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August 23, 1948

Re: U. S. v. Mildred E. Gillars
File: 146-7-51-1708 - Treason

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In accordance with our telegram dated August 20, 1948,
asking you to appear at the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C.
on Monday, August 30, 1948, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in connection with
the above case, there is enclosed herewith one Government Transportation
Request No. J721,341, for round trip coach passage
Washington, D. C. After you have signed the
request, please insert the name of the railroad issuing the round trip
ticket.

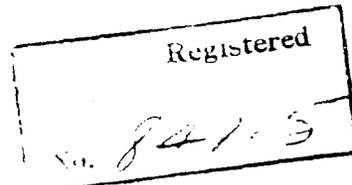
Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL,
Assistant Attorney General.

Enclosure No.
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Mr. Franke - Rm. 2213
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August 20, 1948

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IT IS DESIRED THAT YOU APPEAR AT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., ON MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 1948, AT TEN O'CLOCK, A.M., IN CONNECTION WITH THE CASE OF UNITED STATES v. MILDRED E. GILLARS. A GOVERNMENT TRAVEL REQUEST WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU BY MAIL, ENABLING YOU TO PROCURE A ROUND TRIP TICKET TO WASHINGTON, D.C., TOGETHER WITH PULLMAN ACCOMMODATIONS ONE WAY. ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO PAY YOUR PER DIEM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING YOUR ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON. SHOULD REPLY BE NECESSARY, CONTACT MR. NATHAN FRANKE.

ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL,
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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August 23, 1948

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Re: United States v. Mildred E. Gillars
File: 146-7-51-1708 - Treason

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In accordance with our telegram dated August 20, 1948, asking you to appear at the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C. on Monday, August 30, 1948, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in connection with the above case, there is enclosed herewith one Government Transportation Request No. J721.340 for round trip coach passage by railroad Washington, D. C. After you have signed the request, please insert the name of the railroad issuing the round trip ticket.

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Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL
Assistant Attorney General

Enclosure No. 375581

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ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL,
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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August 23, 1948

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In re: Mildred E. Sisk, also known as
Mildred Elizabeth Gillars.

The Department of Justice is informed that during the course of a recent interview between yourself and a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation you expressed a willingness to come to the United States and testify as a witness on behalf of this Government in the above entitled case.

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In this connection the Department of Justice is authorized to pay you \$10 per day, which sum is to be deemed recompense in full for witness fees and living expenses. You will be paid said sum of \$10 per day throughout the period that you are absent from your home. In addition, you will be furnished with first class railroad transportation. It is requested that you board the Canadian Pacific Railway train leaving at 9:15 P.M., on Monday, August 30, 1948. If you will apply to the ticket agent at the Canadian Pacific Railway Station in he will furnish you with the proper railroad ticket and Pullman accommodations. Arrangements have already been made with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in this connection. The ticket agent will inform you fully concerning the route which you will take, which involves changing stations at Boston, Massachusetts. You will arrive in Washington, D. C., at 8:25 A.M., Tuesday, August 31, 1948. Upon your arrival at Washington, D. C., it is requested that you telephone my Assistant, Mr. John E. Kelley, Jr.; Telephone Number REpublic 8200, Extension 315. Mr. Kelley's office is located at Room 2724, Department of Justice Building, 9th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C.

cc: Mr. Kelley
Mr. Franke, Rm. 2213

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There is also enclosed herewith a check made payable to yourself, in the sum of \$30. This check constitutes an advance payment covering three days' witness fees and per diem, which should be sufficient for your needs up to the time of your arrival in Washington. The balance which will be due you for witness fees and living expenses--at the rate of \$10 per day--will be paid to you following your arrival in Washington.

It will be helpful if you will send a collect telegram to Mr. John M. Kelley, Jr., at the address mentioned above, acknowledging receipt of this letter and indicating your willingness to proceed as requested. It is anticipated that you will be able to return to _____ on or before Friday, September 3, 1948.

The Department of Justice is indeed appreciative of your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL,
Assistant Attorney General.

Enclosure
No. 419337.

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August 25, 1948

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ADDRESS IN CARE OF JOHN M. KELLY, JUNIOR.

ROOM 2724, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WASHINGTON, D. C. ADVISE

OF ANY CHANGE IN DATE OF RECORDING. NOTIFY HILVERSUM

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ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL,
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
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August 26, 1948

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ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL,
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL,
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Salvador A. Andretta, Administrative
Assistant to the Attorney General

FROM : Alexander M. Campbell, Assistant Attorney
General, Criminal Division

SUBJECT: MILDRED E. GILLARS, was "AXIS SALLY,"
MILDRED ELIZABETH SISK; TREASON.

DATE: August 26, 1948

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In connection with the forthcoming grand jury proceedings in the above entitled matter one is deemed to be an indispensable witness on behalf of the Government. He received wounds during the Normandy Invasion which have permanently incapacitated him to the point that he is unable to walk without the assistance of an attendant. Customarily, assists him in this respect. Disability is such that it is to be doubted that the Court would enforce his attendance as a witness in the absence of some reasonable provision for the presence of an attendant to assist him throughout his journey to and from Washington and throughout the period that he remains in the City under subpoena. Request is, therefore, made for authority to engage the services of at the rate of \$10 per day, as an attendant to her husband during the period that he is under subpoena, and that in addition to said per diem she be furnished with round-trip transportation place of residence, and Washington, D. C.

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August 30, 1948

NOEL E. STORY, ATTORNEY,
C/O DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MISSION,
FRANKFURT GERMANY,

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SUBJECT HAS ADMITTED UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP, THEREFORE NO
NECESSITY SEARCH FOR MARRIAGE RECORDS. HOWEVER, STILL DESIRE YOU
INTERVIEW FOR INFORMATION OF VALUE CONCERNING SUBJECT'S
RECORDING ACTIVITIES IN PARIS AND VISITS TO PRISONERS CAMPS IN THAT
VICINITY.

ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL,
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL,
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. S. A. Andretta, Administrative Assistant to the Attorney General.
FROM : Alexander M. Campbell, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division.
SUBJECT: MILDRED E. GILLARS, was "AXIS SALLY,"
MILDRED ELIZABETH SISK; TREASON

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I have discussed with the Attorney General, Peyton Ford the situation respecting

These gentlemen are essential witnesses in the treason case of Mildred E. Gillars, which is now being presented to the Grand Jury in Washington, D. C., by Mr. John M. Kelley, Jr., of my staff.

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I am told that in the original arrangements between the American Consul's Office at Amsterdam and these witnesses some misunderstanding arose as a result of errors in an exchange of cablegrams about the witness fees they were to be paid. Upon their arrival in Washington, D. C., they expressed disappointment at the arrangements which were in force. The United States, of course, has no control over these individuals and cannot compel them to appear as witnesses in any trial which may result from the Grand Jury action in this case. Unless some satisfactory arrangements can be made for the payment to these witnesses of reasonable fees, it is evident from the tone of their conversation that they may be reluctant to return when called to testify at the trial. As each of these is an essential witness, the Attorney General and Mr. Ford have agreed with me that a reasonable arrangement should be worked out to compensate them for expenses incident to their coming to the United States, loss of earnings while away from their employment, household expenses at home, etc.

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Mr. Kelley has talked to these men and the following arrangements are satisfactory to the witnesses.

Please authorize payment to _____ of per diem at \$10 per day, effective August 23, 1948, the day he left _____ to and including September 3, 1948, the day he will return to _____ 12 days at \$10.....\$ 120.00.
A ~~similar~~ family allowance of \$40 per week for the same

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Miscellaneous communication expenses, etc., incident
to leaving Holland.....\$ 20.00

Total \$ 208.57

From this amount there should be deducted \$30 ad-
vanced to _____ by the American Consul at
Amsterdam and \$50 paid him by the United States
Marshal in Washington, D. C. \$ 80.00

Total to be paid \$ 128.57

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Please furnish him one-way air line ticket from
Washington, D. C., to Amsterdam, Holland, via any airline to New York
City on Wednesday afternoon, September 1, after 5 P.M., and via Royal
Dutch Airlines from New York City to Amsterdam, Holland, leaving New
York on Thursday morning, September 2 and arriving at Amsterdam on
Friday, September 3. I understand, has made reservations on
the Royal Dutch Airlines but will appreciate reservations being made for
him for the trip from Washington, D. C., to New York City.

GERMANY.

Please authorize payment to _____ of per diem,
at the rate of \$10 per day, effective August 19, 1948,
the day he left _____ Germany, to and including
September 5, 1948, the day he will return to Amster-
dam, Holland. 18 days at \$10 \$ 180.00

An allowance to take care of home expenses, loss of
earnings, etc., at the rate of \$40 per week for the
same 18-day period..... \$ 102.85

Please advance him \$420.00, the amount of one-way
plane fare, via Royal Dutch Airlines from New York
to _____ Germany, by way of Amsterdam, Holland.
I understand there is no Federal tax on this fare..... \$ 420.00

Total \$ 702.85

From this amount should be deducted \$20 advanced
to _____ by the United States Marshal in
New York, \$50 paid him by the United States Marshal

in Washington, D. C., on August 24, 1948 and
 \$25 paid him by the Marshal in Washington, D. C.,
 on August 27, 1948. \$ 95.00
 Total to be paid .. \$ 607.85

but will be held over for further consultation until Thursday morning. Please furnish him with one-way, first-class train ticket and Pullman from Washington, D. C., to New York City for Thursday morning, September 2. I understand has made his own reservation on the Royal Dutch Airlines to leave New York on September 4, and return to via Amsterdam, arriving in Amsterdam on September 5.

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Please authorize payment to of per diem, at the rate of \$10 per day, effective August 23, 1948, the day he left Amsterdam, to and including September 6, 1948, the day he will return to Amsterdam. 15 days at \$10 \$ 150.00

An allowance to take care of home expenses, loss of earnings, etc., at the rate of \$40 per week for the same 15-day period..... \$ 85.71

Miscellaneous communication expenses, etc., incident to leaving Holland \$ 20.00

Please advance \$381.00 the amount of one-way plane fare, via Royal Dutch Airlines from New York to Amsterdam \$ 381.00

Total \$ 636.71

From this amount should be deducted \$30 advanced to Mr. by the American Consul at Amsterdam and \$50 paid him by the United States Marshal in Washington, D.C. \$ 80.00

Total amount to be paid \$ 556.71.

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train ticket and Pullman from Washington, D. C., to New York City for Thursday morning, September 2. I understand, has made his plane reservation via Royal Dutch Airlines to leave New York City September 5, and to arrive in Amsterdam on September 6.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Salvador A. Andretta, Administrative Assistant DATE: September 1, 1948
 to the Attorney General.

FROM : Alexander M. Campbell, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division. AMC:JFC:tms

SUBJECT: MILDRED E. GILLARS, was "AXIS SALLY," 146-7-51-1708
MILDRED ELIZABETH SISK; Treason.

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are essential witnesses in the treason case of Mildred E. Gillars, which is now being presented to the Grand Jury in the District of Columbia by Mr. John M. Kelley, Jr., of my staff. These witnesses are German citizens who were brought to this country to testify in the treason cases of Chandler, Best and Gillars.

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Will you please authorize the payment of witness fees to these individuals in connection with their testimony before the Grand Jury in the Gillars case at the rate of \$10 per day from the time they left their place of origin in the United States to come to Washington, D. C., until and including the day of their return to this point. The details with respect to the attendance of these witnesses are as follows:

Left August 29, 1948
 Arrived Washington, August 29

Left August 29
 Arrived Washington, August 29

Left August 28
 Arrived Washington, D.C., August 28.

These witnesses have been in attendance at the Grand Jury from the dates indicated until the present time and will probably be held here until the close of the Grand Jury sometime next week or the week after.

Please authorize payment of witness fees to effective August 20, 1948.

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SECURITY SECTION

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Interrogation Center
Hoachst, Germany

1 September 1948

Mr. John M. Kelley, Jr.
Special Assistant to the Attorney General
Criminal Division
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

Re: Mildred E. Gillars

Dear Mr. Kelley:

With reference to your telephone call on Monday, 30 August 1948, the following information is submitted in connection with the treason case of Mildred E. Gillars. I received your telegram in the late afternoon of the 31st, in which you stated that this subject has admitted United States citizenship; therefore no search for information as to marriage and citizenship is necessary. I am submitting this information which was obtained by me before receiving your telegram for your use if the question comes up again at a later date.

On 30 August 1948 the Intelligence Agency in Vienna was instructed to conduct a search for [redacted] An intelligence agent went to the street address given in the telephone conversation and searched the entire house, but no persons now living in the house have ever heard of [redacted] The neighbors in the near vicinity of the street address had never heard of [redacted] The police records in Vienna were searched, but [redacted] was not registered with the police in that city. All the old telephone books of the City of Vienna on file in the police station in Vienna were searched, but failed to reveal that [redacted] ever had a telephone in Vienna. I will continue the search for [redacted] and if location is possible, I will interrogate him as per instructions in your telegram of 31 August.

I contacted the office of the American Consul in Frankfurt, and talked to Mr. Von der Lieth, who is in charge of the Passport section of the American Consulate General in Frankfurt. We searched Sally's file and found a memorandum concerning the Gillars incident in which she declared her American citizenship in an effort to obtain preferential housing and food. Gillars was interviewed by Mr. Donald W. McAvoy, American Vice-Consul, who signed the enclosed memorandum concerning the incident. Mr. McAvoy is now in Washington, D.C. with the State Department. Mr. Von der Lieth stated that a Mr. James Osburn, who is now American Vice-Counsel

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in Bucharest, Romania, was a close associate of Mr. Avoy and probably sat in on the interview with Axis Sally and heard her declare her American citizenship.

I located the Counter-Intelligence Corp 201 File on Sally in the European Command Records Section. I am submitting a copy of the Counter-Intelligence arrest report, which shows the date on which Gillars was arrested, and also shows that Gillars was going under the alias of Barbara Mome when arrested.

Special Agent for CIC, made the arrest. I am enclosing three memoranda obtained from the Counter-Intelligence file on Gillars, which may be of some information to you in that it relates to the manner in which Gillars obtained the false identification papers at the close of the war, as well as some information as to the efforts made by Gillars to keep her presence concealed from the Army authorities before she was apprehended. A check with old personnel records of the CIC in the CIC Records Center fail to disclose the present location of

was redeployed to the zone of the interior on 1 June 1946. His present location should be obtained through the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D.C.

Counter-Intelligence Corp, at my request, made a search at the Berlin Document Center, where the German immigration files are kept, but the check failed to disclose any record of Gillars having been listed with the German immigration authorities. It is my understanding that these German immigrant files were captured intact and if Gillars had requested German citizenship some record should have been in the files in the Berlin Document Center.

An interrogation report of Miss Gillars was found in her Counter-Intelligence 201 File. Interrogation was conducted by _____ and witnessed by _____

At the top of the fourth page of the interrogation, Gillars stated that she never applied for German citizenship.

A letter was found in the CIC 201 file from an American 1st Lieutenant who was a prisoner of war in Stalag Luft I, Barth, Germany, in which he stated that the woman known as Midge at the Mike had visited his camp and used the name of Barbara Mome at the time she visited the camp. The letter was written by the American Lieutenant on 20 August 1945.

An interview with

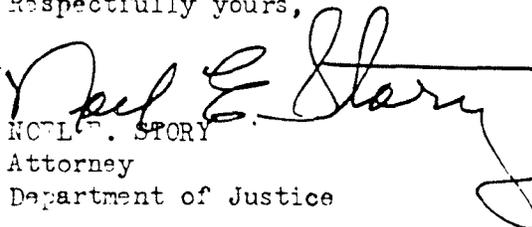
Oberursel Intelligence Center, reveals that Sally told him the day before she left Europe that she was not married and had never been married. She told _____ she was engaged to be married, but that her fiance died. On several occasions Gillars had declared her American citizenship to _____ when demanding greater privileges and better living conditions. A short statement by _____ is enclosed herewith.

_____ stated to me that Miss Gillars was very much attached to a small eight year old girl living in the near vicinity of Oberursel. Sally had requested _____ to allow her to visit this child on many occasions, and after your telephone conversation in which an illegitimate

child was mentioned, I requested the Counter-Intelligence Corp to conduct an investigation to ascertain if this child was the daughter of Miss Gillars. Investigation revealed that the daughter belonged to a close friend of Gillars, a
Memorandum concerning this investigation is enclosed.

I received your telegram before I had a chance to have interviewed concerning his assistance in obtaining the false identification papers for Sally. If this information is needed by you, please notify me so that I can have the interview conducted. is now confined in a civilian internment camp at Regensburg, Germany.

Respectfully yours,


NOEL E. STORY
Attorney
Department of Justice

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : S. A. Andretta, Administrative Assistant to the Attorney General DATE: September 2, 1948
FROM : Alexander M. Campbell, Assistant Attorney General ANC:NHF:fjw
SUBJECT: Criminal Division

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MILDRED E. GILLARS, was "AXIS SALLY",
MILDRED ELIZABETH SISK: Treason
WITNESS:

REC'D M.P. S. L. B.

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was brought to the United States to testify in the above case. Please authorize payment of witness fees to this individual in connection with his testimony before the grand jury at the rate of \$10.00 (ten dollars) per day from the date he left to the date of his return.

