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PLEA TO TRUMAN BY MISS SMEDLEY

Miss Agnes Smedley, author and former newspaper correspondent, accused in an intelligence report from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo of being a member of a ring which penetrated Japan's innermost councils in Soviet Russia's behalf prior to the Pearl Harbor attack, appealed today to President Truman as Commander in Chief to intervene with the Army and help clear her name and reputation. Miss Smedley, who has denied the charge, described MacArthur and his aids as having engaged in "privileged smearing."

She told the President that the attack on her was as much of a "red herring" as the statements Mr. Truman denounced during his presidential campaign last fall and she called on him to make "Gen. MacArthur either apologize or else waive his immunity so that she could sue him for libel."

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