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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 "blond goddess"

By EDWARD GOTTJEB  
International News Service Staff Writer

AFTER a strange career that skyrocketed her to international fame as the Nazi "goddess" of Adolf Hitler, Unity Valkyrie Freeman-Mitford now lies like a broken, discarded 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 Fuehrer and his Nazi political creed that this 25-year-old British beauty flung to the winds a family heritage that traced back to Charlemagne, her friends and relatives in England.

The word Valkyrie, which she proudly bore in her name, curiously symbolizes the now-shattered attraction between the English girl and the fuehrer who used to call her his "blonde goddess."

In ancient Nordic mythology the Valkyries were pictured as divine, war-like maidens who served Odin, god of the Norsemen and "of battles 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 in their arms to Valhalla, the heavenly hall of the

hatred of Nazism and the fuehrer was a challenge and not an indication that war 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 Britons were in the assemblage 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 dozen stinging London policemen, the beautiful daughter of Lord Redesdale might have been injured mortally.

It was not long after that event

imbued with every creed of Nazism, for in that way only could she expect to remain Chancellor Hitler's "ideal nordic woman" in the face of other rumored romances which must have reached her from the inner circles of the German regime.

She became rabidly, openly anti-Semitic. She once wrote in the violently anti-Jewish newspaper "Der Steuermer," edited by Julius Streicher. Her article said:

"The English have no notion of the Jewish danger. Our worst Jews work 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 say with might and authority: 'England for the English—out with the Jews.'"

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

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

CHANCELLOR HITLER is a lover of opera, and the tempestuous music of Wagner's "Die Valkyrie" is one of his favorites.

During her many chats with the Fuehrer, Unity may have told him that her middle name was given her in honor of Wagner. She may also have confided that the old first Lord Redesdale, her grandfather, had insisted that one of his grandchildren be given the name of the ancient German mythological "choosers of heroes."

Just as Lord Redesdale became imbued with the idea of calling his granddaughter "Valkyrie," so Hitler is said to have been inspired by the Wagnerian opus to apply the term "ideal 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 1934.

According to the web 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 blonde women?" the fuehrer inquired of his aides.

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

Then, in the manner of what Americans call a "pickup," Hitler was said to have sent his adjutant, Hellmut Brueckner, to invite the girls to his table. Unity and Diana, of course, were delighted and from that day until, perhaps, the outbreak of the European war, both were devoted admirers of the chancellor.

Diana, who divorced Bryan Guinness of the British brewing clan, married Sir Oswald Mosely, leading English Fascist, filled her Belgrave square house with Nazi and Fascist emblems and is even said to have trained her two sons by her first husband to greet visitors with the Nazi salute and cries of "Heil Hitler!"

After their coffee-house chat with the chancellor 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, their beaming host came to his feet, held out his glass and offered this toast:

"I want to say that I believe Frau Goering, Frau Bryan Guinness and Fraulein Unity Mitford the most beautiful women in Germany."

THE effects of these compliments and other favors showered on the younger Miss Freeman-Mitford—she was only 21 then—were tremendous.

Unity followed Hitler from place to place, frequently staying as his guest in the fuehrer's mountain estate at Berchtesgaden. She seldom came to England, and when she did there invariably was trouble of one sort or another.

The British haven't loved the Nazis. They hate them worse than ever now that war has sent thousands of British Tommies to the front and blacked out England's cities. On at least one notable occasion, Unity found out what that hatred meant—in terms of blood.

To Unity, the growing British



DIANA

that Unity publicly announced her denunciation of her British citizenship and desire to become a German citizen.

Although her father was recognized in the house of lords as a Nazi sympathizer, he was saddened by Unity's decision and he spoke to her about it. Lady Redesdale argued, too.

"I can only breathe German air," the girl retorted.

Even before the Hyde Park mauling, she had learned something of the surging anti-Nazism in European countries other than England.

In June, 1938, at the very height of the Czech-German crisis, Miss Freeman-Mitford decided she wanted to see what Czechoslovakia was like. So, equipped with important German credentials, she journeyed toward Karlsbad in a car with an English writer, Philip Stranklyn; a Czech-



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Nazi representative; and a 22-year-old Chicago student, William Rueff.

She was detained on a suspicion of espionage and after five hours was permitted to go her way. Her version of the incident was this:

"A policeman, rather insolent, opened my baggage and dropped things on the road. He found a signed photograph of Hitler and broke the frame, and then took us to the police station. I was most furious when they seized Hitler's picture. A woman detective stripped me and even took off my stockings."

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

The British press attacked the beautiful Naziophile; but German newspapers seized upon the incident to prove their allegations of Czech lawlessness.

Unity rapidly became thoroughly

industrious statesmen in British history.

Unity was not only in love with the fuehrer's political creed but she had a boundless devotion for the Nazi chancellor as a man.

There are many gossips, allegedly on the "inside," who say Unity made no secret of her desire to marry Hitler and become the fuehrer in a sort of world national Socialism (Nazism).

When the beautiful daughter of Lord Redesdale saw and met Hitler for the first time, she was but 20 years old, an art student in Munich. Until then there had never been a man in her life who had succeeded in stirring her deeply.

A community of interest between Unity and the fuehrer existed immediately. There was art. Hitler had once striven to become a great artist, and the British girl was just beginning to visit the same museums and ateliers where years before the Nazi chieftain yearned to hang one of his own paintings.

Of her many hours spent in the company of Hitler, Unity's friends have quoted her as saying:

"They were some of the most impressive in my life. The German nation is lucky to have such a great personality at its head."

And this comment came on another occasion:

"There can never be any other man in my life."

ALTHOUGH Unity was a foreign convert, she was in many ways more a Nazi than the majority of Nazis themselves.

On one occasion she was said to have stood so long under a blazing sun waiting for Hitler's appearance in a parade that she fainted and was ill for some weeks. She accompanied the fuehrer a large part of the way on his visit to Vienna following the Austrian "anschluss."

The height of Hitler's regard for Unity may be seen in the care he took for her safety, and the fact that she was always the guest of the German government, no matter in which hotel in the Reich she stayed.

Inspired by more than political devotion for Adolf Hitler and the house of Nazidom he built, the fuehrer's "ideal Nordic woman" almost succeeded in winning her father, Lord Redesdale, over to her way of thinking. She encountered disastrous failure, however, in the case of one of her five sisters.