The details with respect to the attendance of this witness are as follows:

LEFT on August 25, 1948, and arrived back there again on September 2, 1948.

is also to be paid the sum of \$4.45 for the round trip rail fare between

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : S. A. Andretta, Administrative Assistant to the Attorney General DATE: September 2, 1948

FROM : Alexander M. Campbell, Assistant Attorney General AMC:NHF:fjw
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: MILDRED E. GILLARS, was "AXIS SALLY",
MILDRED ELIZABETH SISK: Treason

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was requested to appear in Washington on Monday, August 30, 1948, to testify for the grand jury in the above case.

Three Government Transportation Requests numbered J721,337, J721,338, and J721,339, were forwarded to her by mail to enable her to purchase a round-trip ticket to Washington, D. C. together with the necessary pullman accommodations each way. received the GTR's on Saturday, August 28, 1948. On that date she was in the process of moving from and was unable to leave for Washington by rail on that date. She did leave on Sunday, August 29, 1948, and in order for her to be here on the following day, it was necessary for her to use air transportation. purchased a one way ticket to Washington via Capital Airlines at a cost of \$41.11, which she paid for from her personal funds.

In view of the circumstances, it is requested that be reimbursed for the amount of her ticket.

The three GTR's originally forwarded to for rail transportation are attached, along with the airline receipt No. 135 - 109385 for trip mentioned above.

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September 29, 1948

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The Department has your letter of September 4 concerning Mildred Elizabeth Gillars. I regret there has been some little delay in communicating and replying to it.

I can well appreciate the relief and comfort it is to you to know of your son's whereabouts. This Government, unfortunately, could not secure such information except through the means and channels established for the interchange of data concerning prisoners, a process which necessarily was time-consuming and frequently required many months. In the meantime the military was powerless to relieve the heartaches of those whose sons, except by the enemy, could be reported only as missing in action.

The Department fully understands your feeling toward Miss Gillars. On the other hand, it was out of no consideration for American mothers that the highly paid propagandists of the Nazi Reich learned their broadcasts to America and its forces. By such degree by which the American war effort and morale could be weakened, by just that much was the Hitler cause advanced.

Let me assure you that the Department appreciates your writing. If at any time there is any way in which you feel we may be able to be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to communicate with us.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General

ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL
Assistant Attorney General

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the five months. Did you try with
no word from the Government after
several appeals, even one to Mrs
Boverell. The Major told me to
appeal to you again and make
demands as to my son's whereabouts.
But Inver did those the chance
to do it, for the same night the
'Chris Sully', known as 'Midge'
sent the message over the air
~~see~~ - telling what Green Camp
he was in. I received 650
letters from all over there, true
unreliable plates from people who
had heard the propaganda. I
was not the only mother she
brought home and happened

Sept. 4, 1941.
Department of Justice: ^{The war is the}
P.I. ^{the 700 to 800}
W. C. ^{times, but did}
Sear ^{they are going}
Direct: ^{to leave later}
No doubt this letter will
come. I use experience, and I know
it may never be found. I know
the less Sam's writing and sending it
on to you. I expect to see "Chris"
Sully again and if there was some
word he considered it a very big
much appreciate it. I hope you
know that we are in a good place
with my husband having died
while she was a prisoner
of the Germans. I have five girls
and the boys. When she is let out,

He served at North Africa ⁽²⁾ being wounded
and was wounded at Kenia, Italy on
Dec. 6, 1943. Released from the hospital
to rejoin his outfit 1st Para Infantry,
45th Division, he was captured on the
Anzio Beachhead on Feb. 20, 1944. The
Government sent the usual "Missing
in Action," and I realize these things
take time to set right. February passed
so did March, April, May, June and
part of July. During that time the wives
whose husbands, sons, brothers, fathers,
had been reported missing, formed a
"Prisoners of War Club." We met once a
month, and exchanged whatever news,
mail etc. we had received or heard,
and it did bring consolation & hope. Now
during the last half of July we had a very
special meeting, whose presence was
graced by a Major Karanough. He
gave a very lovely talk and any-
one who wanted to ask the Major anything
pertaining to their relatives, he would
try and offer some word of hope and
encouragement. I was one of those
women, who for five months never
went to bed at night, worrying. I
asked the nurse what I could do to

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So these simple ^H lines that notified me
had a child, one in every seven
town. Thousands of them, and the
wonder they were kept active, was new
best contributions of writing paper, stamps
etc. and even people in our town
could not go out on the night the
broadcast came through because
they felt they might hear a name
that would make someone's heart
beat with joy. I received two more
messages (after the first one on July 20,
1944 and the Government notified me
on July 21, 1944. I had just buried
my mother when I heard the news
of my son's safety, and then his long
imprisonment, and finally coming
home, and the day he landed in N.Y.
I buried his father. I have had
my heartaches, and now the woman
stands alone. I will not judge
whether she is right or wrong, but
I can prove she sent those messages
and ~~it~~ matters how our Government
feels about her. They know best. I
really would like Mildred Gillies to
know I did not desert her. for she

remembered me in my sorrow. Do
not be angry at me for sending this
on to your Department but if someone
needs you when you are in trouble, do
not desert them when trouble comes
to them. If you can tell her, I
will not say "I hate you".

Respectfully Yours,
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P.S. At the time the broadcast "was
sent ~~my~~ "Midge" gave his name,
serial no. & the prison camp he was
at, the time the message was sent. Also
my name and address, which your report
will disclose when the Government notifies
me. The other two messages, were the
same, only the Germans had moved
him on to a different camp. The 1st was
Stalag 2 B. The 2nd Stalag 7 A. and the
3rd I don't remember now, but it was in
East Prussia, and incidentally four other
boys from our town were prisoners with me & on

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HOLLIE

I regret there has been some little delay
in acknowledging receipt of your letter of August 24,
1948 and its enclosures, to the Attorney General,
concerning the case of Mildred Elizabeth Gillars.

