

   (c) Give complete details under Item 45.

   19. Have you ever been discharged (or a member of any organization

   that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the United States by

   force or violence)?

   No Yes

   20. Do you or any members of your family or relatives (either blood or

   by marriage), employed by the United States Government, occupying

   positions in this branch of the Federal Service, or on any other positions

   for which you are applying, hold any interest in the examination?

   No Yes

   21. Are you employed by the Federal Government?

   (a) If so, give names and addresses of supervisors:

   (b) If you have ever been so employed, give dates

   from 19:

   19:

   22. Are you ever in the U.S. military or naval service?

   (a) If so, give branch of service and dates of last

   service:

   (b) Were discharges, or honorable?

   (c) Were you discharged on account of dishonorable?

   (d) Was the discharge, or honorable?

   (e) Are you still in the service?

   (f) Were the discharge, or honorable?

   (g) Were you ever on active duty?

   (h) Are you a member of any branch of the U.S. military service?

   (i) Have you ever been a member of any organization that advocates

   the overthrow of the Government of the United States by

   force or violence?

   (j) Were you ever discharged for misconduct or unsatisfactory

   service, or for any other reason?

   (k) Have you ever been arrested, or summoned to court as a

   defendant, or indicted, or convicted, or hung, or imprisoned, or

   placed on probation, or have any cause against you been filed, or have

   you ever been ordered to deposit collateral for allowed breach or

   violation of any law or penalty in your regular occupation or

   profession whatsoever? If so, list all cases without any exception,

   whatever, under Item 45, and give in each case (a) the date, (b)

   your age at the time, (c) the place where the alleged offense or

   violation occurred, (d) the name and location of the court, (e)

   the nature of the offense or violation, (f) the penalty if any imposed, or

   disposition. The question includes arrests by military or naval authorities

   and disciplinary actions imposed by courts martial as well as in civil cases.

   If applicable, your fingerprints will be taken.

   23. Do you now reside under Selective Service Act?

   No Yes

   If applicable, give address of local board.

   24. (a) Are you now a member of any branch of military or naval

   reserves?

   No Yes

   (b) If so, give name of organization:

   25. Have you ever been a member of an organization that advocates

   the overthrow of the Government of the United States by

   force or violence?

   No Yes

   26. Would you accept short-term appointment?

   27. (a) Would you accept appointment anywhere offered in the

   United States, or

   Washington, D.C.?

   (b) Would you accept appointment out of the United States?

   Give reasons:

   28. What is the lowest entrance salary you will accept?

   $14.60

   You will not be considered for positions paying less.

   29. Are you willing to travel?

   No Yes

   (a) If so, please check:

   Occasionally Occasionally Occasionally

   Frequently Occasionally Occasionally

   (b) How much notice will you require to report for work?

   Yes No

   30. How much notice will you require to report for work?
21. (e) Have you ever filed a application for federal civil service examination? (If so, list them below.)

Title of examination
Item Clerk Typist Washington, D.C.

Examined in what cities

Month and year

22. (b) Have you passed any State or other civil service examination (other than the above) within the last 5 years? If so, give details under Item 45, Page 4.

Yes No

23. EDUCATION: (a) Circle highest grade completed, elementary or high school: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11. Did you graduate?

Yes No

24. Name and location of school

25. Dates attended

26. Years completed

27. Degrees conferred

28. Name of school

29. University

30. Semester hours

31. Undergraduate major subjects (20 or more semester hours)

32. Major subjects (graduate)

33. Undergraduate minor subjects (20 or more semester hours)

34. Major subjects (graduate)

35. Syllabus

36. Are you now a licensed member of any trade or profession (such as engineer, radio operator, pilot, loyer, CPA, etc.)?

Yes No

37. If not, have you ever been licensed?

Yes No

38. Kind of license and State

39. Earliest license (year)

40. Most recent license (year)

45. REFERENCES: List five persons who are not related to you by blood or marriage, who live in the United States, and who are or have been mainly responsible for your direction of your work, or who are in a position to judge your work critically in those occupations in which you regard yourself as best qualified.

46. May inquiry be made of your present employer regarding your character, qualifications, etc.

Yes No

47. EXPERIENCE: In the space furnished below give a record of every employment both public and private, which you have had since you first began to work. Start with your present position and work back to the first position you held, accounting for all periods of unemployment. Describe your field of work and position and, except for unemployment of less than three months, give your dates and responsibilities in such detail as to make your qualifications clear. Give names you used on payroll if different from those given on this application.

Present Position

From

To

Place

Name of employer:

W.C. Bosler

Address:

1139 Commerce St.

Washington D.C.

Kind of business or organization:

Municipal Fire Department

Number of clerks supervised:

Degree of machine used:

Typewriter, adding machine
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| Address     | St. Paul, London | Duties and responsibilities | Investigate the results of advertising policies & other efforts of the Public.  Particular attention to Field Workers.  Planning Advertising Campaigns.  
|             |              |                              |           |                           |
| Reason for leaving | To Emigrate to U.S.A. |                            |           |                           |
| Name and title of your immediate supervisor |                           | Machines and equipment used: None |           |                           |
38. Do you hold any elective or appointive civil office, or position in the U.S. Government, or any other office for which public salary or compensation is paid, or are you a member of the N.S.C.A.F.?  

Yes  
No

39. Do you or any other member of your family have any relatives (excluding those of the U.S. armed forces) living abroad or in any foreign country?  

Yes  
No

40. Show name and address of wife's (or husband's) employer (if none, write "None").  

R.C.A.F., Ottawa, Canada

41. (a) Were any of the following members of your family born outside Continental U.S. A.?  

Father  
Mother  
Yes  
No

If so, indicate which by marking the appropriate box and show under item 45 the (1) name, (2) relationship, (3) place of residence, (4) birthplace, (5) present citizenship, and (6) whether naturalized or not.

(b) Have you any relatives, by blood or marriage (excluding persons in the U.S. armed forces), now living in a foreign country?  

Yes  
No

If so, for each relative show under item 45 the (1) name, (2) relationship, (3) place of residence, (4) birthplace, (5) present citizenship, and (6) whether naturalized or resident.

42. List any special skills not shown in Question 37, such as operation of short-wave radio, multilingual, key punch, typesetting, or scientific or professional devices.  

Skill  
Skill  
Skill

Words per minute in typing:  
stenography:  

Do you have a license to operate an automobile?  

Yes  
No

43. State what kind of work you prefer.  

Research

44. Give any special qualifications not covered elsewhere in your application, or (a) your most important publications (do NOT submit copies unless requested), (b) your prior or inventions, or (c) hobbies, construction of instruments, etc.  

I have done journalistic work in Spain and Spain.  

France. I have written several articles for Washington Post which were also syndicated.  

I certify  

If more space is required, use a sheet of 4×6 in. paper.  

Write on each sheet your name, date of application, and examination title (if any).  

On the one side only.  

Ink, smeared, or application refused.

[Signature of applicant]  
Jessica Lemley

(Sign with pen and ink your name—use your own given name, or "Mrs. Mary L. Doe"

Subscribed and sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 4 day of 19 , at city or town of  

county of , and State (or Territory or District) of  

[Signature of officer]  

[Official title]
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

Case No. 77-5943

BUREAU

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY

DATE WHEN MADE 3/15/43

PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/13/43

REPORT MADE BY

CHARACTER OF CASE

EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION;
OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
Records World's Fair, NYC, failed to reveal name of
applicant as being employed. No credit or criminal
records.

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REFERENCE:
Bureau file 77-27703,
Bureau letter dated March 5, 1943.

DETAILS:
World's Fair, New
York, New York, advised that he has searched the records
but has failed to find the name of the applicant or the
name of the person whom the applicant claims she worked
for as a 'salesgirl.' Further advised that she
may have been employed in the concessions but to check
this, one would have to have the name of the concessionaire
as they keep their own records.

The files of the criminal division of the New York City
Police Department were checked by Special Agent

with negative results.

The files of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were
checked by Special Agent

with negative results.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

APPROVED AND
FORWARDED:

SPECIAL AGENT
IN CHARGE

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Bureau
New York

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Form No. 1**
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**Title:** JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY

**Employee Investigation**
**Office for Emergency Management**

**Synopsis of Facts:**
Applicant with uncle resided in Miami area from Nov., 1939 to June, 1940. Applicant employed as clerk at Walgreen Drug Store, in Dec., 1939, and as cashier at Roma Restaurant, from Jan. to May, 1940. Services reported satisfactory. Associates of applicant advised she talked fluently in favor of Communist ideals at that time, but has become more conservative. Applicant reported to have been consistently opposed to the activities of [Redacted].

