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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Hardy
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

NY FILE NO. 25-43148 PMF

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 3/15/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/14; 3/12,13/45.	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

LDB #31, NYC, classified subject 4-F on 3/12/41, on basis of subject's statement to physicians that he [redacted] Classification continued to date. Skull fracture in 1943 necessitated operation to remove part of frontal bone 3/30/43. Subject re-examined 2/1/45 and found ineligible for service because of skull fracture and post concussional symptoms. Subject then allegedly stated that he intended to withdraw his former claim [redacted] At preinduction physical examination 2/16/45 subject disqualified for service because of "Post traumatic syndrome," without mention [redacted]

*Info - Los Angeles
cc - New York (By mail)
Ltr - [redacted]
3-24-45
[signature]*

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DETAILS:

*Info memo to Director
2-23-45
[signature]*

This investigation was initiated at the request of Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] for the Southern District of New York, upon being told by Miss [redacted] Chief Clerk of Local Board #31, 59th Street and Park Avenue, New York City, that the subject, a registrant of that board, had recently been called for a preinduction physical examination in California and at that time is said to have told the examining physician that he intended to withdraw his claim [redacted] on the basis of which he had been classified 4-F since March 12, 1941.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. E. Connelley</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">277337</div>	
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Assistant United States Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted] Southern District of New York examined the subject's Selective Service file and requested that appropriate preliminary investigation be conducted to determine the truth of the alleged statement.

An examination of the subject's file indicates that under date of March 19, 1941, at the request of the subject, [redacted] Chairman of Local Board #31, New York, made application to have the registrant sent to a medical advisory board for further physical examination because of his claim [redacted]

A preliminary physical examination had been given at St. Luke's Hospital, [redacted] 1941, by Doctor [redacted] which reflected only the following significant conclusions: [redacted]

[redacted] -- volunteers that he is [redacted] (X)
[redacted] At this time under the heading "Summary of Defects in Order of Importance, Impression of Physical Fitness," The doctor wrote, "Constitutional and psychopathic inferiority -- disqualified."

At the end of the physical examination form the doctor made the same statement after the line reading "Disqualified for Military Service by reason of...."

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On March 28, 1941, [redacted] member of the Medical Advisory Board, made certification that the subject had been critically examined and that in the judgement and belief of the Medical advisory board he is "Disqualified for Military Service by reason of [redacted]" (Y)
[redacted] Doctor [redacted] gave his address at that time as [redacted] New York City.

In accordance with the findings made at the preliminary physical examination, Local Board #31, New York City, classified the subject 4-F by a vote of three to nothing on March 12, 1941.

Under "Minutes of Other Actions," the following appears:

[redacted]

The subject, who is a highly paid movie star, was continued in classification [redacted] until called for a preinduction physical examination through Transfer Board #218, 333 West Second Street, Los Angeles, California, on February 1, 1945. According to the findings of Doctor. [redacted]
[redacted] member of Medical Advisory Board #16, the subject at this time gave a history of skull fractures on March 31, 1943. The subject showed frontal (Z)

scars and occipital scar as a result of the fracture. He was under Dr. [] care and two days after the injury was operated on by Dr. [] who performed a frontal bone graft.

The subject still claimed of daily headaches and vertigo and is confused and foggy mentally on first arising, but this passes off during the day. He claimed of extreme fatigue by the end of the day's activities. A general physical examination was negative except for blood pressure reflecting systolic 180 and diastolic 110. A neurological examination showed scars of fractures and markedly exaggerated reflexes.

A mental examination indicated that the subject is a tense, nervous type but gave no evidence of a true psychosis. After [] recommendations follow: "I believe this man should be returned to the induction board for investigation of the skull fracture and sequelae. Presently I believe his skull fracture and possible concussion symptoms would make him ineligible for service in the Armed Forces at the present time."

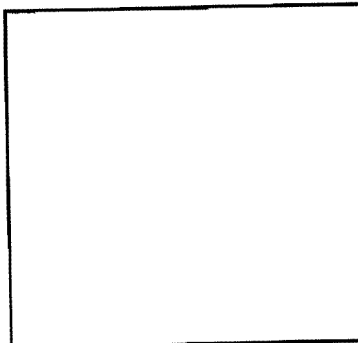
On February 2, 1945, Local Board #31, New York City, received a letter from [] clerk of Transfer Station Local Board #218, Los Angeles, California, stating that Dr. [] had recommended that the subject be sent to the induction station for a preinduction physical examination. [] also stated, "He also advised that the [] trant states he intends to []"

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The subject was given a physical examination at the induction station at Los Angeles, California, on February 16, 1945, at which time he was rejected for service in the Armed Forces for the principal defect of [] The medical examiner was First Lieutenant [] and the physical examination form was also signed by the Commanding Officer, Captain [] On this physical examination no mention was made of the subject's []

The following description of the subject was obtained from the records of the local board:

Name:
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Height:
Weight:
Hair:
Eyes:
Complexion:
Race:



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Education: 4 years high school
Marital Status: Single
Employment: Loew's Incorporated,
Metro-Goldwyn Mayer,
Oulver City, California

Social Security:
Home Address:

Selective Service
Order Number:

[Redacted]

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The subject's Selective Service questionnaire indicated that on [Redacted] 1941, he was employed as a dancer, singer, and actor by the "Pal Joey" Company, a George Abbott Production, 630 Fifth Avenue, New York City. At this time the subject was residing at [Redacted] Street, New York City. His file contains no changes of address except that to [Redacted] Beverly Hills, California.

- P E N D I N G -

- UNDEVELOPED LEADS -

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION
AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Will interview Doctor [] member of the Medical Advisory Board, #16, and obtain a signed statement as to the subject's exact statements concerning his intention to withdraw his former [] which statements were presumably made on February 1, 1945.

