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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: MARY MAGDALENE VON LOSCH, with  
aliases Maria Magdalene Sieber,  
Marlene Dietrich;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - F & G

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As you will recall, Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, 433 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California, called at your office on May 13, 1942, stating that she strongly suspected that Marlene Dietrich, the movie actress, is acting as an agent of the French Government in this country. In view of this allegation, an inquiry was made concerning Miss Dietrich to determine whether she is engaged in un-American activities.

An interview with Mrs. Willebrandt reflected that she was hired by 20th Century Fox Studios and Colonel Darryl Zamuck to straighten out Jean Gabin's status in this country inasmuch as he is an alien. She said that he was in the country on a visitor's visa and was having trouble getting extensions of time. She continued that she came to Washington to obtain an extension of time for Gabin. While she was here, Gabin came to Washington from New York, but was preceded by Dietrich who obtained hotel accommodations for both of them in the Carlton Hotel. At this time, Mrs. Willebrandt continued, Dietrich informed Gabin that she would make the necessary arrangements for him with authorities in Washington whereby he would not have to return to France. These developments, it was apparent, incensed Mrs. Willebrandt and it is suggested that she made the complaint concerning Dietrich through apita.

Background

Dietrich was born in Berlin, Germany, December 27, 1904. On May 17, 1923, she married one Rudolph Sieber in Berlin and to this union one child, Maria, was born. Dietrich entered this country September 26, 1933, at the Port of New York. Her husband and child accompanied her. Dietrich was admitted to citizenship in Los Angeles, California, on June 9, 1939.

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Prior to her arrival in this country, Dietrich had been associated with Joseph Von Sternberg, who presently resides at 10000 Tampa Avenue, Rededa, California. Upon her arrival in this country she became associated with the Paramount Studios, where she again was directed by Von Sternberg. It is noted that he had been instrumental in getting her to come to this country. After being associated with the Paramount Studios for approximately three years, she went to Universal Studios, making the picture "Destry Rides Again".



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During her work at the Paramount Studios, Dietrich always worked under Von Sternberg, who apparently was the only one who was capable of presenting her to the public in a laudable fashion, The files of the Los Angeles Field Division reflect information to the effect that during her entire association with Von Sternberg she was his mistress, in spite of the fact that she was married to Sieber.

In an interview with Dietrich in the early part of 1941 in connection with another matter, she stated that in 1936 she was in Paris, at which time Von Ribbentrop attempted to get her to return to Germany to make a picture there. However, she refused to do this even though Von Ribbentrop's request was made on behalf of Adolf Hitler. Dietrich said that after Von Ribbentrop's messenger had left her she debated with herself for two hours whether she should call Hitler directly telling him that she would go to Germany to visit him and then when she arrived there make some plan to kill him. She described Hitler as being "not a normal human being mentally," and described his evident feeling for her as "he has a tick for me."

Dietrich's Love Affair with Jean Gabin, Actor

At the present time, it is reported, Dietrich is carrying on what is locally described as a "terrific love affair" with Jean Gabin, the new French film star who recently completed the picture "Moontide" at 20th Century Fox Studios. Gabin has been reported as being pro-Vichy because he refused to align himself with other French stars who publicly have been going "all out" for Free France. However, an investigation of him which was conducted by the Los Angeles Office failed to reflect that he is engaged in any un-American activities or is actively aiding the Vichy Government.

b7c [redacted] informed that when Dietrich first saw Jean Gabin she became enamored of him and during the production of the picture "Moontide" she appeared on the set daily and in the evening she and Gabin rehearsed their lines. She constantly changed the interpretation intended by the director of the picture until both the director and producer wished that they had never seen or heard of her.

Gossip Concerning Dietrich

b7c [redacted] stated that it was common gossip around Hollywood that Dietrich has never been able to "hold a man." She gets them and loses them in "affairs" ranging from one day to approximately six months. He continued that she also reportedly had veered from the norm and had had affairs with well-known women in Hollywood, one of these being Kay Francis. Another, he continued, was [redacted] 's wife) to whom Dietrich reportedly gave a large sapphire ring.

[redacted] continued that Dietrich has been the butt of much gossip concerning her affairs with Erich Remarque, the author of "All's Quiet on the Western Front", and John Wayne.

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Conclusion

Although a rather extensive inquiry was made concerning Dietrich, no information was received which indicates that she is engaged in espionage activities.

No further inquiry is being made of her at this time.

Respectfully,

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TITLE <b>MARY MAGDALENE VON LOSCH, with aliases: Maria Magdalena Sieber, Marlene Dietrich</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - 7 and 8</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Additional information received in Los Angeles Office concerning DIETRICH set forth. She is still keeping company with JEAN GABIN, the French movie actor, is currently making a picture at Universal Studios and still active in war work. Source who has intimate knowledge of DIETRICH'S affairs, interviewed. However, this informant does not think DIETRICH nor GABIN nor DIETRICH'S husband, RUDOLPH EMILIAN SIEBER, engaged in espionage or subversive activities. Information developed reflecting that SIEBER in 1937 wrote a letter to the German Consul in Los Angeles "to register for military service." Separate file being opened on SIEBER as he is coming up for his final American citizenship papers, having made application for same August 21, 1942 in Los Angeles. Local Immigration and Naturalization authorities state it will be some three months after that date before he will be eligible for same and presumably extensive investigation will be conducted of him.

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**DETAILS:**

Instant case is being reopened to set forth additional information received at the Los Angeles Office with reference to subject DIETRICH. Inasmuch as it has been learned that her husband, RUDOLPH EMILIAN SIEBER, in 1937 offered his services to the German Government through the Consul in Los Angeles, a separate file is being opened on SIEBER and investigation with reference thereto separately reported because of the separated lives lead by DIETRICH and her husband.

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In a letter dated July 11, 1942 Source A furnished this office with the following information: DIETRICH received a cablegram from London, England at her home address, 866 Birchwood Drive, West Los Angeles, same being from the Westminster Bank, London, England, and was identified with the numbers "CNR86 CABLE LONDON 26 10" reading as follows:

"MIL MISS MARLENE DIETRICH 868 BIRCHWOOD DRIVE WEST LOS A  
REPLYING YOUR CABLE FIFTH REGRET AUTHORITIES REFUSE  
SANCTION FOR TRANSFER OF BALANCE FOR PURPOSE MENTIONED  
WESTMINSTER BANK"

On July 6, 1942 Source <sup>b2/b7D</sup> contacted Special Agent in Charge R. S. HOOD and advised that he had been in conversation with several motion picture people. He ascertained that [redacted] presently a director [redacted] came into the United States with JEAN GABIN and a third individual, name unknown, who was at that time in Washington, D. C. with MARLENE DIETRICH. It appeared strange to this source that this individual is so close to DIETRICH in view of GABIN'S association with her.

Source <sup>b2/b7D</sup> on April 10, 1942 was interviewed generally. At that time he advised that RUDOLPH SIEBER, husband of DIETRICH, is a German alien and that he had been sending money back to Germany. He continued that his general attitude as known to Source [redacted] was such that he thought SIEBER might not be a good American. At the time he had no specific information to back up that conclusion and in subsequent contacts with him on April 28, June 1 and finally on July 3, 1942, resulted in his furnishing the name of an individual who will be designated here as Source <sup>b2/b7D</sup> who would have some information with reference to SIEBER.

On August 21, 1942 the writer was advised that Source <sup>b2/b7D</sup> was not going to be on the west coast and a letter was directed to the New York Office under date of August 26, 1942 requesting that this source be interviewed by that Division with reference to SIEBER. Further discussion of this matter will be taken up in the report concerning SIEBER himself.

On July 6, 1942 Source <sup>b2/b7D</sup> advised the writer that he had learned that DIETRICH on that date received a copy of the "Journal of Craig Field Weekly" sent her by [redacted] of the U. S. Army Air forces, Craig Field, Selma, Alabama. This particular publication treated of the advancement recently accorded [redacted]

On August 5, 1942 Source <sup>b2/b7D</sup> advised the writer that one [redacted] <sup>b7C</sup> had come into his office and said that he had ingratiated into a German family who told him that MARLENE DIETRICH and one [redacted] who is subject of Los Angeles file [redacted] Internal Security, G, alternated holding meetings at their homes at one of which DIETRICH sang the Horst Wessel song. [redacted] continued to this source that he understood that this

information had been given to this German family by [redacted] b2c

[redacted] This source described [redacted] as being a visionary screwball and when Source asked him if he had been working with the FBI [redacted] said that he had been in touch with the Bureau and had also worked with the Anti-Subversive Detail of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office. b7c

The writer then contacted [redacted] of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office, Anti-Subversive Detail, and with reference to [redacted] he stated that he was well known to that office, and in detail, [redacted] also on the Anti-Subversive Detail, was contacted. He advised that he had known [redacted] off and on for eleven years; that he was a small man with a big imagination; that he once had a police badge from the Calver City Police Department but that they pulled it; and at the present time he has a badge issued by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office. It is understood that this has been pulled by that Department, subsequent to [redacted] interview in the Bureau Office. b7c

[redacted] continued that [redacted] plays up to people; flatters them; makes them think he has a scoop; further, that he got in with the German speaking people in Los Angeles; that he speaks it himself; that he was once sponsored by a wealthy man to whom he sold the idea that he was going to make pictures and thereby make millions. A publisher, one [redacted] was also in on the deal, as was a man named [redacted] however, it fell through. [redacted] said that if anyone gave him a title, he could think up a story to go along with it. b7c

When the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office, Anti-Subversive Detail, was first organized, [redacted] said that [redacted] came in; gave them some information which he made them believe might develop into big stuff, and tried to get on the payroll. When the Sheriff's Office ran the facts down, they amounted to nothing. Over a period of a year or so [redacted] has had every man in the Anti-Subversive group thinking at one time or another that [redacted] is their prime informant. Each one eventually finds out that he is no good. b7c

The writer telephonically contacted [redacted] and requested him to appear at the Bureau Office for interview after the above facts had been developed. On August 13, 1942 [redacted] contacted Source [redacted] and told him that "My people gave me a call to be with them at 3:00 P.M." On August 13, 1942 [redacted] whose complete name is [redacted] and who resides at [redacted] appeared at this office and was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] At that time he advised that he b7c



was working with the Sheriff's Office and exhibited a Sheriff's Deputy Badge, No. [redacted] also a Sheriff's Identification Card. Asked what part of the Sheriff's Office he worked in, [redacted] stated he was working with the Anti-Subversive Detail. He was then asked whether he was officially attached to the Anti-Subversive Detail, and he stated that he was not exactly officially attached, but was primarily in an unofficial position. b7c

[redacted] also admitted that he had made inquiries concerning individuals in whom this office is interested. He mentioned specifically the case which informant had previously advised this office about in connection with [redacted] inquiries.

