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NEW ZEALAND POLICE.

Subject: REMUNERATION TO INFORMANT RE GERMAN CLUB ETC 37/10/10

10,000/14/36-14051

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NEW ZEALAND POLICE

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SUBJECT : - [redacted] - Applies for position with Security Intelligence Bureau.

The Superintendent of Police,
AUCKLAND.

[redacted] may be informed that this matter has been brought under the notice of the Director of Security Intelligence who states that he is unable to employ him at the moment, but will keep the matter in mind.

D J Cunningham
Commissioner of Police.

*The Sub. Insp. (A) 5.3.43
J. Mearns
by 8/3/43*

*by Sgt. Stevenson
80 Hall
S/mm
8.3.43*

*The Sub. Insp. Deto.
I have informed [redacted]
accordingly.*

*E. H. Stevenson
Det. Sgt.*

*The Insp
9-3-43*

*80 Hall
S/mm
9.3.43*
The Commissioner
*J. Mearns
by 9/3/43*

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The attached letter received from [redacted]

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The Sub Insp. Dets.

The attached letter was received by me on the 24 th inst. please. The writer was formerly known to the Department as [redacted] and rendered useful service by way of information in connection with the former German Club, Auckland.

The Department later put [redacted] in touch with Capt. Meikle, head of the Security Intelligence, but it was quite plain to me that this officer did not want [redacted] and the letter was dropped after a week or so.

[redacted] is a good man but in my opinion he could only be of very limited use to Supt. Cummings at the present time. His services were of value before the war but I can see little scope for him now.

E. Stevenson

25.2.43.

Det. Sergt.

*The Insp.
807a
8 mm
25.2.43*



*The Commissioner
referred
J. [unclear]
No 207443*

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[REDACTED]

23/2/43

Detective Sgt Stevenson,
Auckland.

Dear Sir,

I see in the "Star" that
Superintendent J. Cummings is to
be head of the Security Intelligence
Bureau.

If it were considered that my
services might be useful to that
Dept I would be pleased to do
anything suitable. with kind regards.
yours faithfully
[REDACTED]



NEW ZEALAND POLICE.

Subject: [redacted] writes re being informed that he would be contacted re employment.

100,000/3/40-197831

The Superintendent of Police,
AUCKLAND.

Please have [redacted] advised to get in touch with Captain R.C. Meikle of Army Headquarters, Auckland.

Captain Meikle is aware of the position and will suitably advise [redacted]

J. Cummings
Commissioner of Police,
20.3.41

*The Sub Insp
Det Branch
R. Hand
24/3/41 Insp 5*

*Det Sgt Stevenson
J. Hand
24.3.41*

The Sub Insp. Det. Branch,

On 25.3.41 I advised [redacted] accordingly.. He has since been in touch with Captain Meikle on three occasions but the matter of employment has not yet been finalised.

E. Stevenson.

29.4.41. Det.Sergt.

*The Insp.
S. Hall.
SI Insp.
29.4.41.*

*No Commissioned
J. Cummings
Spent
20.4.41*

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NEW ZEALAND POLICE.

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Police-station: Detective Office, Auckland

Date: 19 th March, 1941

REPORT of Det. Sergt. E.A. Stevenson, No. 2627

relative to [redacted] writes re being informed that he would be contacted re employment.

I respectfully forward the attached letter received from [redacted] This man was formerly known as [redacted] in connection with German Club and Nazi activities in Auckland.

On the 14 th February 1941, in compliance with a memorandum received from the Commissioner I informed [redacted] in the exact terms of that memorandum. I have not on record the exact wording of the Commissioner's instruction but it was to the effect that [redacted] would shortly be contacted by some source that might make use of his services.

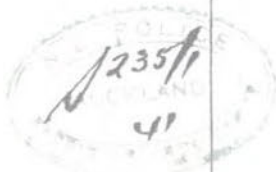
The memorandum was returned by me the same day.

[redacted] is now in urgent need of some more remunerative employment than what he is now engaged on and he has been awaiting word from this source before endeavouring to make other arrangements.

E. Stevenson.
Det. Sergt.

*The Inspector.
19/3/41
D/Sgt*

*Ind to the Commissioner
R. Haved
Resp for Supt
19/3/41*



The Sub Inspector,
Detective Branch,
Auckland.

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[REDACTED]

18th March, 1941.

Detective-Sergeant Stevenson,
C/o Central Police Station,
Auckland, C.1.

Dear Sir,

On the 14th February you notified me that you had received information from Wellington that I would be shortly contacted by some Department with regard to employment.

I have not heard anything yet and would be very greatly obliged if you could inform me whether there is any particular reason for this.

Yours faithfully,
[REDACTED]

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NEW ZEALAND POLICE.

Subject: [redacted] writes to Commissioner of Police regarding services rendered to the Department.

