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FO 298/38	1965	Visit of HM The Queen to Federal Republic of Germany
FO 298/43	1968	Discussion on the future of HM The Queen's Birthday Party in Düsseldorf
FO 688/100	1965	Polish writers: working environment and attitudes
FO 740/10	1967	Estate of the actress, Miss Jayne Mansfield
FO 1116/4	1969	French defence policy after General de Gaulle
FO 1116/41	1968	Possible use of tactical nuclear weapons in the Southern Region of Allied Command Europe
FO 1116/46	1969	Survivability of SACEUR's (Supreme Allied Command Europe) nuclear strike and conventional attack capability
FO 1116/61	1968	Warsaw Pact threat to NATO following the invasion of Czechoslovakia
FO 1118/4	1966	Visit by Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh, to the United States from 9-20 March 1966
FO 1119/1	1968-99	Intelligence gathering visits within Cambodia
FO 1119/2	1970	Possible British influence on an Indo-China settlement
FO 1119/3	1970	Defence attaché's reports and general military situation in Cambodia
MEPO 35/16	1912-1954	Records of the Metropolitan Police Office: Aliens Registration Office: Sample Record Cards: Coral to Kohn [John Coral]
MEPO 35/29	1933-1960	Cohn to Taussik [includes Ernst Freud]

New Document Releases

## Jayne Mansfield's estate dispute

### Document Reference:FO 740/10

Letters exchanged regarding the legal wrangle over Jayne Mansfield's estate. The letters regard two Chihuahuas, 'Precious Jewel' and 'Emerald' which died in her fatal car crash but remained unpaid for. The surviving Chihuahuas were apparently called 'Dorothy' and 'Cow'.

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JACK'S PET SHOP  
PARK REAR



**ANIMAL AUCTION**—Spectators Sue Davis (left) and Jackie Davis at the recent auction of the late Jayne Mansfield's pets get acquainted with Chihuahuas "Dorothy" and "Cow" and Afghan "Shehera Zade," Chihuahua, on left, "Dorothy," once made television fame when she bit Johnny Carson's nose while her mistress played guest spot on the show.  
—Hicks-Deal Photo

**Pets of Late Actress Sold to Highest Bidder**

A collection of household pets belonging to the late actress Jayne Mansfield were auctioned off during the weekend at a Hollywood pet shop. Jeanne Davis, manager of Jack's Pet Shop, 5415 Santa Monica Blvd., said five dogs, a mynah bird and an osceola were left by the blonde entertainer's estate. Silent bids on the animals were taken on Aug. 1 until 7 p.m. Saturday. Dogs included two Afghan hounds, two Chihuahuas and a Wesley terrier. Currently, her third husband, Matt Cimber, is temporary administrator of the estate, estimated at from \$600,000 to \$800,000. But Cimber, second husband Mickey Hargitay, a business manager and the County Public Administrator have petitioned Superior Court to be named administrator.

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The British dogs were obviously killed

4th July 1967. JMA

Dear Mr Barff,

I wonder if you would be so kind as to help me regarding the death of two Chihuahuas in the crash which killed Miss Jayne Mansfield on the 29th June outside New Orleans. There have been conflicting reports in the newspapers. The Times mentioned two Chihuahuas killed and that two other dogs survived. I know that Miss Mansfield had four Chihuahuas, two of which she obtained from me. They were two little golden fawn bitches called Precious Jewel and Emerald and generally travelled in a perspex case and wore jewelled collars.. I am very anxious to know whether it was these two Chihuahuas which died; and I should be so very grateful if you could possibly find out about this. If they survived the crash, could you tell me what has happened to them and are they being well looked after.

The whole thing is very tragic and sad. (It is also very difficult as Miss Mansfield left England without paying me for them, but I understand that she and Mr Brody were very honest in money matters, so I was not unduly worried about payment. It seems awful after such a tragedy to start niggling about money, but I think it is best for me to do this through my lawyer and Miss Mansfield's executors.)

My husband was in the British Embassy in Mexico City for three years as Military, Naval and Air Attaché, which we thoroughly enjoyed.

I should be so grateful if you could give me any information, particularly if the dogs are alive. The children I am sure would know, whether Precious Jewel and Emerald were the ones which were killed or not. If they are alive, I hope they are being looked after well. Miss Mansfield was a great dog lover. It is so important that they should be cared for.

Yours very sincerely,  
*Hilary Harman*

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New Orleans, Louisiana.

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BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL  
3324 Wilshire Boulevard,  
Los Angeles, Calif. 90005  
29th August 1967

Dear Mrs. Harmer,

Thank you for your letter of 15th August, regarding the estate of the late Jayne Mansfield.

I understand from Mrs. de la Porterie that your local lawyers here will now handle the case of your claim against the estate with respect to the two Chihuahuas.

On August 24th, the co-administrators of the estate were finally named orally in the Superior Court as Bernard B. Cohen, (Mr. Matt Cimber's lawyer), and Jerome Weber, (Mr. Hargitay's lawyer).

I regret to tell you that, according to a local newspaper clipping, the surviving Chihuahuas names were given as "Dorothy" and "Cow".

We will now leave this matter in the hands of Mrs. de la Porterie.

Yours sincerely,

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