Character and morale of applicant good. Loyalty to the Allied cause unquestioned. Credit and criminal record negative.

**Agency:** [Redacted]
**Req. Recd:** 1-1-43
**Ref. Form:** 1-28-43

**Reference:**
Bureau file #77-27703.
Copy of letter from the Bureau to the Washington Field Division, dated March 5, 1943.

**Details:**
AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

June 11, 1942, stated that she was English and had lived in this country about eight years. [Redacted] stated that she knew the family of Mrs. ROMILLY in England, and that it was true that JESSICA ROMILLY, daughter of Lord Redesdale, was a sister of UNITY FREEMAN-MITFORD and Mrs. OSWALD MOSLEY.

**Approved and Forwarded:** [Redacted]
**Special Agent in Charge:** [Redacted]

**Copies of this Report:**
- Bureau
- [Redacted]

**Recorded:** 12 MAR 31 1943
also stated that ESMOND ROMILLY was a nephew of WINSTON CHURCHILL; that JESSICA ROMILLY broke with her family when she married ESMOND; and that she had never returned because of their pro-Nazi attitude. Stated that this couple stated that this couple during the winter season of 1939 and 1940, at which time they were both employed as bar attendants at the Roma Restaurant, 1327 Northeast Bayshore Court. She further stated that the ROMILLY's left Miami in May 1940 for New Orleans and that she received a letter only shortly after their departure to the effect that ESMOND was leaving for Canada to enlist in the Royal Canadian Air Force. She further stated that ES MOND was reported lost in an airplane crash in the North Sea during December of 1941, at which time his wife, JESSICA, had remained in the United States and had gone to work for the British Purchasing Commission in Washington, D. C. Stated that JESSICA ROMILLY and her sixteen-month old daughter for two weeks during April of 1942. Stated that JESSICA told her she would under no circumstances return to England because of her family. Also said that WINSTON CHURCHILL, during his visit to the White House early in 1942, had sent for JESSICA ROMILLY and talked with her regarding the tragic death of her husband.

Stated that this was one of the loveliest couples that she had ever known and that they had both been slightly radical prior to ESMOND's entry into the air force. Stated that ES MOND ROMILLY had been undoubtedly communistic but that she thought he had outgrown that. She stated that he fought with the Loyalist armies during the Spanish Revolution and saw a great deal of action.

Under date of January 5, 1940, the Miami Herald printed the following story regarding JESSICA and ESMOND ROMILLY:

"SISTER OF ADOLPFS PERFECT NORDIC TYPE MAKING OWN WAY AS MIAMI BARMAID"

"Jessica Freeman-Mitford Became Black Sheep of Family when She Married Anti-Fascist."

"Two years ago Jessica Freeman-Mitford was the black sheep of the family of the wealthy British Lord Redesdale because she married a volunteer for loyalist Spain."

"Today, Jessica, sister of the now famous Unity, is working as a barmaid in a Miami Pub, and her husband, Esmond Romilly, nephew of Winston Churchill, works at her side. But it's probable that Lord Redesdale is prouder of Jessica than he is of, say, Daughter Unity who came back to England on a stretcher, her health broken and her past as a favorite of Chancellor Hitler a topic of every back fence gossip, or of Daughter Diana,"
who married a Fascist Gentleman, Oswald Moseley, and boasted she would rear her children to greet visitors with "Heil Hitler."

Should be Proud

"Father Redesdale must be prouder even of drink-serving Jessica than he is of himself, for he was one of the Cliveden Set who, for years, shouted that all should be surrendered to Hitler only to awaken one morning to find the British Empire had sworn to destroy the same Hitler.

"Jessica was found at an inexpensive rooming house at 226 S.W. First Street. Publicity shy, she denied any knowledge of the mysterious malady of her sister Unity which had demanded the attention of the world. 'I'm not in touch with my family,' she said which recalled the fact that this branch of the family's adventures started two years ago when Jessica eloped to France with young Romilly after a friendship of only three days. Lord Redesdale sent a destroyer to bring her back, but young Jessica was too much in love with anti-Fascist Esmond, of the blue eyes and curly hair. It was the first Communist element to enter the Fascist lines of the Redesdale family.

STRIKING RESEMBLANCE

"There is a striking resemblance between Jessica and Unity whom Hitler has called the perfect Nordic type presumably because of her waxen complexion, golden hair, and antipathy for face powder. Jessica has dark hair but the same blue eyes, brows and mouth as her sister. Her manner and sombre clothes are typically British, but she has been won over to one good old American custom--lipstick.

"The Romilly's live in a tiny efficiency apartment, and drive a third or fourth-hand car of the 1926 vintage. In the Roma Restaurant at 1327 N. E. Bayshore Court, they are set to start work together at the bar. The two have been on their own since they were married. They are both 21. Apparently they have come to Miami to stay.

"When first the Romilly's came to the United States last March, they settled in Greenwich village
and Jessica sold dresses in a Fifth Avenue shop.
At that time she said it was quite natural for her
family to be pro-Nazi 'because most of the upper class
in England is.' Now, however, she prefers not to dis-
cuss her sister, Unity, or her family, because she is
not in communication with them.

"They said America and Americans are so wonderful,
that they may become citizens."

On March 11, 1943, [redacted] was reinterviewed at her address
previously given, and advised that JESSICA ROMILLY's husband has never been
heard from and that he has probably been lost at sea. [redacted] advised
that she has been constantly in touch with the applicant, JESSICA ROMILLY,
through correspondence between them, and that she had received a letter from
JESSICA two days ago in which she stated she was seeking new employment be-
cause her present position was routine and that she wanted a change. [redacted]
stated that the applicant had always been very socialistic in her be-
liefs. She advised that the applicant had read many books on the theory and
background of Communism and during her stay in Miami she was particularly
interested in the status of the colored people in the South. However,[redacted]
believes that since the applicant's husband has been missing and
consequently forcing Mrs. ROMILLY to earn her own living and care for her
young baby that Mrs. ROMILLY has become more conservative in her beliefs and
her outlook on life. [redacted] stated that the applicant and her husband
only resided in New Orleans for approximately a week on a sight-seeing tour,
and then proceeded North to Toronto, Canada, where ESSEND was inducted into
the Royal Air Force.

[redacted] stated that the applicant at present is sharing an apart-
ment with a young lady-friend in a building which is [redacted]
a well-known writer, and a writer of Communist literature.

[redacted] advised that there is no question but what Mrs. ROMILLY
was opposed to the Axis in this war, and that she is certain that Mrs. ROMILLY
has severed all connections with the pro-Fascist elements of her family in
England. In addition [redacted] stated that the applicant is a person of
high intelligence, fluent speech, and outstanding ability as well as honesty
and integrity of character, and that she would make an excellent Government
employee.

[redacted] advised that the young couple
[redacted] only visiting them occasionally during the season of 1939, and 1940,
and she was unable to state any other addresses in the Miami area.

[redacted] stated that
[redacted] stated that JESSICA was the cashier

Roma Restaurant during the period that Mrs. ROMILLY and Mr.
ROMILLY were employed at the Roma. She stated that JESSICA was the cashier
from approximately November, 1939 until the spring of 1940, and that JESSICA had an unusual character and was the "salt of the earth."

He knew very little about the applicant's political beliefs because she did not discuss them with her, but she was sure that the applicant was ashamed of felt that Mrs. ROMILLY would make an excellent Government employee.

He stated that the applicant and her husband had charge of the bar in the restaurant, and that their business relationships were very satisfactory except that they all lost money in the project. As far as Mrs. ROMILLY is concerned, she stated that she was a young lady of honest character, good morals, and a high degree of capability. He advised that she favored the loyalist in the Spanish Revolution, having served in Spain with the Red Cross, at which time she met her husband.

She advised that the last time he had seen the applicant was in February, 1942, when she seemed to have changed a good deal in her radical ideas, having taken on a more conservative attitude toward life.

Walgreen Drug Store, East Flagler Street, stated that the applicant had worked during the Christmas rush in 1939 for approximately two weeks, at a salary of about $25.00 per week. He stated that the applicant had charge of the jewelry counter and that her services were very satisfactory except that it was rather difficult to become accustomed to her peculiar English mannerisms; but stated that if she re-applied at his store he would be glad to re-hire her.