Instead of coming around to the swastika, Unity's beautiful sister, Jessica, rebounded toward the hammer and sickle!

Little Jessica, not at all like her "perfect Aryan" type sister, threatened for a while to become an even thornier problem in the Redesdale clan than Unity.

She tore loose from her roots in the Redesdale mansions and eloped with her 18-year-old second cousin, Esmond Romilly, nephew of Winston Churchill, when he left England to fight in the defense of Madrid and Bilbao.

As far as can be learned, Unity and Jessica never tried to "have it out" on their political beliefs. Recently interviewed in Miami, the more radical sister called Hitler's "blond goddess" just "a little bit wild." Jessica and her husband are tending bar in Miami.

Meantime, Lord Redesdale, is chagrined, and sick over the whole mess. As a peer he favors England in the war; as a father, he grieves for his daughters' defection from the empire's standard.

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Acknowledging receipt of your letter dated July 18, 1940, your reference No. [redacted] please be advised that copies of your letter have been transmitted to [redacted] [redacted] 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,

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Special Agent in Charge  
Miami, Florida

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Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith copies of a letter of

[Redacted]

requiring investigation in Miami, Florida.

It is my desire that you arrange to give this mat-  
ter your appropriate attention at once so that the results  
of your inquiry may be transmitted to [Redacted]  
without delay.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Reference is again made to your letter  
of July 18, 1940, your Reference No. [redacted] con-  
cerning [redacted]

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In connection therewith, I am trans-  
mitting 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

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1300 Biscayne Building  
Miami, Florida

August 5, 1940.

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

RE: File No. 100-18  
JESSICA ROMILLY, nee FREEMAN-  
MITFORD  
ESMOND ROMILLY  
INTERNAL SECURITY

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Dear Sir:

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

[redacted] 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 to [redacted] without delay.

In view of the information set forth in that letter to  
the effect that [redacted] were allegedly employed in  
a bar [redacted] Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] contacted [redacted] 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, [redacted]

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 [redacted] referred to in  
instant letter. Agent thereafter conducted a neighborhood in-  
vestigation of the vicinity of [redacted]  
interviewed [redacted] of the Miami Police Department  
who advised that he recollected a man and woman by the name of  
[redacted] who, in the past, had received considerable publicity  
in Miami in view of her alleged relationship [redacted]

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A check of the licenses issued by the Alcoholic Division revealed that the Roma Restaurant [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thereafter a check was made at the morgue of the Miami Daily News for newspaper articles which might involve further investigation of [REDACTED] in charge of that department located a photograph of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The photograph was radioed from London to New York.

[REDACTED]

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, Esmond. Both Jessica and Esmond settled in Southern France, earning their living translating Spanish broadcasts and sending war news to the Eosden Chronicle. Jessica Romilly in interviews with reporters, considered her stay in the United States as an adventure and refused to disclose any information regarding [redacted] 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."

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When Jessica and Esmond Romilly landed in the United States they had \$400.00, lived in a tiny Greenwich Village apartment while Jessica sold dresses. Esmond 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 Esmond 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; article in the Miami Herald dated January 3, 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 Esmond Romilly are presently located at Miami. Accordingly inquiry was made at 226 S. W. 1st Street, their alleged residence, with negative results. [redacted]

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

Accordingly, discreet inquiry was made of [redacted] who advised that Jessica and Esmond 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.

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In view of the fact that discreet inquiry was requested,  
was not questioned further in reference to this matter.

Very truly yours,

PERCY WYLY, II  
Special Agent in Charge

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 3, 1940

## 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 England 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 curious 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 hysterical tirade against Great Britain.

### Hitler Paves Way

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

While London newspaper pla-



UNITY

... suffers unexplained ailment.

cards screamed delightedly, "Where is Unity?" and Cockneys gasped "Gor blimey!" Unity was believed to be somewhere between Munich and the channel, traveling on a stretcher.

Apparently all her family knows is that she had an "accident" in Munich on August 9. In October, more than a month after Great Britain declared war to the

finish on Nazism, Lady Redesdale was told that her daughter was in a Munich hospital.

On Christmas eve, roundabout messages to the Redesdale house in London's Rutland Gate said Der Fuehrer had provided a special ambulance-type railway car for her trip home.

Unity, 25 years old, is the fourth of Lord Redesdale's six daughters.

Hitler once called her "the perfect Nordic type of beauty," presumably in tribute to her long, golden hair, her waxen complexion and her antipathy to face powder.

She met Der Fuehrer in 1935, at a Nazi rally in Nurnberg, and, with her sister, now Lady Mosley, has been his personal guest in Germany on frequent occasions.

Lady Mosley, the former Mrs. Diana Guinness, shares Unity's Nazi tastes. Her marriage to Sir Oswald Mosley, British Fascist leader, was disclosed in the latter's newspaper on November 30, 1938, simultaneously with announcement of the birth of a son. The marriage was kept secret for two years.

Unity herself has gone so far as to fight for Hitler. She had a scuffle with a Communist in Hyde Park one Sunday in 1938, and lost the swastika badge which Hitler gave her—engraved with his name. Only the timely arrival of a bus saved her from being ducked in the Serpentine by an angry crowd.

She was Hitler's house guest on the Obersalzberg last May.

