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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

MEMORANDUM

Mary Hayward, a native of the United States, was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on December 24, 1915. She is thought to be the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hayward who are reported to reside at 4051 Ruckle Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. It is thought that she first moved to New York City about October 1, 1939, at which time she resided at the Midston Hotel, 22 East 38th Street, New York City, where she rented a room at a weekly rate of \$10. She was a resident of this hotel until March 29, 1940. Shortly after arriving at the Midston Hotel she was joined by her brother Jack W. Hayward who was associated with the United Press Association. At this hotel she was also associated with a Miss Betty Billings who is presently married to a Mr. Geoghegan a banker residing in New Rochelle, N. Y. She also had a second friend, by the name of Dorothy Freed who presently resides at 220 Harding Court, York, Pennsylvania. Miss Freed is reported to be the sweetheart of Jack W. Hayward.

After leaving the Midston Hotel, Miss Hayward leased a two room apartment in the Town House which is located at 108 East 38th Street, New York City. She paid a rental of \$140. per month at the Town House. She had very few friends or associates while a patron of the Town House. Her lease at the Town House expired on September 30, 1940. It was determined from the manager, Mr. William F. McCoy of the Town House that after the termination of the lease that Miss Hayward leased an apartment at 300 Park Avenue, New York City; that this is one of the most exclusive apartments in New York City.

The apartment house at 300 Park Avenue is owned by the New York State Realty & Terminal Company, 406 Lexington Avenue, New York City. This Company is a subsidiary and is wholly owned by the New York Central Railroad Company.

Mr. E. T. Davis of the New York State Realty & Terminal Company states his records disclose that Miss Mary Hayward occupies an apartment at 300 Park Avenue paying a yearly rental of approximately \$3,500. He stated that Mr. Albert Murrel was superintendent of the apartment house and would be aware of Miss Mary Hayward's activities. Mr. Davis also states that the rentals at 300 Park Avenue are handled by the Douglas L. Elliman Company, 15 East 49th Street, New York City. At this Company it was determined that Miss Mary Hayward executed a

lease to the Company on October 1, 1940; that this lease expires on September 30, 1942. The rental for the first year is \$3,400., and for the second year the rental is \$3,500. The records at the Douglas L. Elliman Company further reflect that Miss Hayward is a confidential secretary for Mr. E. T. Weir, President of the Weirton Steel Company and Chairman of the National Steel Corporation. These records also disclosed that Miss Hayward had an account at the Chase National Bank, Grand Central Branch, New York City. Miss Hayward listed as a reference Mr. and Mrs. Gordon S. Rentschler, Locust Valley, Long Island, N. Y., and a Mr. and Mrs. Talbot, address unknown.

Mr. Gordon S. Rentschler is President and Director of the National City Bank of New York, 55 Wall Street. He is married, his wife being the former Mary Coolidge Atkins of Boston, Massachusetts. He has three children. Mr. Rentschler and his family reside at 933 Fifth Avenue, New York City, in a private four story brick dwelling assessed in his name for \$275,000.00. ~~The National City Bank of New York is one of the larger banks located in the City of New York. Branches of this bank are located in New York and throughout the world. The bank is said to have a thirty million dollar surplus and ten million dollars in undivided profits.~~ Mr. Rentschler's name appears as Director of banking institutions, finances, securities, insurance and manufacturing concerns throughout the United States. He is also listed as a Trustee of the Consolidated Edison Company of New York and a Director of Anaconda Copper and Mining Company and of the Union Pacific Railway Company. ~~He is one of the leading financiers of New York City.~~

It was determined through the Credit Bureau of Greater New York that Miss Mary Hayward is employed as secretary at the National Steel Corporation, 405 Lexington Avenue, New York City, and had been so employed for a period of two years. She is said to have a responsible position and a good income. It was ascertained that Ernest T. Weir is Chairman of the Board of the National Steel Corporation; that the National Steel Corporation is a million dollar organization and is a producer of iron and steel at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. ~~It was also determined that the Corporation has ten subsidiaries among them being the Weirton Steel Company located at Weirton, West Virginia.~~

At the office of the Immigration Commissioner, Ellis Island, N. Y. the records disclosed that on December 5, 1940, Mary Hayward, age 24, native of Indianapolis, Indiana, returned to the United States from Bermuda aboard the SS Santa Paula.

Mr. Albert Murrel, superintendent of the apartment located at 300 Park Avenue, stated that Miss Mary Hayward moved into Apartment 17F on approximately October 1, 1940; that she had the apartment thoroughly renovated and had secured the services of an interior decorator to decorate the apartment for her. He also stated that Miss Hayward purchased new furniture for the apartment and that the apartment she occupies is the best furnished apartment in the building.