100,000/3/40-19783]

The Superintendent of Police,
AUCKLAND.

Please have [redacted] informed that a copy of his letter has been handed to a source which may be able to utilize his services.

In that connection he will be contacted at Auckland shortly.

J. Cummings
Commissioner of Police
12.2.41

*To the Supt
R. Ward
15/2/41
Sup*

*The Commissioner
J. Cummings
Superd
17.1.41*

*Inspector
Det Brand
J. Cummings
Superd
13.2.41*

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41*

*The Sub Sup
Det Branch*

*15/2/41
R. Ward
Sup*

*Det Steenson.
S. Hall
S/ Insp
13.2.41*

The Sub Inspector, Dets.

[redacted] informed accordingly.
14.2.41. *E. Steenson.*
Detective.

*The Insp.
S. Hall
S/ Insp
14.2.41*

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

6th February, 1941.

The Commissioner of Police,
Wellington.

Dear Sir,

I am informed by Detective Stevenson that your Department thanks me for my services and will no longer require my assistance. This is quite understandable as there is no doubt very little more to be done in the particular sphere in which I was active. I would like, however, to point out that any services I gave were obviously not for financial gain but only because I thought it my duty to my country.

The fact that I was doing this work kept me attached to certain institutions much more closely and much longer than would otherwise have been the case and in my opinion this has had a bad effect on my private business and also on my chances of making connections which might have helped me in other directions, where my knowledge might have been of use to the country.

My qualifications, you know. I speak French and German fluently and used them for four and a half years in the last war in which I was a Sergeant, recommended for a commission and was awarded the Military Medal. I have been in business in Auckland for over twenty years and am a Justice of the Peace. At present I am teaching English to many of the recently arrived aliens in Auckland and have also been invited to take an active part in the Free French organisation. If, therefore, in view of the work I willingly did for your Department, you can assist me to obtain some suitable position I shall be very much obliged.

Yours faithfully,
[REDACTED]



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NEW ZEALAND POLICE.

Subject: [redacted] - Special services at Auckland.

100,000/3/40-19783

The Superintendent of Police,
AUCKLAND.

Please have [redacted] thanked for his services and informed that payments will be discontinued at the end of the present month.

To Commissioner

J. Cummings
Superd
15.2.41

J. Cummings
Commissioner of Police.
27.1.41

Sub Insp
J. Cummings
Superd
29.1.41

Det Stevenson
S. O'Hall
SI Insp
29.1.41

The Sub Inspector, Dets.

On the 4th inst. I thanked [redacted] and informed him in terms of the Commissioner's direction.

E. Stevenson

4.2.41. Detective.2627.

The Insp.
S. O'Hall
SI Insp
4.2.41

Hand to the Insp
for the Commissioner's office please
R. Hara
5/2/41 Insp file

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NEW ZEALAND POLICE.

Police-station Detective Office, Auckland.

Date: 19 th January, 1941

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REPORT of Detective E.A. Stevenson, No. 2627

relative to [redacted] - special services
at Auckland.

I respectfully report that [redacted] is now of very little value to the Department in connection with enemy alien activities in this City.

The German Club is entirely broken up and former German members of the club are not meeting together anywhere, except for occasional visits of one woman to another. He only very occasionally sees some of the former members with whom he was in regular contact... If there are any pro-Nazi activities in Auckland they are of a secret espionage nature and are such that [redacted] can have no knowledge of them. However, so far as enemy aliens are concerned I can see no definite indication of any such activities.

[redacted] has been a reliable - and a discreet person - for the interpreting of any German documents, letters etc, but for some months there has been little of this for him to do.

He could still do this work for the Department and for any work that involved much time or trouble he could no doubt be suitably recompensed by some appropriate payment.

He has been expecting the discontinuance of a regular monthly payment and he will not feel aggrieved. I am confident that he will continue to supply me with any useful items of information that may come to his knowledge.

The Sub Inspector,
Detective Branch,
Auckland.

The Supt.

E. Stevenson

Detective.

*8/1/41
S/ Insp
20.1.41*

No Commission

In view of the present circumstances you may decide to discontinue regular monthly payments to [redacted]

*J. Birrell
Depdy*

24.1.41



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POLICE DEPT. HEAD OFFICE

[Form No. 108.]



NEW ZEALAND POLICE.

Subject: Payment of £3 per month to secret informant re German Club and German and Nazi activities generally.

100,000/9/37-100501

Hon. Minister in Charge of Police.

I recommend the payment of £3 per month to cover the expenses of the informant. I think it is a favourable opportunity to get at the heart of the Institution.

J. Cummings
Commissioner of Police.

31/3/1938.

APPROVED.
31 MAR 1938
J. H.

The Superintendent of Police,
AUCKLAND.