In the event it is determined that these statements were in fact made, will also obtain signed statements from the Medical Corps officers who examined the subject at the induction station reflecting the substance of any conversation had with the subject on this point at the time he received his preinduction physical examination.

It is not desired that the subject be interviewed at this time or that any general investigation as to the truth of the subject's statement be conducted at this time.

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Expedite handling of this matter is requested.

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION
AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

Will upon receipt of report from the Los Angeles Field Division consider the advisability of interviewing the members of the George Abbott Production, "Pal Joey," with whom the subject was working in [] 1941, just previous to making a []
[]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

MARCH 24, 1945

Transmit the following message to:

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SAC, LOS ANGELES

SELECTIVE SERVICE, REFERENCE REPORT SA J FREDERICK TAYLOR

DATED MARCH FIFTEENTH LAST AT NEW YORK. EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION AND
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cc: New York (by mail)

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Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Mumford _____
Mr. Jones _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
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Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Pennington.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....

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DIRECTOR AND SAC NYC URGENT 4-2-45 905 P

QUIP. [REDACTED] REBUTEL MARCH TWENTY SIX LAST. SDR. H.

[REDACTED] ADVISED SUBJ EXAMINED BY HIM ON FEB ONE, FORTY FIVE AND

DURING COURSE OF EXAMINATION SUBJ VOLUNTEERED INFO THAT HE WAS

CLASSIFIED [REDACTED] IN [REDACTED] FORTY ONE BY REASON OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BUT THAT SINCE COMING TO CALIF IN FORTY ONE HE HAD NOT

[REDACTED] AND IN FACT HAS HAD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SINCE THAT TIME. AT TIME OF PHYSICAL EXAM SUBJ ACCORDING

TO [REDACTED] SEEMED ANXIOUS TO HAVE THE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND ASKED THAT RECOMMENDATION BE MADE

TO THE LB TO THIS EFFECT. SUBJ ALSO RELATED TO [REDACTED] THAT HIS

REASON FOR INITIAL [REDACTED] WAS BECAUSE ALL MEMBERS OF A

NY CHORUS OF WHICH HE WAS A MEMBER PRACTICED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CAPT. [REDACTED] AND LT. [REDACTED] USA, ADVISED THAT NO CONVER-

SATION WAS HAD WITH SUBJ AND THAT THEIR SIGNATURES APPEARED ON THE

~~PHYSICAL~~ PHYSICAL EXAM FORM AS REJECTING AND CERTIFYING OFFICERS ONLY.

SGT. [REDACTED] WAS PRESENT DURING ENTIRE EXAM BY ARMY

DOCTORS AS WELL AS PSYCHIATRIST EXAM [REDACTED] SUBJ BY ARMY AND NAVY

OFFICERS. PSYCHIATRIST EXAM NOT CONDUCTED ON [REDACTED]

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BUT CONSISTED OF MENTAL EXAM AS RESULT OF ACCIDENT SUBJ HAD IN
NINETEEN FORTY FOUR. SGT [REDACTED] ADVISED HE MENTIONED [REDACTED]

TO SUBJ WHEREUPON SUBJ FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME INFO AS HE
HAD GIVEN [REDACTED] RECORDS TRANSFER BOARD TWO EIGHTEEN LA FAILED
TO REFLECT SUBJ HAS ENDEAVORED TO REMOVE CLAIM.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

FILE NO. 25-28427

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 4/5/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/30; 4/2,4/45	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> mhb
TITLE <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div>			CHARACTER OF CASE SELECTIVE SERVICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Dr. [redacted] examined subject for fitness and acceptance into the U.S. Army [redacted] 45. During examination subject volunteered information relative to his prior [redacted] stating that since arriving in California in 1941 he had not practiced [redacted] and in fact has had [redacted]. Subject requested Dr. [redacted] to have [redacted] but was advised that he would have to take care of the matter as the only recommendation that could be made would pertain solely to his physical condition. At a psychiatrist examination of subject before army and navy officers, the [redacted] was mentioned by a Sergeant in attendance and information given by subject was substantially the same as that furnished by the subject to [redacted] Records Transfer Board #218, Los Angeles failed to reflect that subject has requested that claim be removed.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [redacted], March 15, 1945 at New York, New York.
Bureau teletype to Los Angeles dated March 26, 1945.

DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES

On March 30, 1945 Dr. [redacted] Los Angeles, California, was contacted by Special Agents [redacted] and the writer relative to instant case. Dr. [redacted] advised that subject appeared before him on [redacted] 1945 in order that he might be afforded a pre-induction physical examination.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>R.B. Hood</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>D.S.</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Dr. [] stated that he is a member of the medical advisory board for the Selective Service System in Los Angeles County, and as such has occasion to examine many individuals who are called up for induction. He stated that subject, during the physical examination, volunteered information to the effect that he had in early 1941 made a claim to his Local Board in New York City that he [] and as such could not [] the military service. Subject advised Dr. [] that his father was Swedish born, but that he was born in the United States and at the age of three his mother died. Subject told Dr. [] that from the age of three until the time he went on the New York stage, he was never in the [] from a small town to a large city, [] Subject also advised Dr. [] that shortly after arriving in New York City he obtained a position in a chorus with the Pal Joey players and that inasmuch as many of the members of that group practiced [] He told Dr. [] that it was more the element and the environment rather than his []

Subject further advised Dr. [] that he came to California in the latter part of 1941 and since that time had not [] He stated that he did not believe he was [] in view of the fact that after coming to California he had not [] primarily because he was not in the same environment as he had been in New York.

Subject requested Dr. [] to [] from his records in New York City in that he [] Dr. [] advised the subject that the matter was entirely up to him in view of the fact that as a professional man, he could only recommend to the board his physical condition at the time of his examination.