The files of the Los Angeles Office reflected that [redacted] before making inquiries in this matter, failed to advise this office that he was going to make any such inquiries. In other words, by [redacted] own admission and by the statement of a reliable source [redacted] has conducted investigation in a case in which the Federal Bureau of Investigation is making an active investigation, and [redacted] did not advise this office that he was making such investigation. In addition, [redacted] has represented that he is with the Sheriff's Office, leaving the inference that he is regularly attached to the Anti-Subversive Detail of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office.

[redacted] was notified that in the future he should not make inquiries or conduct any investigation of National Defense matters without first advising this office. He was also advised that it was perfectly permissible for him to make inquiries in certain cases where he might have special access to information at the request of authorized representatives of the Anti-Subversive Detail of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office.

It is understood that the Sheriff's Office took away from [redacted] the badge which he had in his possession.

On August 15, 1942 Special Agent [redacted]

[redacted] it was learned that SIEBER had written the German Consul in Los Angeles sometime prior to January, 1941 and volunteered "to register for military service." It was later ascertained that this offer on his part was made sometime in 1937. [redacted]

Special Agent [redacted] submitted a memorandum covering a conversation had by him on August 11, 1942 with [redacted] Acting Naturalization Examiner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles, California, who advised that SIEBER was the husband of MARLENE DIETRICH and was an enemy alien, technically being a citizen of Germany. SIEBER b7c

has lived in New York City for the past several years but for legal reasons has maintained his residence in California.

Within the next few days he is coming to Los Angeles to complete his citizenship. [redacted] stated that DIETRICH has been doing a tremendous amount of work for the war effort and that SIEBER is going to get a job in the War Information Bureau as soon as he becomes a citizen. For this reason [redacted] stated a tremendous amount of pressure has been placed on the Immigration and Naturalization Service to see that SIEBER becomes a citizen as quickly as possible. b7C

SIEBER desired to be technically correct, in notifying the F.B.I. and other agencies of any changes of address, et cetera, which are required of alien enemies. [redacted] was advised to have SIEBER notify the F.B.I. in the district where he registered as an alien enemy, of his change of address. It was suggested to [redacted] that he discuss any further matters regarding the enemy alien status of SIEBER with Assistant United States Attorney ATTILIO DI GIROLAMO.

The alien enemy registration folder on SIEBER is not in the possession of this office and it is probably in New York City.

On August 18, 1942 reporting agent contacted [redacted] Examiner in Charge, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles, at which time he advised that SIEBER was petitioning for citizenship on August 20, 1942; however, that it would likely be a period of six months before he actually came up for admission as a citizen of the United States. He stated that SIEBER had been in his office the day before; that he was going to be in Los Angeles until about the 3rd or 5th of September, when he would return to New York; further, that because of the bond selling efforts of MARLENE DIETRICH, considerable pressure was being put on the Naturalization Service to hasten SIEBER'S citizenship. [redacted] stated he had requested SIEBER to keep the New York and Los Angeles Offices of the F.B.I. advised of his whereabouts.

[redacted] was furnished with the information that the F.B.I. office had just received, from a confidential source, information reflecting that SIEBER had offered his services to the German Government. Any investigation made by the Naturalization Service, which reflects information of value to this office, will be immediately furnished. [redacted] was not told the source of the Bureau's information, and it was only suggested that perhaps [redacted] might be a good one to interview. [redacted]

Reference is made to contact had by the writer with [redacted] b7c on August 18, 1942. With reference to RUDOLPH SIEBER'S application for citizenship a newspaper clipping from the August 21, 1942 issue of the Los Angeles Times is being made a part of instant file. Same stated that SIEBER, Austrian born husband of MARLENE DIETRICH, "yesterday obtained his final naturalization papers at the Federal Building." It continued that SIEBER, now a Hollywood motion picture director, will be eligible to take the citizenship oath within ninety days; that because of his marriage to DIETRICH, a naturalized citizen, it is not necessary for him to file the usual first papers; that he has been in the United States since 1934 with frequent trips to Europe before the present war.

Special Agent [redacted] b7c on August 21, 1942 was advised, when at the Immigration and Naturalization Service on official business, that SIEBER had filed his papers the previous day; that his file is number 2467P/10006L. In the August 21st issue of the Daily Variety, a movie trade sheet, appeared the item "SIEBER now a citizen" and continued "JOSEPH VON STERNBERG and TEDDY BAUMFELD were character witnesses yesterday for RUDOLPH SIEBER, husband of MARLENE DIETRICH, when he was awarded citizenship papers. Because Miss DIETRICH also is a citizen SIEBER was able to finish his naturalization two years in advance of schedule."

b7c On August 12, 1942 Source A telephonically advised that DIETRICH had received a message from one [redacted] from Switzerland which was of a purely personal nature, in which [redacted] requested DIETRICH to communicate with him in the near future before he returned to France.

Instant file includes a photograph, a newspaper article of DIETRICH, being presented with a special Treasury Department citation as a reward for her bond selling tours. Instant award was made by IVAN STAUFFER and MELVIN PUMPHREY of the Federal Agencies, Motion Picture Division, and Governor RICHARD E. OLSON. DIETRICH had made three nation wide bond selling tours and a fourth is scheduled as soon as she completes her current motion picture. This article appeared in the Los Angeles Times on August 11, 1942.

Source A, under date of August 19, 1942, furnished the Los Angeles Office with a summary of a telephone conversation made August 14, 1942 between DIETRICH, over telephone Crestview 1-7056, and JEAN GABIN who is in Mexicali, Mexico. DIETRICH stated that she had been waiting all day for his telephone call. She mentioned having finally reached [redacted] (presumably [redacted] her present business manager) at Balboa Island, California. GABIN was quite concerned over DIETRICH'S failure to call him earlier. He made the statement "I was busy all day but I think all the troubles will be fixed by tomorrow morning." It was agreed that GABIN would call DIETRICH in the morning. b7c

The Bureau under date of August 6, 1942 (100-0) directed a letter to the New York Office, copies of which were furnished this office. This letter was entitled, "SUNBEAM FOOD STORE; MARLENE DIETRICH; JEAN GABIN; SIEBER - INTERNAL SECURITY." It transmitted an anonymous letter postmarked July 13, 1942 New York City which read:

"I suggest checking seriously MARLENE DIETRICH, the movie actress, JEAN GABIN, the French actor now frequently with her, and with her ex-husband Mr. SIEBER, who also has been seen with both of them.

"Also suggest checking on salesman and perhaps owner of a small shop called Sunbeam Food Store at 1142 Madison Avenue, New York."

On September 15, 1942 Source <sup>b2/b7D</sup> was interviewed with reference to the information he had received from Source <sup>b2/b7D</sup>. At that time he stated that <sup>b7C</sup> informed that GABIN had made the statement that if the United States Government didn't want to give him his citizenship he would go back to Europe; also, that SIEBER was not particularly concerned whether he became a citizen or not. Source <sup>b2/b7D</sup> however, had no information from Source <sup>b2/b7D</sup> that DIETRICH was pro-German. <sup>b7C</sup>

On September 17, 1942 Source <sup>b2/b7D</sup> was interviewed. <sup>b7C</sup>

that SIEBER <sup>b2/b7D</sup> stated that he had volunteered for services in the German Army, this action being in communication to either W. A. GEBHARD, attorney for the German Consul until it closed, or GEORGE GYSSLING, the German Consul. <sup>b7C</sup>

Source <sup>b2/b7D</sup> was asked specifically to recall statements ever made by SIEBER, GABIN or DIETRICH which would indicate that they were anti-American. Informant stated that SIEBER never said anything directly reflecting that he was a Nazi or against this country. However, she continued that both SIEBER and DIETRICH were always casting sarcastic and digging remarks <sup>b7C</sup>

<sup>b2/b7D</sup> that nobody in this country liked the English. Informant said DIETRICH made the statement on several occasions that most Englishmen never went on any bond tours because the Americans hated them. SIEBER at the present time is engaged in a continual American flag waving program.

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Source described DIETRICH and SIEMER as the Prussian type of Germans. Informant said they do not think as do the simple Germans, that they believe that the German aristocracy and principles of the German government as extolled by the aristocracy are right. In contrast, however, informant said it did not seem that either SIEMER or DIETRICH would be engaged in any activities detrimental to this country. Informant described DIETRICH as being too stupid to be a spy, that she is effeminately cruel and further described her as being "bitchy." Informant said that DIETRICH'S bond tour impressed her, DIETRICH, very much. Thereon she received the adulation she had known as an actress in Europe. She came back talking of how America is in the small and apparently enjoyed her tour very much. Informant said that both DIETRICH and SIEMER might say that they are entirely with this country but deep down they think more of the European ways and facilities as they knew them before the war.

