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No. ....

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Attorney-General's Department.

FILE OF PAPERS.

SUBJECT: *Jehovah's Witnesses*

*7 Beresford Road, Strathfeld -*

*Taking over by the Railway.*



9. It is recommended that this plant be taken over immediately and used by the Dept. of the Army for the duration of the War. It is understood that the Commonwealth Attorney General's Dept. would have no objection and would, in fact, welcome this action.

Colonel i/c. Administration H.Q. N.S.W. L of C Area.  
For G.O.C.

Copies to:-  
Secretary, Commonwealth Attorney General's Dept.  
CANBERRA.

*Mr. Lanning  
10/6  
42*



Australian Military Forces

H.Q. N.S.W. L OF C AREA.

~~Base Headquarters, E.C., Paddington,~~

TELEPHONE FO 455

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BASE H.Q. REGISTRY NUMBER	

QML/MH.



Address your reply to  
Base Headquarters, E.C., Paddington,  
and quote Number hereunder

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Victoria Barracks,

Paddington, N.S.W.

June, 1942.

L.H.Q.

JEHOVAH WITNESSES: PRINTING PLANT & PAPER  
STOCK AT 7 BERESFORD ROAD, STRATHFIELD.

Plant and stock at the above address has been taken over by and is under the control of the Commonwealth Investigation Branch of the Attorney-General's Dept.

2. Application is now therefore made by this Headquarters for the use of the existing premises, plant and stock as it stands as an urgent military necessity.

3. For your information it is explained that the existing printing works at Victoria Barracks cannot possibly cope with all Army needs and in addition the State Government Printer is endeavouring to supply extra demands but is unable to completely satisfy the urgent and regular calls for assistance in this respect.

4. As a branch of the Barracks Printing Works - this plant would be of invaluable assistance in helping to produce Army Forms in large quantities and at rush periods when time is a vital factor. It would, in addition, provide an immediate "going concern" should any damage or serious holdup occur to the present plant at the Barracks owing to enemy action. It is approximately 7 miles due west from Victoria Barracks.

5. Its control and supervision by the Dept. of the Army would obviate certain further public expense which is contemplated in the near future - in regard to the purchase of another guillotine and possible urgently required additions to existing works.

6. A preliminary inspection arranged through the courtesy of Mr. D.A. Alexander was carried out on the 17th June by the Stationery Officer of this Area - Major J.G. Patterson - accompanied by Major D.A. Hames (A/D.P.S.S. from Melbourne) and conducted by Mr. J.R. Magnusson of the Commonwealth Investigation Branch. These Officers report that the premises, plant and stock are all admirably suited for Army requirements and with very little time and expense could be cleaned up and the plant profitably employed in producing urgent requirements.

7. The plant referred to comprises of:-

- 1 Michle 30 x 40 Ptg. Machine.
- 1 " Vertical " "
- 1 Platen " "
- 1 42" Summit Guillotine.
- 1 Wire Stitching Machine.
- 1 Perforator.
- 1 Linotype Machine.
- (Several tons of assorted paper - all most useful).

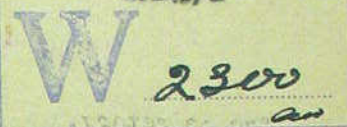
8. The address is already under Army control as all the surrounding buildings are now occupied by a Supply Coy. which provides permanent guards.



Mr. Jeffery  
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18th June, 1942.

The Director,  
Commonwealth Investigation Branch,  
**CANBERRA, A.C.T.**

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES - Property.

Major J. G. Paterson, Stationery Officer, N.S.W. Lines of Communication Area, in the course of an extensive search for printing plant and stock, yesterday applied at this Office to inspect the plant and stock at 7 Beresford Road, Strathfield, and, subsequently made the inspection accompanied by an Officer of this Branch.

Major Paterson said that all the plant and stock at Strathfield is eminently suitable and urgently required for Defence purposes. Seeing that the Strathfield premises are occupied by the Army, he said that the plant could best be operated in its present location: in this way it would provide a secondary plant should the Printing Works at Victoria Barracks be damaged by enemy action. It is understood that the matter will be taken up with the Secretary, Attorney-General's Department, by the General Officer Commanding, N.S.W. Line of Communications Area, direct without delay.

Of the property remaining on our hands the motor vehicles and the boats would also improve with use. All the motor vehicles have been taken into storage by the Postmaster General's Department. This Department is in urgent need of certain types of vehicles and the time is opportune for the Commonwealth to allow that Department to use such of the vehicles as they desire.

The boats, as you are aware, are moored at Halvorsens and subject to rental charges. At the present time the ketch is due for clipping and cleaning. The Navy needs these boats for harbour patrol purposes. I suggest that their immediate transfer be authorised.

D. A. Alexander,  
A/g. Inspector.

P. T.O.





Canberra, A.C.T.  
19th June 1942

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The Secretary,  
Attorney-General's Department,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Forwarded: Has any decision been arrived at, as indicated  
in your memorandum of 19th May 1942, that the matter was being re-  
ferred to Counsel for opinion?

*H.E. Jones*  
H.E. Jones  
DIRECTOR.

*Mr Lanning*  
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*2nd* June, 1942.

