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Introduction

Charles Lindbergh thrilled the American public when he became the first man to fly an airplane solo over the Atlantic Ocean in 1927. However, Lindbergh's life was also marked by tragedy and controversy. In 1932 the infant child of Lindbergh and his wife, Anne, was kidnapped and murdered. Lindbergh was impressed by the power of the Nazi war machine—particularly the Luftwaffe—and advocated American neutrality in the volatile years before World War II.

Covering the 1930s and 1940s, this FBI file focuses mainly on Lindbergh's activities as a Nazi sympathizer. This collection will appeal to anyone interested in American social history as well as to those studying the decades leading up to World War II.

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Roll Notes

FBI File: 65-11449

Sep 1939-Aug 1956

Roll 1, 0003-0500

News article:

The Washington Post (Sep 1939)

“Text of Lindbergh Neutrality Talk”

Correspondence received by J. Edgar Hoover warning about Lindbergh and his rhetoric and asking that he be investigated

News articles:

The Reader's Digest (Nov 1939)

“Aviation, Geography, & Race” by Charles Lindbergh

Detroit Evening Times (n.d.)

“Hints Lindbergh Supported by 5th Column”

New York Daily PM (Aug 1940)

“Denouncing Charles A. Lindbergh”- an Editorial

N.Y. Herald Tribune (Mar 1941)

“Lindbergh View of U.S. Mission Wins Acclaim”

Form letters: Solution for All Club No. 1

Lindbergh for President (Aug 1940)

Charles A. Lindbergh, Internal Security

News articles:

The Evening Bulletin (May 1941)

“Lindbergh Demands U.S. be told where it is led”

Joplin Globe (Jan 1942)

“Washington Merry-Go-Round”

by Drew Pearson and Robert Allen

The American Mercury (Mar 1942)

“Our Fascist Enemies Within”

The N.Y. Times (Aug 1942)

“Defense Fails to Query Lindbergh About Pelley's Talks and Writings”

RE: Charles Augustus Lindbergh (Aug 1942)

Prepared by the Special Memoranda Unit

FBI File: 65-11449-Sub-A

Apr 1941-Feb 1954

Roll 1, 0502-END

News articles include:

The Washington Star (Apr 1941)

“Col. Lindbergh Pictured as Rallying Point for Disunity,
the Ally of Hitlerism”

The Washington Times-Herald (Apr 1941)

“Wheeler Flays Roosevelt for Blast at Lindy”

Washington Star (Apr 1941)

“Lindbergh Quits as Colonel in U.S. Air Corps”

Chicago Daily Times (May 1941)

“Lindbergh encourages Nazis: Woll”

The Washington Post (Jun 1941)

“Lindbergh Denies He Hinted at Overthrow of
Government”

Washington Star (Jul 1941)

“Lindbergh Assails Russia as Worst Possibly
U.S. Ally”

Washington Times-Herald (Jul 1941)

“Lindbergh Aids Hitler, Impedes U.S., Ickes Says”

Washington News (Jul 1941)

“Lindbergh Asks FDR: Probe Ickes Charges”

Washington Times-Herald:

“Lindy Warns U.S. of England as Ally” (Aug 1941)

“Jews Condemn Lindbergh’s War Bias Accusation”

(Sep 1941)

The Hartford Daily (Sep 1941)

“Repudiation of Lindbergh is Demanded”

