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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Department of Justice announces that Laura Ingalls, nationally-known aviatrix, was apprehended yesterday in Washington, D.C. by special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was arraigned today before United States Commissioner Needham Turnage on a complaint charging violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

The complaint charges that Miss Ingalls "acted, engaged to act, and agreed to act as an agent and representative for, and received compensation from and was under the direction of, the Government of the German Reich, and as such agent of a foreign principal.... was required by Section 2 of the Act of June 8, 1938, as amended, to file a registration statement under oath with the Secretary of State."

According to the complaint, Miss Ingalls acted as an agent of the German Government in the United States "on or about the first day of August, 1941, and continuously thereafter....in the District of Columbia" and throughout the country, but failed to register as a foreign agent as required by law.

The case is being conducted by Neil Andrews, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, and James McInerney, under the direction of Assistant Attorney General Wendell Berge, in charge of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice.