

## COUNTESS ALINE GRIFFITH ROMANONES (Deceased)



Aline Griffith, a native of New York and a working model, left college in 1943 to work as a cipher clerk and field agent for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). After training, she was sent to Spain to conduct intelligence operations in support of an invasion of southern France by Allied forces. Her network of agents included two Basque women who came down from the Pyrenees Mountains with information on German troop movements. By associating in Nazi and Fascist social circles, she became acquainted with high ranking officers. She was thus able to gather inside knowledge on enemy intelligence activities and pass that information on to the proper authorities. She proved invaluable in her role by being able to go many places where others could not—thus enabling her to collect information of great military value.

Miss Griffith continued working undercover in France and Switzerland until 1947 when she resigned from the US government. At that time, she married Luis Figueroa, a Spanish aristocrat who became the Count of Romanones upon the death of his father. Miss Griffith thus became the Countess of Romanones.

Miss Griffith was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1989. She passed away on December 11, 2017.

The Countess dramatized her World War II experiences in a book entitled *The Spy Wore Red* (1987). She also wrote *The Spy Went Dancing* and *The Spy Wore Silk*, which recount her post-war activities.