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100-1649, R. J. CLEMENTS, HOUSTON, 6/10/41

Name LILIA PARDO VIUDA DE LARIN
Age 35 years
Born Mexico City, Mexico, 5/19/06
Height 5' 8"
Weight 130-135 pounds
Build Medium
Hair Red (probably hennaed)
Eyes Brown
Complexion Dark

Subsequent to the above interview, RUSSELL BROWN contacted Senor SANTIAGO SUAREZ, Mexican Consul at Corpus Christi, who is a close friend of BROWN, inasmuch as subject LARIN had indicated her acquaintance with him. SUAREZ was not notified of the Bureau's interest in subject LARIN, and advised that he first became acquainted with her in New York City, having met her at a social function there.

SUAREZ stated that LILIA LARIN is supposed to be the widow of Senor LARIN, a famous Mexican candy manufacturer "whose products are as well known in Mexico as Wrigley's chewing gum in the United States." He advised that if she actually is this individual, she is undoubtedly a wealthy woman. SUAREZ stated that within the past week, subject LARIN had contacted him for the purpose of obtaining a letter to some officials in Paris, France, in order to arrange the immigration of a Polish family from France into the United States. She did not supply any particulars as to the identity of the immigrants, but stated that she would return at a later date, which she never did.

Senor SUAREZ stated that no Europeans are presently allowed to enter Mexico without a Permit from the Secretaria de Gobernacion, and that subject VON MOHRENSCHILDT would be unable to accompany subject LARIN unless he procured such a Permit. He advised that Senora LARIN had discussed this matter with him and was presently attempting to obtain a Permit from the Mexican Consul at Laredo, Texas.

The above facts were telephonically related to Special Agent KENNETH LOGAN on June 3, 1941, and the information was furnished to the San Antonio Field Division by teletype, request being made of that office to arrange for a search of subject's personal effects and baggage on entrance into Mexico and upon return.

The letter went on to relate that exposed films were found and that other investigation was being made by Mr. CLEMENTS of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On June 5, 1941, Mexican Consul JAVIER OSORNIO and Vice Consul S. M. PEREYRA, informed that the consulate had issued that day to MORENSCHILDT as GEORGE SERGIUS VON MOHRENSCHILDT, A Mexican Visa # 167. MOHRENSCHILDT had presented a Polish Passport and a Re-entry permit to the United States. He stated he was going to Mexico to produce a travelogue for Facts Film Inc., New York City and he gave as a reference Lic. MIGUEL YARZA, Calle Tiber # 6, Mexico City. He expected to be in Mexico six months.

At approximately 1:40 P.M., June 5, 1941, Subject and Mrs. LARIN arrived at the International Bridge enroute to Mexico. In accordance with arrangements made with WILLIAM A. PETTY, Chief Inspector of U. S. Customs, they were stopped by Customs Inspector H. G. SORRELL and requested to bring all their baggage into the Customs Inspection station which they did. They were traveling in a 1941, grey, Chrysler Convertible Coupe, motor number 80137, serial number 7934296, 1941 New York license number 5 N 9937. This car belonged to Mr. LARIN, according to papers in her possession.

The baggage was personally inspected by Mr. PETTY in Agent's presence and papers or documents found by Mr. PETTY were handed to Agent for examination. Mrs. LARIN carried a large, black purse, the contents of which were examined by the matron. The purse contained about five thousand dollars worth of jewelry, a small sum of money, Mrs. LARIN'S passport and car papers.

The search was concluded about 2:20 P.M.. Nothing of a subversive nature was found. No trouble was experienced during the search. However, during the latter part of the search, MOHRENSCHILDT, at Mrs. LARIN'S suggestion asked for Agent's name and official position as well as that of Mr. PETTY'S. This information was immediately given them. Just before subject and Mrs. LARIN left, Mrs. LARIN returned to the inspection station and asked for SORRELL'S name and position.