Payment of £3 per month as from the 1st instant is approved. This amount will be included in the Money Order forwarded to your office on the last day of each month.

It is desirable that the informant's identity be known at this office.

J. Cummings
Commissioner of Police.

8-4-1938.

*The Inspector
For Det. Stevenson*

*J. Gill
15/4/38 Supt*

*The Chief Clerk
R. Ward
& Supt*

Det. Stevenson

*S. O'Hare
6/1/38
13-4-38*

The Chief Detective,

Respectfully noted. My informant is one [redacted] He is a married man, 54 years of age and [redacted]

Reference to him will be found in previous reports concerning the German Club.

E. Stevenson

18/4/38.

Det. 2627.

Insp Ward

*S. O'Hare
6/1/38
19.4.38*

*Forw. to the Supt
R. Ward
19.4.38 Supt*

Forw. to the Commissioner

*J. Gill
19/4/38 Supt*

NEW ZEALAND POLICE.

Police-station: HEADQUARTERSDate: 23 rd March, 1938REPORT of Detective A. M. Harding, No. 2645

relative to payment for information concerning Nazi activities in New Zealand.

I respectfully report that since the 23 rd July 1937 this Department has been receiving information through Detective Stevenson, Auckland, concerning Nazi activities in New Zealand, the information coming from a source known to the Detective only. The informant has been paid two amounts of £5, on 29-7-37 and 28-1-38 respectively, by this Department.

In the attached report of 16 th instant Detective Stevenson describes the circumstances under which his informant now finds himself in a position of greater advantage to this Department, but as he will be involved in some extra personal expense in filling the position the informant asks for a payment of £3 a month.

The information supplied by this source has been found to be useful, and, unfortunately, a source of information is necessary for the proper investigation of this matter, the growth of which in the past few months has shown that it is essential that the Government be fully informed of any Nazi activities in New Zealand. I might mention that this Department is the only one carrying out investigations of this nature. From time to time other Departments have received information alleging that some particular person is carrying on espionage work and it has been referred to this Department for investigation. We have been very handicapped in the past for want of a source of information.

Apart from the policy involved in employing an agent on this particular class of work I suggest that the present proposition is worthy of favourable consideration, and if approval is given that the payment be in the

form of gratuities, or in other words that the informant
be not in the employ of the Department, and that the matter
be reviewed in say six months time.

The Commissioner of Police

WELLINGTON.

A. M. Phelan

Detective 2645

NEW ZEALAND POLICE. [Police-100A.

Police-station: Detective Office, Auckland.

Date: 16 th March, 1938

REPORT of Detective E.A. Stevenson, No. 2627

relative to secret informant re German Club and German and Nazi activities generally.

I respectfully report that Kurt Wilhelm Schmidt, the Treasurer of the German Club, Auckland, is shortly leaving New Zealand on a visit to Germany.

As previously reported Schmidt and Max Grapengiesser are the two leading Nazis in Auckland. Grapengiesser is the Secretary of the Club.

If he were at the Club rooms daily, say for 4 or 5 hours, he could, I am satisfied, obtain still further information of considerable value to the Department in connection with German activities and German visitors to Auckland... He would be prepared to exploit all sources of information in the interests of the Department and would have the opportunity to do so.

My informant has a small office in the City in connection with his business.. After Schmidt's departure my informant would have the opportunity without exciting any suspicion, of using part of the German Club rooms as his office. This would be of advantage to the Department's interests. However, it would involve my informant in extra expense as he would be expected to pay a small amount for rent and use of the telephone.

My informant is prepared to do this if the Department considers that his services would then warrant the payment of say, £3 per month.

The Commissioner may consider, or may have knowledge, that the present tense international situation, more particularly the bearing it has on relations between British countries and Germany, may warrant this expense.

My informant has supplied information that has proved to be both useful and genuine and has received two gratuities, of £5 each for his services.

The object of the report is to point out the opportunity my informant has of getting into even closer touch with Germans in Auckland and passing through Auckland.

E.A. Stevenson.

Det. 2627.

The Chief Detective, Auckland.

Forward to the Commissioner.

S. Till
18/3/38 *Supt*

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NEW ZEALAND POLICE. [Police-100A.]

Police-station: Detective Office, Auckland.
Date: 4 th February, 1938

REPORT of Detective E.A. Stevenson, No. 2627

relative to German Club, Auckland - gratuity to informant.

"Vide attached"

I respectfully report that on the 3rd inst I paid this gratuity of £5 (less tax) to my informant.. Completed Voucher attached.

E.A. Stevenson.

Det. 2627.

The Chief Detective,
Auckland.

*Insp Ward
S. Dale
E. Hill
4-2-38*

*John & Mr. Supt
4 R. Ward
2 Supt
38*

*The Commissioner
Receipts vouched but included
in my Superst account period
ended 23.2.38.*

A. Gill

Superintendent of Police.