He also advised that Miss Hayward ^{drives} ~~was the owner of~~ a 1940 Cadillac coupe automobile; that he had determined that this automobile was registered in the name of E. T. Weir, Union League Club, New York City. Mr. Murrel informed that Mr. Weir made frequent overnight visits to the apartment of Miss Hayward. He also stated that a Mr. Miller, a much younger man, also made overnight visits to Miss Hayward's apartment. It was determined that Mr. Miller is office manager for the Weirton Steel Corporation.

Mr. Murrel further informed that Miss Hayward employed a maid and a housekeeper. He stated that Miss Hayward made many weekend trips and had made one or more cruises since she resided at the apartment. It was also determined that Miss Hayward had an unlisted telephone in her apartment. From this unlisted telephone a call was placed on November 3, 1940, to Mr. C. B. Goodspeed, Diversey 2430, Chicago, Illinois. On November 3, 1940, a call was placed by Mr. E. T. Weir to George Humphrey. A telephone call was also placed on the same date to Greenwich, Connecticut. On December 6, 1940, a telephone call was placed to a Mr. DeMiko, care of William Penn Hotel, Salisbury, Massachusetts. On the same date a telephone call was placed to Mayflower 2044, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It was also determined that a number of telephone calls were placed through the apartment house switchboard. The names of the subscribers to the various numbers called were secured and an investigation was conducted concerning the identity of the subscribers. It was determined that a John M. Smith who resides at 100 West 138th Street was called. This person had no credit record at the Credit Bureau of Greater New York. Inquiry in the vicinity of 100 West 138th Street disclosed that all persons residing in this vicinity are of the colored race. It was also determined that a telephone call was made to A. J. Keehe, an attorney at 1170 Broadway, New York City. The Credit Bureau of Greater New York disclosed little information concerning this attorney. The records disclosed that his rating is unsatisfactory. A call was also placed to Charles W. Frankel, 10 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Frankel is employed by the D. H. Silberg & Company, New York City, as a bond salesman. He is married and his wife is employed as a saleswoman at the Abraham & Strauss department store in Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Frankel is a native of America, of Hebrew extraction. He furnished as a reference the Trust Company of North America. The various other calls made from the telephone of Miss Hayward were made to various department stores and dry cleaning establishments.

Inasmuch as it is known that Miss Mary Hayward has a checking account at the Chase National Bank, Grand Central Branch, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City, it was ascertained that on November 30, 1939, Miss Hayward, 61st floor, 405 Lexington Avenue, opened an account known as a special checking account with an initial deposit of \$120. It was explained that the term "special checking account" meant that Miss Hayward in order to avoid service charges because of small balances she expected to maintain, purchased a book of ten checks for \$2.00 which enabled her

to draw against her account without being assessed any additional service charge. This special checking account was closed by transfer of the balance of \$15.70 to a regular checking account on July 1, 1940. The initial deposit to this new account was in the amount of \$1,011.65 consisting of checks and \$700. in cash. An examination of the account indicated that Miss Hayward prior to the transfer of the account from the special checking account to a regular account was depositing \$195.95 on the first of each month which would indicate this was the amount she received as a secretary to the Chairman of the National Steel Corporation. On May 23, 1940, the account showed a deposit of \$500. in cash. On July 29, 1940, the account showed a deposit of \$1,950., \$1,900. of this amount being in cash. The account showed withdrawals of approximately \$1,300 during the month of August. On September 12, 1940, the account showed a deposit of \$880, \$830 of this amount being in cash. On October 3, 1940, there was a cash deposit of \$1,000. On October 7th a withdrawal of \$1,103.13 was shown. The account showed a cash deposit on October 11th of \$500 and on October 31st a deposit of \$1,249.50, of this amount \$1,200 being in cash. On December 3rd there was a cash deposit of \$3,000 and on December 9th an additional cash deposit of \$2,000. On December 12th there was a withdrawal of \$3,253.77. A search of the bank records disclosed that this amount was deposited for the credit of Saks, Fifth Avenue Department Store. On December 30th a cash deposit of \$2,225.00 was made, the \$2,000 item consisting of a check drawn by E. T. Weir to the order of cash which check bore the endorsement of Mary Hayward.

On January 2, 1941, a check for \$150. was drawn on Mary Hayward's account made payable to Dr. Robert J. Lowrie, and on the same date a check for the amount of \$1,629.72 was given to William Gleason Adair. The Credit Bureau of Greater New York disclosed that their records reflect that William Gleason Adair is an interior decorator and that Dr. Robert J. Lowrie is a practicing physician. The records disclosed that both of these gentlemen are reputable persons.

The records further disclose that on January 3, 1941, a deposit of \$1,054.45 was made. This deposit included one item for \$710. This item was a check drawn by E. T. Weir against his account at the Farmers Deposit National Bank, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was to the order of cash. It also bore the endorsement of Mary Hayward.

The account also showed many miscellaneous withdrawals which have not been checked. At the present time the account has a balance of approximately \$1,200.

Mr. Albert Murrel, superintendent of the apartment house at 300 Park Avenue is keeping in close contact and is observing the activities of Miss Hayward.