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MEMORANDUM for:

The Director,  
Investigation Branch,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES - TAKING OVER 7 BERESFORD  
ROAD BY MILITARY.

I refer to your minute dated 28th May, 1942,  
forwarding copy of memorandum from the Acting Inspector,  
Sydney, advising that the work of removing the property on  
the premises had been completed.

The large quantity of newsprint referred to,  
should not, I think, be disposed of until the decision of the  
High Court is known.

The work of the officers of your Branch in this  
matter is greatly appreciated.

*M. A. Living*  
*Secy*

(Sgd.) Gen. S. Kowles

Secretary.



M. Jeffery

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SYDNEY.

27th May, 1942.

The Director,  
Commonwealth Investigation Branch,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

JEROME'S WITNESSES.

Further to my memorandum of 23rd May, 1942, I have to advise that the work of removing the contents from the General Office and Nos. 2 and 3 Sheds was completed on 26th May, 1942. The position now is that all literature in cartons (weighing approximately 150 tons) and all folding chairs are stored in a Ministry of Munitions Store (old Sunshine Bakery) at Belconn.

The greater part of the remaining assets, comprising all manner of articles and the records of the now unlawful organisation, are stored under lock and key in the Printery (No. 1 Shed). Due to lack of space, it was found necessary to store large flat bales and rolls of newsprint in the small shed which previously housed gramophone parts; this is under Military Guard.

The work of removal proved an arduous undertaking, involving Officers of this Branch in long hours of supervising and directing the operations. I might also add that the efforts of this Branch were warmly appreciated by the Army Authorities.

*Dac*

D. A. Alexander,  
A/G. Inspector.

The Secretary,  
Attorney-General's Department,  
CANBERRA.

Forwarded for your information. May I draw your attention to the large quantity of newsprint stored in the small shed; I presume this cannot be disposed of until some decision is reached regarding the illegality of the association.

*H.E. Jones*  
DIRECTOR.

28th May 1942

*Thank you. The work of your branch in this matter is greatly appreciated. H.E. Jones 28/5/42*



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B. 098.  
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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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COMMONWEALTH INVESTIGATION BRANCH.

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29 APR 1942



MEMORANDUM for

The Secretary,  
Attorney-General's Department;  
CANBERRA.

The following is copy of a report received from Sydney,  
and is forwarded for your information :-

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JEHOVAH's WITNESSES.

Following an inspection of the premises 7, Beresford Road, Strathfield yesterday by Captain Bray and Lieutenant Sigmont, accompanied by an officer from this Branch, a further inspection was made to-day (28th April) by Lieutenant Colonel Kennedy, Assistant Director of Supply and Transport, Eastern Command.

The Military authorities desire new quarters for 5 Supply Personnel Company which is at present at Marrickville in premises which have been condemned for health reasons. This unit is about 200 strong, and has an Accountancy section; it supplies various Sydney camps and carries 14 days' supply in reserve.

The military officers mentioned were unanimous that the premises are most suitable. It is expected that an immediate move will be made on their part to acquire the premises, together with portion of Jacketts Flour Mill which adjoins.

It is understood that, in addition to the premises, the Army will want the office equipment and most furniture and, perhaps, various other articles (such as laundry equipment). Lieutenant Colonel Kennedy suggests that the Army should take over everything, and that he as A.D.S.T. would dispose of it to best advantage, and it is believed he will submit such a proposition. He will communicate with the Secretary, Attorney-General's Department. "

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copy  
29/4/42*

*H.B. Jones*  
H.B. Jones  
DIRECTOR.



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19<sup>th</sup> May, 42.

MEMORANDUM for:

The Director,  
Investigation Branch,  
CANBERRA.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES - 7 BERNESFORD ROAD -  
DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY.

I refer to your minute dated 12th May, 1942, forwarding memorandum from the Acting Inspector, Sydney, regarding the above matter.

Whilst it is desired to facilitate as far as possible the occupancy of the premises by the Department of the Army, it must be understood that the military authorities required the use of the premises only. In order to use the premises, it will, of course, be necessary for action to be taken to remove the contents of certain buildings on the premises to some other place for safe keeping.

The Acting Inspector's recommendations in the matter appear to have been based on the assumption that the High Court proceedings have been concluded and that the Commonwealth was successful in the matter. The proceedings have been adjourned until a date to be fixed and it is not desired to take any action with regard to the property on the premises that may prejudice the Commonwealth's case while the matter is sub judice.

I have accordingly instructed the Deputy Crown Solicitor to obtain counsel's advice as to whether any of the property on the premises may be sold or otherwise disposed of.

Meanwhile, there is no objection to the removal, under supervision to a place of security, of the contents of the General Office, No. 2 Shed and No. 3 Shed and I have informed the Deputy Crown Solicitor accordingly.

As stated previously, the Department of the Army has served notice on Mr. McGillivray that it requires the use of the premises, but no mention was made of the contents thereof. The military authorities cannot accordingly, under that requirement, take over and use the domestic equipment, furniture, motor cars, etc.

Regarding the printery, I attach hereto an inventory made by Edwards Dunlop and Co. Ltd. as at 29th July last. This inventory was obtained as the result of inquiries made by the Import Licensing Branch of the Department of Trade and Customs, which is interested in the disposal of the printing machinery etc.