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Your interest in making this material
available to the Department is appreciated.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General

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ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL
Assistant Attorney General

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24 August 1948

Attorney General Tom C. Clark
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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In inquiring into the case of Mildred Elizabeth Gillars, known as "Axis Sally," I telephoned Mr. John M. Kelley, Jr., of the Criminal Division, who advised me to send you the information which confirms my opinion about her role during the war.

My attention was called to an item in the Times-Herald today concerning the alleged charge made by the invisible Government that "she violated the treason law by broadcasting radio programs which attempted to stir up discontent among American troops overseas by telling them they were fighting a 'Jewish war.'" If the truth were known to the American public, World War II would be called a "Jewish war."

It is my opinion that the evidence in this case should be weighed with careful discrimination and clarification, because factual information is not always at hand.

In 1919, Mr. William W. Welsh stated at page

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269 in the report and hearings on the "Brewing and Liquor Interests and German and Bolshevik Propaganda" that "In Russia it is well known that three-fourths of the Bolshevik leaders were Jewish." On page 270, he referred to them as "the Jewish Bolsheviks in Russia." On the other side of World Politics German National Socialism was supported by those who realized that the menace of Jewish Bolshevism must be met by enlightened people. In the last war, it failed in its historical struggle due to the erroneous Jewish information given to the American forces in Europe.

To enable you to be properly informed about this menace, I enclose an article from the American Hebrew, March 1, 1946. This article, by Rabbi [redacted] will show how little certain Government officials observe the subversive activities of world Jewry which lead to other people being falsely charged with treason and sedition. Rabbi [redacted] in his article states, "We must fill our jails with anti-Semitic gangsters, we must fill our insane asylums with anti-Semitic lunatics, we must combat every alien Jew-hater, we must harass and prosecute our Jew baiters to the extreme limits of the laws, we must humble and shame our anti-Semitic hoodlums to such an extent that none will wish to dare to become 'fellow-travelers'."

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Very sincerely yours,

The American Hebrew, March 1, 1946

GLAMOROUS PURIM FORMULA

By Rabbi

Exterminate Anti-Semitic Termites As

Our Ancestors Did 2,500 Years Ago

The Purim festival offers a formula to combat anti-Semitism. And no wonder, since it was during those Purim days, just about twenty-five hundred years ago that Jews lived for the first time in their history in Galuth. And it was then that Jews met the anti-Semite face to face -- and triumphed over him.

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To the question, how did he do it? a rereading of the Book of Esther will afford the answer. No, there was no miracle about it at all. Fact is, the Purim festival is unique in this respect that nothing supernatural is mentioned in its connection. It is also unique in that the name of God does not occur in the entire story. It presents just this one problem, the problem of anti-Semitism and affords a realistic solution, which seems to have a substantial amount of merit.

And yet it is this holiday about which poets have composed songs and ditties beginning with the Mediaeval Shoshanat Yakob to "Haman was a Wicked Man" and "In Shu Shu shu shu" so popular in our American Sunday schools. It is this festival which has evoked not a few of the great masterpieces by the master-painters of Christendom which are exhibited in the finest National Museums and Galleries in many a European Capital. These Purim

paintings are to be found even among the priceless objects d'art which Goering and his hoodlums have looted and hidden away, now to be rediscovered one by one by American art experts. Purim launched the Yiddish Theatre with Esther as the charming heroine, Mordecai the popular hero, and Haman the villain par excellence. In the sunny climates of Italy and Southern France Purim carnivals were in vogue while in German and Hollandish Synagogues Haman was burnt in effigy and with unrestrained glee. To this very day in a thousand Synagogues his name is hissed and mimicked on Megillah night to the accompaniment of human klappers and every other variety of festive noisemaker.

Dealing as it does with the most serious problem of Jewish life, the perennial curse of anti-Semitism, the festival has yet become the merriest and the gayest in the Jewish calendar. The Order of the Day includes wine drinking, the Purim Seuda or Banquet to top off the holiday which has been launched on Megillah night by the public reading of the Story of Esther. It by no means neglects the giving of charity to the poor and it stresses the practice of Shalach Mones or the Exchange of Presents among relatives and friends. Every earmark of festivity lends its bit of gaiety to make this the most glamorous of Jewish holidays. And so it goes.

But why all this?

For the very simple reason that the Purim festival spelled to Every Jew of Every Generation the call to fight the good fight with a pretty definite assurance that victory and triumph

were just right around the corner. The Purim story mirrored the precariousness and the uniqueness of Jewish Life in Exile. Withal it reemphasizes the story-book formula that all's well that ends well, and every Jew lived happily ever after.

In every way Jewish life as lived in the Purim story mirrors Jewish life outside of Palestine in every age and epoch of Jewish history. Mordecai and Esther had Persian names, they spoke the language of the country of their adoption, they participated in the life about them, they attained posts of honor and of prestige. And simultaneously they had their own organized Jewish life and they adhered to their faith and to their traditions. And then anti-Semitism struck.

The causes were the perennial causes: jealousy, race hatred, the Jews were aliens, they were -- the greatest of unforgivable crimes -- they were DIFFERENT. In the words of the Megillah Esther, "Their laws are diverse from those of every people; neither keep they the king's laws." Haman too alludes to the loot which would be poured into the Royal Treasury by confiscating Jewish property, "I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to bring it into the king's treasuries." There is too the genuine Hitlerian touch. Hitler resentful of certain individual Jews, determined to revenge himself upon the entire Jewish nation. Likewise Haman in his day, resented Mordecai and sought to massacre all the Jews.

The Purim formula demands the following elements: Self-respect, Unity, Faith, Courage and Sacrifice.

Self-respect -- The Megillah is crystal clear on this point. Mordecai the Jew did not kneel nor did he prostrate. No matter what the price, his Jewish self-respect permitted no compromises.