Inasmuch as the results of this examination have previously been furnished to the Local Board in New York City, no mention is being made of Dr. [] report relative to subject's physical condition in this report.

Dr. [] advised that from the statements made by subject during the course of the physical examination, he did not believe that subject was a [] and from his medical experience, he stated that [] a []

Dr. [] in response to a request received from Transfer Board 218, Los Angeles, forwarded a statement to them in the form of a letter, which statement contains the following information:

"I asked [] if he had been before the Induction Board before to which he replied in the affirmative. He said he was examined by his local board in New York City some time in 1941. He thought

"in the early spring. I asked [] the result of this examination and he stated he was rejected because of his [] and felt that he could not adjust to life in the service without getting into trouble along these lines. [] then stated that [] were present only during the time that he was on the New York stage. He stated he was working as a chorus man and a great deal of [] occurred around him in which he took part. He further stated that he had never been in legal trouble in regard to [] during that period. When asked if he still felt that this should be a reason for rejection he stated that these activities had occurred only during a short period in his life and that he felt they were not present at this time. Since coming to California he absolutely denied any tendencies or activities in this line and further stated that he had some [] in which he was entirely potent and successful. [] felt that he was not a [] and stated to me that he was very anxious that this cause for his rejection for the armed services should be removed. I told [] that inasmuch as he now had, in my opinion, a definite cause for rejection due to his head injury of March 1943 I would report to the board the latter finding as a cause for his rejection. I further told [] that if he wished to withdraw his previous statement that he [] he would have to take that matter up directly with the local board. This [] assured me he would do. Accordingly I did not discuss that angle of his case in my report to the board.

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"As far as my physical examination is concerned there was no objective evidence in physique or mannerisms that [] Furthermore the history he gave of [] since being in California is, in my experience, []

On April 2, 1945 Special Agents [] and the writer contacted Sgt. [] at the Induction Station, 610 South Main Street. Sgt. [] advised that he was present during the physical examination and the psychiatrist examination afforded subject at the Induction Station and because he had prior knowledge of subject's [] brought up the matter after the examination had been completed. At the time Sgt. [] was interviewed, Capt. [] U. S. Army, and Lt. [] U. S. Navy, retired, were present.

According to referenced report, Capt. [] was listed as being in attendance at the time of subject's physical examination. Capt. [] and Lt. [] saw the subject during the course of his examination but both advised they had nothing whatsoever to do with him. Capt. [] stated that he is Commanding Officer at the Induction Station; his only connection with the subject was to sign his physical examination form as the Commanding

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Officer. He stated this was merely a certification and that he had no knowledge whatsoever of subject's [redacted] Capt. [redacted] advised that Lt. [redacted] who is not presently in Los Angeles, did not discuss any of the phases of subject's claim with him inasmuch as it is Lt. [redacted] duty to accept or reject all selectees upon the completion of the pre-induction physical examination.

Sgt. [redacted] stated that shortly after the psychiatrist examination, which examination was conducted by Major [redacted] U.S. Army Medical Corps, and Commander [redacted] U.S. Naval Reserve, he brought up the subject of [redacted] with the subject, whereupon, according to Sgt. [redacted] the subject appeared happy that the question was raised. According to Sgt. [redacted] the statements furnished to him by the subject were substantially the same as those furnished Dr. [redacted] and in addition he stated that he had been going [redacted] California. Sgt. [redacted] stated that no mention was made of any [redacted] that subject may have had since his automobile accident. In connection with the interview with Sgt. [redacted] he volunteered to furnish the following statement relative to the questions he asked subject at the time he appeared for his pre-induction physical:

"After the examination of this selectee had been completed as to his physical status a psychiatric and neurological examination was made in Room 395 of the Pacific Electric Building, at Los Angeles, California, at which the following persons were present: Commander [redacted] U.S.N.R., psychiatrist, [redacted] Major, A.U.S., and M/Sgt. [redacted] The purpose of this supplemental examination was primarily to give careful consideration and study as to whether or not in view of his head injury he would be qualified for service in the Army or Navy. It was found, that the injuries sustained were such that he would be unfit for service, and was therefore physically disqualified.

"A few days prior to the examination, the undersigned was called by [redacted] of Local Board #218, and advised that the subject was to appear for examination. [redacted] at that time stated that the selectee while in New York, had previously [redacted] but that this status had now changed, and that was in accordance with a statement that the subject had made to [redacted]

"On February 17, 1945, after Commander [redacted] and Major [redacted] had concluded their examination as to the head injury, the undersigned raised the question of [redacted] The selectee stated that he was glad the question was brought up, and proceed to make a statement concerning this point. He stated in substance, that he and his father had lived together since the death of his mother, when he was three years of age. [redacted] That

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"when he began his theatrical career, he was a chorus boy in Broadway (New York) shows, and the great majority of [redacted] and that he [redacted] to be [redacted]. He further stated that on being signed for a motion picture contract and coming to Hollywood, he met a young woman with whom he commenced and is still having [redacted] and has never since reverted to any [redacted]. The subject was most insistent that this matter be cleared up and that there be nothing in the records and files of either the Army or Selective Service indicating [redacted]."

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The records of Transfer Board #218 failed to reflect that the subject has contacted that board for the purpose of removing his [redacted] with his local board in New York.

Inasmuch as the undeveloped lead set forth in referenced report requested that no general investigation be conducted at this time, Major [redacted] and Commander [redacted] were not interviewed. For the information of the New York Office, Major [redacted] is presently stationed in Los Angeles, California as an examining physician at the Induction Station, and Commander [redacted] U.S.N.R., is presently stationed at the Psychiatrist Ward of the Mare Island Naval Hospital, Mare Island, California.