In view of the valuable nature of the printing plant, it might be possible to arrange with the Army authorities to leave the printery intact and not take over the building.

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Pending a decision as to their disposal, there would be no objection to the six motor vehicles being garaged in the Postmaster-General's Garage and I shall be glad if you will make arrangements accordingly.

/With



With regard to the contents of the Small Shed referred to in the Acting Inspector's memorandum and containing gramophone parts and benches, these may also be removed under supervision to a place of safe custody.

As soon as advice is received from counsel as to the proper action to be taken with regard to the domestic equipment, furniture in the "Theocratic Embassy" itself and the contents of the printery, you will be further advised.

(Sgd) Geo. S. Knowles  
Secretary.





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19<sup>th</sup> May, 42.

MEMORANDUM for:

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Investigation Branch,  
CANBERRA.

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19<sup>th</sup> May, 42.

MEMORANDUM for:

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Investigation Branch,  
CANTERBURY.

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Secretary.



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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA—POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

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SIR GEORGE KNOWLES

COMMONWEALTH CROWN SOLICITOR CANBERRA

YOUR DEPUTY IN SYDNEY HAS SERVED NOTICES ON PERSONS AT STRATHFIELD  
TODAY REQUIRING THEM EVACUATE PREMISES BY TOMORROW SATURDAY STOP  
AS THERE ARE FIFTY PEOPLE LIVING THERE IT IS QUITE IMPOSSIBLE TO GET  
ACCOMMODATION FOR THEM IN THAT SHORT TIME STOP YOU HAVE MY  
ASSURANCE THAT I HAVE NO DOUBT THEY WILL EVACUATE AS SOON AS

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OBSTRUCTIVE IN THE LEAST STOP WOULD YOU ASK YOUR DEPUTY TO  
EXTEND TIME STOP SHALL PERSONALLY BE IN SYDNEY MONDAY TO ENSURE  
PROPER STEPS TAKEN TO EVACUATE STOP WOULD REGARD IT AS GREAT  
PERSONAL FAVOUR IF YOUR DEPUTY WOULD ALSO ARRANGE WITH EASTERN  
COMMAND FOR SAY WEEKS EXTENSION  
... H ALDERMAN ADELAIDE

Plan on file

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Informed Mr. Alderman  
it had been arranged  
anxious that the place  
would be vacated at  
5pm. today. 9/5/42





## TIME . . . BY TELEPHONE

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Copies of letters received from Deputy Crown Solicitor, Sydney, by telephone.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

2300  
myb

Department of the Army,

7th May, 1942.

Mr. A. MacGillivray,  
7 Beresford Road,  
STRATHFIELD.

Dear Sir,

I desire to inform you that the use of the premises known as 7 Beresford Road, Strathfield, is required for the Department of the Army for purposes connected with the prosecution of the war.

The Department of the Army is aware that certain questions are now pending in the High Court of Australia affecting the validity of an order made by the Governor-General on 17th January, 1941, whereby the body known as Jehovah's Witnesses and other bodies became unlawful bodies under the National Security (Subversive Associations) Regulations.

The requirement of the use of the above premises for the purposes of the Department of the Army is not related in any way to the questions pending in the High Court and, if it had not been for the fact of the above order, the premises would have been requisitioned by the Department in the ordinary course.

The Department of the Army therefore calls upon you and all others who are permitted to use the premises to vacate the same and requires any person desiring to enter upon the premises to refrain from doing so unless authorised to do so by that Department.

(SGD.) .....

General Officer Commanding  
Headquarters Sydney.

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INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION.

8th May, 1942.

General Officer Commanding,  
Headquarters,  
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

Sir,

Reference 81928 of 7.5.1942.

I am in receipt of an order addressed to Mr. Alexander MacGillivray, the Attorney of the above Association and of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society and have to reply:-

Apart from the validity of the order, which question will be decided by our solicitors, I would advise that there are at least fifty people sleeping on the premises. While we have no desire to stand in the way of the Military, you will appreciate I am sure that it is impossible for fifty people to find accommodation in Sydney at such short notice, especially at this time.

Arrangements are being made to go in a few days' time when we hope suitable accommodation will be found. I am instructed by Mr. MacGillivray to ask for further time in which to vacate.

Yours faithfully,

(SGD.) P. D. REES, Secretary.

(P.T.O.)



The Deputy Crown Solicitor proposes, notwithstanding this letter, to take steps to require the persons to leave the premises as proposed, namely by 12 noon on Saturday, 9th May.

The Secretary,  
Attorney-General's Department,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T.



For your information.

*Handwritten signature: H. F. E. Whitlam*  
*Handwritten initials: H.F.E.*

(H. F. E. Whitlam)  
Crown Solicitor,  
8th May, 1942.



re Jehovah's Witnesses.

Smullyer has not had  
time to go into the matter  
thoroughly but his present view is  
that the hypotheses contained in  
Alexander's memoirs are based on  
the assumption that the C.I.C.  
has won the case.

Sm. G. has no objection to  
the transfer <sup>referred</sup> to the introduction of the  
society's office records being  
transferred under supervision to  
a place of security but  
he is not agreeable to taking  
any action to hand over property  
etc to the Army or to call  
any of the <sup>or conf.</sup> ~~port.~~ <sup>refused</sup> to.