Unity! Esther's counsel to Mordecai was, Go forth and assemble all the Jews of Shushan. American Jewry must present a united front in combatting its enemies. This is a first essential prerequisite before the ranks can be closed. It is a Must technique which every battle in human experience prescribes. Jews of every religious denomination and of every sort and manner of theoretical grouping, the maximum and minimum Jews are dutybound to keep well in mind Ben Franklin's revolutionary bon mot, If we don't hang together we shall hang separately. Jews must learn to get along together and to protect their rights.

Faith! A people must have faith both in its destiny and its own power to achieve that destiny. "Enlargement and Deliverance will arise unto the Jews from another source."

Sacrifice! Yes, there must be those who, more alive to the problems of Jewry and placed strategically where they can help their people, must be willing to render the needful service even to the point of personal sacrifice. Noblesse oblige. They who are endowed with health, or prestige or influence, or talent -- with the ammunition that plays a determining role in a Democracy -- must be induced to make use of their ammunition in the protection of their fellow-Jews. For in the security of the entire Family of Israel is assured the peace and the secur-

ity of every individual Member of that Family.

And lastly, Courage.

The kind of courage that Mordecai and the Jews of Shushan displayed was to meet the enemy **in physical** combat. It was the kind of courage which the Allied soldier displayed when he met Nazi and Jap in battle. It was the kind of courage the flower of the Jewish Youth of Palestine exhibits in its battle for free entry to Palestine. For too many thousand of years The Voice has been The Voice of Jacob and the Hand was the Hand of Esau forever raised against his brother. Perhaps the time has come when roles should be changed. Let Esau whine and wail and protest to the civilized world, and let Jacob raise his hand to fight the good fight.

For the anti-Semite has no morality, and he has no conscience. He understands but one language, and he must be dealt with on his own level. The Purim Jews stood up for their lives. American Jews too must come to grips with our contemporary anti-Semites. We must fill our jails with anti-Semitic gangsters, we must fill our insane asylums with anti-Semitic lunatics, we must combat every alien Jew-hater, we must harass and prosecute our Jew baiters to the extreme limits of the laws, we must humble and shame our anti-Semitic hoodlums to such an extent that none will wish to dare to become 'fellow-travelers'.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL



Received

August 30, 1948

Mrs. Stewart:

is not admitted to the bar
and, therefore, we have declined to answer this
wire.

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HON JOHN M KELLY, SPEC ASST ATTY GENERAL
DEPT OF JUSTICE

HEREBY DEMAND TO GO BEFORE THE GRAND JURY CONSIDERING THE
GILLARS / CHARGE OF TREASON FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH IN TELEGRAM
OF THIS DAY TO THE FOREMAN OF SUCH GRAND JURY

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AS IS USUALLY PERMITTED IN A SPIRIT OF FAIRNESS AND JUSTICE WHEN REQUESTED BY AN ACCUSED WILL YOU ALLOW MILDRED GILLARS TO APPEAR BEFORE THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY NOW IN SESSION HEARING WITNESSES ON THE CHARGE OF TREASON AGAINST HER AND PRESENT EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE HER CITIZENSHIP IN THE GERMAN REICH AT ALL THE TIMES WHEN SHE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE COMMITTED ACTS OR DEEDS CONSTITUTING TREASON AGAINST THE UNITED STATES, AND WHICH CITIZENSHIP WOULD CONSTITUTE A COMPLETE AND CLEAR DEFENSE TO A TREASON CHARGE IF ALLOWED THIS MIGHT WELL OBTAIN A VERY LONG AND COSTLY TRIAL SUCH AS THE ROBERT BEST TREASON TRIAL IN BOSTON IN 1947 WHICH NECESSITATED A GREAT NUMBER OF WITNESSES BEING BROUGHT FROM GERMANY AND A REPORTED TRIAL COST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF WELL OVER 50,000 DOLLARS ALSO MISS GILLARS WOULD LIKE YOU TO PERMIT HER TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE THREE PRESS ASSOCIATIONS WHOSE REPEATED REQUESTS FOR SUCH HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO YOU BY CURTIS REID, THE JAIL SUPERINTENDENT AND DONALD CLEMMER DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION, LIKEWISE WILL YOU PERMIT SIMILAR INTERVIEW WITH MISS GILLARS SISTER EDNA MAY HERRICK OF CONNEAUT OHIO NOW IN WASHINGTON UNDER YOUR CONTROL, REPLY

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING 1947 50,000 636=

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FOREMAN OF THE US DISTRICT COURT=

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GRAND JURY NOW IN SESSIONS ON GILLORS CASE =

AS ATTORNEY FOR MISS GILLORS I HEREBY URGENTLY REQUEST TO GO BEFORE YOUR JURY TO GIVE COMPETENT AND RELEVANT TESTIMONY TO SHOW THAT SPECIAL ASST U S ATTY GENERAL JOHN M KELLY IS USING HIGHLY UNETHICAL METHODS IN PRESENTING THE CASE AGAINST MISS GILLORS INCLUDING USE OF DURESS ON WITNESS DENIAL OF COUNSEL TO MISS GILLORS ATTEMPTING TO FOIST NOTORIOUSLY POSSIBLE DISREPUTABLE COUNSEL ON HER TO MAKE POSSIBLE HER INDICTMENT AND CONVICTION AND IN DOING SO HAS COMMITTED SLANDEROUS AND LIBELOUS ACTS FOR WHICH HE IS BEING SUED CIVILLY AND FOR WHICH A COMPLAINT ON CRIMINAL ACTION WILL BE FILED TODAY THIS PROSECUTION IS ENTIRELY POLITICALLY MOTIVATED AND TO HIDE DISCLOSURES BY MISS GILLORS AND OTHERS OF CRIMINAL COMMUNIST AND ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES IN THIS COUNTRY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS=

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HON TOM CLARK, ATTORNEY GENERAL