The statements as furnished by Dr [redacted] and Sgt. [redacted] are being retained in Serial 1-A of instant case file in the Los Angeles Field Division.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

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TENT. [Redacted] SS. CASE PRESENTED TO AUSAS [Redacted]
[Redacted] TODAY. THEY DECLINED TO GIVE A PROSECUTIVE OPINION,
UNTIL SUBJECT HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED. THEY ADVISED IF ACTIVE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED NOW IT WOULD PROBABLY RESULT IN PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE MATTER AND IT WOULD BE EMBARRASSING TO DISCONTINUE AFTER SUCH PUBLICITY. THEY SUGGESTED THAT BY PERSONAL INTERVIEW THE SUBJECTS ATTITUDE AND EXPLANATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE BOTH FOR PROSECUTIVE OPINION AND AS A *he* BASIS FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION IF PROSECUTION AUTHORIZED. THEY FURTHER REQUESTED SUBJECT BE INTERVIEWED IN NYC IF POSSIBLE IN NEAR FUTURE SO HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THEM TO ASSIST IN FORMING THEIR OPINION. THIS OFFICE WILL ESTABLISH SUBJECTS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS AND IF NECESSARY WILL FORWARD THE PERTINENT INFORMATION TO THE OFFICE COVERING HIS WHEREABOUTS, FOR INTERVIEW. *25-277337*

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO :

Director, FBI

DATE: April 17, 1945

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT:

SELECTIVE SERVICE

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 15, 1945, at New York City, and the report of [redacted], Special Agent, dated April 5, 1945, at Los Angeles, California.

The facts of this matter as reflected by referenced reports were discussed with Assistant United States Attorneys [redacted] and [redacted] of the Southern District of New York. At that time, they declined to give the prosecutive opinion in regard to this matter until after the subject had been interviewed. They stated that by personal interview, it could be ascertained what the subject's attitude in the matter was, and also some idea could be obtained as to the defense he would interpose to such a case. They also stated that such a procedure would result in many facts being known from the interview which would be a good basis for investigative activity if subsequently it was decided to prosecute.

[redacted] requested the subject be interviewed concerning this matter in the near future.

It has been ascertained that [redacted] is presently residing at the Beverly Hills Hotel, 9641 Sunset Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California, and further, that [redacted] will be there for the next several months.

It is requested that the Los Angeles Field Division immediately interview the subject in regard to this matter. It is noted that Los Angeles has copies of both of referenced reports, which contain all the known facts in the matter.

It is suggested that during the course of the interview, the following questions be covered:

Did you, in fact, ever [redacted]

When did [redacted]

Did you ever have [redacted]

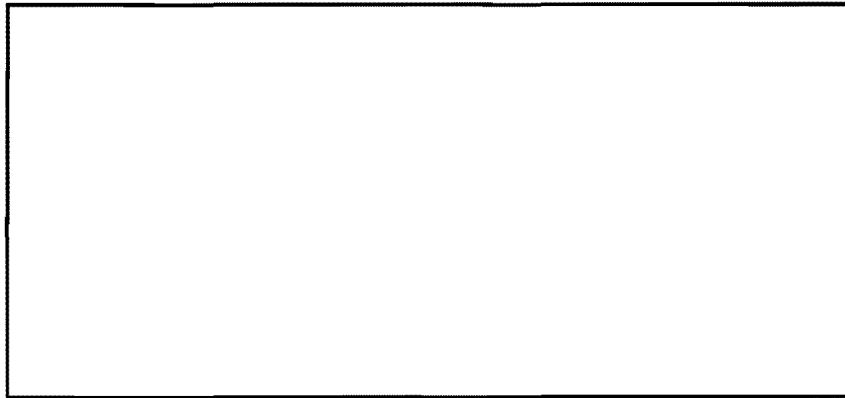
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It is requested that the above interview be conducted expeditiously, and further, it is requested that no further active investigation, other than the interview, be conducted at this time.

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FURNISHED COMPLETE FACTS CONCERNING HIS PREVIOUS CLAIMS IN SIGNED
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. **25-43148 EMM**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 5/27/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/9, 10, 17; 5/16, 17 1945	REPORT MADE BY MAX SHIRLEY
TITLE CHANGED: [REDACTED] also known as,			CHARACTER OF CASE SELECTIVE SERVICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information received from USA, SDNY that allegations had been made of subject's claim of [REDACTED] as basis of rejection was fraudulent. USA, SDNY declined prosecution on the premise that such claim is not fraudulent in view of subject's signed statement.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File number 25-277337.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 4, 1945 at Los Angeles, California.

DETAILS:

Title in instant case is being changed to reflect the subject's true name of [REDACTED] as reflected in his signed statement in reference report, [REDACTED] being his stage name.

Instant investigation was initiated at the request of Assistant United States Attorney, [REDACTED] Southern District of New York, upon his being told by [REDACTED] Chief Clerk, Local Board 31, 67 East 59th Street, New York, New York, that the subject was alleged to have told various persons that he intended to withdraw his [REDACTED] which he had been classified 4-F since March 10, 1941.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE: <i>[Signature]</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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Reference report summarizes subject's signed statement in which

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Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, advised he would decline prosecution basing his opinion that in view of the subject's signed statement concerning this matter that the subject's original claim was not fraudulent.

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HUM. [REDACTED] SS. REURTEL TWENTYSECOND INSTANT. USA SDNY DE-
CLINED PROSECUTION ON THE THEORY THAT THERE WAS NO FRAUD IN ORIGINAL
[REDACTED] IN VIEW OF SUBJECTS SIGNED STATEMENT. REPORT
BEING FORWARDED. MATTER BEING CLOSED IN THIS OFFICE.