Sm. G. would like you to  
get counsel's advice ~~before~~  
before taking any further action  
in the matter.

J.T.

15.5.42

Telephoned to Mr Watson 15/5



I told Mr Watson  
that there would be  
no objection to  
the transfer of  
the contents of the  
General Store  
to No 2  
Store No. 3  
Store to  
a place  
2  
sincerely  
J.



The Director.

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11.5.1942.

Attorney General that he direct, under the National Security (Subversive Associations) Regulations that with respect to this property seized under those Regulations and at present on the premises known as 7 Beresford Road:-

- a. That all articles of domestic equipment and furniture; articles of office equipment nature; and all motor vehicles be handed over to the Department of the Army or the P.M.G.'s Department for use by those Departments.

Prior to the handing over of the good referred to in this paragraph, an inventory thereof be made and the goods valued as at the time of handing over.

- b. That all articles made of paper in the nature of books, pamphlets and other publications be removed from the premises and stored in a place of security.
- c. That all office records, e.g. invoices, ledgers, ledger cards and business systems, be removed from the premises and stored in a place of security.
- d. That the printery, all equipment and parts relating thereto and all bulk paper be handed over to the Department of the Army - a proper inventory thereof being taken and a valuation of such goods being made. Such paper as is of no use to the Department of the Army to be handed over to the Commonwealth Stores Depot.
- e. In respect of the goods referred to in (a) and (d), to the extent to which such goods are not required by the Department of the Army, the Postmaster-General's Department or any other Commonwealth Department, the articles be sold to the best advantage. (Note: It is not anticipated that any goods will be included in this category).

It is further recommended that the Attorney General make a similar direction under the same Regulations directing the disposal of the boats seized under those Regulations to the Department of the Navy or the Commissioner of Police.

I am informed that transport and personnel required to make the necessary removals can be provided by the Department of the Army; such personnel would, of course, work under the supervision of Officers of the Commonwealth Investigation Branch. Similarly, the preparation of inventories can be carried out by personnel provided by the Department of the Army directed by the Commonwealth Investigation Branch.

It is anticipated that a store will be secured from the Division of Import Procurement, i.e., a section of one of their stores will be used, such store being under Commonwealth Peace Officer protection.

The foregoing proposals have been submitted to the Deputy Crown Solicitor, Sydney, who is in complete accordance with same.



The Secretary,  
Attorney-General's Department,  
CANBERRA.

Referred.

12th May 1942

*D. A. Alexander*  
D. A. Alexander,  
A/g. Inspector.

*E. E. Jones*  
E. E. Jones  
DIRECTOR.



A/M/JH

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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PHONE { B 1715  
BW 6098

INVESTIGATION BRANCH,  
6TH FLOOR, COMMONWEALTH BANK,  
PITT STREET AND MARTIN PLACE  
BOX 4269Y, G.P.O.,

SECRET.

SYDNEY, 11th May, 1942.

The Director,  
Commonwealth Investigation Branch,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES - Disposal of Property.

As already advised, the Fifth Supply Personnel Company entered into occupancy of the premises known as 7 Beresford Road, Strathfield on Sunday, 10th May, 1942. An advance party is now at work preparing for the reception of the main body. The Army authorities desire, in order to minimise dislocation, that the main body of troops enter the premises as soon as possible.

I am already being pressed to facilitate clearing the property of the seized matter stored in four sheds in the grounds, that part of the residence formerly used as the general office of the now dissolved International Bible Students' Association, and the garage, so that the work of the Military advance party be not delayed.

The following will give some indication of the nature of the stores and the contents thereof:-

*Gramophone store*  
General Office: Measurement approximately 20' x 60' and part of the main residence. It contains an iron safe, a number of office desks and filing cabinets, typewriters, and voluminous official records and documents of the former Jehovah's Witnesses' Organisations.

*Gramophone store*  
No. 1 Shed (Printery): Brick with galvanised iron roof, approximately 30' x 80', and formerly used as a Printery, Paper Store and Mailing Office. Contents comprise a large and valuable printing press, linotype machine, guillotine and quantities of all material associated with printing: many tons of newsprint, paper, ink, etc. seized from Rollo Press, Hurstville; electrical goods seized from F. N. Franks' premises; the proceeds of the searches of many private homes and other places, consisting mainly of books, gramophones and gramophone records. The contents of this store are probably worth many thousands of pounds.

*Gramophone store*  
No. 2 Shed: Approximately 20' x 60', and formerly used as a literature store. It was practically filled to capacity by its original store of literature, numbering several hundred large cartons of books and gramophone records. The proceeds of a number of searches have since been placed therein.

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No. 3 Shed: Approximately the same dimensions as No. 2. This was a store shed practically empty on the occasion of our occupying the premises. Later we stored several hundreds of cartons of books lifted from various Bond Stores therein and three motor cars and a motor van.

Small Shed: Approximately half the size of the abovementioned sheds. It houses large cases of gramophone parts and a number of benches.

Garage: Capacity five cars. It houses three seized Hudson Motor Cars.

I suggest that representations as follows be made to the

/Attorney General



The Director.

