

On 2-23-44 John M. Henshaw, 1833 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, was interviewed relative to a letter addressed to David Mayne and signed "George" dated 9-30-40 and on paper with the letterhead "Knights of the White Camellia." Henshaw advised he purchased the letter from Mayne in the fall of 1940 for \$50 and secured an affidavit to the effect the letter was authentic.

Henshaw further advised he was acting for newspaper man, Drew Pearson, and turned the letter over to Pearson whom he believed forwarded the letter to Attorney Morris Ernst, NYC, who in turn either turned it over to or advised Dorothy Thompson about it. Thompson read the letter over the radio in the fall of 1940 on the eve of the Presidential election. Henshaw did not know where the letter was at that time but felt it probably was in the possession of Pearson, Ernst or Thompson.

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Correlator's note: A copy of the letter mentioned above is attached to serial 149 of referenced file, 61-7307.

Confidential Informant Tom R. forwarded about the first of October, 1940 a letter on the letterhead of the NY Committee, Keep America Out of War Congress, NYC, dated 9-25-40, which carried the name of Morris L. Ernst as a member of the NY Council of the organization.

Encl. of above letter

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Under date of 9-10-41 the FBI advised G-2 that on 10-1-40 Don Robinson (subject of 100-43211), Labor Editor for the "NY Journal American" called at the Bureau presenting a letter of introduction from one Morris L. Ernst. Robinson stated he was a First Lieutenant in the Army Reserves; that he was trying to get into military intelligence but that "due to certain red tape at the War Department" it was not possible for him to make the transfer.

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