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## Sister of Adolf's Perfect Nordic Type Is Making Own Way As Miami Barmaid

**Jessica Freeman-Mitford  
Became Black Sheep of  
Family When She Mar-  
ried Anti-Fascist**

By MARION STEVENS  
Herald Staff Writer

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,

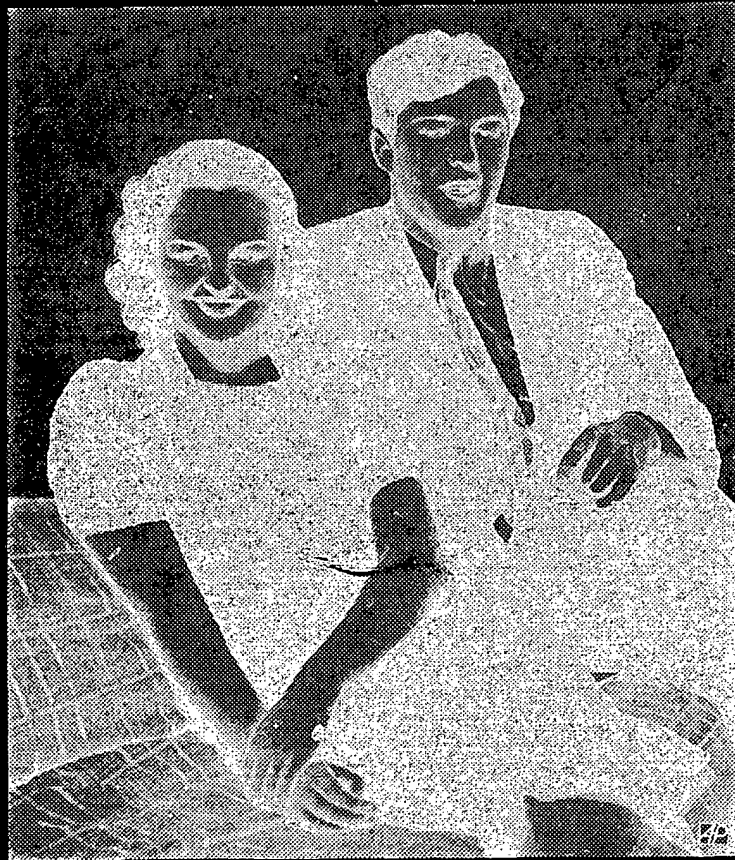
Daughter Unity, who came back to England on a stretcher, her health broken and her past as a favorite of Chancellor Hitler a topic of every back-fence gossip, or of

Daughter Diana, who married a Fascist gentleman, Oswald Mosley, 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 waken one morning to find the British Empire had sworn to destroy this 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 has 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



JESSICA

ESMOND

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 Jessica was too much in love with anti-Fascist Esmond, of the blue eyes and curly hair. It was

... nobility takes jobs in Miami bar  
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

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## Unity's Sister Miami Barmaid

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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, brow 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 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 21. Apparently they have come to Miami to stay.

When first the Romillys 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 discuss her sister, Unity, or her family, because she is not in communication with them.

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

### *Nordic Beauty Rests At Father's Estate*

LONDON, Jan. 4. (AP)—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.



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Re: JESSICA ROMILLY  
INTERNAL SECURITY  
FILE NO. 100-4141

Dear Sir:

For your information [redacted]

[redacted] in an interview, stated that subject  
was [redacted]

[redacted] 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. [redacted] stated that this couple were living  
at the home of [redacted]

[redacted] during the period of their stay in Miami and that  
[redacted] was an Englishwoman who had lived in this country about  
eight years. [redacted] stated that this couple were very inter-  
esting, intelligent, and well liked by the International Set in  
[redacted]

[redacted] was inter-  
viewed on June 11, 1942 and 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, [redacted]

[redacted] DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
also stated that ESMOND ROMILLY was a nephew of WINSTON CHURCHILL.  
[redacted] stated that JESSICA ROMILLY broke with her family  
when she married ESMOND and that she had never returned because  
of their Pro-Nazi attitude. [redacted] stated that this couple  
stayed [redacted] 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

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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.. [redacted] states that subject and her sixteen-month old daughter [redacted] for two weeks during April of this year. [redacted] states that subject told her she would under no circumstances return to England because of her family. [redacted] 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.

[redacted] 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. [redacted] 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 ADOLF'S 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 discuss 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."

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.

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# British Beauty Hates Nazis So She's Working In U. S.

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Jessica Freeman-Mitford Romilly and her husband, Esmond. She's the 'black sheep' of the British pro-Nazi family.

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. After 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 anti-fascist 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 sisters, 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 any 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 so wonderful—except the landlord, who wouldn't lend Esmond fifty cents—that they may become citizens.

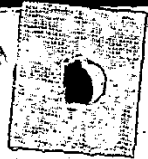
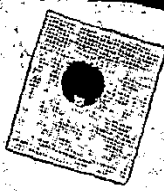
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Date: March 5, 1943

TO: SAC, Washington

From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: Jessica Lucy Romilly

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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 I 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

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- [Redacted] R.A.F. Delegation, 1139 Conn. Avenue, D. C.
- [Redacted] R. A. F. Delegation, D. C.
- [Redacted] D. of S., 16th Street, D. C.
- [Redacted] R.A.F. Delegation, head of Shipping Division, D. C.
- [Redacted] R.A.F. Delegation, Provisiony Dept., D. C.

Applicant was employed by Weinmazzers Dress Shop, Conn. Avenue, D. C., as salesgirl under [Redacted] from July to December 1940, salary \$30 week; [Redacted] Royal Air Force Delegation, 1139 Conn. Avenue, D. C., as stenographer under F.Lt. Halley from March 1941 to probably February 1943, salary \$105 to \$120 month.

Obtain applicant's maiden name from Investigations Office, OEM, 1409 L Street, N.W., D. C.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MIAMI  
Applicant was part owner of Roma Restaurant, Bayshore Drive, Miami, Florida, from September 1939 to June 1940, salary \$25 to \$30 week.

An individual possibly identical with the applicant is mentioned in a letter from the Miami Field Division to the Director dated August 3, 1940, re file No. 100-18, entitled "Jessica Romilly, nee Freeman Mitford; Asmond

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SAC Washington  
Re: Jessica Lucy Romilly

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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.

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NEW YORK

Applicant was employed by [redacted] Worlds 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 *M*



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 19, 1943

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

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

In re: DI- B-1754  
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.

By

Attachment

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Subj: ROMILLY, JESSICA LUC

Address: D.C. 1917 Fla. Supv:   
N.Y.

Room: 4704

All References

Searcher

Nat'l. Defense Ref.

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# APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT

Answer every question clearly and completely. Use typewriter or print in BLACK ink. Black entries assure ap-  
 pointing agencies clear photographic copies. Use printed side ONLY. Give all names used, such as maiden name:  
*Mrs. Mary Louise Jones Doe. If you are applying for a specific United States Civil Service Examination,*  
 read the Examination Announcement carefully, follow all directions, and mail this application to the office named  
 therein; if *not*, mail with an explanatory letter to the U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
 unless otherwise directed. Notify same office of any change of address.