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Subject has, Source continued, another complex. This she exemplifies in her attitude toward her husband, SIEMER. Informant was asked how and why DIETRICH continued to be married to SIEMER and informant stated that the only reason was because DIETRICH felt that her daughter, MARIA, should be protected and not be told that there is anything strange or unusual about the relationship between her father and mother.

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SIEMER was a social climber.

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To illustrate DIETRICH'S cruelty and conniving Source recalled that approximately six months ago in the midst of the DIETRICH and GABIN affair, GINGER ROGERS was interjected therein. While GABIN was carrying the torch for ROGERS, DIETRICH was planning and plotting against ROGERS.

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Informant also cited a case when DIETRICH entertained in her home various officials of one of the Hollywood bond selling groups. GINGER ROGERS was invited.

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DIETRICH lives alone in her house on Birchwood at the present time with only a German maid she brought with her from Germany. [redacted] has been with DIETRICH for sixteen years

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[REDACTED] DIETRICH at the present time has no chauffeur. She formerly had [REDACTED] who at the present time is working at Douglas Aircraft. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had been with DIETRICH for two years.

On August 19, 1942 MARLENE DIETRICH telephonically contacted the writer and requested that agent interview she and CABIN. That same day the writer interviewed them at CABIN'S home. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CABIN had run across a picture of a German General among the possessions of [REDACTED] the General being FIELD MARSHALL VON MACKENSEN, and with the picture was a Christmas greeting on which had been inscribed "For Adolf from [REDACTED] At that time DIETRICH mentioned [REDACTED] had described [REDACTED] as being a Nazi. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] informant believed that [REDACTED] was reliable and could probably furnish information with reference to DIETRICH if more was desired; further, that [REDACTED] agent in Hollywood, would know where [REDACTED] could be located.

DIETRICH'S mother, Mrs. VON LOSCH, Source [REDACTED] stated, is still in Germany. Informant stated that DIETRICH never tried to bring her over. The only other near relative of subject's is a sister who is married. Source [REDACTED] did not know her name.

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In the course of talking with Source [REDACTED] mention was made that among DIETRICH'S various affairs [REDACTED] figured prominently. Informant pointed out that DIETRICH prides herself that she has access to the highest governmental officials and in passing mentioned the way DIETRICH would say "I will call [REDACTED] over matters which might be of interest to the F.B.I. Source [REDACTED] was never quite sure whether DIETRICH could directly contact agent. Informant was, of course, assured that the Bureau should be informed of anything which might be of interest in this and other matters.

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In illustrating further DIETRICH'S accessibility to the high governmental officials, [REDACTED] was pointed out that when SIKKER came to the west coast in connection with his application for citizenship DIETRICH went to [REDACTED] one of the high military officials in this area, and without any trouble secured for SIKKER permission to stay out after the curfew. It was also learned from Source [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] is the Russian girl with whom SIKKER is living at the Croyden hotel, 12 East 86th Street, New York City.

York City. Informant suggested as an individual who could be contacted by the Bureau for information with reference to **SIEBER**.

[REDACTED]

Source was asked point blank if any statements had been heard by informant from **SIEBER**, **GABIN** or **DINTRICH** along the lines indicated by Source. Informant replied in the negative except as set forth above and hereinafter with reference to **GABIN**.

[REDACTED]

With reference to **JOHN GABIN** Source stated that he was in a "temper" when he was endeavoring to obtain his quota number and during that time stated "to hell with this country. If they don't want to give me citizenship I will be glad to go back." Source stated that he certainly was violent in the dislike of the treatment he was receiving through the various governmental agencies. However, at the present time he is most happy over the fact that he has now his quota number.

However, informant thought that Twentieth Century Fox Studios was probably sorry they had brought him over here. It is to be noted that he has been scheduled to start another picture but nothing has been done about it as yet.

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Another close friend of DIETRICH'S in former years is ERICH HEMANQUE, the German writer. With reference to him Source stated that he is the most genuine of all, that informant never heard him make a statement of any kind that was against this country. Informant has had occasion to talk with HEMANQUE about the present war on many occasions, that he is entirely in accord with this country's efforts. However, informant said that HEMANQUE is essentially a weak man. When SIEMER was here recently HEMANQUE spent quite a bit of time with them.

With reference to JOSEF VON STERNBERG, the director who discovered DIETRICH in Europe and brought her to this country, Source said that what STERNBERG says is law with DIETRICH, that she consults with him on every important matter. Because VON STERNBERG knows three or four words that DIETRICH does not understand Source stated that DIETRICH idolizes him.

On September 22, 1942 the writer interviewed Source [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Source, it should be noted, was telephonically contacted prior to interview with him on the late afternoon of September 22nd. [REDACTED]

At the outset of Agent's interview with Source he was told that it was the information of this office that SIEMER had offered his services to the German Consul in Los Angeles and it was felt perhaps he would not only have information about same [REDACTED] he stated that he could not recall having ever heard such a thing and then on second thought recalled that Source might have on one occasion said that it was understood to be the truth. Source continued that he discounted this because there was no evidence of same and thought perhaps Source just didn't care for SIEMER. The writer suggested [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reflect some information regarding this matter. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] When he mentioned the affidavit submitted by DIETRICH with reference to [REDACTED] he said casually that this was some girl that DIETRICH wanted to bring into this country. The writer inquired if that was not SIEMER'S girl friend and Source replied "it could be." [REDACTED]



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that SIEBER registered with the German Consulate

[REDACTED] It appeared that Mr. SIEBER had offered to the German Consul here to make his services available for the armed forces of Germany in the event he were called for service.

[REDACTED] the tax situation in which DIETRICH was involved [REDACTED] will not be discussed here.

[REDACTED] has been personally acquainted with DIETRICH [REDACTED] He stated that at no time had he ever heard her make any un-American statements. Same is true of SIEBER. Source likewise advised that he had never heard DIETRICH say anything which would indicate she was engaged in activities detrimental to this country.

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Similar negative information was obtained from Source [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This source had only talked to SIEBER once on the telephone but had never seen him and stated the reason SIEBER [REDACTED] registering with the German Consul was because he was trying to show his domicile as California, even though he had lived in New York City. [REDACTED]

Over a period of days a spot check was made of the activities of DIETRICH when away from Universal Studios and there without developing any information of interest.

There being no evidence that she is engaged in any subversive activity, this case will remain closed unless advice is received to the contrary.

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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Los Angeles, California

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[REDACTED] who is  
a friend of the Director's, who con-  
tacted the Los Angeles Office [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] for whatever value he might be.

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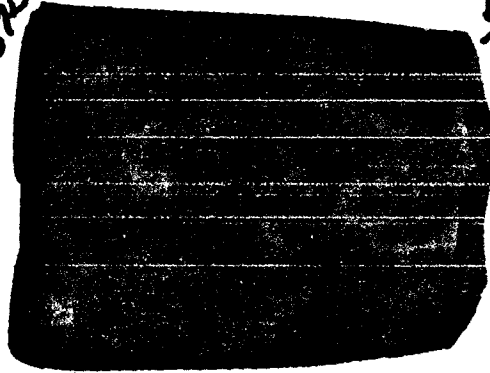
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ORIGIN: LOS ANGELES

Report made at: LOS ANGELES	Date: 10/9/42	Period: 4/10, 28; 7/3; 8/11, 15; 13, 17, 22, 24, 25, 30/42	FILE NO. 100-16251
TITLE: RUDOLPH EMILIAN SIEBER		Report made by: [REDACTED]	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:		CHARACTER: INTERNAL SECURITY - G CUSTODIAL DETENTION	

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DATE 6-24-94 BY SP2 [REDACTED] b7c  
Husband of MARLENE DIETRICH, actress, SIEBER  
on August 20, 1942 in Los Angeles, California  
filed his final papers for American citizen-  
ship.

[REDACTED] told [REDACTED] subject b7c  
in 1937 I wrote to the  
German Consulate, Los Angeles to register for  
military service." Information developed that  
SIEBER is anti-British, the Prussian type of  
German and pro-Nazi. Subject resides at the  
Crowdon Hotel, New York City, reportedly with  
one [REDACTED]. Because of DIETRICH'S bond  
selling efforts reported that pressure is being  
put on the Immigration and Naturalization Service  
officials to hasten the granting of subject's  
citizenship.

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BY [REDACTED] b7c

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REFERENCE:

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Letter to New York dated August 26, 1942 in case  
entitled "MARY MAGDALENE VON LOSCH, with aliases  
Maria Magdalene Sieber, Marlene Dietrich, INTERNAL  
SECURITY - F and G."

DETAILS:

Investigation in this case is predicated on results of  
information received during the course of the investigation by the Los  
Angeles Office in the case entitled "MARY MAGDALENE VON LOSCH, with  
aliases Maria Magdalene Sieber, Marlene Dietrich, INTERNAL SECURITY,  
F and G" (Los Angeles file 100-14265). During said investigation it was

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developed that RUDOLPH EMILIAN SIEBER, husband of MARLENE DIETRICH, who for the past years has been residing at the Croydon Hotel, 12 East 86th Street, New York City, was pro-German and possibly a Nazi; further, that in 1937 SIEBER registered for military service with the German Consul in Los Angeles. Inasmuch as on August 20, 1942 SIEBER, in Los Angeles, filed his final papers petitioning for American citizenship a summary of the information available to this office is being made herein so that appropriate investigation may be conducted in the New York Division and in Los Angeles with reference to SIEBER. Referenced letter to the New York Office set forth the information available at that time.

On April 10, 1942 reporting agent had occasion to interview Source. At that time Source advised that SIEBER was a German alien who had been sending his money back to Germany and that his general attitude was such that he, informant, thought SIEBER might not be a good American. Continuing, informant stated that although he had no specific information to back up that conclusion he felt that his eastern representative might be able to furnish some information of value to this Bureau. At that time it was expected that this easterner would be in Los Angeles in the near future. b2  
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On April 26, June 1 and finally on July 3, 1942 contact was had with Source. b2  
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Source suggested that Source be interviewed in New York City. Referenced letter to the New York Office was sent on August 26, 1942 to interview Source. It also being pointed out at that time that in view of SIEBER'S application for citizenship the information might be particularly pertinent to the government at this time.

