



Faith in Brother Kept Despite Spying Charge

Her faith in her brother unimpaired by revelations of his deed, the sister of accused spy Francis G. Powers holds for him only trust and pride.

"I don't know, I just don't know," Jessica Hileman said. "I just won't believe it until I see it." Mrs. Hileman, 23, lives at 100 Audrey Lane, Glassmanor, with her husband William and their 15-month-old daughter Teresa.

To her, her only brother has always been "brave . . . adventurous . . . so very good . . . durable—he can take a lot." "But I just can't believe half

the things they're saying about Frank now."

No Official Word

She knows of Powers' flight over Russia, his capture and his impending trial as a spy "only what I hear on the radio. The State Department hasn't told us anything."

She brought a radio this week to her job at the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co. "It's against the rules but they let me have it on all day. Oh, I want to know so badly." "I feel sort of self-conscious because of the things they say on the radio. I'm afraid peo-

ple are going to believe it, and what they say isn't true."

Like her four sisters and parents, Mrs. Hileman never thought to ask further about her brother's stated job as a Lockheed weather reconnaissance pilot.

He was hand-picked for the job," she beams. "He flew higher than anyone has ever flown."

When she heard that Powers was missing she was "shook up. You can't imagine."

Later, she could not believe the Soviet report that her brother had confessed to being a spy: "If he didn't have

orders to tell, they'd have to take it from him."

'He Looks Tired'

In pictures transmitted from Moscow, "Frank looks awfully tired, not like he ordinarily looks."

"He is very brave. I don't believe it was a suicide kit he had. His superiors wouldn't have told him to commit suicide, but if they had . . ."

Only in terms of competence alone does Mrs. Hileman think her brother could have been a spy: "I would have too, if I'd been qualified. I'm so proud of him."



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... sister of Powers