He advised that the applicant and her husband had rented a room for approximately ten weeks from April to June of 1940. She stated that the couple would play tennis during the day and work at the Roma Restaurant each evening. Stated that the applicant told her that she liked the American way of life much better than the English life in which she was raised and educated. Stated that the couple were of good character and good morals, and that her associations with them were very satisfactory.

None of the above individuals interviewed were able to give residences in Miami of the applicant other than the one mentioned above, at 1536 North Bayshore Drive.

The records of the Sheriff's Office, Police Department, and Credit Bureau, were searched but failed to disclose any information regarding the applicant or her husband.

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PBI WASHINGTON FIELD

SAC RICHMOND

MAIL

JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY, EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION, OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY IS TWENTY-FIVE, WIDOWED, ENGLISH NATIVITY, PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY O.P.A. AT SAN FRANCISCO AND WAS FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY R.A.F.

DELEGATION, WASHINGTON, D.C. WHERE SHE MET REFERENCE

REPORTED TO BE

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JESSICA ROMILY IS TWENTY-FIVE, ENGLISH NATIVITY, PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY RAF DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON, DC. WE ARE SURE SHE MET REFERENCE.

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ADVISES WELL ACQUAINTED WITH APPLICANT THROUGH SIX MONTHS
ASSOCIATION WORKING AT RAF DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON, DC RECOMMENDS APPLICANT AS HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, CAPABLE, RELIABLE AND COMPLETELY LOYAL TO ALLIED CAUSE. APPLICANT NEVER MENTIONED THOUGH IT WAS OFTEN ITEM OF OFFICE INTEREST. APPLICANT CONFIDED TO REFERENCE THAT SHE HAD LEFT HER FAMILY BECAUSE OF THE CLASH OF THEIR POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY. APPLICANT BEING WHOLE HEARTED DEMOCRATIC AND HER FAMILY STERNLY ARISTOCRAT. HER DECEASED AVIATOR HUSBAND WAS NEPHEW OF WINSTON CHURCHILL AND ALSO THE POLITICAL BALCK SHEEP OF HIS FAMILY. THEY PREFERRED AMERICAN DEMOCRACY AND LIVED IN FLORIDA UNTIL HIS CALL TO SERVICE AND SUBSEQUENT TO HIS DEATH IN ACTION. APPLICANT'S PERSONALITY IS COMPARABLY UNUSUAL TO HER EXTRAORDINARY BACKGROUND, HER INTELLIGENCE AND INTEREST IN WORLD AFFAIRS AND POLITICS MORE PROFESSIONAL THAN THE AVERAGE CITIZEN, HER SYMPATHIES DECIDEDLY FOR THE ALLIES AND THE ENGLISH IN PARTICULAR AS HER PEOPLE ALTHOUGH HER POLITICAL IDEAS FAVOR AMERICAN DEMOCRACY. RUC.
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Washington Field Division, 1435 K Street, N.W.
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Director, FBI

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Re: JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY
EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION
OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 5, 1943 (Bureau File 77-27703), to the Washington Field Division requesting an investigation of the above named applicant.

Investigation revealed that JESSICA ROMILLY, when applying for a position with the Royal Air Force Delegation in March, 1942, had given as a reference, the name of [blank].

On March 27, 1943 by the Bureau, telephonically advised Special Agent [blank] of this office, that [blank] should not be interviewed in connection with this investigation.

Very truly yours,

GUY HOTTEL
Special Agent in Charge
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT
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4-7-43
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LLR: GTC

CHARACTER OF CASE
EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION
OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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REFERENCES:
Teletype from Washington Field Office dated March 30, 1943.
Teletype to Miami Field Division from Richmond Field Division dated April 7, 1943.

DETAILS:

AT CAMP LEE, VIRGINIA:

Provost Marshal's Office,
Camp Lee, Virginia, furnished records which reflected that:

By teletype dated April 7, 1943 the Richmond Field Division furnished the following information to the Miami Field Division requesting them to conduct the investigation requested by teletype from the Washington Field Division which is as follows:

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9 APR 16 1943

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1946 925

COPY OF THIS REPORT:

Bureau

Richmond

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"JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY, twenty five, widowed, English Nativity, presently employed by O.P.A. at San Francisco and was formerly employed by R.A.F. Delegation; Washington, D.C. where she met reference reported to be Nazi enthusiast. Interview
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OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

TITLE
JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Newspaper articles reflect JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY, nee JESSICA FREEMAN-MITFORD, is one of six daughters of Lord REDESDALE of England; that her father was accused of pro-German sympathies before Romilly; that her sister, UNITY VALKYRIE FREEMAN-MITFORD was to HITLER "The Perfect Nordic Dream Girl".

...that she married ESMOND ROMILLY, nephew of WINSTON CHURCHILL in 1937, in France after fleeing with him to Spain to escape her father's wrath; that ESMOND ROMILLY was aligned with Loyalist Movement in Spain; that JESSICA and ESMOND ROMILLY entered United States at New York, in 1939, and since have lived in New York, Washington, and Miami; that ESMOND ROMILLY joined Royal Canadian Air Force in July, 1940, and was posted lost in action in December, 1941. JESSICA ROMILLY attended Strayer College for business training. Good record. She was employed in Weinberger's Dress Shop from September, 1940, to March, 1941; employed by Royal Air Force Delegation from March to September, 1942. Records there reflect she was born at Gloa, England, on 11-9-17. Services satisfactory. Office for Emergency Management Investigations Office advises she had been employed by Office of Price Administration from September, 1942 to date and was transferred.
to San Francisco, on 2-26-43. References and neighbors describe her as intelligent, industrious, capable, and loyal young woman whose views are definitely anti-Axis. She is said to be liberal in her political philosophy and sympathetic with Russian experiment, but loyal to Democratic principles and proud of her connection with United States Government. Credit and criminal records negative. Has not applied for citizenship in District of Columbia. Check of Dies indices negative.

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 77-27703.
Bureau letter dated March 5, 1943.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

At the Congressional Library, Agent examined newspaper records of the New York Times, relating to JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY; UNITY VALKYRIE FREEMAN-MITFORD; and Mr. and Mrs. OSWALD ERNALD MOSLEY, for the period from 1937 to date. These reflected that in February, 1937, JESSICA FREEMAN-MITFORD ran away to Spain in an attempt to marry her 18 year old cousin, ESCHOND ROMILLY, who is a nephew of WINSTON CHURCHILL. She is one of six daughters of Lord REDESDALE of England. Three years previously, ESCHOND ROMILLY had run away from Wellington College in England and was reported to have come under the influence of a group of London Communists and had recently been fighting on the Madrid barricades in the International Column. Upon the flight of his daughter, Lord REDESDALE enlisted the aid of the British and Spanish Governments to locate his daughter, expressing his fears of a Communist marriage.

The newspaper articles further reflect that ESCHOND ROMILLY took JESSICA to Bilbao, Spain, as his secretary and upon being advised by Lord REDESDALE's solicitors that JESSICA had been made a ward in chancery and that he would be liable to imprisonment if he married her without the other's permission, ROMILLY is reported to have sent the following cable:

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"Threats of imprisonment make no difference. We both regard marriage mainly as a convenience and that it does not mean the end of the world if we are unable to marry."

On March 10, 1937, ESMOND ROMILLY and JESSICA FREEMAN-MITFORD are reported to have been brought from Bilbao with some 200 other refugees on a British destroyer to Bayonne, France, where they were met by JESSICA's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. RODD. They were married in May, 1937, in the British Consulate in Bayonne, France, at which time they reported that they had not joined the Loyalists cause in Spain but had been correspondent for British newspapers. They expressed their intention to come to the United States to start a beet root plantation at Palm Beach, Florida.

The papers further reflect that in 1939, Mr. and Mrs. ESMOND ROMILLY entered the United States at New York City, where they settled in Greenwich Village. JESSICA is reported to have gone to work in a Fifth Avenue dress shop.

It is further indicated that in July, 1940, ESMOND ROMILLY joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and after a period of training, returned to England while JESSICA ROMILLY made her home in Alexandria, Virginia. An article dated December 5, 1941, states that Flying Officer ESMOND MARCUS DAVID ROMILLY, Royal Canadian Air Force Navigator and Bomb-Aimer, had been posted as missing in action and was probably dead or a prisoner of war. This report reached Mrs. ROMILLY at Alexandria, Virginia, where she was preparing to leave for England to re-join her husband with her nine month old baby.

