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NEW ZEALAND POLICE.

Subject: GERMAN NATIONALS IN NEW ZEALAND - DETECTIVE STEVENSON'S REPORT
OF 28-7-38. MUELLER - GERNERT & STREWE.

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Police-station: Detective Office, Auckland.

Date: 28 th July, 1938

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

relative to German Club, Auckland; and German activities generally.

I respectfully report that there is not a great deal of fresh matter to report in connection with the above mentioned activities.

HANS OSTERREICH the cameraman on the "Seeteufel" left Auckland by the "Wanganella" on 24/6/38 to rejoin the "Seeteufel" in Queensland... I have been reliably informed that Osterreich would like to leave Germany and return to New Zealand to reside here permanently.

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There is living in Hamilton a German named PAUL MULLAR who is a warm supporter of the Nazi regime in Germany.. He arrived in New Zealand in the early months of this year.. He is not known at the German Club in Auckland and I know nothing further about him... I have merely read one or two interviews with him that have appeared in Auckland newspapers. In one interview Mullar said that Fascism was growing throughout the world and that in New Zealand he had noted its development.

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MAX GRAPENGIESSER, the Secretary of the German Club has been absent from the clubrooms for some weeks, owing to illness, and has only returned within the last few days. Since returning he has said that there appears to be increasing discord within the Nazi Party in Germany.. It will be remembered that Grapengiesser is a member of the overseas group of the Party.

Two or three days ago advice was received from KURT WILHELM SCHMIDT that he had just arrived in Germany.. There is as yet, no indication regarding his possible return to this country.

There are at present in Auckland two young German journalists, by name ODO STRAEVER, age 24 or 25 years, tall, slender and fair; and J.GERNERT, age 22 or 23 years, short and fair.

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They have been in Auckland about a fortnight, having come here from Wellington. They came to New Zealand from Suva.. They intend leaving for Samoa in two or three weeks.

They have stated in Auckland that while in Wellington they interviewed the Right Hon. M.J.Savage, Prime Minister on the question of the return of Samoa to Germany.. The Prime Minister is alleged to have replied that it would have to be decided in London.

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The Chief Detective,
Auckland.

While in Auckland these two men have called at the Labour Club and at the German Club. It is probable that they would not have called at the German

Club had they not wanted assistance in the translation from German into English of articles they have written for newspapers.. I understand that they have written an article for the "Standard" newspaper.

They may not be members of the Nazi Party but they are good Germans.

I have reported about them because they are obviously seeking political information in this country.

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