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ANSWER 1, 2, AND 3 IF APPLYING FOR A SPECIFIC EXAMINATION:

1. Place of examination (if a written test) or place of employment (if specified in announcement)  
 City and State \_\_\_\_\_

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

3. Optional subject (if any):  
 \_\_\_\_\_

AV. This space for U. S. Civil Service Commission To U. S. Civil Service Commission

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4.  Mr.  Mrs.  Miss **JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY**  
 (First) (Middle) (Last)

5. **1721 EYE ST NW**  
 (R. D. or street number)

City or post office, and State **WASHINGTON DC**

6. Date of birth (month, day, year): **11/9/17** 7. Age last birthday: **25** 8. Date of this application: **23/9/42**

9. Legal or voting residence: State **England** 10. Telephone: Business—  
 Residence—**REO 233 EX 4500**

11. (a) Check one:  Male  Single  Married  Divorced  Widowed  
 Female  Separated  Widowed

12. Height without shoes: **5** ft. **7** in. Weight: **120** lb.

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Preference: Allowed—  
 Veteran.  Disability.  Wife.  Widow.  Disallowed.  Closed.

Adm'd exam. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exam. date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Not. Ra. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Recd. \_\_\_\_\_

Material att'd.  
 Material filed.  
 Indian.  Material rel. \_\_\_\_\_

13. Where were you born? **GLOS ENGLAND**  
 (Town) (State or Country)

14. Are you a citizen of the United States? (Check proper box).  
 Unless otherwise instructed, naturalized citizens must submit along with the application, Naturalization Certificate; other foreign-born, documentary proof of citizenship. Documents will be returned. Yes  No

15. Have you ever been arrested, or summoned into court as a defendant, or indicted, or convicted, or fined, or imprisoned, or placed on probation, or has any case against you been filed, or have you ever been ordered to deposit collateral for alleged breach or violation of any law or police regulation or ordinance whatsoever? If so, list all cases without any exception whatsoever, under Item 45, page 4, giving in each case (1) the date, (2) your age at the time, (3) the place where the alleged offense or violation occurred, (4) the name and location of the court, (5) the nature of the offense or violation, (6) the penalty, if any, imposed, or other disposition. The above question includes arrests by military or naval authorities and disciplinary action imposed by courts martial, as well as in civil cases. If appointed, your fingerprints will be taken. Yes  No

16. (a) Have you any physical defect or disability whatsoever? Yes  No   
 (b) Have you ever had a nervous breakdown? Yes  No   
 If your answer to either (a) or (b) is yes, give full particulars under Item 45, page 4.

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? If so, give complete details under Item 45. Yes  No

18. Have you ever been discharged for misconduct or unsatisfactory service, or forced to resign from any position? If so, state (under Item 45), when and where employed and give the name and address of your employer and the reason for your discharge or forced resignation in each case. Yes  No

19. Within the past 12 months, have you used intoxicating beverages? If so, specify  Occasionally.  Habitually  To excess. Yes  No

20. Are any members of your family or relatives (either blood or by marriage), employed by the United States Government, excluding persons in the armed forces? If so, give name, address, relationship, and branch of service of each such relative under Item 45. Yes  No

21. Are you NOW employed by the Federal Government? Yes  No   
 (a) If so, (Department or agency) \_\_\_\_\_ (Bureau) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Location) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) If you now are or have ever been so employed, give dates: from \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ (Year) to \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ (Month) \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ (Year)

22. (a) Were you ever in the U. S. military or naval service? If so, give branch of service and date of last discharge. Yes  No   
 Army.  Navy.  Marine.  Coast Guard. Date \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Were all discharges granted under honorable conditions? Yes  No

(c) Have you already established military preference with the Civil Service Commission? If so, check kind of preference below: Yes  No   
 Veteran  Disch'd  Wife of Disabled  Widow of Veteran.  Veteran.

If you are applying for a specific examination, and wish to claim veteran preference in connection with it, attach C. S. C. (Preference) Form 14, together with the evidence specified therein.

23. Have you registered under the Selective Service Act? If so, give address and number of local board. Yes  No   
 If classified, give your classification \_\_\_\_\_ Your order number \_\_\_\_\_

24. (a) Are you now a member of any branch of military or naval reserve? Yes  No   
 If so, give name of organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) Are you now on active duty? Yes  No

25. Give number of persons completely dependent on you, other than husband or wife. **daughter** **one**

26. Would you accept short-term appointment? Yes  No   
 6 Months.  3 Months.  1 Month.

27. (a) Would you accept appointment anywhere offered in the United States? Give location preferences. **Washington DC** Yes  No   
 (b) Would you accept appointment outside the United States? Give locations acceptable. Yes  No

(c) Would you accept appointment in Washington, D. C.? If so, and if you are applying for a specific examination, refer to the examination announcement to see if the Certificate of Residence (C. S. C. Form 12) is to be submitted. Proof of residence is required for many kinds of positions. Yes  No

28. What is the lowest entrance salary you will accept? **\$1440.** per year  
 You will not be considered for positions paying less.

29. Are you willing to travel? If so, specify:  Occasionally.  Frequently.  Constantly. Yes  No

30. How much notice will you require to report for work? **10 days**

This space for U. S. Civil Service Commission

ANNO NO.

APP. NO.

SEL. NO.

31. (a) Have you ever filed applications for general civil service examinations? (If so, list them below)  Yes  No

Titles of examinations	Examined in what cities	Month and year	Rating
Junior Clerk Typist	Washington D.C.	Sept. 42	Eligible

(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

32. EDUCATION: (a) Circle highest grade completed, elementary or high school: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12  Did you graduate?  Yes  No

Name and location of school	Dates attended		Years completed		Degrees conferred		Semester hours credit
	From—	To—	Day	Night	Title	Date	
(b) College or university Sorbonne, Paris France	1933	1934	1		Diplome	Dec 34	48
(c) Other					Studies		

(d) Undergraduate major subjects (20 or more semester hours)	Semester hrs.	Major subjects (graduate)	Semester hrs.
Hist or Literature Language Political Science	full course		

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33. Indicate your knowledge of foreign languages.