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TO : The Director

DATE: May 25, 1945

FROM : Mr. A. Rosen

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
Selective Service

Reference is made to my memorandum dated April 10, 1945, in the above captioned case.

You will recall that [REDACTED] the movie star, was alleged to have attempted to withdraw a previous [REDACTED] inasmuch as he has now been rejected for induction on the basis of a head injury which he received in 1943.

The facts in this case have been discussed with the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, who originally requested this investigation and he declined prosecution on the theory that there was no fraud in [REDACTED] original [REDACTED] in view of the information developed during the investigation.

The Los Angeles Office interviewed [REDACTED] and he furnished a signed statement which indicates that at the time he claimed that he [REDACTED] in March, 1941, he apparently was sincere.

ACTION

None. This case is being closed.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

FILE NO. **25-28427**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	DATE WHEN MADE 5/4/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/28; 5/2/45	REPORT MADE BY AMBROSE K. LAW CM
TITLE <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>			CHARACTER OF CASE SELECTIVE SERVICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject admits in signed statement that he engaged in

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He

further advises that he first had [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Subject denies knowing

that [REDACTED] was a basis for draft deferment

at the time he furnished this information to the

examining physician in New York and also denies that

anyone advised him to make such a claim. He admits

[REDACTED]

which [REDACTED] He

claims to have lived a [REDACTED] since that time

and advises that he did not change all at once, but

that the change of environment, social position, im-

proved finances, and his efforts to live up to his

publicized reputation have caused his morals to im-

prove. Subject denies seeking to have the reason for

his deferment changed, but when advised by officials

at the Los Angeles Induction Station in February 1945

that a head injury sustained in 1943 was sufficient

reason for deferment, he was anxious to substitute this

reason for deferment for the sake of protecting his pre-

sent reputation. Subject stated that he does not now

consider [REDACTED] and is making every possible

effort to completely close this chapter of his life.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. B. Lane</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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REFERENCE:

Letter from New York to Los Angeles dated April 17, 1945.
Teletype from Bureau dated May 2, 1945.

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DETAILS:

On April 28, 1945, subject was interviewed at the Bel Air Hotel, 701 Stone Canyon Drive, Bel Air, by Special Agent [redacted] and reporting agent, in accordance with the request of the New York Field Division as set forth in reference letter dated April 17, 1945. Subject was by himself at the time of this interview, and, although slightly upset when advised as to the nature of this interview, proved to be entirely cooperative and stated that he wished to furnish full information and details of his past life in order that any question that had been raised might be fully explained. [redacted] pointed out that to his knowledge no officials of M.G.M. Studios, his agent, or anyone else other than doctors and draft board officials, had knowledge of the facts which he proceeded to furnish, and requested that the information which he furnished be maintained as confidentially as possible. [redacted] then proceeded to tell the story of his life, with particular emphasis on his private life.

He stated that he had been reared by his father from the time he was three years old, following the separation of his parents. He stated that he had grown up in Newport, Rhode Island, and had completed public grammar and high school in that city. He pointed out the fact that there was no close father and son relationship between himself and his father, and that he was very bashful and shy. He stated that his first [redacted] an association he had with an [redacted] As nearly as [redacted] could recall, [redacted] at this time, while [redacted] was a [redacted] in his estimation. The subject advised that this [redacted] after a month or six weeks when his father became somewhat suspicious, and then related that he had had additional [redacted] both of whom were boys of his own age and also from middle class families. He stated that these experiences occurred, as well as he could recall, during his first year of high school, and were again terminated when his father became suspicious. He related that during either his sophomore or junior year of high school he became acquainted with another boy of his own age named [redacted] and that his association with [redacted] continued from that time until their graduation from high school in 1935, during which period he and [redacted] Subject stated that all of these individuals were apparently normal and were not [redacted] and that he knew that all of them had subsequently married and established homes.

Subject stated that following his graduation from high school, he had gone to New York City to begin his theatrical career and had obtained a position as a chorus boy at the Cherry Lane Theater. He stated that a musician

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at that theater by the name of [] had become acquainted with him and had encouraged him in his career, and that shortly after his meeting with [] they had taken a [] and had been constant associates between that time and 1938. [] set forth in [] with [] which was also one of []

He listed the following individuals with whom he had thereafter had [] in New York:

[] an actor in the production "New Faces".

[] a fellow chorus boy in the production "Too Many Girls".

[] a dancer.

These relationships were carried on between the years 1938 and 1941.

Subject stated that throughout his life he had never associated with girls and could recall having had only one date with a girl before leaving Newport, that being a date to the senior party in high school. He also stated that he did no dating whatsoever in New York between the years 1935 and 1940. He stated that his first normal [] occurred in either the year 1940 or 1941, which date could be fixed by ascertaining the exact time the show "Pal Joey" was on Broadway. He stated that while he was working in that show he met a dancer at the Club La Conga named [] and stated that he had []. He further advised that during the following winter of 1940 and the spring of 1941 he was obtaining better parts in the shows he was in, and that his financial situation was improved, and that acts of perversion were beginning to hurt his conscience at that time, which they had never done previously.

He stated that his history as outlined had been the basis on which he had advised the examining doctor for the draft board that he was a [] in the spring of 1941 and did not believe that he would be adaptable to Army life when he made these statements.

[] advised that in the late summer of 1941 he came to Hollywood, California, under contract to Warner Brothers Studios, the options of which were not picked up at the expiration of six months. He stated that after that time he was under contract to M.G.M. Studios and denied that he had engaged in any [] between the time of his arrival in Hollywood and the spring of 1943, when he had a relationship of that type with another M.G.M. actor named []. He stated that this relationship had continued for perhaps a month or six weeks, but by mutual agreement it had been terminated, but that such termination was also assisted by the fact that [] entered one of the armed services at about this time.