On August 11, 1942 [REDACTED] b7C Acting Naturalization Examiner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles, California, was contacted by Special Agent [REDACTED], and he advised that subject was the husband of MARLENE DIETRICH and was an enemy alien, technically being a citizen of Germany. Subject has lived in New York City for the past several years but for legal reasons has maintained his residence in California.

b7C Within the next few days he is coming to Los Angeles to complete his citizenship. [REDACTED] stated that MARLENE DIETRICH has been doing a tremendous amount of work for the war effort and that subject is going to get a job in the War Information Bureau as soon as he becomes a citizen. For this reason [REDACTED] stated a tremendous amount of pressure has been placed on the Immigration and Naturalization Service to see that subject becomes a citizen as quickly as possible.

Subject desired to be technically correct, in notifying the F.B.I. and other agencies of any changes of address, et cetera, which are required of alien enemies. [REDACTED] was advised to have subject notify the F.B.I. in the district where he registered as an alien enemy, of his change of address.

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It was suggested to [REDACTED] that he discuss any further matters regarding the enemy alien status of subject with Assistant United States Attorney ATTILIO DI GIROLAMO.

The alien enemy registration folder on subject is not in the possession of this office and it is probably in New York City.

Under date of August 16, 1942 there was received at this office a copy of a letter issued by the Southern California Sector, Western Defense Command, Office of the Provost Marshal, Pasadena, California, entitled "TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM CURFEW" and addressed "TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN." It read as follows:

"1. Temporary exemption from curfew is granted to RUDOLPH E. SIEBER of 868 Birchwood Drive, Los Angeles. He is here for the purpose of receiving a hearing on his naturalization.

"2. Permit is valid from August 17th to September 5, 1942 inclusive.

"3. Exemption from curfew regulations is authorized.

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Lt. Col., (Inf) CEF  
Provost Marshal SCS"

As a matter of information herein, 868 Birchwood Drive, Los Angeles, is the home occupied by MARLENE DIETRICH.

On August 18, 1942 reporting agent contacted [REDACTED] Examiner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles, at which time he advised that SIEBER was petitioning for citizenship on August 20, 1942; however, that it would likely be a period of six months before he actually came up for admission as a citizen of the United States. He stated that SIEBER had been in his office the day before; that he was going to be in Los Angeles until about the 3rd or 5th of September, when he would return to New York; further, that because of the bond-selling efforts of MARLENE DIETRICH, considerable pressure was being put on the Naturalization Service to hasten SIEBER'S citizenship. [REDACTED] stated he had requested SIEBER to keep the New York and Los Angeles Offices of the F.B.I. advised of his whereabouts.

[REDACTED] was furnished with the information that the F.B.I. office had just received, from a confidential source, information reflecting that SIEBER had offered his services to the German Government. Any investigation made by the Naturalization Service, which reflects information of value to this office, will be immediately furnished. [REDACTED] was not told the source of the Bureau's information, and it was only suggested that perhaps [REDACTED] might be a good one to interview. [REDACTED]

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With reference to RUDOLPH SIEBER'S application for citizenship newspaper clipping from the August 21, 1942 issue of the Los Angeles Times is being made a part of instant file. This newspaper clipping stated that SIEBER, Austrian born husband of MARLENE DIETRICH, "yesterday obtained his final naturalization papers at the Federal Building." It continued that SIEBER, now a Hollywood motion picture director, will be eligible to take the citizenship oath within ninety days; that because of his marriage to DIETRICH, a naturalized citizen, it is not necessary for him to file the usual first papers; that he has been in the United States since 1934 with frequent trips to Europe before the present war.

Special Agent [REDACTED] on August 21, 1942 was advised, when at the Immigration and Naturalization Service on official business, that SIEBER had filed his papers the previous day; that his file is number 246/P/100081. In the August 21st issue of the Daily Variety, a movie trade sheet, appeared the item "SIEBER now a citizen" and continued "JOSEF VON STERNBERG and TEDDY BAUMFELD were character witnesses yesterday for RUDOLPH SIEBER, husband of MARLENE DIETRICH, when he was awarded citizenship papers. Because Miss DIETRICH also is a citizen SIEBER was able to finish his naturalization two years in advance of schedule."

On September 18, 1942 this office received a letter from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, this city, dated August 29, 1942, their file number 246/P/100081 which read as follows:

"Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
510 South Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California

"Dear Sir:


"The person named below, who has filed a petition for naturalization, is an enemy alien under the terms of Section 326 of the Nationality Act of 1940. It is requested that you furnish this office, for use in consideration of the case, any information contained in your files which might reflect upon the subject's loyalty to the United States and fitness for United States citizenship. Please use the space at the bottom of this letter for your reply, using additional pages if necessary.

Name:	RUDOLPH SIEBER
( maiden name (if a married woman):	Male
Also known as:	RUDOLPH EMILIAN SIEBER
Place of birth:	Aussig, Czechoslovakia
Date of birth:	February 20, 1897
Citizenship:	Germany
Race:	White

Residence: 868 Birchwood Drive,  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
Occupation: Scenarist  
Remarks: -----

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM A. CARMICHAEL  
District Director

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Examiner in Charge" *b2*  
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On September 17, 1942 the writer interviewed Source <sup>b7c</sup> at which time agent was informed that

[REDACTED] that SIEBER

had volunteered his services for the German army; that same had been done either to the German Consul, GEORGE GYSSLING, or to H. A. GEBHARDT, attorney for the Consul. This source also recalled that on one occasion some years ago GEBHARDT had acted as attorney for SIEBER.

Continuing, this source stated that neither SIEBER nor DIETRICH had ever made any statements in the presence of this informant indicating that they were Nazis or even pro-German. However, informant stated that both SIEBER and DIETRICH continually were "digging" by making sarcastic remarks against the English. [REDACTED] DIETRICH would say that no Englishman could go on bond tours throughout the country because Americans hate them. SIEBER was of a like mind. In fact, of late informant said SIEBER insisted in waving the American flag. SIEBER was described as the Prussian type of German as is also DIETRICH. As such they think that their people are right. However, informant made it clear that it was not believed that either SIEBER or DIETRICH were engaged in any active promotion of the welfare of Germany. DIETRICH was described as being too stupid to be a spy and SIEBER as being afraid. Both SIEBER and DIETRICH were believed by informant deep down to like the European ways of doing things. At the same time agent was advised that DIETRICH, after making her three-bond tours, has been greatly impressed by the adulation shown her and has taken a particular liking for this country which she did not have heretofore. During the time that SIEBER was in Los Angeles he lived at DIETRICH'S home and informant stated JEAN GABIN, the French movie actor who is DIETRICH'S present consort, also was there most of the time. GABIN is subject of Los Angeles file 100-6792 entitled "JEAN GABIN, with alias, Internal Security-F." This is in a closed status in the Los Angeles Office.

With further reference to SIEBER Source advised that he is keeping company with one [REDACTED] a Russian who lives at the same hotel that SIEBER inhabits, namely The Croydon Hotel, New York City. As individuals in New York who could give authoritative information about SIEBER, Source suggested [REDACTED] This source felt that he could be relied on. However, it is suggested that Source identity and suggestion not be revealed to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was also suggested by Source [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was telephonically contacted on September 21, 1942 [REDACTED] previously been interviewed by agent in connection with official investigations [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that it was believed he was in possession of some information with reference to her husband, RUDOLPH SIEBER. An appointment was made for the following day [REDACTED]

At the time of the writer's interview with him in his office he was told that it was understood that SIEBER had informed him that he had registered with the German Consul [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said [REDACTED] the only information he ever had about SIEBER

volunteering services to the German government was [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] having once remarked to him that she believed  
he had done just that. [REDACTED] continued he knew the feeling between  
and DIETRICH was not too good and he attributed this remark to [REDACTED]  
personal animosity. In answer to the writer's question as to why he did  
not report such a matter to the F.B.I. [REDACTED] said he felt because there were  
no facts to prove [REDACTED] statement he did not do so.

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[REDACTED] assured that any information ob-  
[REDACTED] would furnish would be kept entirely confidential.

[REDACTED] that he was positive there  
were no [REDACTED] reference to SIEBER'S registering with the  
German Consul.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] At the present time  
she owes the Federal Government \$170,000 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] recalled that back about 1937 the  
Internal Revenue Department was investigating DIETRICH'S income tax returns

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] He said that she presently  
is clear with the government, at least they have reached agreements with the  
exception of a tax difficulty dating back to 1931 and 1932 wherein DIETRICH  
claims she is owed a refund.

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[REDACTED] he was interviewed on September 25, 1942  
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not be disclosed. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] During the making of one picture DIETRICH became enamored of WAYNE and their affair progressed to the extent that she persuaded WAYNE to leave the Morrison Agency and be represented by hers, namely, FELDMAN and BLUM. MORRISON brought suit against WAYNE, FELDMAN and BLUM and DIETRICH herself. DIETRICH was charged with "asserting undue influence" on WAYNE. In their petition they set forth that they had had DIETRICH and WAYNE surveilled and observed that he left her bungalow at the Beverly Hills Hotel five and six o'clock in the morning. This was the basis for their alleging "undue influence." Through his association with KENNETH THOMPSON, secretary to the Screen Actors Guild, this suit was dropped.

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[REDACTED] indicated a financial settlement of some kind was made.

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[REDACTED] SIEBER made the statement that in 1937 he had written the German Consul in Los Angeles registering for military service.