	READ	SPEAK	UNDERSTAND
	Exc. Good Fair	Exc. Good Fair	Exc. Good Fair
French	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
German	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

34. Are you now a licensed member of any trade or profession (such as electrician, radio operator, pilot, lawyer, CPA, etc.)?  Yes  No

If not, have you ever been licensed?  Yes  No

Give kind of license and State.....

Earliest license (year).....

Most recent license (year).....

35. 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 close 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.



36. May inquiry be made of your present employer regarding your character, qualifications, etc.?  Yes  No

37. 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 employments held less than three months give your duties and responsibilities in such detail as to make your qualifications clear. Give name you used on pay roll if different from that given on this application.

PRESENT POSITION		Exact title of your position	Salary: Starting \$
Place: Washington D.C.	From: March 1942 To: Present	Stenographer	105
Name of employer: W/C Balders	Address: 1139 Conn Ave Washington DC	Duties and responsibilities: Film taken dictation for 5 different supervisors keep track of all mail (seen it has reached the right department been correctly answered etc) general office duties, contact, grants etc statistical typing	Per month: 120
Kind of business or organization: Royal Air Force Delegation	Number and class of employees you supervised:	Machines and equipment you used: Typewriter adding machine	
Name and title of your immediate supervisor:			

Place Washington DC  
 From July 40 To Dec 40  
 (Month) (Year) (Month) (Year)  
 Address W. Embargers Dress Shop  
Conn. Ave., Washington  
 Kind of business or organization:  
Dress Shop  
 Number and class of employees you supervised  
 Name and title of your immediate supervisor  
owner  
 Reason for leaving To have a baby

Exact title of your position sales girl Salary: Starting, \$ 30  
 Per wk Final, \$ 30  
 Duties and responsibilities Selling dresses; modeling; contacting customers; accounting  
 Machines and equipment you used

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Place Miami Fla  
 From Sept 39 To June 40  
 (Month) (Year) (Month) (Year)  
 Name of employer:  
None - Part owner  
 Address Roma Restaurant  
Bayshore Drive, Miami  
 Kind of business or organization:  
Bar Restaurant  
 Number and class of employees you supervised 3 (Waiters)  
 Name and title of your immediate supervisor None  
 Reason for leaving End of Season

Exact title of your position Part Owner Salary: Starting, \$ 25  
 Per wk Final, \$ 30  
 Duties and responsibilities Run the business; buying stock; keeping accounts; supervising the waiters & other employees; contacting new customers; advertising the place.  
 Machines and equipment you used Adding machine

Place New York NY  
 From May 39 To Sept 39  
 (Month) (Year) (Month) (Year)  
 Name of employer:  
Miss Faund  
 Address  
 Kind of business or organization:  
Worlds Fair  
 Number and class of employees you supervised  
 Name and title of your immediate supervisor  
 Reason for leaving End of Fair

Exact title of your position Sales girl Salary: Starting, \$ 20  
 Per wk Final, \$ 29  
 Duties and responsibilities Selling hand woven hoods; helping to run the shop; bookkeeping; stocktaking; ordering new stock; & general store duties.  
 Machines and equipment you used Adding machine

Place London England  
 From June 37 To Jan 39  
 (Month) (Year) (Month) (Year)  
 Name of employer:  
J. Walter Thompson  
 Address Strand, London  
 Kind of business or organization:  
Advertising agency  
 Number and class of employees you supervised  
 Name and title of your immediate supervisor  
 Reason for leaving To Emigrate to USA

Exact title of your position Market Research Worker Salary: Starting, \$ 15 (£3)  
 Per wk Final, \$ 15  
 Duties and responsibilities Investigate the results of advertising policies & their effect on the public; the particular job was similar to that of a Gallup Poll field worker - planning advertising campaigns  
 Machines and equipment you used None

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38. Do you hold any elective or appointive office, State, or local?  Yes  No  
If so, give details under Item 45.

39. Do you receive any pension or other benefit (exclusive of Adjusted Service Certificate) for military or naval service, or an annuity from the U. S. Government under any Retirement Act?  Yes  No  
If so, give details under Item 45.

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

41. (a) Were any of the following members of your family born outside Continental U. S. A.?  Father.  Mother.  Wife.  Husband.  Yes  No

If so, indicate which by marking the appropriate box, and show under Item 45 for each, (1) full name including maiden name of wife or mother; (2) birthplace; (3) native citizenship; and (4) if U. S. naturalized, date of naturalization.

(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 transient or resident.

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

SKILL \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Secretarial, & research

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

Have done journalistic work in Spain & Southern France; have written series of articles for Washington Post, which were later syndicated (Hearst syndicated)

45. Space for detailed answers to other questions:

Question No.

41. All my relatives except my baby are English, both in England & now living in England

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If more space is required, use a sheet of THIN paper, size 8 x 10 1/4 inches. Write on each sheet your name, date of application, and examination title (if any). Use one side only. Enclose, unattached, with application.

If you claim preference for the Indian Service as an Indian, you must file with this application a certificate from the superintendent of the Indian agency where you are registered, or from the Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, showing that you have at least one-fourth Indian blood.

**JURAT (OR OATH).—This jurat (or oath) must be executed.**

The following oath must be taken before a notary public, the secretary of a United States civil service board of examiners, or other officer authorized to administer oaths, before whom the applicant must appear in person. The following are among those not authorized to administer this oath: Postmasters (except in Alaska), Army officers, post-office inspectors, and chief clerks and assistant chief clerks in the Railway Mail Service.

The composition and work in connection with any material required to be submitted for this examination are entirely my own, except where I have given full credit for quoted matter or the collaboration of others by quotation marks and references, and in the composition of the same I have received no assistance except as indicated fully in my explanatory statement.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in answer to the foregoing questions are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief, SO HELP ME GOD.

If female, prefix "Miss" or "Mrs.," and if married use your own given name, as "Mrs. Mary L. Doe."

(Signature of applicant) Jessica Romilly  
(Sign WITH PEN AND INK your name—one given name, initial or initials, and surname)

Subscribed and duly 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

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

NY FILE NO. **77-5943 FCM**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/15/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/13/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>
TITLE <b>JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION; OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	

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.

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REP'T FORW. *4-26-54*  
BY *J. F. [unclear]*

**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.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. **77-955**

REPORT MADE AT <b>MIAMI, FLORIDA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-18-43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3-11, 12-43</b>	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]
TITLE <b>JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	

**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]

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

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**REFERENCE:**

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

**DETAILS:**

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

[Redacted] in an interview, 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.