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He stated that shortly after this time he had been in a serious automobile accident in which he had sustained a fractured skull and other rather serious injuries. He advised that he had [redacted] since that time. Subject stated that the tremendous amount of work he had been doing since that time, as well as the fact that his general environment was better, that his social position was much improved, his finances a great deal better, had all tended to improve his morals; also, that his publicized reputation as being a clean-cut, upstanding example of American manhood had all tended to make his past extremely distasteful to him and make him wish to avoid any repetition of his past activities. He stated that since coming to Hollywood he had been in [redacted] and stated that he had had [redacted] with a former M.G.M. actress named [redacted] who is now in a play in New York, and had also had [redacted] free lance actress named [redacted] whose acquaintance he had made about three years ago. Subject denied that he had ever been in love with any girl and characterized such relations as affairs. He stated that as a matter of publicity he had gone out with other stars at the studios and had engaged in a normal social life since becoming a star.

He advised that after receiving his head injury he had not advised his draft board of that fact and had made no effort whatsoever to have that board change the reason for his deferment, since he was not sure of himself in his own mind that his [redacted] had actually changed, although he sincerely hoped that they had. He continued that he felt the board probably had heard about his accident but had not communicated with him in any way until sometime in February of 1945, at which time he was called to take another physical examination in Los Angeles. He stated that at the time he had been at the Induction Station in February of 1945 officials there had brought up his past claim for deferment and had also advised him that his head injury would disqualify him for military service. He stated that a master sergeant at the Induction Station had explained to him that in view of the fact that his head injury would disqualify him for military service, there was no reason why he should not be deferred for that reason, rather than having his deferment based on [redacted]. He stated that in view of his present publicized reputation, he was anxious to have his deferment based on grounds of his head injury, since the past chapter of his life was very distasteful to him and one on which he hoped he had closed the door.

He advised that from that date to the present he had taken no affirmative action toward advising his draft board in New York City of the fact that he wished to have statements made by him relative to [redacted] removed from that file, but had simply expressed such a thought to Induction Station officials at the time he was there. He stated that one of the doctors who had examined him in Los Angeles prior to the time he had gone to the Induction Station had advised him that he, the doctor, was not in a position to recommend removal of past statements made by subject. Subject advised that since he had put his past behind him, he really did not feel in his own mind that he [redacted] and that his past actions had probably been more the result of his environment at

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that time than any natural tendencies. He advised that another reason he had hated to communicate with his board about this matter was the fact that he was afraid that employees at the board noticing his name would make it a topic of gossip which might not be noticed if the subject were not brought to the board's attention.

The facts furnished by [] were made into a ten-page statement, the original of which is being designated for the New York Field Division under confidential and obscene cover, and a copy of which, corrected in the same manner as the original, is being designated for the Bureau under similar cover. In view of the nature of the statement, as well as its completeness, it was not deemed advisable to set it forth in this report. At the time of the original interview with subject it was necessary for him to return to the studio, and therefore this signed statement was not taken at this time, but was composed and read to [] on May 2, 1945, at which time Special Agent J. [] and reporting agent were present. The statement was read to [] in its entirety, and any corrections desired by him were made, all of which were corrected by him at the time that he read the statement himself. The initial paragraph of the statement was fully explained to [] who stated that he did wish to sign the statement, since he felt it was a fair exposition of the facts.

In view of the New York Field Division's request that no other active investigation be conducted at this time pending the submission of the results of subject's interview to the United States Attorney at New York, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

ENCLOSURES:

TO THE BUREAU -

Copy of ten-page signed statement under obscene cover.

TO THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION -

Original ten-page signed statement under obscene cover

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

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Los Angeles, California
May 2, 1945

I, [] make the following voluntary statement to Special Agent A. K. Law, Federal Bureau of Investigation, who has identified himself to me as such, and who has advised me that I do not have to make such a statement, and that any statement I do make may be used in a court of law against me. I further state that no threats, promises, offers of reward, or any other inducements have been made to me to influence me to make this statement, and that I am doing so of my own free will and accord.

I was [] at Newport, Rhode Island, attended the [] Public High School of that city, and am presently employed as an actor at M.G.M. Studios. I am presently residing at the Bel Air Hotel.

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I registered for Selective Service in New York City, New York, on October 16, 1940, at which time I was on the stage in New York City. I was ordered to take a physical examination during March 1941, the exact date of which I do not remember. At this time, I advised the doctor who examined ^{me} that [] and explained to him that I did not believe that I was [] I was re-examined a short time later and was classified [] after this examination.

Relative to my statements regarding my [] I wish to state the following facts. My father and mother were divorced when I was about three years old, and I lived with my father after that time. My grandmother lived with us for about two years at which time she died, and thereafter, I lived alone with my father. I kept house for him since he refused to have a housekeeper or other domestic help.

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My father was a rather austere, unemotional man, and I became starved for real affection. I grew up to be a rather shy, bashful person, and kept to myself a great deal of the time. The other boys teased me about being a sissy, and my interests were reading, movies, and dancing rather than outdoor sports and other amusements more often enjoyed by boys. I took dancing lessons, and attended church regularly at the Episcopalian Church. I never associated with girls, and can recall having only one date during the time I was in High School. I took a girl to the Senior party on that occasion. As I grew a little older, I became interested in the theater, and engaged in some amateur theatrical productions sponsored by the Church dramatic group, and a summer stock company in Newport.