DEPT OF JUSTICE

YESTERDAY ONLY AFTER INSISTANT DEMAND WAS PERMITTED TO SEE MILDRED GILLARS HELD FOR TREASON. FOR WHOM NEW YORK INTERESTED PARTY HAD RETAINED ME AS COUNSEL. WAS ADVISED SHE BEING HELD INCOMMUNICANDO FROM PRESS. JOSEPH IVES ASSOCIATED PRESS CORRESPONDENT WHO KNOWS AND INTERVIEWED HER IN GERMANY TWO YEARS AGO HAS BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION TO INTERVIEW HER HERE. HAVE ADVISED MISS GILLARS THAT IN VIEW OF HIGHLY PREJUDICIAL STATEMENTS BEING CURRENTLY ISSUED BY YOUR OFFICE THAT SHE HAS RIGHT TO GIVE SUCH INTERVIEW TO CORRECT SUCH DISTORTED STATEMENTS. MISS GILLARS HAS IMPORTANT KNOWLEDGE OF CONNECTING LINKS BETWEEN GERMAN AND AMERICAN COMMUNISTS AND AGENTS PRIOR OUR ENTRY INTO WAR AND SUBSEQUENTLY WHICH PRESS AND INTERESTED AUTHORITIES ARE ENTITLED MUCH OF WHICH SHE GAVE F.B.I. WHILE INCARCERATED IN GERMANY WIRE REPLY WHETHER YOU WILL PERMIT IVES AND PRESS INTERVIEWS

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From the Clerk:
 The American
 people from a
 right to know
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 interests. No had hired a lawyer to defend
 that lawyer, named Kuegale, "Axis
 Sally". Great Britain doesn't know such
 "Kuegale's name" - except for some meetings
 going.

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WILL AID 'AXIS SALLY'

Unidentified Interests Here Hire Lawyer to Defend Woman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24 (AP)—Unidentified New York interests have hired a lawyer to defend "Axis Sally" against treason charges.

John M. Holzworth, of New York and Washington, said today that he would appear as one of the lawyers defending Mildred Gillars known to American soldiers as Axis Sally.

Miss Gillars, he said, was "without a cent," but New York interests had communicated with him and said they would pay his fee. He would not name them, nor would he say who else would appear as defense lawyers.

Axis Sally was flown here from Frankfurt, Germany, by the Army Saturday and turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A preliminary hearing will be held Aug. 31.



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Mr. Tom C. Clark

Department of Justice

Washington, D.C.

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July 26, 1948

TO: T. Vincent Quinn, Asst. Atty. General
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

REFERENCE: TVQ:JMK:tms
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Mildred E. Gillars, alias
"Axis Sally."

Dear Sir:

In reference to the above mentioned letter, I shall be changing my address in September to that of the School Of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington 6, D. C.

As I stated before, if I can be of any help in the indictment, or trial of Mildred Fillars, I shall be pleased to do so. I would recognize her voice, radio style and routine perfectly.

Most Sincerely,

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August 30, 1948

Honorable Tom C. Clark
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Campbell

Re: Mildred Elizabeth Gillars

My dear Attorney General:

Enclosed find copy of a letter received by me in reference to this prospective defendant, just brought back, in custody, from Germany, reputedly to be charged with "treason". As the letter now relates, it was this particular lady, dubbed "Axis Sally," who in a broadcast from Germany, in 1944, made known the existence and location of my oldest son, John, who was then a prisoner of war of the Germans, and about whom we had not heard for months - as to whether he was living or dead.

As I am informed, she furnished, many times, like information, over the German radio, which, of course, was of great comfort to many Americans who were anxious about their sons and relatives. It is natural, therefore, that we, and others who likewise received the good news, through her broadcasts, should feel sympathetic toward the lady.

I am also advised that many veterans enjoyed her broadcasts.

Other than the above, I know nothing about the lady. Of course, if she is guilty of "treason," she should be punished accordingly, but she should not be tried or punished for "treason," in any attempt to get even with her or satisfy pressure to prosecute her for any other reason, unless that reason is openly disclosed and constitutes a crime.

As an observant American citizen, I can tell you that there is definitely a widespread feeling whereby some of these other so-called "treason" trials, such as one or two held in Boston not so long ago, do not sit quite well with our people - not strictly "on the up and up," as they say. They have a sort of feeling that those so charged were tried, not for really being "traitors" to their country, but because they were quite vicious and unusually outspoken in their attacks on certain individuals and groups. There is unquestionably a similar size-up of the so-called Washington "Treason" trials - which ended in a dud.

I shall never forget a conversation I had, while I was a member of Congress, with Mr. Mitchell, then Attorney General under President Hoover. The occasion for the meeting was a certain protest made by me about an ambitious Republican United States District Attorney, in New York, playing

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Honorable Tom C. Clark

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politics by prosecuting Democratic leaders, through the instrument of the income tax law. In that connection, Attorney General Mitchell said to me, in effect, that the American Bar would always regard it as a black mark on the escutcheon of American jurisprudence, that Al Capone was prosecuted under the income tax laws, which were used as a vehicle to get him for various alleged murders and other crimes, such a circuitous apprehension being an abject admission of the efficiency of our criminal agencies.

If the lady, Gillars, has in fact committed some crime other than "treason", such as criminal libel, for instance, she should be prosecuted for the crime she actually committed, and for no other. If she be guilty only of intolerance, she should be left to the public scorn, which our people almost invariably bestow on such un-American behavior.

With respect, I am

Enclosure

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Dear

On Nov. 4th, 1944, the German short-wave radio broadcast a message from your son while he was a P-W in Oflag #64.

My wife was one of those who relayed the message to you and naturally you were glad to get any word from your son. Many others relayed like messages.

But the point I want to bring out is this fact. The person who read these messages and who, as we might say, was your benefactor, is none other than this Mildred Elizabeth Gillars who was known on the Berlin radio beamed to America as Midge.