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for Mr. Rees also to converse by 'phone with the Deputy Crown Solicitor, confirming the new arrangement. I might also add that I informed Mr. MacGillivray that within the next couple of days if there was any article of a private nature still on the premises the facilities to obtain same would be granted.

From my inspection of the premises at 10.45 a.m. on 9th May, 1942, and from my conversation with Mr. MacGillivray, I am of the opinion that the original twenty-four hours' notice given was ample. In a general conversation, Mr. MacGillivray expressed in strong terms his dissatisfaction with the action being taken and indicated that he would not let the matter rest. He made many provocative remarks. He also said to me and to other Officers that Dr. Evatt had spoken to him as follows:-

"If there is a law left in the land you will win your case".

A further report regarding the occupation by the Military and the action being taken to prepare an inventory will be submitted at a later date.

(The foregoing information telephoned to the Commonwealth Investigation Branch from Strathfield by Mr. Alexander).



*D. A. Alexander*  
D. A. Alexander, *per J.*  
A/g. Inspector.

The Secretary,  
Attorney-General's Department,  
CANBERRA.

Forwarded for your information.

*H. E. Jones*  
H. E. Jones  
DIRECTOR

11th May 1942

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Investigation Branch  
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CANBERRA  
Central Administration

INVESTIGATION BRANCH,  
6TH FLOOR, COMMONWEALTH BANK,  
PITT STREET AND MARTIN PLACE  
BOX 4269Y, G.P.O.,

**SECRET**

SYDNEY, 9th May, 1942.

The Director,  
Commonwealth Investigation Branch,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.

As instructed by the Deputy Crown Solicitor, Officers of this Branch - Messrs. Barnwell and Magnusson - accompanied by Captain Bray of the Military, and Detective Sergeant Swasbrick and Constable Pratt of the M.P.I., visited the premises known as 7 Beresford Road, Strathfield, at 11.40 a.m. on Friday, 8th May, 1942.

In the absence of Mr. MacGillivray, Mr. Magnusson and Captain Bray, accompanied by the two M.P.I. Officers, saw Mr. P. D. Rees, next in line to Mr. MacGillivray. Captain Bray delivered a letter to Mr. Rees, copy of which is attached. Mr. Magnusson then, as instructed, served a notice signed by the Deputy Crown Solicitor (copy attached) on Mr. Rees.

Mr. Rees, on receipt of the letter handed to him by Captain Bray, said:

"I suppose this is the same as Jackett's Mill got?" (Jackett's Mill is an adjoining property). As this was in the form of an observation, a reply was not made. When Mr. Magnusson handed Mr. Rees his notice, Mr. Rees replied as follows:-

"Mr. MacGillivray is away. I do not know whether I can get in touch with him. However, I will have the requirements of the notice carried out".

Mr. Magnusson then proceeded to serve a notice to each resident of the property known as 7 Beresford Road. Altogether 60 notices were served without incident. Immediately after the receipt of the notice by Mr. Rees the residents commenced making preparations to leave and such work was carried on into the night. Such quick progress was made by them that all except about 10 had left the premises, sleeping elsewhere that night. The remaining ten included Mr. and Mrs. MacGillivray and Mr. Rees.

The utmost harmony prevailed throughout the proceedings. The question of a definition and the removal of articles classed as personal effects presented numerous problems. However, having regard to the avoidance of unpleasant incidents, the Officers were instructed to err slightly in favour of the inmates.

This morning, on receipt of instructions from the Deputy Crown Solicitor, I interviewed Messrs. MacGillivray and Rees regarding an application made to the Commonwealth Government for an extension of time to vacate the premises. I mentioned to Mr. MacGillivray that it was not the intention of the Commonwealth to cause them serious inconvenience, and that a reasonable extension would be favourably considered. Mr. MacGillivray stated that whilst it was possible to vacate by the time required, it would be greatly appreciated if an extension could be granted to 3 p.m. this day. I then said to Mr. MacGillivray that perhaps 5 p.m. would see the whole thing through, to which he amicably agreed.

I then communicated by telephone with the Deputy Crown Solicitor to confirm the five hour extension. I took the precautions

/for Mr. Rees



Mr. A. MacGillivray,  
7 Beresford Road,  
STRATHFIELD, N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

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The requirement of the use of the above premises for the purposes of the Department of the Army is not related in any way to the questions pending in the High Court and if it had not been for the fact of the above Order the premises would have been requisitioned by the Department in the ordinary course.

The Department of the Army therefore calls upon you and all others permitted to use the premises to vacate the same and requires any person desiring to enter upon the premises to refrain from doing so unless authorized to do so by that Department.

Yours truly,"



NOTICE.

To

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AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that you are required to leave the premises before the hour of twelve o'clock noon on Saturday the ninth day of May 1942.

It is imperative that the Department of the Army should have immediate occupation upon the expiration of the period specified; and that Department will proceed to take exclusive occupation as from that time.

DATED this eighth day of May, 1942.

(GEORGE A. WATSON)  
Deputy Crown Solicitor.



WR/BJ

2300  
11th May, 1942.

MEMORANDUM to -

The Secretary,  
Attorney-General's Department,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T.  
(Through the Crown Solicitor, Canberra)

WITNESSES OF JEHOVAH.