7 - MAR 1938

NEW ZEALAND POLICE.

[Police-100A.

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Police-station: Detective Office, Auckland.

Date: 12 th January, 1938

REPORT of Detective E.A. Stevenson, No. 2627

relative to Deutscher Verein (German Club), Auckland;
application for gratuity for informant.

I respectfully report that my informant in the German Club, Auckland continues to supply me, from time to time, with information which is apparently of a reliable nature concerning activities within the Club and of the Nazi members associated with it.

My informant has to pay the Club fees and certain extra expenses for social functions. He also expends a little money in making himself "a good fellow" with those connected with the Club, from whom it is most probable that useful information can be obtained.

On the 29 th July, 1937, the Commissioner approved the payment of £5 gratuity to this informant.. Less tax, this amount was paid to him on the 9 th August, 1937.

I respectfully suggest that the Commissioner may consider it warranted to authorise the payment of a further similar gratuity.

The Chief Detective,
Auckland.

E.A. Stevenson
Det. 2627.

Insp Ward,

For consideration, please.

S. Hall
C/Det.
12.1.38.

*Had to the Supt
17/1/38 R. Ward
Supt*

The Commissioner

Submitted

*S. Till
13/1/38 Supt*

*The Supt
Auckland*

The Ch. Det. 10/36-11940

Report + Voucher attached.

*E.A. Stevenson
Det.*

28-1-38

*£5 gratuity approved
D.D. Cunningham*

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[Ty.—39A.]

(To accompany any voucher for payment by Treasury and to be returned by Treasury to claimant with cheque.)

THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT,
Auckland

Department }
or Service : } **Police**

To be used
for address
only.

Informer,
c/o Det.A.E.Stevenson,
Detective Office
AUCKLAND.

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note
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N.B.—The signature of the payee to the receipt at the foot of the cheque must correspond with the name inserted in the body of the cheque, and is the only receipt required for the above payment.

Any information required by the claimant in respect to the above-stated account may be obtained on application to the Department to which it was rendered.

is according to authority and that the services have been duly performed

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Superintendent of Police

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POLICE DEPT. HEAD OFFICE



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NEW ZEALAND POLICE.

Subject: German Club, Auckland -
remuneration for informant

100,000/5/36-3024]

The Chief Detective,

Less Employment Promotion tax
and Stamp Duty, this gratuity was
paid to my informant on 9/8/37.

E. J. Stevenson.
Det. 2627.

26/8/37.

Insp Ward.
S. Ball
Chief
27-8-37

The Supt
R. Ward
28/8/37 Supt

For the Commissioner
Voucher included in report of
for 28/8/37
S. Ball
28/8/37 Supt

Further payment of £5
authorized on
28-1-38

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The Supt
Auckland

A gratuity
of £5 is approved

D. Humming
29.7.37

For Insp Ward.
S. Ball
28/8/37 Supt

The Chief Det
R. Ward
31/8/37 Supt

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NEW ZEALAND POLICE. [Police-100A.]

Police-station, Detective Office, Auckland.

Date: 23 rd July, 1937

REPORT of Detective E.A. Stevenson, No. 2627

relative to Deutscher Verein (German Club), Auckland,
application for some remuneration for informant.

I respectfully report that a month or so ago the Commissioner impressed upon me the importance of the Department being kept as fully informed as possible of all developments within the German Club, Auckland and the activities of German Nazis in Auckland.

As stated in my report dated the 15 th inst I have managed to contact an informant in connection with these matters, whom I am now sure, is well informed on these matters, and is reliable and trustworthy. Please see page 4 of my report of the 15 th inst.... My informant is [REDACTED]

When the Commissioner was in Auckland a few weeks ago I mentioned to him for his consideration the question of some small remuneration for this informant as I did not feel confident that I could ensure that he would continue to supply me with information unless some payment could be made to him.

The Commissioner instructed me at that time to find out what sort of payment my informant would expect. I sounded my informant about this and he said that he had no idea and that if the Department saw fit to give him anything for any information that thought of value, well and good.

The German, Count Von Luckner will undoubtedly speak in German to the German Club here, when he arrives.. My informant would be able to supply to the Department an outline of the Count's speech. No doubt the Department would welcome such a report so that they may definitely know whether or not the Count delivers himself of Nazi propaganda.

If desired I will give full particulars of my informant.

E.A. Stevenson

Det. 2627.

Inspector Ward,

After discussing this matter with Detective Stevenson, I would suggest a gratuity of £5 be paid forthwith to the informant, and provided information of value to the Department is supplied, a similar amount at intervals of three months.

Jwd to Mr Supt

Syball
C/Det.
23.7.37.

8/7/37 R. Ward Forw?? to the Commissioner
Supt
S. Gill
24/7/37 Supt

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