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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Department of Justice announces that a Federal grand jury sitting in the District of Columbia today returned an indictment charging Laura Ingalls with failing to register as an agent of the German Government as required by the Foreign Agents Registration Act of June 8, 1938, as amended by the Act of August 7, 1939.

The indictment in one count charges that between March 1, 1941 and December 18, 1941, the defendant acted as a public relations counsel, publicity agent, agent and representative for the German Government through its accredited representative and diplomatic officer, Baron Ulrich von Gienanth, Second Secretary of the German Embassy at Washington, D. C., in matters pertaining to political interests, public relations and public policy.

The indictment charges specifically that Miss Ingalls received various sums of money from the German Government through Baron von Gienanth for the purpose of influencing, persuading, and molding American public opinion by means of numerous speeches and talks delivered by Miss Ingalls in various cities of the United States under the sponsorship of various organizations and committees.

The case was handled for the Department of Justice by Special Assistants to the Attorney General, M. Neil Andrews, James McInerney, Arthur B. Caldwell and Edward J. Hickey, Jr., under the direction of Assistant Attorney General Wendell Berge in charge of the Criminal Division.