

~~SECRET~~ 37/10/26.

11th August, 1938.

Colonel Sir Vernon Kell,  
Box No. 500,  
Parliament Street, B.O.,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

Dear Sir Vernon,

Further to my letter Secret 37/10/26 of the 18th  
June, 1938, I forward for your information a copy of a relevant  
letter which has since reached this office.

Yours sincerely,

D. J. CUMMINGS

Commissioner of Police.

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Wellington,  
23rd September, 1938.

GERMAN GENERAL CONSULATE  
GERMAN CONSUL  
for  
New Zealand and Samoa.  
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I confirm with thanks receipt of your letter of the 18th of this month in which you expressed your willingness to assist the General Consulate by obtaining certain information.

In general, I would like to observe that the Consulate General obtains information about N.Z.firms from the usual agencies but as you know these usually limit their information to the partners' amount of capital, business circle and credit strength of the firm.

Only very seldom is information given as to whether the partners are Aryan or if the undertaking is run on Jewish capital. The clearing up of these points would therefore be the main objects of your reports. If the General Consulate has already a trade report about firms in question, they will be sent to you with the enquiries (with the understanding that they must be returned) as thereby your conclusions will be more easily arrived at.

For the simplification of the correspondence, the following code words will be used between you and the Consulate:-

QUESTIONS.

- ANDROMACHE: The G.K.desires information if the firm .... is an Aryan undertaking.
- ARIADNE: The G.K.desires information if the firm .... is a non-Aryan undertaking.
- CLEOPATRA: The G.K.desires information if the firm .... employs Jewish officials.
- MELPOMENE: The G.K.desires information whether in the management guidance of the firm .... there are non-Aryans, how great is the Jewish influence.
- XANTIPPE: The G.K. desires information if there is Jewish capital in the firm ... how great is the capital and the Jewish portion.

ANSWERS.

- ACHILLES: The firm .... is an Aryan undertaking.
- ALCIBIADES: The firm .... is a non-Aryan undertaking.
- ARCHMEDES: Owner of the firm .... is Aryan but employes Jewish officials
- DIUGENES: In the directorate (the management etc) of the firm .... are non-Aryans.
- EURIPEDES: Principal of the firm .... is Aryan, but there are non-Aryans interested.
- HERGULES: Principals of the firm .... are of the nationality of this country and under no Jewish influence.
- LEONIDAS: The race relationship of the firm .... cannot be ascertained. There is a suspicion that it is non-Aryan.
- SOCRATES: In the firm ... is Jewish capital which amounts to ... per cent.

OBSERVATIONS.

The text starts with the necessary code word, then the firms name, as for example:-

QUESTIONS - MELPOMENE AND XANTIPPE.

ANSWERS - SOCRATES would be added to the required figures.

Enclosed you will receive two enquiries about -

ANDROMACHE: Globe Agency Co., 14 Wallace St., Auckland, and  
Electrical Heating Ltd., 66 Fort St., Auckland.

I think it advisable that you do not inform Herr Belin that arrangements made between you and the General Consulate have been made in this matter. I would like to have your information as soon as possible.

(Signed) Kessels.

Herr M. Grapengiesser

2 Ward Terrace,  
Sandringham  
Auckland.

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18 th June 1938

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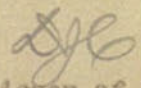
Dear Sir Vernon,

I am advised that for some time past Gustav Belin, a member of the German Club at Auckland has, at the instigation of the German Consul in New Zealand, been compiling data relative to the identity of the directorate of commercial houses in New Zealand having dealings with Germany, with particular reference to the question of there being among them any Jews.

It is reported that Belin's progress in this work was not satisfactory, and that it has recently been taken over by Max Grapengiesser, Secretary of the German Club at Auckland.

Grapengiesser and Belin are both referred to in my letter 37/10/17 of 9 th March last.

Yours sincerely

  
Commissioner of Police

Reports to Minister on 17-10-38