With respect to the family of JESSICA-ROMILLY, the New York Times articles indicated that her sisters, UNITY VALENTINE FREEMAN-MITFORD and DIANA FREEMAN-MITFORD, while art students in Germany in 1934, met ADOLF HITLER in the Osteria Restaurant in Munich. HITLER was attracted to the two girls and arranged an introduction and thereafter, they received many attentions from him. UNIT was given a swastika badge autographed by HITLER, and she was subsequently reported to have been described by HITLER as the "perfect Nordic dream girl."

She is reported to have adopted the Nazi ideology and to have on one occasion, written a letter which was published in the Steurmer, a Nazi party newspaper, in which she stated, "England for the English; out with the Jews. "Heil HITLER!" with the postscript, "I want everybody to know I am a Jew Hater."

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Lord REDESDALE, JESSICA ROMILLY's father, is reported to have entertained pro-German sympathies prior to Munich, although there is no indication from the articles examined that his sympathies were strong as those of UNITY or DIANA, nor that he entertains such views at the present time.

EDUCATION

At the Strayer College, 13th and F Streets, N. W., MADE AVAILABLE THE RECORDS WHICH indicated JESSICA ROMILLY had taken a course of shorthand and typing in day school for the period from September 15, 1941 to February 26, 1942. Her grades were quite high and when she left she had acquired a fair ability to take dictation and a fair speed in typing. INFORMED THAT CONSIDERING THE PERIOD SHE HAD ATTENDED, SHE had learned rapidly and seemed to be proficient.

EMPLOYMENT

Agent learned at the Weinberger's Dress Shop, formerly located at 1132 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., where Mrs. ROMILLY is reported to have been employed for the period from September, 1940 to March, 1941, is now out of business and the proprietor's present whereabouts are not known.
At the Royal Air Force Delegation personnel department, examined the personnel file of JESSICA ROMILLY and informed that she had been employed by the Delegation from March 24, 1942 to September 25, 1942. The records reveal that she was born in Glos, England, on November 9, 1917; that her father is Lord REDESDALE; and that her husband is a nephew of WINSTON CHURCHILL. Mr. and Mrs. ROMILLY entered the United States at New York, on March 2, 1939, as quota immigrants on Immigrant Card #1040112, issued by the United States' Vice Consul, in London, England on January 6, 1939.

In England, she had worked for the J. Walter Thompson Advertising Agency, from 1937 to 1938. In New York, she was employed as a sales girl at the World's Fair from April, 1939 to July, 1939. From September, 1939 to March, 1940, she was employed at Miami in the Roma Bar and Restaurant, where she became part-owner. From September, 1940 to March, 1941, she was employed by Weinberger's Dress Shop, at 1132 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.

The efficiency record indicated that Mrs. ROMILLY was above average in intelligence and during the period of her employment, had become increasingly efficient. She had received one promotion and her salary at the time she resigned to take a position with the Office of Price Administration, was $120 per month. She was studying Radio Engineering while employed at the Royal Air Force Delegation, although her duties were of a stenographic nature in the signal section.

Among the references she had given in the application for employment, were

she had lived during part of the time she was employed at the Royal Air Force Delegation;

who is given as a reference and for whom Mrs. ROMILLY worked as secretary, stated that he considered her to be an intelligent girl and a fair stenographer. She was handicapped by lack of stenographic experience at the time she went to work with the Delegation, but she improved steadily. He considers her to be honest and trustworthy, and states that her services were entirely satisfactory. He advised that he would not hesitate to recommend her and would re-employ her himself.
She has some peculiar characteristics which he was unable to describe but he attributed these to the loss of her husband who was posted as missing in action in a bombing raid over Germany a few months before she went to work at the Royal Air Force Delegation. He stated she is average in neatness and appearance and that she dresses conservatively, not being inclined to be flashy or overly concerned about her clothes, "like all English women". Advised that Mrs. ROMILLY seldom spoke of her family and when she did mention them, she displayed no affection.

He knew of the history of her family and was impressed that Mrs. ROMILLY did not in any way share the sympathies of her sisters, UNITY and DIANA, and to the extent that she had expressed herself he considered her philosophy quite to the contrary.

Given as a reference and for whom Mrs. ROMILLY also worked, confirmed the expressions of and felt that Mrs. ROMILLY's anti-Nazi feelings were very strong and almost carried her to the other extreme. He did not believe her to be a Communist and to his knowledge, she was not associated with Communists. He stated, however, that she was an advocate of political reform and did not subscribe to conditions presently existing in England, particularly to the class system there.

Of the Royal Air Force Delegation, advised that he considered Mrs. ROMILLY a zealous worker and an efficient employee. He knew her brother slightly and stated that he was last known to be with the British Tank Corps in North Africa. He knows of nothing derogatory to Mrs. ROMILLY and considers her "a loyal British subject".

REFERENCES

The Division of Power, Department of the Interior, informed that he had known Mr. and Mrs. ROMILLY since shortly after they came to Washington, in 1940. He was stimulated by their personalities and considered them to be intelligent and likeable people. He was confident that they had no sympathies with the Axis and stated that their views were quite liberal, that he would not call them Communist, and did not believe that either of them were members of the Communist Party.
He commented further that ESSEND ROMILLY enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in July, 1940, a time when the Communist Party in this country, was advocating isolationism. He had told that he did not like conditions in England but that he did respect the civil liberties which the Democratic forms of Government guaranteed and was willing to fight to protect them.

NEIGHBORHOOD

advised that ESSEND ROMILLY requested that he and JESSICA to live at

for a short time until she could adjust herself after his enlistment with the Royal Canadian Air Force in the summer of 1940. agreed to this and Mrs. ROMILLY lived at their home until June, 1942, during which time she gave birth to a baby girl named CONSTANCIA, and during the time her husband was in action overseas and posted as lost. He informed that they had met Mr. and Mrs. ROMILLY when they first came to Washington from New York, shortly after their entry into this country in 1939, at a cocktail party and thereafter, they became very good friends.

ESSEND ROMILLY had ambitions to be a writer and wrote some articles for the Washington Post. A short time thereafter, the ROMILLYS moved to Florida where they worked in a restaurant and bar in Miami, and it was when they returned to Washington in the summer of 1940, that ESSEND ROMILLY had requested permission for JESSICA ROMILLY to live at their home.

considered Mrs. ROMILLY very outspoken and bitter against her father and conditions in England. She had often said that she liked this country very much and that she and her husband planned to become citizens. She was strongly opposed to the Axis and had expressed sympathies with the Russian experiment and some of its philosophy. From the ROMILLYS, he had learned that ESSEND had fought with the Loyalists in Spain prior to the time that he took JESSICA to Spain with him in 1937. ESSEND ROMILLY had told him, however, that he could never be a Communist as he could not submit to their discipline and had also stated that in Spain, he had been the President of the Anti-Communist Club in his division. He considered CHURCHILL to be a strong character and good for England in time of war, but thought that he was a Tory and should be ousted when the war is over.
Agent learned that a part of the third floor of that building which was leased by Mr. ROMILLY for the office of The New Republic magazine, had been rented to Mrs. ROMILLY as a residence apartment in June, 1942. Mrs. ROMILLY had moved there directly from the home of her close friend, who is connected with The New Republic magazine, is presently serving in the armed forces. Also, at this address, Agent talked with Mrs. ROMILLY. Both of these ladies regard Mrs. ROMILLY very highly and stated that she is entirely trustworthy, honest, and of good moral character. Mrs. ROMILLY was reported to be deeply attached to her child and her sole interest in life since the loss of her husband, seemed to be in making a home for the child and in performing her job capably.

They further informed that Mrs. ROMILLY was very bitter toward her family in England and to have nothing to do with them, although Mrs. ROMILLY did receive letters from her mother occasionally. It was also learned that when Prime Minister WINSTON CHURCHILL was in Washington, Mrs. ROMILLY had visited him at the White House at his request and he had advised her that there was little hope for her husband's safe return. She had expressed her anger over the Prime Minister's statement to her that Mrs. ROMILLY felt that she should be given no preference over any of the other prisoners.

Both felt that Mrs. ROMILLY is absolutely loyal to this country and that she intends to become a citizen.

Mrs. ROMILLY resided at 1731 I Street, N.W., and who is employed in the Office of Strategic Services, informed that Mrs. ROMILLY was very enthusiastic about her work with the Office of Price Administration and that she considered her to be a person of liberal views but not a Communist. She thought that if Mrs. ROMILLY were a Communist, she would be very active in the organization of their Party, as she is very outspoken and a person of deep convictions.
Mrs. ROMILLY had expressed admiration for the Russian defense and had expressed her sympathies with various reform measures which had been endorsed by the Administration in this country. She indicated she was very proud to be in Government service as she felt it gave her an opportunity to perform a public duty. From it was learned that Mrs. ROMILLY's childhood had been very unhappy; that her parents had not permitted her to attend public schools or to associate with other children, considering them inferior. It was due to this early environment that many of Mrs. ROMILLY's present liberal views were attributed.

**CREDIT AND CRIMINAL**

At The Credit Bureau, 1221 G Street, N. W., and Stone's Mercantile Agency, 1419 H Street, N. W., the only information obtained was from a newspaper clipping from the Washington Post dated February 11, 1941, announcing the birth of Mrs. ROMILLY's child, CONSTANCIA, in Columbia Hospital.

The records of the Metropolitan Police Department, both criminal and traffic, were checked with negative results.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

At the office of the Clerk of the District Court, a check to determine if Mrs. ROMILLY had filed any declaration of intention to become naturalized was made, with negative results.

On the basis of the information furnished, Special Employee attached to the Washington Field Division, on March 29, 1943, checked the indices of the Dies Committee for applicant's name, with negative results.
A teletype lead was sent to the Richmond Field Division on March 29, 1943, requesting an interview with reference.

A teletype lead was sent to the New Orleans Field Division on March 30, 1943, requesting an interview with reference.

A teletype lead was sent to the San Francisco Field Division on April 1, 1943, requesting a character and loyalty investigation of JESSICA LUCY ROWLIDY, who is presently residing at 1350 Haight Street, San Francisco, California.
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TITLE | JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY |

CHARACTER OF CASE | EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION |
OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT |

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

applicants only since

advised he has known

as Secretary at RAF Delegation, Washington, D.C., from January to October, 1942; reports favorably.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File 77-27703;

Teletype from Richmond to Miami 4/7/43;

Copy of Bureau letter to Washington Field 2/5/43;

Report of Special Agent

Miami, Florida, March 15, 1943

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

was assigned to work

at the RAF Delegation, Grafen Hotel, Washington, D.C., in January, 1942. Stated that the applicant worked as secretary

until October, 1942, at an approximate salary of $135.00 per month.

stated that Mrs. ROMILLY was a good worker, efficient, intelligent, and had an interesting personality. According to Mrs. ROMILLY never discussed her personal affairs with any of the office force, to his knowledge, but stated that it was apparent that the applicant had not been in the United States for more than two or three years because of her apparent English accent and mannerisms.

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Further stated that there was a rumor circulating among the office employees to the effect that Mrs. ROMILLY was the daughter of some Lord or Earl in England, and that her sister was UNITY FREEMAN-WITFORD, which latter person had received considerable newspaper publicity as being a close friend of ADOLPH HITLER. stated that he never investigated this rumor, nor did he place much stock in it;

advised that Mrs. ROMILLY would occasionally accompany other members of the office force for a cocktail or two at the Mayflower Hotel after office hours, and that from her conversation he gathered that she did not intend to return to England, and that she enjoyed the American way of life. He stated her conversation was always interesting but was marked by the absence of any violent statements for or against the Allied cause in the present war. He also gathered from her conversation that her husband was a member of the Royal Air Force, and that she has one child, who is still a baby, and that this is the extent of his knowledge of her background and personal affairs.

stated that he believes Mrs. ROMILLY's character and morals to be of the highest type, and that he believes her to be loyal to the Allied cause.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. ROMILLY transferred from Washington to San Francisco 2-26-45 and presently working as Junior Investigator. She has taken quite an active part in employees' union at San Francisco Regional OPA office where she works and has recently been appointed secretary of this union. Confidential Informants say this union, Federal Workers of America, is CIO affiliate and is endeavoring to promote Communism. Rumored that employee's transfer from Washington arranged at instance of CIO. No indication of any actual Communist activity on part of employee. Reported to have good character and to be quite loyal to this country. No record Confidential Informants Police and credit checks negative.

REFERENCE:

Teletype from the Washington Field Division to San Francisco, California, dated April 1, 1943.

DETAILS:

The personnel file of JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY at the OPA Regional Office, 1355 Market Street, San Francisco, showed that she was transferred here from Washington, D. C., February 26, 1945 and is presently working as a Junior Investigator in the Regional Office.
San Francisco 77-1258

Confidential Informant advised that Mrs. KOMILLY is quite active in a union which has been formed among the OPA employees in San Francisco which union is named the Federal Workers of America and is affiliated with the CIO. Stated that the employee, while not possibly termed an organizer for the union, constantly urges non-members to join, and takes an active part in the meetings. He also stated that he had heard that her transfer from Washington to San Francisco was arranged by the CIO and he ventured the opinion that this might have been done so that she could assist in the organizational work.

said that this union was formed in the OPA only a short time ago and has been causing the OPA officials considerable difficulty in that the members, if not Communists, are Communically inclined and they make certain demands, loaf on the job, and create dissension. According to the Legal and Investigative Divisions of OPA are most strongly affected by the union and by persons of Communist tendencies.

stated that he knows of no definite Communist activities on the part of the employee but stated that he had heard that she was recommended for her position by a member of the legal staff in Washington OPA Headquarters who is understood to have certain Communist tendencies.

Confidential Informant reported to the San Francisco Office on January 28, 1943, that he was of the opinion that the above-mentioned union, Federal Workers of America, in the OPA offices, had gone beyond the purposes of an ordinary union and was endeavoring to promote Communism. He had no substantiation of this but explained that he had reached this conclusion from bits of conversation he had heard, the methods used by the union in recruiting new membership, and the attitudes and office conduct of the leaders of the Union.

and has been there since February 17, 1943. Stated that she does not know the employee intimately but has talked to her a number of times and she impressed her as being of excellent character, well mannered, and well educated.

said that the employee has very few visitors, the only persons coming to see her being two girls who work with her at the OPA office, and that she does not have any close associates in the neighborhood. Said that to her knowledge, the employee does not attend any meetings other than meetings of the union in the office where she works but she seems to take quite an active part in this union and recently told that she had been made secretary of this union. said
that in her opinion the employee is perfectly loyal to this country and this form of government and has expressed the desire to do everything within her power to aid the successful prosecution of the war. She made the statement that she had heard that the OPA might be dissolved and if this happened, she would immediately obtain a position in some other defense agency so that she could do her part in carrying on the war activity.

stated that the employee receives a great amount of mail but most of it seems to be personal letters and most of it comes from Washington, D.C. She said that she had not noted any newspapers or magazines. She added that the employee often leaves opened mail in her room but she has never read any of it. She added that the employee never keeps anything in her room locked.

Inquiries were made of several neighbors and merchants in the vicinity of 1350 Haight Street, but all met with negative results.

Confidential Informants had no information concerning employee and the records of the San Francisco Police Department and the Retailers' Credit Association were checked with negative results.

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SAG, SAN FRANCISCO

MIAI. JESSICA LUCY RONILLY, EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION, OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT. EMPLOYEE CURRENTLY WORKING FOR OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION
AND WAS TRANSFERRED FROM WASHINGTON TO SAN FRANCISCO ON FEBRUARY
TWENTY-SIX LAST, WHERE SHE RESIDES AT ONE THREE FIVE NAUGHT HAIGHT
STREET. EMPLOYEE BORN NINETEEN SIXTEEN, AT CLOS, ENGLAND. IS
DAUGHTER OF LORD REEDSAL. EMPLOYEE'S SISTERS, UNITY VALENSTIS
FREEMAN-MITFORD AND MRS. DIANA WILLEY IN ENGLAND, REPORTED TO POSSESS
STRONG AXIS SYMPATHIES, BUT EMPLOYEE MAY HAVE COMMUNISTIC LEANINGS
AS HER HUSBAND, EDMOND RONILLY, WAS REPORTED TO HAVE Fought WITH
LOYALIST SPAIN. EDMOND RONILLY LATER ENTERED ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE
AND WAS POSTED LOST IN ACTION. CONDUCT CHARACTER AND LOYALTY
INVESTIGATION ON JESSICA RONILLY. EXPEDITE.

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**TITLE**

JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Applicant recommended by reference, as highly intelligent, capable, reliable and completely loyal to the allied cause. Applicant never mentioned her sister, UNITY MITFORD, reported to be interned as a Nazi enthusiast.

- RUC -

**Reference:**

Teletype from New Orleans to Director and Louisville dated April 3, 1943.

**Details:**

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

[Text deleted]

advised that she had become well acquainted with the applicant through six months association working at the RAF Delegation in Washington, D.C. [Text deleted] recommended the applicant as highly intelligent, capable, reliable and completely loyal to the allied cause. The applicant never mentioned her sister, UNITY MITFORD, although it was often a topic of office conversation.

