

Former German Count Pleads Guilty as Spy

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29. — ~~Wilhelm
Arnocht von Pressentin, German
Von Rautter~~ a naturalized American, who the FBI said was a German count, pleaded guilty to espionage yesterday in Brooklyn Federal Court.

Arrested January 11 in his apartment near the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Von Rautter wept as he exclaimed: "I was forced into this almost at pistol point!"

He told Federal Judge Grover C. Moscovitz the Gestapo forced him into espionage by threatening his family in Germany.

Von Rautter was charged with sending information to Germany in invisible ink between the lines of apparently innocent typewritten letters.

FBI agents said information Von Rautter gathered concerned airplane, aluminum and ship production, labor conditions and morale, convoy arrangements, invasion plans and technical improvements of weapons.

Judge Moscovitz set October 10 for sentencing.