[REDACTED] stated that SIEBER was endeavoring to establish California as his residence. This was pertinent in connection with the tax appeal case which DIETRICH was taking to the Court of Appeals.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said he was at a loss to understand why he had forgotten this matter.

[REDACTED] He did not attempt to explain why he had failed to report it to the F.B.I.

[REDACTED]

"The SIEBERS have lived at various places in California. One home was at the corner of Roxbury and Sunset Boulevard, in Beverly Hills; that was taken prior to 1934 and they lived there for some six years. Then they took the MARION DAVIES house at the Beach at Santa Monica and lived there approximately a year. Then they moved to the COLLEEN MOORE house in Bel-Air, where they lived for approximately a year and a half, and when Mr. SIEBER had to go back to Europe for business reasons, Miss DIETRICH and their daughter moved to a smaller house. The only place they have lived on a permanent basis in America, since their first entry, has been in California, and the daughter has been here, except when the mother and father were on trips to Europe, almost continuously since 1931.

[REDACTED]

"Miss DIETRICH first came to America and to California in April of 1930 and stayed from April to December; then she went back to Berlin on a vacation. In 1931 she came back to California, in April, with her daughter, MARIA, and lived here until 1933. She then went to France with her daughter for a visit, in July 1933, returning to California in September, 1933, where the family resided until July, 1936. Miss DIETRICH states that Mr. SIEBER first came to California the first part of 1932, to the best of her knowledge and belief. He went back to Europe and returned to America in 1933 on a quota number. At no time between 1934 and 1939 was he out of the country long enough to have kept him from becoming a citizen except that he lost his citizenship time credit because in November, 1937, when the family was preparing to return from a visit to France, England, and Switzerland, and had sailings booked, MARIA, the daughter, became ill [REDACTED] and the shipping companies would not permit her to have passage on any boat. Mr. and Mrs. SIEBER canceled their sailing date twice, waiting and hoping that the daughter would be able to travel, but this was not the case and as Paramount was demanding her immediate return to meet a picture engagement, and as there was no one to leave the child with in France, the only thing to do was for the father to remain with her. The SIEBERS considered having Mrs. SIEBER'S mother come from Berlin, but since she could not leave Germany without giving up all rights to her property that was deemed inadvisable, and Mrs. SIEBER did not want her daughter to go to Germany as neither she nor Mr. SIEBER had gone back to their native land since they had taken out quota numbers in America, so there was no choice but to have Mr. SIEBER stay in France to take care of their daughter. Both Mr. and Mrs. SIEBER received extensions on their re-entry permits, under their quota numbers. b7c

"After finishing her Paramount picture, Miss DIETRICH returned to France in 1938 for a vacation, and found her daughter ill again. After a short stay in the South of France, where her daughter was under constant observation to try to ascertain the cause of her constant illnesses, they went to Paris, and the finest doctors there [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] and they started these treatments, which caused MARIA to show decided improvement immediately. The doctors implored the mother and father not to take the child away from the treatments given under their supervision. Once more extensions were given on the re-entry permits for MARIA and Mr. SIEBER, and Miss DIETRICH came back to America in November of 1938, with the doctors' promise that if Mr. SIEBER and MARIA would stay until January of 1939, that the child could then be brought with safety to America, which he did merely and entirely because of the child's illness. As a matter of fact, when Mr. SIEBER'S absence from the country was explained to the proper authorities in Washington, although it is customary for a daughter not to be made a citizen until her father is made a citizen, this case was so thoroughly understood by the Washington authorities that the daughter was permitted to become a citizen; and remember, the only home that daughter has had in America has been in California. [REDACTED] b7c b7d



"As stated above, Mr. SIEBER first came to California in 1932 and then went back to continue his work for Paramount in France, as he spoke very poor English and was much more valuable to the organization in Europe than he was in this country. In 1933 or 1934 when he came over under the quota, he came directly to California and again did not stay very long because he felt so out of place on account of his English, and because he had not risen high enough in his position with Paramount in France to obtain a good position here with the language handicap, and he went back to France merely with the purpose of making himself more valuable to the Paramount organization, hoping to become important enough to make a place for himself in California. The latter part of 1934 he again returned to California to his wife and family, and stayed for a whole year, which extended into the year of 1935, during which time he made a picture with Miss DIETRICH, as assistant director, but this did not turn out so well because he was sensitive and felt that the supposed success he was having was because by that time Miss DIETRICH was a great star and he did not want to have his success attributed to 'pull', so again he went back to Paris to work for Paramount, returning to California in December, 1935 to be with his family in their home, and also to straighten out the great trouble Miss DIETRICH had when it was found [REDACTED] b7C had forged some \$75,000.00 worth of checks, as when he was here working at Paramount he had always been in very close touch with her business affairs, and money matters and he was the only one who could go over the checks and know which ones were forged, which shows conclusively that he was always in very close touch with her business affairs, as a husband should be. He did not receive any salary during the year he was here and made a picture as assistant director because he did not wish to arouse antagonism and also he did not think it was fair to take money away from an American on the set, so he worked without compensation.

"Mr. SIEBER left again for Europe in January, 1936 with Miss DIETRICH because she had contracted to make the picture 'KNIGHT WITHOUT ARMOUR' and he remained there then to get the company started for her own productions, because she wanted to give him a chance to make his own pictures and get credit for his own undeniable ability. Later, as you recall, Mr. VON STERNBERG had a nervous breakdown and since he was the center of the company from the directorial standpoint, they planned for Mr. SIEBER to return to his home in California; this was in the fall of 1937. Then he was held up on account of the illness of the daughter, as given above.

"LARIA and Mr. SIEBER did not get back to the United States until June, 1939 and by that time Miss DIETRICH was ready to go back to Europe, so she met them in New York on their arrival in June of 1939, but by that time she was 'finished' in pictures in Hollywood, so they said, and finding she could not get a commitment for a picture here, they went back to France to negotiate for a picture there, as she thought that if she made a smash hit in France she would then be in demand again in Hollywood. Please understand that on this information she left her furniture, bank account, everything they had, in California, proving conclusively that California was still their home. By the time they arrived in France the war clouds were becoming very ominous and Mrs. SIEBER returned to the United States the first part of August and Mr. SIEBER returned on August 27, bringing LARIA with him, and they all came out to the Coast.

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[redacted] there is, according to [redacted] no income [redacted] for Mr. SIEBER from Europe, during the times he was working for Paramount there and she advises that he got very little money for his work - possibly less than \$50.00 a week, American money - on which he had to pay French taxes and also from which he had to pay his living expenses, and the reason that there was no income [redacted] was probably that since his home is in California and he, therefore, would be permitted to charge his living expenses in France as a business expense, after making that and other deductions, there would be no tax to pay. He was in France on a visitor's visa and had to live in hotels because, under French law, he could not own or lease even a simple apartment without being a resident of France and he always gave there his home as California. Also, since he was in France on a visitor's visa, and the red tape there is even more strict than it is here, had it not been that Paramount was a very powerful foreign corporation he would not have been permitted to work. Even his car, which was given to him as a birthday present, was in France on a 'trip ticket', which means just for temporary purposes, and it was later brought back to California.

"Mr. SIEBER tried to obtain a position with Universal in California, but as his main capabilities are in connection with his expert knowledge of foreign languages and foreign distribution, and as Universal has no foreign department in California, they insisted that he go to New York City, where he has been employed by Universal since."

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Agent was advised [redacted] in the course of his association with DIETRICH and in several conversations with SIEBER, that he had never heard either of them make any statements which would indicate that they were pro-German and against this country.

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[redacted] with reference to [redacted] When he mentioned her name the writer asked if that was SIEBER'S friend in New York and he replied "it could be."

[redacted]

[redacted] was born [redacted] in Moscow, Russia; that DIETRICH knew her in Paris, France in June, 1939, that [redacted] is now living at 12 East 86th Street, New York City, that she had lived in Moscow, Russia from 1905 to 1918, in

Constantinople, Turkey from October, 1919 to November, 1920, in Berlin, Germany from 1920 to 1931, in Paris, France from May 5, 1931 to August, 1939, in New York City from September, 1939 to the present time.

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[REDACTED]

On September 25, 1942 Source was interviewed.

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[REDACTED]. Agent mentioned to Source that it was understood [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] that SIEBER had volunteered his services to the German Consul. Source stated he did not know that such had been done [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED] he expressed himself as being greatly surprised. [REDACTED]

that it was now his recollection that at the time this came up in their discussions he felt that SIEBER was only complying with some regulation of the German government, not actually offering his services. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] felt it was [REDACTED] unfortunate choice of words which conveys the wrong impression. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the claim of the United States Government that the earnings of SIEBER and DIETRICH were separate and not community property. Source stated that in his association with DIETRICH and in the one or two conversations he had had with SIEBER he had never heard either of them make any remarks which would indicate they were un-American.

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He claimed that the mention of the German Consul meant nothing to him at the time. He also pointed out that he had had practically nothing to do with SIEBER, never heard him make any remarks which would indicate he was pro-German or a Nazi and that the same was true of his associations with DIETRICH. His contacts with SIEBER were limited to telephonic communications.

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Special Agent [REDACTED] examined the records in the office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service on September 30, 1942. He learned that SIEBER'S file had been sent to the New York Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. It was explained that SIEBER was to be investigated by that Department in New York City and after the completion of said investigation his file would be returned to Los Angeles. The New York Office will do no investigating until the file is returned. There was a notation in his file to the effect that upon the return of same and the conducting of any investigation in this area, the local F.B.I. office should be contacted.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] who has previously seen SIEBER described him as follows, the date of birth, et cetera, being obtained from the Immigration Records mentioned herein:

Age:	45 (born February 20, 1897, Aussig, Czechoslovakia)
Weight:	155 lbs.
Height:	Medium
Hair:	Blonde
Eyes:	Hazel
Features:	Acquiline
Complexion:	Sallow
Accent:	German
Citizenship:	Germany
Race:	White
Occupation:	Scenarist
Residence:	Hotel Croydon 12 East 86th Street New York City, New York

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York, New York, will interview [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] with reference to any and all information he has  
regarding SIEBER.