The applicant confided to [Text deleted] that she had left her family in England because of the clash of their political philosophies, the applicant being whole-heartedly democratic and her family sternly aristocratic. Although the applicant's deceased husband was a nephew of WINSTON CHURCHILL, he was also a political black sheep of his family. He and [Text deleted]
applicant preferred American democracy and lived in Florida until his call to service and subsequent death in action.

stated that the applicant's personality is comparably unusual to her extraordinary background, that her intelligence and interest in world affairs and politics is more professional than the average citizen. She stated that the applicant's sympathies are decidedly for the Allies and English people in particular as her native country, although her political ideals favor American democracy.

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JESSICA LUCY ROLILLY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
Reference presently at

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REFERENCE:
Teletype from Bureau dated March 30, 1943.
Teletype to Bureau and Louisville dated April 3, 1943.

DETAILS:

AT LEEVILLE, LOUISIANA

advised that formerly of that address, were presently in

Although Did not know that the address was, she provided address as follows:

This information was accordingly furnished to the Bureau and Louisville by teletype dated April 3, 1943, and Louis-
ville was requested to interview the reference

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C: A. STERN, MENTAL PATIENT.
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UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION

AT FORT KNOC, KENTUCKY will locate and interview reference, concerning the loyalty and integrity of the applicant. Particular attention should be given to the fact that applicant is sister of UNITY VALERIE FREEMAN MITFORD who has been considered by English as of a subversive nature.
Reference is made to your letter dated February 4th, 1943, requesting that an investigation be conducted concerning Jessica Lucy McIlvy, who is being considered as a Junior Clerk Typist with the Office of Price Administration at Washington, D. C.

This investigation was conducted and copies of the investigative reports were forwarded to you. However, in order that you may be completely advised concerning information which has come to the attention of the San Francisco Field Division, there is being transmitted herewith for your information a photostatic copy of a clipping from the December 4, 1943, issue of the San Francisco Examiner.

No further investigation will be conducted in this matter in the absence of a specific request from you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
San Francisco, 4, California
December 10, 1943

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DATE 03-24-2006 BY 60309 auc			
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Director, FBI

Re: JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY
EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION -
Office for Emergency Management

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
San Francisco, California, dated April 8, 1943, wherein the investigation conducted with reference
to this Applicant by the San Francisco Field Division was
set out.

There are enclosed herewith for the Bureau's in-
formation positive photostatic prints of a newspaper
clipping relative to the Applicant taken from the San
Francisco Examiner of December 4, 1943. It is suggested
that the Bureau may desire to bring this to the attention
of the Office of Emergency Management.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

N. L. PIPER
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Sister of Hitler's 'Nordic Goddess' in OPA Job Here

Jessica Freeman-Mitford Also Active in Leftist Labor Group

The Hon. Jessica Freeman-Mitford, whose sister was the one-time "Nordic Goddess" of Adolf Hitler, was discovered yesterday working as an investigator in the OPA office in San Francisco. She is now Mrs. Robert Truchhaft, wife of an employee in the legal department of the OPA unit here. Formerly she was married to the late Esmond Romilly, author nephew of Winston Churchill. She is the sister of Lady Diana Mosley, wife of Sir Oswald Mosley, British Fascist leader, and of Unity Freeman-Mitford, who several years ago reportedly attempted suicide when Hitler's friendship for her cooled.

FIRST MATE KILLED.

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For several months she was employed in the OPA office in Washington, where it was reported, she first became actively interested in the United Federal Workers Alliance, leftist labor group. She is said to have continued that interest since joining the local OPA organization, an interest notable because of its contrast to the Fascist affiliations of her two sisters.

Mrs. Truchhaft, blue-eyed and dark-haired, was reluctant to discuss her presence in San Francisco when interviewed at her desk in the Merchandise Mart Building here.

LIVED IN MIAMI.

At the time of her marriage Mrs. Truchhaft caused a considerable racket among British nobility, chiefly because for some weeks her whereabouts were unknown. She was finally found living in Bayonne, France, where her young husband was writing a book.

Later, the couple bobbed up in Miami where Romilly temporarily abandoned his literary career in favor of a part interest in a resort bar.

When England entered the war, Romilly went at once to Canada and joined the RCAF. He was lost, after a distinguished flying record, in a flight over Germany in August of last year.
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San Francisco, California

RE: SECURITY MATTER

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that a security index card has been prepared at the Bureau, captioned as follows:

TREUHAFT, JESSICA LUCY  NATURALIZED  COMMUNIST
    (English)
    nae: Jessica Lucy Romilly
    aliases: Jessica Lucy Freeman-Mitford
             "Decca" Treuhaft
             Mrs. Robert E. Treuhaft

950 Clayton St.
San Francisco, California (Res.)

East Bay Representative
Calif. Labor School
610 16th St. (Bus.)
Oakland, Calif.

The above caption should be checked immediately for accuracy against the information contained in your files, and the Bureau should be informed of any discrepancies. You will prepare without delay a 5" x 8" white card captioned as above and reflecting your investigative case file number for filing in your Confidential Security Index Card File. If the event the above caption is not correct, the card you prepare should be correctly captioned, and the Bureau should be informed of the correct caption.

The caption of the card prepared and filed in your Office must be kept current at all times and the Bureau immediately advised of any changes made therein in that connection.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director
Dear Sir:

It is recommended that a Security Index card be prepared relative to the individual named below:

Name: JESSICA LUCY TREUHAFT
Aliases: Formerly, JESSICA LUCY DOMILLY, nee, Jessica Lucy Freeman-Witford, Mrs., "Decca" Treuhaft, Mrs. Robert E. Treuhaft
Residence Address: 950 Clayton Street, San Francisco, California
Business Address: 610 16th Street, Oakland, California, East Bay Representative, Calif. Labor School

Native Born x Allen x Naturalized
Communist x German Miscellaneous
Fascist (Italian) Japanese

Date of Birth 9/11/17
Place of Birth Morton, Marsh, England
Entered U. S. 3/2/39 at New York, N. Y. (SS Aurania)
Naturalized (date) 1/3/44
Naturalized (place and Court) U.S. District Court, San Francisco, Calif.

Very truly yours,

N. J. J. PIPER
SAC

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100-21180
To: The Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: JESSICA LUCY TREHAFHT, was

This subject, an active member of the Communist Political Association in San Francisco, California, was naturalized in the United States District at San Francisco on January 3, 1944. According to an informant, she previously had been active in the Communist Party but waited until January of 1944 to due to the fact that she was waiting for her citizenship papers to be granted. A copy of the report of Special Agent [name redacted] dated November 7, at San Francisco, containing background information concerning the subject attached for your information.

If any action is taken against this individual, I would appreciate advised.

Attachment

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JESSICA LUCY TREUHAFT, nee Jessica Lucy Freeman-Mitford, with aliases Jessica Romilly, Decca Treuhaft, Mrs. Robert Edw. Treuhaft

CHARACTER OF CASE

SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject active as member of Communist Political Association in San Francisco, Calif. and attends meetings regularly. Formerly employed by CPA at San Francisco, Calif. and Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. Presently employed by the California Labor School, 2030 Broadway, Oakland, Calif., Communist dominated and controlled organization. Subject resides at 956 Clayton Street, San Francisco. Subject born at Morton, Marsh, England, on 9/11/17 and was naturalized in the United States District Courts at San Francisco, Calif. on 1/3/44.

DETAILS:

Investigation in this case is predicated upon receipt of information from confidential informants that the subject is a member of the Communist Political Association.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

TRUE NAME

Subject's true name is JESSICA LUCY TREUHAFT. She was born as JESSICA LUCY FREEMAN-MITFORD and at the present time uses the nickname of "Decca." She was formerly married to ESMOND ROMILLY and is presently married to ROBERT ED. TREUHAFT.
San Francisco File 120-21480

RESIDENCE

The subject resides at 956 Clayton Street, San Francisco, California. This address is reported by the Retailers Credit Association of San Francisco and has also been reported to the San Francisco Field Division by Source F.

BUSINESS ADDRESS

The subject's business address is 2030 Broadway, Oakland, 12 California, Telephone Higate 6429. This address is the address of the California Labor School for the East Bay Area.

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYMENT RECORD

The subject at the present time is on the staff of the California Labor School in Oakland, California. She occupies the position of financial director, and she is employed full time in this position and has been so employed since June of 1944.