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[redacted] 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. [redacted] stated that this couple [redacted] 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 ROMILLYs 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. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that JESSICA ROMILLY and her sixteen-month old daughter [redacted] [redacted] for two weeks during April of 1942. [redacted] stated that JESSICA told her she would under no circumstances return to England because of her family. [redacted] 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.

[redacted] 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. [redacted] stated 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 ADOLF'S 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 discuss 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 because her present position was routine and that she wanted a change. [redacted] stated that the applicant had always been very socialistic in her beliefs. 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 ESMOND was inducted into the Royal Air Force.

[redacted] stated that the applicant at present is sharing an apartment with a young lady-friend in a building which is [redacted] a well-known writer, and a writer of Communistic 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] Roma Restaurant during the period that Mrs. ROMILLY and Mr. ROMILLY were employed at the Roma. She stated that JESSICA was the cashier

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from approximately November, 1939 until the spring of 1940, and that JESSICA had an unusual character and was the "salt of the earth."

[redacted] 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 [redacted]

[redacted] felt that Mrs. ROMILLY would make an excellent Government employee.

[redacted] stated that [redacted]

[redacted] He advised 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, [redacted] 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.

[redacted] 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.

[redacted] Walgreen Drug Store, East Flagler Street, stated that the applicant had worked [redacted] 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.

[redacted] advised that the applicant and her husband had rented a room [redacted] 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. [redacted] 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. [redacted] 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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MANAGEMENT. JESSICA ROMILLY IS TWENTY-FIVE, WIDOWED, ENGLISH NATIVITY,  
PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY O.P.A. AT SAN FRANCISCO, AND WAS FORMERLY EMPLOYED  
BY RAF DELEGATION AT WASHINGTON, D. C. WHERE SHE MET REFERENCE [REDACTED]

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ALLIED CAUSE. APPLICANT NEVER MENTIONED [REDACTED] THOUGH  
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Re: JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY  
EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION  
OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 5, 1943  
(Bureau File 77-27703), to the Washington Field Division request-  
ing 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 [redacted]

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

Very truly yours,

*Guy Hottel*  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. **77-1895**

REPORT MADE AT <b>RICHMOND, VIRGINIA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4-15-43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4-7-43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LLR:GTC</b>
TITLE <b>JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	
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DETAILS:  <u>AT CAMP LEE, VIRGINIA:</u>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> Provost Marshal's Office, Camp Lee, Virginia, furnished records which reflected that <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 300px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 450px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto;"></div>  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:  <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">Deleted Copy Sent <u>Jessica Trushoff</u> by Letter Dated <u>10-22-76 BSO</u> Per FOIPA Request <u>                    </u></div>		APR 16 1943	
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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 [REDACTED]

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reported to be Nazi enthusiast. Interview [REDACTED]

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FILE NO. 77-14953

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 4-8-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/24-27/43; 3/29-31/43	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]	CBC:CL
TITLE JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY			CHARACTER OF CASE EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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

[Redacted] 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 Glos, 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

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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 ERNOLD 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, ESMOND ROMILLY, who is a nephew of WINSTON CHURCHILL. She is one of six daughters of Lord REDESDALE of England. Three years previously, ESMOND 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 ESMOND 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:

"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 VALKYRIE FREEMAN-MITFORD and DIANA FREEMAN-MITFORD, while art students in Germany in 1934, met ADOLPH 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. UNITY 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., [redacted] [redacted] 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. [redacted] [redacted] 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.

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At the Royal Air Force Delegation personnel department, 1424 - 16th Street, N. W., [redacted] 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 [redacted] *relate*

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

[redacted] 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 greatly concerned about her clothes, "like all English women". [redacted] 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.

[redacted] who is given as a reference and for whom Mrs. ROMILLY also worked, confirmed the expressions of [redacted] 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.

[redacted] 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

[redacted] 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 Communistic, and did not believe that either of them were members of the Communist Party.

He commented further that ESMOND 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 [redacted] 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

[redacted] advised that ESMOND ROMILLY requested that he and [redacted] permit JESSICA to live at [redacted] [redacted] for a short time until she could adjust herself after his enlistment with the Royal Canadian Air Force in the summer of 1940. [redacted] 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.

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ESMOND ROMILLY had ambitions to be a writer and wrote some articles for the Washington Post. [redacted]

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[redacted] 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 ESMOND ROMILLY had requested permission for JESSICA ROMILLY to live at their home.

[redacted] 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 ESMOND had fought with the Loyalists in Spain prior to the time that he took JESSICA to Spain with him in 1937. ESMOND 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.

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[redacted] Agent learned that a part of the third floor of that building which was leased by [redacted] for the office of The New Republic magazine, had been rented to Mrs. ROMILLY [redacted] as a residence apartment in June, 1942. Mrs. ROMILLY had moved there directly from the home of [redacted] having previously formed a close friendship with [redacted]  
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[redacted] who is connected with The New Republic magazine, is presently serving in the armed forces. Also, at this address, Agent talked with [redacted] who was well acquainted with Mrs. ROMILLY. Both of these ladies regard Mrs. ROMILLY very highly and stated that she is entirely trustworthy, and 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 [redacted]  
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[redacted] Mrs. ROMILLY felt that she should be given no preference over any of the other prisoners.

[redacted] both felt that Mrs. ROMILLY is absolutely loyal to this country and that she intends to become a citizen.

[redacted] Mrs. ROMILLY resided at 1721 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 [redacted] 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.

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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, [redacted] 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.

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A teletype lead was sent to the Richmond Field Division on March 29, 1943, requesting an interview with reference, [REDACTED]

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

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

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**Miami** FILE NO. **77-955**

REPORT MADE AT <b>MIAMI, FLORIDA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/10/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/9/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY [redacted] doc
TITLE <b>JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] advised he has known applicant only since [redacted] 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 [redacted]  
Miami, Florida, March 18, 1943

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DETAILS

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

[redacted] advised that he first met the applicant when she was assigned to work [redacted] at the RAF Delegation, Graflin Hotel, Washington, D.C., in January, 1942. [redacted] stated that the applicant worked as secretary [redacted] until October, 1942, at an approximate salary of \$135.00 per month.

