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Dear Brian,

I'm enclosing a copy of the introduction, by Michael Unger, to The Memoirs of Bridget Hitler and page 20, which reproduces copies of Bridget's marriage certificate and her son's baptismal certificate. The book itself is not all that wonderful.

The introduction includes the English press coverage of William Patrick but not the American. I have some of that, and will include quotes of those that pertain to Dowlings.

When Brigid and William Patrick came to New York, The New York Times of March 31, 1939 reported "Mrs. Dowling, who resumed her maiden name after she separated from Alois Hitler many years ago, is a large, attractive woman of 47. She was born in Dublin and still speaks with traces of an Irish brogue. She has two brothers and a sister living in New York but declined to give their names."

The New York Times of October 3, 1942 reports on William Patrick's application questionnaire that he filled out when trying to join the U.S. Army. "A question in the personal history form that all aliens must fill out asks if the registrant has living relatives serving or who have served in other armies, William's reply was: "1. Thomas J. Dowling, uncle, England 1923-1926, Royal Air Force; 2. Adolf Hitler, uncle, Germany 1914-1918, corporal."

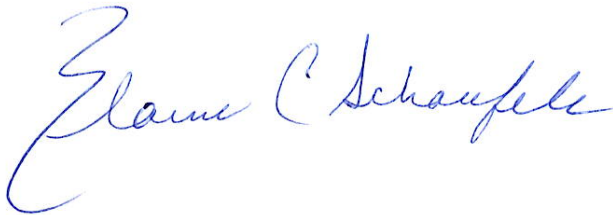
Also, in The Mind of Adolf Hitler, the Secret Wartime Report, by Walter Charles Langer, (originally prepared in 1943 for the U.S. Office of Strategic Services) the author summarizes William Patrick's interview with the OSS. Langer said that William Patrick "is also engaged in writing

a book about his associations and experiences in Hitler Germany."

No book by William Patrick has appeared in the subsequent years, so I am wondering if he jazzed up his experiences and novelized it as his mother's memoirs. All this could have been explained in whatever cover letter accompanied the original manuscript, but no source I've read on Bridget's memoirs has mentioned where the literary agent's papers went to.

The reason I have this information and am doing this research is that I am writing a novel that includes William Patrick as one of the characters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elaine C. Schauffele". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'E'.

Elaine C. Schauffele