Will interview [REDACTED] b7C  
any information he has with reference to SIEBER being pro-German. b7D

Will conduct appropriate investigation at the Hotel Croydon where  
SIEBER has lived for some years.

Will examine the records of the Immigration and Naturalization  
Service for any information they may have which would be of value to this  
case.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE -

At Los Angeles, California, will report the results of SIEBER'S  
petition for American citizenship.

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April 19, 1943

SAC, New York

RE: RUDOLPH EMILIAN SIEBER  
ALINE ENEMY CONTROL - G

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Los Angeles Field Office, dated March 25, 1943, in this case, a copy of which letter was designated for your office.

In view of the information set out in reference letter, you are directed to give immediate attention to the undeveloped leads pending in your office in this case in order that the information desired may be furnished the Bureau and the Los Angeles Office without delay.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc: Los Angeles

- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Director, FBI

RE: RUDOLPH EMILIAN SIEBER  
 INTERNAL SECURITY - G  
 ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 25, 1943, at Los Angeles, California, in the above-captioned matter, copies of which are enclosed. b7c

In response to a telephone call from MARLENE DIETRICH, film-actress wife of Subject, RUDOLPH EMILIAN SIEBER, Special Agent [redacted] called at her home, 868 Birchwood Drive, Los Angeles, California. Miss DIETRICH stated that she had just recently returned from a bond selling tour of the United States and that on several occasions her husband, RUDOLPH SIEBER, had attempted to accompany her but had been barred from admittance to various locations because of the fact that he was an alien enemy. This condition has caused Miss DIETRICH a great deal of worry, she says, so immediately upon her return to Los Angeles, she telephonically contacted Inspector [redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service, Federal Building, Los Angeles, California. Miss DIETRICH'S statement to Special Agent [redacted] was that Inspector [redacted] told her "the case has been suspended by the F.B.I." and that that agency was awaiting a report from our New York Office before proceeding with the case. b7c

Miss DIETRICH was informed by Special Agent [redacted] that such could not be the case, inasmuch as the Federal Bureau of Investigation did not grant or withhold citizenship and that this function was the sole responsibility of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Miss DIETRICH expressed disappointment, stating that she did not know where to turn for help or advice; that her husband's status was causing both him and her a great deal of concern and that she was of the frame of mind to call on President ROOSEVELT in an effort to obtain the true facts regarding the delay surrounding RUDOLPH SIEBER'S citizenship petition. b7c

At the time of this conversation, and in response to her request, Special Agent [redacted] agreed to contact Inspector [redacted] regarding this matter. b7c



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March 25, 1943

Re: RUDOLPH EMILIAN SIEBER  
INTERNAL SECURITY - G  
ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL

Miss DIETRICH was highly upset due to the fact that her daughter, MARIA SIEBER, who is eighteen years of age and presently attempting to break into pictures, had been alienated from her mother and father through the efforts of [REDACTED]

MARIA SIEBER and her mother were recently reconciled [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. This, coupled with the fact that her husband's attorney, [REDACTED] of New York City, told MARLENE DIETRICH and RUDOLPH SIEBER there was a possibility that "an anonymous letter has been sent in causing the delay" in SIEBER'S request for citizenship, caused Miss DIETRICH to believe that [REDACTED] may have written such a letter. Miss DIETRICH was told by Special Agent [REDACTED] that any information as to whether such a letter had been sent in should be obtained from the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

As further proof of [REDACTED] determination to cause difficulty, Miss DIETRICH stated that at one time this person had told [REDACTED] that she hoped New York would be bombed, hoping that SIEBER would be killed in the raid.

[REDACTED] stated that Miss DIETRICH was jealous of her daughter's start in pictures, that she did not want people to know what a grown up daughter she had, [REDACTED]

Special Agent [REDACTED] telephonically contacted Inspector [REDACTED] of Immigration and Naturalization Service, who stated that "I did mention that we were waiting for a report from one of your offices, I don't believe I said which one".

Director, FBI

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March 25, 1943

Re: RUDOLPH EMILIAN SIEBER  
INTERNAL SECURITY - G  
ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL

At the time of this conversation, Inspector [REDACTED] stated that he had written a letter to the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation requesting information regarding the Subject. (The report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated October 9, 1942, at Los Angeles, California, set out leads for the New York Field Division and the local office of Immigration and Naturalization Service was advised of this fact in a letter dated January 14, 1943.)

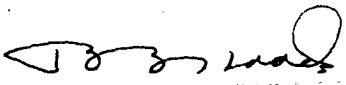
Inspector [REDACTED] volunteered the information to Special Agent [REDACTED] as follows: "Our report is almost finished, we are waiting for your report, that is all that is holding it up".

In response to her request, Special Agent [REDACTED] telephonically contacted MARLENE DIETRICH on March 25, 1943, at which time she was told again that granting of citizenship or withholding of same came under the jurisdiction of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Miss DIETRICH expressed disappointment and stated "I thought it was being suspended awaiting a report from your office", to which she was told that any delay which had occurred was at the discretion of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and that any detailed information regarding this matter should be obtained from that governmental agency. Miss DIETRICH replied that she was of the opinion that there was nothing to do but wait.

This matter is being called to the attention of the Bureau, inasmuch as the possibility exists that Miss DIETRICH will take this matter directly to the President of the United States, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. She mentioned that at the time of her departure for Europe several years ago, Treasury agents had impounded her baggage and jewels for federal taxes, at which time she personally called Secretary of the Treasury MORGENTHAU and had the matter adjusted to her entire satisfaction in an expeditious manner.

In view of the above, it is requested that the New York Office give expeditious attention to the leads set out in the report mentioned in the body of this letter.

Very truly yours,

  
R. B. HOOD  
SAC

[REDACTED] b7c  
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cc: New York

Los Angeles file 100-14265

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TITLE <b>RUDOLPH EMILIAN SIEBER</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - G ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL</b>	

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent **[REDACTED]**, Los Angeles, California, October 9, 1942.

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**DETAILS:**

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[REDACTED]

The letter goes on to say that information has been received from the local offices of F.B.I. and [REDACTED] which reflects unfavorably upon the petitioner's loyalty to the United States".

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THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION:

\*At New York, New York, will interview [REDACTED] with reference to any and all information he has regarding SIEBER. b7C

\*Will interview [REDACTED] any information he has with reference to SIEBER's being pro-German. b7D b7C

\*Will conduct appropriate investigation at the Hotel Croydon where SIEBER has lived for some years.

\*Will examine the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for any information they may have which would be of value to this case.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION:

At Los Angeles, California, will, when the above leads are covered by the New York Field Division, consider the advisability of contacting [REDACTED] b7C

Will check the records of [REDACTED] for information relative to Subject. b2 b7D

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE <b>RUDOLPH EMILIAN SIEBER</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - G CUSTODIAL DETENTION</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

SIEBER has resided at Croydon Hotel, NYC since 5-25-40 with [REDACTED] who occupies connecting room. Subject's wife, **MARLENE DIETRICH** aware of arrangement and condones same.

[REDACTED] Subject considered satisfactory tenant by hotel management and has denied any acts of misconduct with [REDACTED] Subject employed as scenarist by Universal Pictures, NYC from 2-3-40 to 6-28-41 but work was actually translating. This employment was stipulated in a contract made by studio with DIETRICH for her appearance in two motion pictures. At time of discharge, subject made statement that he was German and would be supported by government in concentration camp. Subject classified as 3-A by Selective Service Board because daughter at that time was under age. In questionnaire subject admitted he did not support wife and daughter but claimed to reside with them. Examination of bank account reflects source of subject's income is his wife. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] no evidence of pro-German tendencies on part of SIEBER and because of position in movie industry, DIETRICH prefers that husband remain in background with no employment, unless he can obtain position of importance and affluence.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated October 9, 1942 at Los Angeles.

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DETAILS: Contact was had with Informant <sup>b2/b7D</sup> who, after an examination of his records, advised that the subject took up residence at the Croydon Hotel, 12 E. 86th Street, New York City on May 25, 1940. Since that time he has occupied Apartment 1123 consisting of a chamber, dining alcove and living room. A [redacted] occupies the other chamber adjoining this apartment. The first lease signed by the subject started on June 1, 1940 and extended to the month of October, the following year, at a rental of \$3300. He now leases this apartment on a yearly basis at an annual rental of \$2940. The apartment was first secured for the subject through the services of [redacted] a real estate agency. The records of the hotel reflect that subject previously resided at the Gladstone Hotel, located at 114 E. 52d Street, New York City. b7C

Through the courtesy of Informant <sup>b2/b7D</sup> reporting Agent was permitted to examine the hotel records relating to the subject. These reflected that he furnished as a reference the Corn Exchange Bank & Trust Company of Park Avenue, who advised the hotel management by letter dated May 24, 1940, that subject carried a satisfactory, well-conducted routine account at the Park Avenue Branch since February 10, 1940 and that the bank had no reason to believe he is other than responsible. Another reference furnished by the subject was Lloyd's and National Provincial Foreign Bank of Paris. His personal references were [redacted] By letter dated May 24, 1940 [redacted] b7C

[redacted] advised the hotel management that he has known the subject a long time and knows him to be a gentleman of splendid character and to the best of his knowledge has always met his obligations promptly. [redacted] added that he had no doubt subject would make a good tenant. The file also contains a letter from [redacted] in which he advised that he had known subject for over 10 years and believed him to be financially, as well as otherwise, responsible and a desirable tenant. The file also contains a report of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York dated May 25, 1940 which states that the subject has met obligations promptly at his former residence, the Gladstone Hotel, and was regarded well by the management there. He was also reported as holding a position in the Foreign Department of Universal Pictures, Inc., 1250 6th Avenue, New York City having been there for the past six months. His salary was believed to be in good proportions, according to the credit report. The report also indicated that SIEBER was reported to have appeared in a few small roles in motion pictures and was also believed to be of German nationality.

<sup>b2/b7D</sup> Informant stated that he has had practically no personal contact with the subject during his period of residence at the Croydon Hotel and therefore was unable to furnish any information of interest to this investigation; however, he stated that he was not personally aware, nor had he heard, of any information of a derogatory nature.

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Informant [redacted] advised that he, too, had had no personal contact with the subject and therefore was likewise unable to furnish information. However, both Informants [redacted] and [redacted] stated that all personal contacts had with subject by the hotel management had been handled by Informant [redacted] who, at that time, was not available for interview, recuperating from an operation, but arrangements were made to interview Informant [redacted] at a later date.

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Upon interview, Informant [redacted] advised that at the time subject first came to the hotel, the management was seeking new tenants through a renting agent and that the subject was introduced to the management by this agent. He stated that at that time there was no mention made of the subject being the husband of MARLENE DIETRICH and likewise no mention was made of the fact that [redacted] was not the wife of subject. Therefore, the management assumed that [redacted] and subject were man and wife at the time they rented the apartment, and because of this assumption they believed there was nothing unusual in the arrangement. The informant advised that he has had several personal contacts with the subject and personally never particularly liked the individual. He stated frankly that subject is apparently nothing more than a leech and is perfectly content to remain one. He stated he has recently endeavored to impress the informant with the fact that because of his foreign contacts he could be of great service to the country during the present emergency and has also indicated that the Army is attempting to secure his services. The informant is inclined to discount these statements, but they have been repeated to him on various occasions by the subject. The informant also advised that Sieber has never caused any trouble whatever during his tenancy at the hotel and has always paid his obligations promptly. He occasionally refers to [redacted] as his ward and according to the informant there has never been any display of affection between these two individuals. The informant also indicated that Miss Dietrich is aware of the arrangement and he has observed that when she makes trips to New York and is greeted by the press upon her arrival, that the subject, as well as [redacted] occasionally appears in newspaper photographs as greeting Miss Dietrich upon her arrival. b7C

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It should also be noted that Informant [redacted] explained that the connecting door between the room occupied by [redacted] and the apartment occupied by [redacted] subject, had been cut through the dining alcove of the subject's apartment prior to his occupancy, apparently for the benefit of former guests of the hotel and that at the time subject rented the apartment, he found this arrangement desirable. b7C

It was also ascertained that subject appears to be friendly with one [redacted] who occupies apartment [redacted] at the Croydon Hotel and who formerly resided at [redacted]. This individual has been residing at the hotel since September 12, 1941 and at the time he took up residence there gave as references the National City Bank of New York and the subject. The members of the hotel management who were interviewed were b7C



also of the opinion that [redacted] <sup>b7C</sup> had some connection with the moving picture industry and had recently appeared in one small role; however at the time of the interview and for several months prior thereto, he appeared to have no employment whatever.

The records of the hotel also reflected that from March 1 to March 17, 1942, JOSEF VON STERNBERG, who usually directs Miss Dietrich's films, was registered at the hotel and in his party were included a [redacted] <sup>b7C</sup> [redacted] It was the recollection of the hotel management that Sieber had made arrangements for this party to reside at the hotel and it was also noted that on the registration card of Von Sternberg there appeared a notation "no publicity".

In July, 1942, Sieber's file reflects that a cancellation clause was added to his lease since he claimed to be subject to the draft; however, the file also contains a statement to the effect that the probability of his being called was very remote.

There were no records available of telegrams or long distance telephone calls received or sent by the subject or [redacted] <sup>b7C</sup> The hotel management explained that when Sieber took up residence at the hotel, he immediately had installed a private telephone and therefore his calls do not clear through the hotel switchboard.

Informant <sup>b2/b7D</sup> [redacted] was contacted at the suggestion of Informant <sup>b2/b7D</sup> [redacted] who stated that this individual could be relied upon. Informant <sup>b2/b7D</sup> [redacted] advised that the subject has continued to maintain a private telephone in his apartment and therefore he makes very few outgoing calls through the hotel switchboard. She stated such outgoing calls were restricted largely to the various forms of service available at the hotel. The only incoming long distance calls received through the hotel switchboard are those from Miss Dietrich in Hollywood, which occurred approximately once each week. This individual explained that Dietrich's secretary always places Miss Dietrich's calls and Dietrich herself never comes to the telephone until the connection has been completed. Her conversations are invariably in a foreign tongue which the informant believes to be German. Occasionally these calls from Dietrich are answered by [redacted] <sup>b7C</sup> [redacted] who also converses with Miss Dietrich in German. This informant also indicated she was aware of the fact that subject was friendly with [redacted] The informant advised that it was her opinion that this individual had recently appeared in a small movie role and is not now engaged in any position since he can usually be located in his apartment.

Informant <sup>b2/b7D</sup> [redacted] also stated that <sup>b7C</sup> [redacted] sometimes holds herself forth as the secretary of the subject. Informant also indicated that she remains in the apartment practically the entire day since it is common knowledge at the

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hotel that she will not accept any telephone calls for a period of several hours each afternoon while she is having her nap. It was also indicated that she may call the switchboard from the extension located in her room or from the extension located in the room of the subject.

**[REDACTED]** of Local Board 44, located at 1109 Lexington Avenue, New York City permitted the reporting Agent to examine the file relating to the subject. This file reflects that Sieber's order number is 1149, serial T-1005. According to information contained in this file, subject was born February 20, 1897 at Aussig, Austria. He listed as the person who would always know his address MARLENE DIETRICH, Beverly Hills Hotel, Beverly Hills, California. He registered in accordance with the requirements of the Selective Service Act on February 16, 1942. His occupational questionnaire indicates he is an alien who has not filed papers for citizenship, explaining that such action was not necessary since he was married to a citizen; that he does not have a job and is looking for work; that he is married, has no dependents and is possessed of a high school education. In this questionnaire he indicated that the job for which he is best fitted was producing and directing motion pictures since he had had 20 years' experience in this line of work from 1919-39. The type of a job for which he was next best fitted was listed as a motion picture scenarist having had 1½ years' experience in this type of work from January, 1940 to June, 1941. The duties of the job for which he is next best fitted he listed as titling American-made films for foreign countries. The file contained a letter from **[REDACTED]**

**[REDACTED]** dated May 13, 1942 confirming telephone conversation requesting an additional 10-day period in which to file the questionnaire of subject, in order that his nationality status could be cleared up.

It was also indicated in his original draft questionnaire that subject has physical defects in that he is suffering from kidney stones. In this questionnaire he also states he is residing with his wife. Information contained therein also reflects that during the last 12 months, the subject stated he earned approximately \$300 whereas during the same period of time his wife earned \$100,000 and during this period of time he contributed nothing to the support of his wife or child. He also indicated in the questionnaire he paid a monthly rental of \$170. The subject claims permanent residence in the United States since February 28, 1934. His questionnaire was signed on May 25, 1942 and on June 23, 1942 he was classified 1-A; however on July 7, 1942 he was reclassified in 3-A. This reclassification was discussed with officials of the Draft Board who stated that this action was prompted because of the fact that his daughter was not yet 18 years of age at that time and the subject therefore could have appealed the classification on that basis in spite of the fact that he admitted in his questionnaire he had not contributed to the support of his daughter. However, as indicated above, he also stated that he was residing with his wife and daughter. Since he is now over 46 years of age, there is no possibility of his being drafted at present, under existing regulations.

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It is noted that the possibility exists that Sieber made a trip to California to visit his wife and daughter at approximately the time he sent in his draft questionnaire and therefore was in a position to state that he was residing with his wife and daughter. However, he maintained continuous residence at the Hotel Croydon, New York City during this period of time.

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Contact was had with Informant [REDACTED] by Special Agent [REDACTED]

This individual permitted an examination of the bank account of subject maintained at the Corn Exchange Bank and Trust Company, 86th and Lexington Avenue, New York City. The records reflected this bank account was opened at the Park Avenue Branch on February 10, 1940. The account was introduced by [REDACTED] of the Hotel Gladstone, 114 E. 52d Street, New York City, which was then the residence of the subject. The account was transferred to the 86th Street Branch on May 28, 1940 when subject moved to the Hotel Croydon. An examination of the bank ledgers for this account shows that the subject makes a bi-monthly deposit of \$200 on or about the first and fifteenth of each month. Informant advised that these deposits were checks of MARLENE DIETRICH, the subject's wife, drawn on the Bank of America, Beverly Hills, California. The subject maintains an average balance of \$500 to \$1,000 in this account. In addition to the \$200 deposited, Sieber deposited a \$5,000 check drawn on the account of MARLENE DIETRICH on December 22, 1942 and on January 11, 1943 he made a cash withdrawal of \$4,000. The canceled vouchers on file were also examined and indicated Sieber cashed a number of checks at the Hotel Croydon. One such check, in the amount of \$170, was apparently for rent paid to the hotel. Several small checks were drawn to the firm named Martell's and on March 15, 1943 he drew a check for \$18.75 for a war bond.