The subject's past employment record, which was obtained from the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, San Francisco, and Retailers Credit Association of San Francisco, is as follows:

From January, 1944 to June of 1944, the subject was employed in the Office of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, which is a Communist dominated and controlled organization in San Francisco.

Subject was employed by the Office of Price Administration in Washington, D. C. from September 14, 1942, until February 15, 1943, as a clerk-typist, CAP2, salary $1440, legal department, Enforcement Division. In February, 1943, she was transferred in this same department to San Francisco, California, where she was employed as a junior-investigator until January of 1944.

She was employed by _______ in Washington, D. C., from July, 1940 until December of 1940. The nature of this employment is not known.

During the latter part of 1940, the subject was also employed by the Royal Air Force Delegation, 1139 Connecticut Avenue, N. Washington, D. C.

From September, 1939 to June of 1940, subject was a part owner of a restaurant on Bay Shore Drive, Miami, Florida. She was

The subject was reported to have written articles for the Washington Post, which were published weekly during the winter of 1940 and 1941 in Washington, D.C. These articles were syndicated by the Hearst Syndicate.

The above information concerning subject's past employment record prior to her employment by the OPA was obtained from the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service by Special Agent [blank]. The above record was obtained by the Immigration and Naturalization Service from subject's application for Federal employment in Washington, D.C.

The results of an investigation conducted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflect that during the time subject was employed by the Office of Price Administration, the question arose as to her citizenship in whether or not she should continue to be employed by the OPA if she was an alien. The above investigation further revealed that the subject was paid from the so called "Alien Budget" and it was proper for her to be employed by the OPA.

EDUCATION

The application for Federal employment, made by the subject in Washington, D.C. and set out and reported in the investigation of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, reflects that the subject attended the Sorbonne, Paris, France, from 1933 to 1934 and received a diploma in December of 1934. The subject is reported to speak, read and understand French excellently, German fairly and Spanish fair.

CRIMINAL RECORD

The records of the San Francisco Police Department were checked by Special Agent [blank] on September 12, 194[4], with negative results.

CREDIT RECORD

The records of the Retailers Credit Association were checked by Special Agent [blank] and except for some background information concerning the subject which will be set out later in this report, no other information was available.
CITIZENSHIP STATUS

The information contained on the application for Federal employment which was reflected in the report of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at San Francisco reveals that the subject was born at Glos, England, on September 11, 1917. The petition for naturalization, No. 75206, of the subject, maintained by the Clerk of the United States District Court, reflects that the subject was born on September 11, 1917 at Norton, Marsh, England. A certificate of arrival, dated March 1, 1943, and bearing No. 4-34289, reflects that JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY entered the port of New York, New York on March 2, 1939 aboard the SS Aurania.

The above mentioned petition for naturalization reflects that the subject was admitted to United States citizenship on January 3, 1944 in the United States District Court at San Francisco, California.

GENERAL

The subject resides with her husband, ROBERT E. TREUHAFT, whom she married on June 21, 1943, at Guerneville, California. Her husband was born in New York City on August 8, 1912. The subject has two children who also reside with her: ANN CONSTANCIA ROMILLY, born [redacted], and NICHOLAS TITO TREUHAFT, born [redacted]. Subject's husband is employed as an attorney by the National War Labor Board.

The San Francisco Examiner, dated December 4, 1943, contains an article concerning the subject. This article states that "The Honorable JESSICA FREEMAN-MITFORD, whose sister was the one-time 'Nordic Goddess' of ADOLF HITLER, was discovered yesterday working as an investigator in the OPA Office in San Francisco. She is now Mrs. ROBERT TREUHAFT, wife of an employee in the Legal department of the OPA unit here. Formerly she was married to the late ESMOND ROMILLY, author-nephew of WINSTON CHURCHILL. She is the sister of Lady DIANA MOSLEY, wife of Sir OSWALD MOSLEY, British Fascist leader, and of UNITY FREEMAN-MITFORD, who several years ago reportedly attempted suicide when HITLER's friendship for her cooled. She married TREUHAFT several months ago in Washington, shortly after ROMILLY had been killed in action while a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force. She married ROMILLY when he was eighteen and she was a year older. ROMILLY fought with the loyalists in Spain. For several months she was employed in the OPA Office in Washington, where it was reported she first became actively interested in the United Federal Workers Alliance, leftist labor group. She is said..."
to have continued that interest since joining the local OPA organization, an interest notable because of its contrast to the Fascist affiliation of her two sisters." The San Francisco Call Bulletin for December 4, 1943 reflects that the subject was asked about her feelings toward her sisters and her own political philosophy. According to this newspaper article, the subject "bit her lips and caustically announced, 'I don't think it's any business of the people of America or San Francisco what I think.'" This article stated that the OPA in San Francisco "appeared surprised at the identity of the worker with the English accent in their midst." However, the office said that Mrs. TREUHAFT "had been cleared by the FBI."

**UNION ACTIVITIES**

[Redacted] advised Special Agent [Redacted] on April 2, 1943 that the subject was quite active in a union which had been formed among the OPA employees in San Francisco, which union is named the Federal Workers of America and is affiliated with the CIO. This source stated that the subject, while not possibly trained as an organizer for the Union, constantly urged non-members to join and took active part in the meetings. This source further stated that he had heard that the subject's transfer from Washington, D.C. to San Francisco was arranged by the CIO and he ventured the opinion that this might have been done so that she could assist in the organizational work. [Redacted] said that this union had been formed in the OPA only a short time prior to April, 1943 and had been causing the OPA officials considerable difficulty in that the members, if not Communists, are Communistically inclined and they make certain demands, loaf on the job and create dissension. According to [Redacted], the Legal and Investigative Division of the OPA are most strongly affected by the union and by persons of Communist tendencies. [Redacted] advised Special Agent [Redacted] on January 28, 1943, that he was of the opinion that the above mentioned union, Federal Workers of America, in the OPA offices had gone beyond the purposes of an ordinary union and was endeavoring to promote Communism. He had no substantiation of this, but explained that he had reached this conclusion from bits of conversation he had heard, the methods used by the union in recruiting new members and the attitude and office conduct of the leaders of the union.

[Redacted] advised Special Agent [Redacted] on March 7, 1944 that the subject was employed in the OPA Office in San Francisco up to December 15, 1943. She was extremely active in the United Federal Workers Alliance and recruited members for that union, as well as actively participating in its meetings. This source furnished a copy of a union bulletin issued by the War Agency Local 223, containing
information with reference to the subject. This bulletin is entitled, "Union Scores Double Victory." Under this heading are the lines, "We Keep Our Membership Chairman! OPA Keeps a Trained Investigator!" This bulletin then states:

"On July 29, 1943, Regional OPA had notice from National OPA to terminate all aliens not covered by OPA appropriation rules. Mrs. TREUHAFT is English, a citizen of one of the United Nations; she has applied for American citizenship; she is married to an American citizen; she is a trained investigator; SHE IS MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN FOR THE WAR AGENCIES LOCAL 223, UFNA, CIO. Mrs. TREUHAFT, an alien, was told she must be terminated.

"The Union protested. We said that according to OPA employment regulations an alien who has applied for citizenship papers can be employed by the OPA, and paid from general funds. Our Union in Washington, D. C., carried the case to the National OPA"

The bulletin goes on to state that as a result of the negotiations by the Regional Office in San Francisco, the National OPA agreed with the Union and informed the Regional office that it was not necessary to separate Mrs. TREUHAFT and the case was being closed as far as the National OPA Personnel Director was concerned.

[ ] was interviewed by Special Agent [ ] on May 5, 1943. At this time the above source advised that the United Federal Workers Alliance Union, Local 223, was active in enrolling members of the War Agencies at 1355 Market Street in San Francisco but that to date 90 per cent of the members are employees of the Enforcement Division of the OPA. This source stated that the Union was affiliated with the CIO and that the subject's name appears on a list of names of members of this Union, has been in frequent contact with leading Communists in the San Francisco Bay Area.

[ ] advised that in November of 1943 the subject had been elected as a delegate from Local 223 of the UFNA to the State CIO Convention held in Fresno. She further reported that the key note for this entire convention was set by HARRY BRIDGES.
COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

In the early part of December, 1943, the subject had contacted a wealthy and well known Communist in San Francisco, and had advised her that she was winding up her affairs with the CPA. Then advised the subject that she would act as an organizer for the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee in San Francisco. This same source advised subsequently was discussing the subject with for the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. It was opinion that the subject would be excellent for a position with the JAFRC and that she should be given all literature available and the minutes of past meetings so that she could get a good start.