[redacted] stated that Mrs. ROMILLY was a good worker, efficient, intelligent, and had an interesting personality. According to [redacted] 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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[redacted] 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-MITFORD, which latter person had received considerable newspaper publicity as being a close friend of ADOLPH HITLER. [redacted] stated that he never investigated this rumor, nor did he place much stock in it;

[redacted] 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.

[redacted] 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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FILE NO. **77-1258**

REPORT MADE AT <b>SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4-8-43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/2,3/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED] (A) lh</b>
TITLE <b>JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. ROMILLY transferred from Washington to San Francisco 2-26-43 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 [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED] Police and credit checks negative.

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BY [REDACTED]*

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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, 1943 and is presently working as a Junior Investigator in the Regional Office.

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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 Communistically 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.

[ ] advised that Mrs. KOMILLY [ ] 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

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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 to [redacted] 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.

[redacted] 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, [redacted] 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 [redacted] 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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FILE NO. 77-354

REPORT MADE AT Louisville, Kentucky	DATE WHEN MADE 4/19/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/5,6,/43	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted] EJA/mkp
TITLE JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY		CHARACTER OF CASE EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION - OFFICE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Applicant recommended by reference, [Redacted] 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.

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Reference:

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

Details:

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

[Redacted] advised that she had become well acquainted with the applicant through six months association working at the RAF Delegation in Washington, D.C. [Redacted] 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 [Redacted] that she had left her family in England because of the clash of their political philosophies, the applicant being wholeheartedly 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 the

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applicant preferred American democracy and lived in Florida until his call to service and subsequent death in action.

[redacted] 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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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW ORLEANS, LA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5-18-43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4-3-43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b> <b>MMD</b>
TITLE <b>JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Employee Investigation</b>	

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Reference [REDACTED]  
presently at [REDACTED]  
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**REFERENCE:**

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

**DETAILS:**

**AT LEESVILLE, LOUISIANA**

[REDACTED]  
advised that [REDACTED] formerly of that  
address, were presently in [REDACTED] Although [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] did not know that the [REDACTED] address was, she provided  
[REDACTED] address as follows:

[REDACTED]

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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 [REDACTED]

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THE LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION

AT FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY will locate and interview [redacted]  
[redacted] reference, concerning the loyalty and integrity of the  
applicant. Particular attention should be given to the fact that appli-  
cant is sister of UNITY VALKYRIE FREEMAN MITFORD who has been considered  
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Dear

Reference is made to your letter dated February 17, 1943, requesting that an investigation be conducted concerning Jessica Lucy Romilly, 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

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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Quinn \_\_\_\_\_
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Re: JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY  
EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION -  
Office for Emergency Management

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
[redacted] 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]*  
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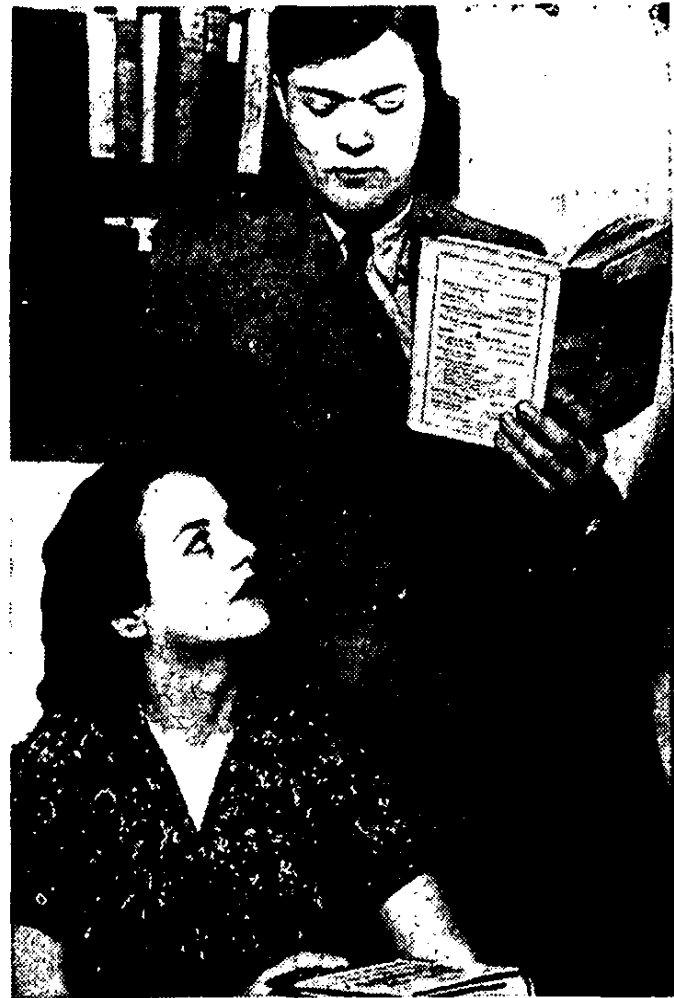
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JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY 77-1258

# Sister of Hitler's 'Nordic Goddess' in OPA Job Here

## Jessica Freeman-Mitford Also Active In Leftist Labor Group

S. F. Examiner CCCC\* ★ Saturday, Dec. 4, 1943-3



MRS. ROBERT TRUCHAFT (HON. JESSICA FREEMAN-MITFORD)  
With one-time husband, the late Esmond Romilly

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 employe 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.

She married Truchhaft 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 18 and she was a year older. Romilly had 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 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 ruffle among British nobility, chiefly because for some weeks her whereabouts

was 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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Special Agent in Charge

February 6, 1945

San Francisco, California

RE: SECURITY MATTER

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Dear Sir:

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

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

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

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street  
San Francisco 4, California  
November 2, 1944



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Director, FBI

JESSICA LUCY TREUHAF, was.  
RE: SECURITY MATTER

Dear Sir:

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

Name: JESSICA LUCY TREUHAF  
Aliases: Formerly, JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY, nee,  
Jessica Lucy Freeman-Mitford, was., "Decca" Treuhaf,  
Mrs. Robert E. Treuhaf

Residence Address: 956 Clayton Street,  
San Francisco, California

Business Address: 610 16th Street,  
Oakland, California,  
East Bay Representative, Calif. Labor School

Native Born  Alien  Naturalized  
 Communist  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. D. PIEPER  
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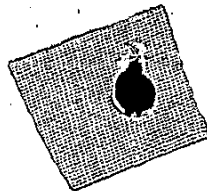
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To: The Commissioner  
Immigration and Naturalization Service

Date: January 25, 1945

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

Subject: JESSICA LUCY TREDHAFT, was

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This subject, an active member of the Communist Political Association in San Francisco, California, was naturalized in the United States District Court 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 do so due to the fact that she was waiting for her citizenship papers to be granted. A copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 7, 1944, at San Francisco, containing background information concerning the subject, is attached for your information.