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Informant advised that at one time the studio of Universal Pictures on the West Coast obtained a commitment from MARLENE DIETRICH to appear in two motion pictures and as part of the agreement entered into between these parties, it was arranged for the Universal Company to place her husband on the payroll of the firm in New York City. This action was demanded by Miss Dietrich because, according to the informant, her husband was regarded as more or less of an irritant by her and she wanted him removed to some distant point where it would be impossible for him to interfere with her private life. It is believed that this arrangement was included as a stipulation in the contract. Therefore, instructions were issued [redacted] to the effect that Sieber should be placed on the payroll in some capacity. [redacted]

[redacted] hired the subject as a translator [redacted] put him to work in the Foreign Publicity Department of Universal Pictures at New York City at a salary of \$100 per week. Informant explained that the subject is listed in the records of the company as a secretary, although he was actually employed doing only translation work. According to the informant, the subject was definitely not worth the figure he was being paid by Universal, but [redacted] the studio had no alternative if they wished to secure the services of Miss Dietrich, which were desired at that time. b2  
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While employed in New York City, the subject was a very quiet individual and caused no trouble, attended to his own business, and never associated with fellow employees. [redacted] b7C

[redacted] He was advised that the studio was experiencing a delay in completing the second picture commitment by Miss Dietrich [redacted] retain the services of the subject until such time as this commitment was fully completed. At the completion of the picture [redacted] it was necessary to release him because many of the foreign markets had been closed and they could not continue to maintain such a large staff in view of this fact. [redacted] the subject became somewhat angry and his German arrogance became readily apparent and he replied in words to this effect: "I am a German and will have to go to a concentration camp and the government will have to feed me anyway". [redacted] the subject was appearing to be very ungrateful. [redacted] does not want to indict a man for making one statement which could have been made in the heat of anger or passion. [redacted]

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This informant also advised that on one occasion when in the office of subject, he noticed many German magazines and periodicals in the subject's desk but he is unable to attach any particular significance to this fact since the company subscribed to practically every foreign publication available.

For the purpose of definitely verifying the period of employment of the subject, the informant checked the personnel records and advised he was employed from February 3, 1940 to June 28, 1941 at a salary of \$100 per week and when given notice in June, 1941, he was provided an additional two weeks' salary.

It is noted that the remark attributed to the subject by [redacted] was made at the time of his discharge in June, 1941 or before the entrance of this country into the war.

The informant advised that he was positive no further information could be obtained from the co-workers of subject still employed at Universal Pictures in New York City since the subject always remained aloof to them.

Interview with Informant [redacted]

[redacted] revealed [redacted] acquainted with both MARLENE DIETRICH and her husband.

[redacted] that the writer could be assured that he would maintain the interview in a confidential status.

He stated that in order to fully realize the position of Marlene Dietrich and her husband, one must be aware of the fact that as a person occupying a prominent position in the motion picture industry, Marlene Dietrich is forced to live up to certain of her movie roles in private life, in order to maintain her popularity and also to please her public. He pointed out that her recent roles have largely centered about the "rough and tumble Barbary Coast gal" and it is necessary for her private life to follow somewhat this pattern. He also advised that through his friendship with Miss Dietrich she has discussed with him matters regarding her own personal life, which he considers to be of a confidential nature but which he also stated indicate that she is well aware of the public's opinion of her. For example, she has recently told him that she is well aware of the fact that she has been accused by practically every columnist and commentator, and particularly those on the

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West Coast, of living with JEAN GABIN. She stated that if people would just take time to think such matters out, they would realize that such a situation is impossible. She stated she has never visited Gabin at his apartment, and that whenever they meet, he visits at her apartment and present are her daughter, her secretary and her maid.

According to Informant, MISS DIETRICH is also well aware of the fact that she has been accused of having affairs with other members of the movie industry and has occasionally been accused of having such affairs with the directors of her motion pictures on down to the most menial job holder. Since the popular conception seems to be that an actress who earns the sum of money she draws is presumed of necessity to engage in such activities in order to retain her position, he states that Miss Dietrich realizes that it is impossible to refute such constantly recurring rumors and therefore she makes no attempt whatever to do so since any attempts in this direction would be futile. He stated that he has been present at times when Miss Dietrich has jokingly been accused of being a favorite of Hitler and she has resented such statements and on one occasion remarked to him privately that she would mean absolutely nothing to Hitler and he in turn meant absolutely nothing to her. The informant stated as a matter of fact during the period of her residence in Germany, she never became acquainted with Hitler and according to his information there was absolutely no pro-German tendency on the part of either Miss Dietrich or her husband.

He also stated that Miss Dietrich is somewhat sensitive of the fact that certain restrictions have been placed on her husband because of his alien enemy status and he explained that she frequently, and very successfully, has entertained service men in various camps, but is not permitted to have her husband visit the camps with her because of his status.

[REDACTED] Sieber's story was entirely truthful and he was eventually convinced that it was.

[REDACTED] Sieber left Germany in September,

1931 and took up residence in Paris, France. His passport expired in 1932 and he obtained a renewal thereof from the authorities in Paris as an Ausländer. [REDACTED] Sieber has only been in Germany on two occasions, once in 1935 when he remained in Berlin for only one night and again in 1937 when he traveled through Germany, but did not leave the train. On both of these occasions he was enroute to visit his parents in Czechoslovakia. b7D

[REDACTED] it was necessary for Sieber to become a German citizen in order to obtain suitable living quarters for his family while they resided in Berlin. He also pointed out that since that time it was impractical for Sieber to renounce his German citizenship because had he done so, he would have reverted to his native nationality as a Czechoslovakian and this would have upset the plans of his wife to become an American citizen. b7D

[REDACTED] Miss Dietrich has been making frequent appearances at bond rallies and before servicemen in various camps [REDACTED] b7D

The informant explained that he believes he is fairly well acquainted with Sieber and he characterized Sieber as an "inoffensive little man". He also stated that because of her position in the movie industry, Miss Dietrich could not afford to have him accept any position which would not be considered one of importance and affluence and therefore she prefers to have him remain inconspicuously in the background with no employment whatever rather than to have him accept some job which might result in embarrassment to her.

Informant stated that Sieber is a quiet, timid type of man who will undoubtedly always remain that way and who is much better known as "Miss Dietrich's husband". He stated that Sieber once had excellent possibilities of developing into one of the more important writers in the motion picture industry in Europe and it was because of these possibilities that Dietrich married him; however it has since turned out that he has not attained the degree of success anticipated. b2/b7D

Informant also referred to the fact that there had recently been many references made by columnists to the effect that a divorce would soon occur between Sieber and Dietrich. [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] He stated that he is certain no divorce is imminent since neither could accomplish anything by divorce proceedings.



According to the informant, Sieber is unemployed at the present time, and there is no doubt but what he is being entirely supported by Miss Dietrich.

Concerning the arrangements between Sieber and [redacted] at the Croydon Hotel, the informant also advised that he was aware of this and explained that [redacted] was a Russian girl [redacted] was also brought to this country by Dietrich and her husband.

He stated that [redacted] acts as Miss Dietrich's secretary when she visits New York City. He stated that [redacted] is responsible for making all arrangements in connection with these trips and handles all appointments, etc. for Miss Dietrich. He stated [redacted] capacity can best be described at this time as a combination cook, housekeeper, secretary and companion, and that Marlene Dietrich now feels morally responsible for the welfare of [redacted] since she brought her to this country, and so now she is content to support [redacted] as well as her husband.

According to the informant, he believes it very unlikely that any acts of misconduct have existed between [redacted] and the subject. He stated confidentially that he has learned from Miss Dietrich that subject is "considerably under-sexed" and therefore has no particular interest in women; however when Miss Dietrich visits New York and stops at the St. Regis Hotel, the subject also resides with her for the period of her stay. The informant stated that he is aware that the average individual, upon learning that [redacted] and Sieber are living together would immediately assume that acts of misconduct do exist; however, he stated he is aware of the fact that at the time the Immigration and Naturalization Service was making inquiry into Sieber's background, [redacted] was personally interviewed and asked if such acts did exist between her and Sieber. He stated that both [redacted] and Sieber were very much perplexed at this course of action.

He also stated Sieber was at a loss to understand why such emphasis should be placed on such a matter and how it could affect his citizenship status; however informant reiterated he is of the impression, and has gained such impression from conversations with Dietrich, that no such relationship exists between [redacted] and Sieber.


During the course of the interview, the informant advised that in the event any information of a derogatory character had been furnished to this organization concerning either DIETRICH or SIEBER, it had undoubtedly been furnished by the individual referred to in reference report as Source:

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This informant also stated that not only is he not aware of any pro-Nazi tendencies on the part of subject, through his acquaintance with him, but he has learned that he purchases war bonds regularly. He also is aware of the fact that subject made an attempt to donate blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank but was refused because of his physical condition. He also stated that he made application for some type of executive position, probably as an officer, in the Marine Corps, but was refused because of his alien status. The informant also indicated that subject has advised him he does not know if his parents are still alive in Europe.

For the information of the Los Angeles Field Office, the application for Certificate of Identification of the subject is on file with the New York Office. His AER number is 2849160 and the application reflects that he registered as an enemy alien in February, 1942, at which time he furnished his residence address as 12 E. 86th Street, the address of the Croydon Hotel. He indicated that he was born on February 20, 1897 and was a citizen of Germany. He reported that he was unemployed at present and listed as his relatives residing in this country his wife and his daughter MARIA ELIZABETH SIEBER, both of Beverly Hills, California. His relatives residing outside of the United States he listed as the following:

- Father, ANTOINE SIEBER
- Mother, ROSA SIEBER, Tittlebachstr. 12, Aussig, Germany  
(formerly Czechoslovakia)
- Brother, 

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The application also reflects that he became a citizen of Germany at Berlin in 1927 and took the oath of allegiance in 1915 upon becoming a soldier in the Austrian-Hungarian Army. He listed as the only club of which he was a member the Touring Club DeFrance (automobile club) at Paris, in which

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his membership ceased in 1939. The file also contains a letter from the subject dated August 16, 1942, reflecting that as of that date he was changing his address to 868 Birchwood Drive, Los Angeles, California, where he expected to reside until about September 8, 1942.

By letter dated September 8, 1942, he again advised that he had returned from Los Angeles and was now residing at 12 E. 86th Street, New York City. In both letters he indicates that his occupation status has not changed.

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