They have brought this woman to Washington on a treason charge and I know, as do thousands of others in America who benefited by her thousands of messages read over the radio, that she did not "give aid and comfort to the enemy" as is charged. It is rather the opposite, - she gave aid and comfort to thousands of broken-hearted American mothers, wives, and sweethearts who were anxiously awaiting news of their boys who were so heartlessly reported "missing in action." She scouted the German prisoner-of-war camps and picked up the boys' messages and read them over the Berlin radio. Naturally we will call it propaganda. Perhaps it was, --but it certainly is far removed from any such a charge as "TREASON."

This woman is being railroaded by some vindictive persons who want to wipe out everything that carried the name of German. With an attitude like that if we fall in line, we will have become just as barbarous as were some of our enemies.

To shorten this letter, let me appeal to you. If you have any influence, will you for the sake of justice contact those who might investigate more thoroughly this woman's apprehension on the enclosed charge, clipped from one of the numerous papers that carry the amalgamated news service. Believe me this woman is not guilty of such a charge.

Trusting you will give this your careful consideration, I am

Respectfully yours,

P.S. I have also written the Dept. of Justice on this case.

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

June 14, 1948

T. Vincent Quinn, Assistant Attorney
General, Criminal Division

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MILDRED ELIZABETH GILLARS, was "AXIS SALLY,"
MILDRED ELIZABETH SISKI TREASON

146-7-51-1708

In recent months Mr. NOEL E. STORY, representing the Criminal Division, has been investigating various aspects of the above styled case in Berlin and other sections of Germany. During the course of interrogating one _____, a former non-commissioned officer in the German Army, Mr. STORY learned of an incident involving the above named subject MILDRED E. GILLARS. _____ stated that during the fall of 1943 he was stationed at the Palmengarten prisoner-of-war camp known as Dulagluft, located at Frankfurt am Main. _____ commanding officer was First Lieutenant _____. _____ stated that a large number of American prisoners were kept at this camp and that some time during November 1943 the above named subject appeared at the camp bringing with her portable recording equipment which she set up in the main dining hall. About twenty-five American prisoners were taken from the stockade and brought into the dining hall where, one by one, the men were called into an adjacent room where they were interviewed by the subject and persuaded to record messages to their families in the United States. _____ further stated that at this time Lieutenant _____, was on the permanent staff of American Officers placed in charge of American prisoners at this particular camp and _____ recalls that _____ protested vigorously against the subject's efforts to interview and obtain recorded messages from American prisoners. _____ states that for a considerable period of time continued to shout to and other German soldiers, through the barbed wire fence which separated _____ from the main dining hall, protesting what was going on and demanding that the prisoners be returned to the compound as they were not permitted to make broadcasts.

It is requested that Agents of the Bureau locate and interview Lt. _____ and develop fully all of the facts in his possession concerning the aforesaid incident.

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Mr. STORY has also informed the Criminal Division that a certain _____, who is considered an important witness

cc: Mr. John M. Kelley, Jr.--Rm.2315 ✓
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in the instant case, was supposed to have entered the United States, under proper credentials and passport, during the month of May 1948. The port of entry is believed to be either New York City or New Orleans, Louisiana. It is requested that Agents of the Bureau make inquiries of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to determine whether or not [redacted] is presently in this country, and that his present address be ascertained and that it also be determined where [redacted] can be reached during the balance of this month or throughout the month of July 1948.

Department of Justice

(SUPPLEMENTAL)

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Washington, District of Columbia

September 20, 1948

(Place and date)

The ATTORNEY GENERAL,
Washington, D. C.

SIR: Authority to incur the following-described expense is hereby respectfully requested—

In re: United States v. Mildred E. Sisk, also known as Mildred E. Gillars. (D.J. File #146-7-51-1708.)

To employ _____ as recording technician in subject case at \$25 per day for 4 days - September 20, 21, 22 and 23, 1948.

Estimated total expense, \$ 100.00
Contract No. _____

~~U.S. Marshal~~
JOHN M. KELLEY, JR.
Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

NOTE: Unless the instructions on the reverse hereof are fully complied with, this request will be returned without action.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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September 22, 1948

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You are authorized to incur the above expense.

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DIV. OF ACCOUNTS

As this form exclusively in making applications for reimbursement of expenses incurred by the Department of Justice in the District of Columbia. Payment by the United States marshal for _____ district is authorized from the appropriation, "Miscellaneous Salaries and Expenses, Field, Department of Justice, 1949".

For the Attorney General:

S. A. Andretta

S. A. Andretta,

Administrative Assistant to the Attorney General.

Department of Justice

Washington District of Columbia

January 18, 1949

(Place and date)

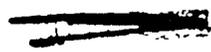
The ATTORNEY GENERAL,
Washington, D. C.

SIR: Authority to incur the following-described expense is hereby respectfully requested:

Nature of expense: (Describe fully, explaining the necessity—if for personal services giving proposed rate of pay, probable duration of employment etc.)

**United States v. Mildred E. Sisk, aka Mildred Elizabeth Gillars
D.J. File #146-7-51-1708**

Employment of each of the 18 persons listed on the attached sheet as consultants in connection with the trial of the subject case at the rate of \$15 per day for the period from and including the day each left his home to attend the trial, to and including the date of his return home, which sum is to be over and above the statutory witness fee.



Estimated total expense: **\$2520.00**

- (a) Personal compensation..... \$.....
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- (c) Other items.....

JOHN M. KELLEY, JR.
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
(Official title of officer)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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January 18, 1949

Approved: SAA

You are authorized to incur the above expense.

EXPLANATION

These accounts are payable by the United States Marshal for the District of Columbia from the special allotment under the appropriation "1590311.002 Fees of witnesses, Department of Justice, 1949". Reference should be made on the vouchers to the fact that the expenses are chargeable to said special allotment

The United States Marshal for the said District of Columbia is hereby directed to make payment under the above authorization upon the presentation of accounts in duplicate properly prepared. Payment to be made from the appropriation indicated above.

For the Attorney General:



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