-reported in January, 1944 that the subject had become a member of a Communist Party club in San Francisco. According to this source, the subject had previously been active in Communist Party affairs but waited until January of 1944 to join the Party due to the fact that she had just prior to this received her citizenship papers. This source stated that the subject has been known to recruit new members into the Party and her husband, ROBERT TREUHAFT, is also a member of the Communist Party. This source advised that in the early part of January, 1944 the subject was present at an orientation class sponsored by the Communist Party. This same source stated that the subject was approved as a new member of the Party and attended her first meeting in the latter part of January, 1944.

-advised in February, 1944 that the subject and her husband had been invited to attend a party at the home of . Stated that the subject had consistently attended meetings of her club and takes an active part in the activities of the club. The subject, according to this source, has given "the educational" on one occasion.

-advised in March of 1944 that the subject desired to discuss with of the California Labor School, a plan which was to be subsequently presented to the Executive Committee of the California Labor School and which she thought should be adopted by the above committee. The nature of this plan is not known to this source.

-reported in March of 1944 that the subject had been in contact with an employee in the Communist Party Headquarters, and that they had engaged in social conversation and discussed
the need for a real organizer for a big meeting which was to be sponsored by the North Beach Club of the Communist Party.

reported in May, 1944 that the subject was a subscriber to the Peoples World, a West Coast Communist dominated newspaper.

reported that in June of 1944 the subject requested from a member of the Communist Political Association, the names of a number of people whom she considered possible contributors to the California Labor School.

reported in July, 1944 that the subject had requested of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians, to see what she could do in order to raise funds among that organization for the California Labor School.

reported that in the latter part of July, 1944 of the Communist Political Association, made the suggestion, on inquiry, that the subject be contacted to obtain the use of the California Labor School facilities in Oakland, California, for the A. F. of L., Convention. The above indicates that the subject is known to Communist Political Association functionaries in San Francisco.

was able to report in August of 1944 that the subject, acting in her position of Director of the California Labor School, was seeking to obtain funds for the above school through a well known scientist and Communist Political Association member in the East Bay Area.

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WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

At Washington, D. C.

Will cause a search to be made for any information contained in the files concerning the subject's Communist activities while employed in Washington, D. C.

SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At San Francisco, California

Will continue to follow and report the subject's Communist activities.
The information furnished by the above sources is set out in the report of Special Agent [ ], in the report entitled, "JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY, Employee Investigation, Office of Emergency Management," dated 4/8/43 at San Francisco, California, Bureau origin.

[ ] who reported that the subject is a member of the Southside (Professional) Club of the Communist Political Association.
The information furnished by [Redacted] was reported in the above report of Special Agent [Redacted], dated April 8, 1943 at San Francisco, California.

The above informants have been designated as confidential sources in order to further protect their identity.
SAC, Washington

FROM: JESSICA LUCY TREUHAFT, née JESSICA LUCY FREEMAN-MITFORD with aliases JESSICA ROMILLY, DECEA TREUHAFT, MRS. ROBERT E. TREUHAFT

SUBJECT: Security Matter - C

DATE: November 21, 1944

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in San Francisco, California, dated November 2, 1944, in connection with the above entitled case, wherein a lead was set out for the Washington Field Office to furnish the results of a search of the files in connection with this subject.

This subject was first reported to the Washington Field Office during the early part of 1943 at which time advised subject was said to be a niece of Mrs. WINSTON CHURCHILL and also to be a sister of UNITY MITFORD-FREEMAN, the English girl who received considerable newspaper publicity relative to her friendship with ADOLF HITLER. Further advised that subject then resided with a pointed out that it should further be noted that

For the information of the San Francisco Office, an applicant investigation concerning subject has previously been conducted by the Bureau under the caption, "JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY; Employee Investigation, Office for Emergency Management." Investigation in that case by the Washington Field Office developed considerable information pertinent to the instant investigation by the San Francisco Office, and accordingly one copy of the report of Special Agent in Washington, D. C., dated April 8, 1943, in the case entitled, "JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY; Employee Investigation, Office for Emergency Management," Bureau file 77-27703, is being forwarded to the San Francisco Office together with copies of this letter. It is suggested that the Bureau review its file in this investigation and furnish to the San Francisco Office any other pertinent information developed by other offices in connection with this applicant investigation.

It should be further noted that in the report of Special Agent mentioned above, was interviewed with regard to the subject, this interview being set out on page 7 of that report. mentioned that subject mentioned that subject at the request of the subject's husband, DEMOND-ROMILLY.

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Director

For the information of the San Francisco Office, a Hatch Act investigation has previously been conducted by the Washington Field Office, this investigation appearing under Bureau file _______ Upon interview at the conclusion of this investigation, _______ denied membership in the American Peace Mobilization, the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, or any other organization dominated by the Communist Party, and no information was developed by the investigation to definitely establish any such membership.

An investigation has also been conducted of _______ Security Matter - C, in which the Richmond Office was office of origin. This investigation developed that the name of _______ appeared in the active indices of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, the American Peace Mobilization, the Capital City Forum, and the United American Spanish Relief Committee.

No other pertinent information with regard to subject, not already known to the San Francisco Office, appears in the files of the Washington Field Office. Accordingly, this case is being considered RUC.

CC San Francisco (Encl)
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject continues membership in a CPA Club and attends meetings regularly. Subject and husband were given a life-time subscription to the "Peoples World" for their participation in a financial drive for that paper. Subject continues her employment as financial director of the California Labor School, 2030 Broadway, Oakland, California. Subject resides at 956 Clayton Street, S.F.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent b2 b6 b7C b7D 11-2-44 at San Francisco, California.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The January, 1945 telephone directory for San Francisco reflects that the subject resides at 956 Clayton Street, San Francisco. Confidential sources have advised that the subject continues her employment as financial director of the California Labor School in the East Bay. The California Labor School is located at 2030 Broadway, Oakland, California.

COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

In a report to this Field Division in September, 1944, advised that according to a known Communist in San

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San Francisco, the subject was on the Executive Committee of the
Haight-Ashbury group which is more commonly known as the
Roosevelt Neighborhood Club and was active in that neighborhood
during the recent presidential campaign.

Advised in September, 1944 that
the subject and her husband, ROBERT HIGGINS, had been given
a life-time subscription to the "Daily Peoples World", a West
Coast Communist-dominated newspaper. The subject and her
husband had obtained contributions exceeding $100 during a fund
raising campaign for the "Daily Peoples World".

Advised in September, 1944 that the
subject is known to be employed at the Oakland California
Labor School and that she resided at 956 Clayton Street, San
Francisco. [Redacted] was able to report in October, 1944 that
the subject in her capacity as financial director of the
California Labor School had been in contact with the Federation
of Architects and Engineers, Chemists and Technicians in order
that they might cooperate in the various social functions.

Again reported in October, 1944 that the
subject was well known to [Redacted] a known CPA
functionary in Alameda County, California.

Reported that during the past four months
subject has been in regular attendance at meetings of a CPA
club.

In a report made to this office in the latter part
of November, 1944, [Redacted] reported that
[Redacted] known Communists in Alameda County, California,
were of the opinion that the subject was a nice person but
that she overdid so many things that she lost sight of the
perspective, according to this source. It was the opinion of
[Redacted] that the subject made too many requests in her
work and continually bothered people with small requests which
irritated them.

Advised in November, 1944, that the subject
was employed at the Oakland California Labor School.
advised in the latter part of December, 1944, that the subject was a member of the Office Workers Union of the A.F. of L., and that the subject did not desire to have her C.P.A. membership generally known.

reported in December, 1944, that the subject was active in promoting a year's end frolic for the California Labor School in Oakland for the purpose of raising funds for the school and, in making the arrangements, is known to have been in contact with known Communists in the East Bay area.

A review of the files of the San Francisco Field Division reflects that information was received from in April of 1943 that the subject was very bitter toward her family in England and would have nothing to do with them, although she did receive letters from her mother occasionally. It was also learned from these sources that when Prime Minister Winston Churchill was in Washington, the subject had visited him at the White House at his request and he had advised her that there was little hope for her husband's safe return; at that time, according to other sources of information, the subject's husband was AMEDEO MILLI, who had been reported missing in action as a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force. These same sources further advised that subject had expressed her anger over the Prime Minister's statement to both that the subject felt that she should be given no preference over any of the other prisoners.

In referenced report it was set out that the

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SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the subject as a member of the Communist Political Association.
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