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Police-station Detective Office, Auckland.

Date: 5 th December, 1938

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

relative to German Club - Auckland.

I respectfully report the following items of information, mainly of a minor nature, concerning the German Club, Auckland and those connected with it.

H. KESSELS, the Secretary of the German Consulate at Wellington is still the leader of the Landegruppe (Nazi Party organisation in New Zealand). The Consul - Herr Ernst Ramm has not yet taken over the leadership.

HERR RAMM arrived in Auckland today from Wellington.. MAX GRAPENGIESSER, the German Club Secretary is meeting him here today.. Tomorrow, the 6 th inst Herr Ramm leaves by the "Matua" for Samoa. No specific reason is known for Herr Ramm's visit to Samoa; it may be ordinary consular business.

At the last committee meeting of the Club a letter was read from Herr Kessels stating that some organisation in a town in Germany is presenting a short wave wireless set to the Club.. The letter said that the radio was for the use of the Club and could also be used by the Nazi group.

In a secret report dated 11/5/38 mention was made of a German visitor to the Club named BRUNO NEHRING.. At a recent meeting of the club committee a move was made and at first supported by most of the committee to debar Nehring from visiting the Club, (he is not a member).. The real reason for this was that Nehring will not give the Nazi salute on entering the clubrooms. The suggestion to debar him was subsequently dropped.

KURT WILHELM SCHMIDT, leading Nazi Party member in Auckland, vide many previous reports, is returning to New Zealand with his wife and family. He arrives at Wellington by the "Rangitane" on or about the 14 th inst.

When Schmidt last returned to New Zealand from Germany he arrived at Auckland and in pursuance of the Commissioner's instructions (Secret 34/538) I searched his effects.. Certain literature was detained for a while but no useful information resulted. See my report dated 16/10/34.

I have been informed that Schmidt and his wife, although appreciative of the visit to their homeland, are returning to New Zealand gladly and with certain feelings of relief.. They remain good Nazis but appreciate certain definite advantages of living in this country.

In a report dated 2/6/38 mention was made of GREGOR REITCHMAIER, formerly of Von Luckner's boat "See Teufel", and who remained in Auckland and subsequent permission to reside here permanently.

The Chief Detective,
Auckland.

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Max Grapengiesser is now quite friendly with Reitchmaier and recently told my informant that he (Reitchmaier) had joined the Nazi Party in Germany since he has been here.

Since the "See Teufel" left on 3/5/38 Reitchmaier has been working as a waiter at Glendowie night club... He is shortly leaving that employment and is going to work at his trade as a caravan builder.

His waiter job at the night club is being taken over by HANS BRAUNIAS, an Austrian member of the German Club - mentioned in the list of Club members forwarded 15/2/38.

There is nothing further to report at present.

E. Stevenson

Det. 2627.

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by me

5-12-38

For the Commissioner

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5/17/38

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