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

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- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

100-21480

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE MADE 9/12, 13, 22, 25/44 10/12, 13, 16/44	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]	REVIEWED BY lew
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TITLE JESSICA LUCY TREUHAF, nee Jessica Lucy Freeman-Mitford, with aliases Jessica Romilly, Decca Treuhaf, Mrs. Robert E. Treuhaf	CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject active as member of Communist Political Association in San Francisco, Calif. and attends meetings regularly. Formerly employed by OPA 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.

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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 TREUHAF. 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 E. TREUHAF.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *[Signature]*  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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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, CAF2, 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 [redacted] 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



employed in New York City from May, 1939 to September of 1939 by [redacted] as a salesgirl at the World's Fair. She was employed in London, England June 1937 to January of 1939 by J. WALTER THOMPSON STRAND, London, England, an advertising agency.

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 [redacted]. 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 fair and Spanish fair.

#### CRIMINAL RECORD

The records of the San Francisco Police Department were checked by Special Agent [redacted] on September 12, 1944, with negative results.

#### CREDIT RECORD

The records of the Retailers Credit Association were checked by Special Agent [redacted] 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 Morton, 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.

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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. TREUHAF, whom she married on June 21, 1943, at Gueneville, 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 NICKOLAS TITO TREUHAF, 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 TREUHAF, 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 TREUHAF 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. TREUHART "had been cleared by the FBI."

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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 termed 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 Divisions 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

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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. TREUHAF 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, UFWA, CIO. Mrs. TREUHAF, an alien, was told she must be terminated.

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"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. TREUHAF and the case was being closed as far as the National OPA Personnel Director was concerned.

[redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] 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 [redacted]. 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. [redacted] has been in frequent contact with leading Communists in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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

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COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

[redacted] advised in the early part of December, 1943 that the subject had contacted [redacted] a wealthy and well known Communist in San Francisco, and had advised her that she was winding up her affairs with the OPA. [redacted] 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 [redacted] subsequently was discussing the subject with [redacted] for the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. It was [redacted] 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.

[redacted] 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 TREUHART, 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.

[redacted] advised in February, 1944 that the subject and her husband had been invited to attend a party for [redacted] at the home of [redacted]

[redacted] 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.

[redacted] advised in March of 1944 that the subject desired to discuss with [redacted] 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.

[redacted] reported in March of 1944 that the subject had been in contact with [redacted] an employee in the Communist Party Headquarters, and that they had engaged in social conversation and discussed

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the need for a real organizer for a big meeting which was to be sponsored by the North Beach Club of the Communist Party.

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

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

[redacted] reported in July, 1944 that the subject had requested [redacted] 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.

[redacted] reported that in the latter part of July, 1944 [redacted] 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.

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

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

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.

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The information furnished by the above sources is set out in the report of Special Agent [redacted] (A), in the report entitled, "JESSICA LUCY ROMILLY, Employee Investigation, Office of Emergency Management," dated 4/8/43 at San Francisco, California, Bureau origin.



[redacted] who reported that the subject is a member of the Southside (Professional) Club of the Communist Political Association [redacted]





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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.

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# Office Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR

DATE: November 21, 1944

FROM : SAC, Washington

SUBJECT: JESSICA LUCY TREUHAFT, nee  
Jessica Lucy Freeman-Mitford with aliases  
Jessica Romilly, Decca Treuhaft,  
Mrs. Robert E. Treuhaft  
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] 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.

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This subject was first reported to the Washington Field Office during the early part of 1941 at which time [redacted] 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. [redacted] further advised that subject then resided with [redacted] pointed out that [redacted] It should further be noted that [redacted]

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 [redacted] 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 [redacted] mentioned above, [redacted] was interviewed with regard to the subject, this interview being set out on page 7 of that report. [redacted] mentioned that subject [redacted] at the request of the subject's husband, ESMOND ROMILLY.

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For the information of the San Francisco Office, a Hatch Act investigation of [redacted] has previously been conducted by the Washington Field Office, this investigation appearing under Bureau file [redacted]. Upon interview at the conclusion of this investigation, [redacted] 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 [redacted] Security Matter - C," in which the Richmond Office was office of origin. This investigation developed that the name of [redacted] 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. [redacted]

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of the Washington Citizens Committee to Free EARL BROWDER for a concert to be given by PAUL ROBESON in May, 1942. [redacted]

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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FILE No. 100-21480

REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE 2/23/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/7-10,12/45	REPORT MADE BY [Redacted]	JB
TITLE JESSICA LUCY TREUHAET, w.a.s.			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

**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.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent [Redacted] dated 11-2-44 at San Francisco, California.

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**DETAILS:**

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

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

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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.

[redacted] advised in September, 1944 that the subject and her husband, ROBERT TREUHART, 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".

[redacted] 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.

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

[redacted] 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.

[redacted] advised in November, 1944, that the subject was employed at the Oakland California Labor School.

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[redacted] 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 CPA membership generally known.

[redacted] 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 [redacted] 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 WILSTON 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 LESLIE MOHILLY, 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 her that [redacted]

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[redacted] 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 [redacted]

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[REDACTED] who advised that the subject continues a membership in the Southside (Professional) Club of the CPA and as such has held meetings of this club in her home at 956 Clayton Street and has been in regular attendance during the past four months.

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respectively, who furnished information set out in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] entitled, "JESSICA LUCY ROTHILLY - EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION, OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT", dated 4-8-43 at Washington, D.C.

The above confidential informants have been designated as sources in order to more fully protect their identities.



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