Sometime during the years ^{that} ~~I~~ ⁱⁿ was either the seventh or eighth grade and was twelve or thirteen years old, I became acquainted with a [redacted] who was about seventeen at that time and drove a delivery truck for a local grocery store. One night, he asked me to go for a ride in the truck. While on this ride, [redacted]
[redacted] This experience was pleasant to me, and I understood it as a sign of [redacted] as well as a pleasant experience. We continued this [redacted] for a period of a month or six weeks, as I now remember it, and during this time, I was with [redacted] on an average of two or three times a week. We were either in the truck or at my house or [redacted]

[redacted] These acts included the [redacted]
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[redacted] My relationship
with [redacted]

[redacted] but because
of circumstances my father became suspicious and instructed me not to
associate with [redacted] any more.

My next [redacted] with [redacted] occurred when I was in the
first year of High School. I became acquainted with two schoolmates
named [redacted] and we eventually found out
that such [redacted] were from
middle class families, and were not [redacted] but apparently
perfectly normal. [redacted]

[redacted]
I can't recall the number of such occurrences, but they were quite
frequent over a period of two or three months. My father again became
suspicious, and our relationship terminated.

My next [redacted] ^{between} took place ~~during~~ the time I was in either the
second or third year of High School and my graduation. This relation-
ship was [redacted]

[redacted] was also from a middle class family, and was a clean cut,

[redacted] This
relationship began at his home when I was there visiting, and was a

[redacted] until I graduated from High School. [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] This was the first of these relationships
involving any emotion. I recall that I felt emotion during this time.

This relationship was terminated by [redacted] leaving Newport after we

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finished High School. During all this period of time, I had no [] to [], and did not feel that I was engaged in any particular wrong doing. I don't remember of giving the moral considerations involved any great amount of thought at this time. I feel that my father knew or at least had strong suspicions of what was taking place during all this period, and after [] mentioned above he would go for long periods of time without speaking to me or having anything to do with me. Regardless of his suspicions, he never had me medically examined or discussed the subject with me. I never recall my father having any discussion with me concerning the facts of life. I do recall that when I would spend time around the summer theater, my father would question my actions closely and ask questions as to whether anyone around the theater had bothered me. No one there ever did bother me, and I was rather bashful and would probably have resented such actions because these people were strangers. My father was against my theatrical ambitions, and discouraged them in every way possible.

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After my graduation from High School, I went to New York City to begin my theatrical career. This was in 1935. I obtained my first job as a chorus boy in the Cherry Lane Theater. I might state at this point that all the [] later married, and established homes.

Shortly after going to the Cherry Lane Theater, I met [] who was a [] with the show. [] and had previously been married. [] and encouraged me in my career. Shortly after becoming acquainted with

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[redacted] I had occasion to [redacted]

[redacted] We fell in love with each other, and occupied a room together at the Knickerbocker Hotel in New York City. [redacted] assisted me in getting new jobs, played for me in auditions, and we associated with each other constantly. We learned each others likes and dislikes intimately. We pooled our resources, and were as close as two people ever become. We were very jealous of each other and occasionally had quarrels. We were unable to afford expensive gifts to each other, but shared everything we had. [redacted] usually made the advances, but we both were amenable to [redacted] [redacted] at any time. This relationship continued until 1938 when I got a job in the production New Faces produced by Leonard Sillman.

During the two and one half or three years that I associated with [redacted] almost every night.

We engaged in every [redacted] known to me during this period.

The act of [redacted] I was

[redacted]
[redacted]
this time even though I was around many of them in the various shows I worked in during this time. I think that many of the people in the various shows ^{suspected} ~~knew~~ what was between [redacted] and myself, but I don't think that anyone knew actually what the relationship was. Eventually, this relationship wore itself out, and when I took a job in the show New Faces in 1938, I began a relationship with [redacted] an actor in that production. After I met [redacted] I left town for a few days and upon my return, I took a separate room at the Knickerbocker Hotel, and

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had no more association with [] My relationship with [] was my first experience of being in love, and our acts were the outgrowth of this feeling.

[] and I also were in love. [] of about thirty or thirty-two, and had quite a good part in the show. We visited each other's rooms three or four times a week, and were together almost constantly during the run of the show which I recall to have been about six or seven months. Several times during this period we went away and spent week-ends with each other out of the city, and engaged in [] a great deal on those occasions. [] was not obviously a [] in my opinion, and I know [] spent time with some [] I did not associate with [] during this period. [] helped me in my career as much as possible during this time. We engaged principally in the [] during our relationship, but also [] We each took turns as the [] We had a quarrel about the time the show ended, and [] was leaving for Hollywood shortly after this and hence our relationship ended. He was quite jealous of me during this period. I think other members of the cast were fairly sure of the type of relationship between [] and myself, but again I don't think that anyone knew for sure just what was between us.

I next got a job in the production "Too Many Girls" produced by George Abbott. As I recall it this was in 1940. After taking this job as a chorus boy, I fell very much in love with []

[] We took an apartment together at the ----- Wishire

C. [redacted]

Apartment located between [redacted]
in New York City. We seemed to just drift together, and I don't recall just how we became aware that our ideas of sex were similar. However, we soon were in love, and were together constantly during the run of this show. We engaged in all acts of [redacted] and were both very deeply moved emotionally over the acts. We [redacted] every night, and occasionally [redacted] Our [redacted] again consisted of [redacted] We were very jealous of each other and had some quarrels, but straightened each one out. I know [redacted] and hence do not believe [redacted] did not appear to be in my estimation. I feel that everyone in the cast must have had a very good idea of our relationship in this instance, but don't think that anyone knew positively that this was the case. I may be incorrect in saying this was in 1940. It may have been in 1939. This relationship terminated shortly after the show closed.

