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AMERICAN SPY OR NAZI TRAITOR? THE UNTOLD STORY OF ERIC ERICKSON

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Was Eric Erickson a courageous hero whose intelligence helped hasten the end of World War II – or a businessman who profited from dealings with the Nazis?

One of the most significant and enigmatic spies of the war, Erickson is credited with providing intelligence on Nazi fuel production that may have shortened the conflict. His story even inspired a Hollywood film. Yet, his legacy is fraught with contradictions. Even after the war had begun, he continued to conduct oil business with Nazi Germany, maintained contacts within the SS, and left behind letters riddled with inconsistencies. Who was Eric Erickson truly? A valiant operative or a collaborator? This film embarks on a global quest for answers. In the United States, his great-nephew Joe Erickson sheds light on the man behind the legend. In Sweden, Maja Willner questions his reputation, while in Germany, Matthias Koch delves into his entanglements with the German oil industry. As archival photographs and documents are meticulously examined, a complex and multifaceted portrait of Eric Erickson emerges.

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