My next job was in the cast of the show Pal Joey produced by George Abbott. I had no affair with anyone in this cast, but went around with a dancer named [redacted] Our relationship was the same as the others but lasted only about one month. I was living at the Woodward Hotel at this time. We associated together three or four times a week during this period. I practiced [redacted] during this show, and had little to do with [redacted] My conscience was bothering me a little at this time. I was getting better jobs by this time, and had a movie contract in prospect, and hence felt that my behavior should be on a higher scale. During the latter part of

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the time that this show ran, I met a dancer named [] who was the star at the Club La Conga. I went out with her a very few times, and had my first [] at her apartment. [] and later she performed an act [] I did not particularly enjoy this [] and although I knew I should enjoy it, I could not compare it favorably with []

It was on a basis of the above history that I did not feel that I was adapted to enter army service, and it was such history that I outlined briefly for the doctors who examined me. I was afraid that my behavior would go out of control if I were in the army.

In the middle of 1941, my agent [] assisted me in getting a contract with Warner Brothers Studios in Hollywood, and I came to California in the early Fall of that year. I was working quite hard trying to get established in the movie industry, and did not have any affairs with anyone in Hollywood. In the Spring of 1942 I was released by Warner Brothers, and took a job at MGM Studios. Sometime during 1943 shortly after the first of the year, I drifted together with another MGM actor named []. We began an affair, and over a period of a month or slightly longer, we performed [] [] probably five or six times. I took the [] in this case, and we performed acts of [] and []. About this time, [] went into the [] and our relationship terminated, although by mutual agreement we had ended it anyway because I was beginning to make a reputation for myself, was making more money, and knew I was being used as a model for

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many American children and others, and hence felt more and more conscience stricken after such acts. Also, I was associating with better people, and enjoying things that money and social position could obtain for me, and therefore had less and less urge to engage in such acts. It was like I had emerged into a new world, and I wanted to put such acts behind me and forget them. They had become distasteful to me at this time. This change of attitude on my part made me feel as though I [] and I was gaining [✓] confidence, and losing my bashfulness and beginning to really enjoy life.

I have had [] with [] who was formerly at MGM and is now in a play in New York on three different occasions. No love was involved, and no real affair. In the interim, I have practiced [] and engaged in no [] My relationships with [] have been normal in every respect. I also met a [], a free lance [] about three years ago. I have had [] about six times during the period of our acquaintance. I had a brief affair with [] in Mexico, but have never been in love with [] I have never been in love with [] at the present time. I have never gone to [] or had [] with a professional [].

I was called by a Los Angeles Draft Board to take another physical examination in February 1945, and did so. While I was being examined I explained a severe head injury I had sustained in an automobile accident in the Spring of 1943, and also that I would like to have my previous claim of [] from my record if possible.

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The doctor advised me that he would be unable to remove these statements since he was only to examine me medically. I also took an examination at the Induction Station in Los Angeles in February, and some one mentioned my previous claim [] and told me that since my head injury would disqualify me for service, it was not necessary that I be deferred on grounds [] I did not ask to have it removed, and have never communicated with the New York Draft Board to have it removed. For the sake of my career, naturally, I wish these facts were not in the record, but they were true at the time I told the doctor about them.

At the time I originally made this claim, I did not know that [] was a grounds [✓]for deferment, and definitely was not advised to make such a [✓]claim by anyone. I actually did not feel that I could adapt myself to army life. However, at the present time, and since I do feel my morals are improved, I hate to feel that I am a [] and for that reason I thought it would be preferable to be deferred on a basis of my injury. My change was not something that occurred all at once but was a gradual change, which resulted from my change of environment and position. I never advised my draft board of such a change because I had not actually begun to feel that I was no longer [] until after my accident, and had engaged in my relationship with [] just a short time before that accident. I did not realize that such information would be of interest to the board in view of the injury I had sustained, and hated to address such information to the Board since I thought many clerks, stenographers and others might notice it in view of my present position, and the

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wide publicity attached to it.


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(signed) 

Witnessed:

A. K. Law

Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, Calif.



(by A. K. Law)

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TO : MR. NICHOLS *ZBMc*

DATE: 6-19-52

FROM : W. G. EAMES *E*SUBJECT:
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TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: July 1, 1954

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "THE UNTOLD STORY OF [REDACTED]
"CONFIDENTIAL" MAGAZINE
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The following is being submitted for your information in the event any inquiries are received concerning captioned article (attached).

This article makes reference to the fact that [REDACTED] and that in 1941 admitted to his draft board that he [REDACTED]. The story states "exactly what [REDACTED] told his draft board is still a secret, but a few days later, Selective Service called the FBI." (This infers FBI investigation started in 1941). The story indicates that the Bureau conducted an investigation and that [REDACTED] gave a full account of his activities to the FBI, including an account of his [REDACTED]. The story makes reference to [REDACTED] automobile accident and head injury in 1943 and his request of the draft board after this accident for a re-examination. This examination was conducted and Johnson remained in classification [REDACTED].

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Bureau investigation was initiated in February, 1945, (not in 1941 as article infers) under the Selective Service Act at the request of the United States Attorney in New York City after [REDACTED] in early 1945 indicated he wished to have withdrawn his earlier claim of [REDACTED] upon which he had been classified [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] 1941. On February 16, 1945, when re-examined, he was classified [REDACTED] because of injuries resulting from a skull fracture suffered March 31, 1943, in an auto accident. At U. S. Attorney's request, [REDACTED] was interviewed and he furnished a lengthy signed statement April 28, 1945, wherein he admitted his [REDACTED].

U. S. Attorney, Southern District of New York, declined prosecution on the theory there was no fraud in [REDACTED] original claim of [REDACTED] in view of the information developed during the investigation. Copies of reports were furnished U. S. Attorney's Office SD N.Y.

Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [REDACTED] author of this article, and the Bureau has not made information in its files available to anyone for such publication.

RECOMMENDATION:

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