I desire to inform you that in order to give effect to the request of the Department of the Army that it should obtain exclusive use of the premises known as the Theocratic Embassy at 7 Beresford Road, Strathfield, and having regard to your instructions in the matter, the action set out in the following paragraphs has been taken.

2. At about 11.40 a.m. on 8th May 1942 Mr. Magnusson of the Commonwealth Investigation Branch, Detective Sergeant Swasbrick and Constable Pratt of the New South Wales Police and Captain Bray of the Department of the Army attended at the Embassy to see Mr. A. MacGillivray, the leader of the sect. In Mr. MacGillivray's absence, the interview was had with Mr. P.D. Rees.

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That letter was dated 8th May, was written on Army notepaper, and was signed by the General Officer Commanding, New South Wales Lines of Communication Area.

4. Mr. Magnusson then handed to Mr. Rees a notice in the following terms:-

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DATED this eighty day of May, 1942.

(sgd) George A. Watson,  
Deputy Crown Solicitor.

5. After the interview with Mr. Rees, Mr. Magnusson with Mr. Barnwell (of the Commonwealth Investigation Branch) served each person resident on the property <sup>with</sup> a notice in accordance with the terms of that quoted in the previous paragraph.

6. As stated in the notice the time limited for the vacation of the premises was noon on 9th May, but such time was extended till 5 p.m. on that date following upon arrangements made as a result of a letter dated 8th May, and reading as under, written by Mr. Rees to the General Officer Commanding:-

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GEORGE A. WATSON,  
Deputy Crown Solicitor,  
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COMMONWEALTH BANK CHAMBERS,  
108-120 PITT STREET, SYDNEY.



11th May, 1942.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS—  
COMATTGEN, CANBERRA.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

CANBERRA, A.C.T.

March,

1942.

IN REPLY, PLEASE QUOTE No. W.2300.

MEMORANDUM for:-

The Director,  
Investigation Branch,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

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Secretary.



March, 42.

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Secretary.



JRM/TH.

20th February, 1942.

Director,  
Commonwealth Investigation Branch,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.

I attach hereto for consideration, letter received today from Jehovah's Witness leader Rees applying for the use of additional space at 7, Beresford Road, Strathfield, for use as a hospital in an emergency.

It is presumed, having regard to the teachings and attitude of Jehovah's Witnesses, that the space is intended for use only by and for Jehovah's Witnesses. It could only be used for minor casualties as all doctors, hospital staff and equipment, would be required for service under the proper N.E.S. Authorities according to plans already made. At present the authorities have not the power to take charge of injured persons and put them in hospital against their wish: in the event of raids, however, it would seem that they must have this power as qualified persons to attend to the injured will, no doubt, only be available at prescribed places. I am informed that First Aid Posts already established at Strathfield are adequate for the district and that plans for the reception of hospital cases have been completed.

This Office is opposed to any further consideration being given to Jehovah's Witnesses. No reason can be seen for granting this application for space for treatment of injured persons. All residents at 7, Beresford Road, have their own beds and could use them in the event of minor injuries - if such injuries were sufficiently bad to put them to bed yet not warrant attention at a recognised hospital. The space already used by the residents includes a large lounge room and another large room which is used as an office by Rees besides an extra large dining-room and kitchen and the bakery and cellars in the basement.

I have not sent out an interim reply to the attached letter. It is noted that Watchtower Bible and Tract Society notepaper has been used and Rees describes himself as "Secretary".

D. A. Alexander.  
Acting Inspector.



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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COMMONWEALTH INVESTIGATION BRANCH.

CANBERRA, 24th February, 1942  
(A.C.T.)

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MEMORANDUM for:

The Secretary,  
Attorney-General's Department,  
CANBERRA

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I send herewith copy of a letter sent by P.D. Rees, together with a report by the Inspector-in-Charge, Sydney, relative to Rees' application for increased accommodation at 7 Beresford Road, Strathfield, for use as a hospital in an emergency.

I concur in the recommendation of the Inspector that no further consideration be given to Jehovah's Witnesses.

*H. E. Jones*  
H. E. Jones  
DIRECTOR.



WATCHTOWER.  
BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY.

18th February, 1942.

The Inspector,  
Commonwealth Investigation Branch,  
Commonwealth Bank Buildings,  
Martin Place,  
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

We wish to make application to use the main office at these premises as a hospital in the event of an emergency. The furniture etc., now in the office could be easily moved into one of the other buildings and we would undertake to provide ample labour to do this, if it can be arranged.

In view of the obvious urgency of the matter and the seriousness of having insufficient facilities to cope with casualties, if Sydney is subject to aerial attacks, we wish to press this application and ask for an early reply so that preparatory arrangements can be commenced immediately.....

Yours faithfully,

Sgd.

P. D. Rees.  
Secretary.



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SYDNEY. 18th May, 1942.

The Director,  
Commonwealth Investigation Branch,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.

The charges of assault brought against A. MacGillivray and P. D. Rees arising out of the shooting of the latter by Peace Officer Hopton were withdrawn at Burwood Court yesterday.

An information in which MacGillivray charged Peace Officer Hopton with discharging a loaded revolver at him, thereby occasioning him actual bodily harm, was also withdrawn.

The Secretary,  
Attorney-General's Department,  
CANBERRA.

Forwarded for information.

*D. A. Alexander*  
D. A. Alexander,  
A/g. Inspector.

*H. E. Jones*  
H. E. Jones. DIRECTOR. 19/5/1942.

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Investigation Branch,  
6th Floor, Commonwealth Bank,  
Pitt Street, and Martin Place,  
SYDNEY.

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Director,  
Commonwealth Investigation Branch,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.

Attached report is forwarded for information.  
I referred to the above during telephone conversation to-day, but subsequent inquiry shows it has not developed into a serious matter. It is, however, another instance of conflict between the guard and the residents.

Peace Officer Mulley was acting in accordance with standing instructions when he asked Rees to leave the "inquiry office" and Rees acknowledged that the Peace Officer asked him to leave without effect, before touching him.

(Sgd.) D.A. Alexander.  
Inquiry Officer.

*The Secretary  
Attorney General's Dept.  
Forwarded for information.  
H.C. Jones  
Director*



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Investigation Branch,  
6th Floor, Commonwealth Bank,  
Pitt Street and Martin Place,  
SYDNEY.

27th January, 1942.

Atg/Inspector-in-Charge,  
Commonwealth Investigation Branch,  
SYDNEY.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.

At about 10.30 a.m. to-day, Mr. Murray of the Peace Officer Sections advised that a Rudders lorry was waiting at 7, Beresford Road, Strathfield to deliver a case of books addressed to a Mr. W. Doherty. Peace Officer Mulley had held up delivery whilst he obtained instructions as to procedure from this Office. An amount of £1/7/7 was to be paid on the case before delivery.

I advised Mr. Murray that the Peace Officer should wait until the parcel was delivered off the lorry and that the Peace Officer should then examine the contents. I stressed the point that we were not concerned until the carrier handed over the parcel.

Fifteen minutes or so later Mr. Rees rang to report that an incident occurred in which Peace Officer Mulley assaulted him. He said he endeavoured to use the telephone set apart for the Peace Officers because the other line attached to the residence (for use by the Jehovah's Witnesses) was out of order and had been out of order all the morning and Peace Officer Mulley prevented him doing so with the result that the assault occurred.

Immediately following receipt of Mr. Rees' report I tested both telephone lines connected to 7 Beresford Road and found that both worked normally. In addition I enquired of the local exchange and found that neither had been reported out of order.

I then visited 7 Beresford Road, as instructed. Statements by Peace Officer Mulley and Mr. Rees are attached. It will be seen that my advice with regard to handling the matter of the Doherty case of books had not been followed. If Peace Officer Mulley had not possessed himself of the carrier's papers relating to the case of books - and it seems unnecessary for him to have done so - most likely no incident would have occurred.

However, the reason why the Peace Officer laid his hands on Rees was because the latter entered what is known as the "Inquiry Office" and, according to the Peace Officer, would not leave when requested to do so. Rees' excuse for entering the "Inquiry Office" that the telephone supplied for his use was out of order is lame in the circumstances, especially when it seems that his statement that the telephone was out of order is an untruth.

Further action does not seem warranted. It is to be regretted, however, that the Peace Officer, after asking for instruction did not carry them out especially when, as it is now found, the case of books was not intended for 7 Beresford Road, but for a 7th Day Adventist address in The Boulevard, Strathfield. The carrier's delivery slip showed incorrectly the address of Doherty as 7 Beresford Road, Strathfield.

(Sgd.) J.R. Magnusson.  
Inquiry Officer.



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CANBERRA  
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2300.

5th August 1941.

MEMORANDUM for -

The Secretary,  
Attorney-General's Department,  
CANBERRA.



JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.

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With reference to your memorandum W.2300 of 21st July 1941,  
I attach hereto replies received from Inspector Mitchell, Sydney,  
to the questionnaire set out in your memorandum.

With regard to the reference in the last paragraph of the  
report, Inspector Mitchell stated at that time that certain Peace  
Officers stationed at Strathfield engaged in friendly conversation  
with persons resident on the property and, in so doing, discussed  
the views of other Peace Officers indiscreetly. To obviate such  
conversations, Mr. Mitchell took steps to transfer certain men and,  
in his replies, you will see that seven(7) of the Peace Officers  
who were deemed indiscreet have been transferred or are about to  
be transferred.

*116-2111*

*H.E. Jones*  
H.E. Jones *W.E.*  
DIRECTOR



30th July, 1941.

The Director,  
Commonwealth Investigation Branch,  
CANBERRA .. A.C.T.

With reference to your D.1551 of 21st July, 1941,  
I forward hereunder answers to questions raised:-

1. LIST OF RESIDENTS -

(a) At Present

Male:

a. Married -

MacGILLIVRAY A.  
+ BODEN, W.  
JAMESON, J.K.  
PERRY, G.R.  
+ NISBET, D.  
NUTLEY, A.F.

Female:

a. Married -

MacGILLIVRAY B.  
+ BODEN, G.  
JAMESON, M.  
PERRY, B.  
+ NISBET, E.

(b) On 17th January, 1941

Male:

a. Married -

MacGILLIVRAY A.  
+ GILL, R.  
JAMESON, J.K.  
PERRY, G.R.  
NUTLEY, A.F.

Female:

a. Married -

MacGILLIVRAY M.  
+ GILL, R.  
JAMESON, M.  
PERRY, B.  
MERK, W.

b. Single -

+ BAXTER, W.  
+ MORETTI, G.  
+ O'HALLORAN, M.  
+ HOLTROP, A.  
+ CARNIE, W.  
GIBB, G.R.  
+ BAJT, F.  
+ HOEN, R.  
REES, P.D.

b. Single -

MacGILLIVRAY M.  
WILDE, D.  
WILLS, E.  
METZENTHORN, E.  
LITTLE, M.  
BUCHANAN, L.  
+ MAY, J.D.  
+ JONES, E.  
+ HARTWIG, L.  
BRUTTO, M.  
+ DEAN, M.  
+ HARRISON, S.

b. Single -

REES, P.D.  
GIBB, G.R.

b. Single -

BUCHANAN, L.  
LITTLE, M.  
METZENTHORN, E.  
WILLS, E.  
WILDE, D.  
BRUTTO, M.  
MacGILLIVRAY M.

+ Denotes those persons who were  
not resident on 17th January,  
1941.

+ Denotes those persons not at  
present resident.

2. Yes. Most of the food used is produced on the farms operated by Jehovah's Witnesses; the remainder is donated or purchased from donations of money. The Commonwealth has no commitments so far as is known.
3. It is understood, and we are assured, none; but no investigation has been made to confirm this.
4. Number or description not noted. Car had disappeared before fracas ended. Inquiries by Police failed to identify the car and, when questioned, the driver is stated to have refused to assist in such identification.
5. Peace Officer Campbell is being transferred from 7 Beresford Road.
6. The position has also exercised my mind; since taking over on 18/1/1941 three men have been transferred and four men are now being transferred - see answer to question 10.
7. The Guard has been instructed that persons carrying bags etc. entering or leaving the premises should submit those bags etc. for inspection and if they did not do so the bags etc. were not to be allowed to pass (arrangements being made whereby such inspection be done on the premises so as to avoid attracting attention if desired).



30th July, 1941.

The inspection of bags seems an essential precaution and necessary to carry out the provisions of the Attorney-General's Order of 17th January, 1941. The Guard has been instructed to exercise tact and, further, MacGillivray was informed that it was a condition of the continued occupation of the premises that any person entering or leaving the premises should submit any bag or parcel carried for inspection by the Guard. I have the view, however, that the Peace Officers at Strathfield are guarding Commonwealth property in the same way as Peace Officers at other stations, and therefore, that the National Security (Subversive Associations) Regulations do not apply.

8. It has been arranged that each shift will include a fairly experienced Peace Officer but we have only six (6) Peace Officers with Police experience:- two (2) in a supervisory capacity: one (1) at the Mascot Aerodrome: one (1) at Rose Bay Air Port, and two (2) at important posts on wharves, hence it is not possible to put three (3) men with Police experience at Strathfield the posts as above are, in my opinion, more important. Ex Police of good character - unless Police pensioners - are not available for employment and the hours and conditions are not attractive to men over sixty (60) years in receipt of excellent pensions.
9. The entrance to the premises is a wide opening where there were probably, at one time, double gates. The expense of supplying gates seemed unwarranted and the fixing of a chain across the opening has been considered but not proceeded with as this might lead to accidents.
10. Please see final paragraph of my Z.149 of 20th May, 1941. Although it does not seem that friendliness between Peace Officers and residents should be discouraged so long as the Peace Officers satisfactorily carry out their duty, certain Peace Officers seem to have been indiscreet in their conversation with the residents insofar as they discuss the private views of other Peace Officers. The transfer of seven (7) Peace Officers who might be so indiscreet has been effected or is in progress.

D.R.B. MITCHELL,  
Inspector.



JRM/JH

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. Z. 149

PHONE { B 1715  
BW 6098

INVESTIGATION BRANCH.

6TH FLOOR, COMMONWEALTH BANK,

PITT STREET AND MARTIN PLACE

BOX 4269Y, G.P.O.,

SYDNEY, 16th July, 1941.

The Solicitor General,  
Commonwealth Crown Solicitor's Office,  
S Y D N E Y.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.

I desire to advise, for information, in connection with the incidents at 7 Beresford Road, Strathfield on 6th July, 1941, during which Mr. MacGillivray was shot by a Peace Officer, that MacGillivray has laid an information against the Peace Officer, charging him with unlawfully assaulting MacGillivray.

The matter is to be heard on 6th August, 1941, the same date as our charges against MacGillivray and Rees.

D. R. B. Mitchell,  
Inspector.

*See [unclear] for listing*



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MEMORANDUM for -

21<sup>st</sup> July, 41.

The Director,  
Investigation Branch,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

W.2300

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.

I am in receipt of your memorandum dated 14th July, 1941, forwarding reports and statements from the officers concerned, regarding the friction between the Peace Officers stationed at 7 Beresford Road and MacGillivray and his associates.

I do not think it would be politic, on practically the eve of the High Court action, to eject Rees and MacGillivray and family from the premises. They have been there on sufferance for six months, and, to turn them out at this stage, might appear to savour of vindictiveness.

There are a few matters arising from the reports on which the following comments are made and as to certain of these matters further information is desired:-

- (1) How many male and how many female witnesses (single and married to be stated separately) at present reside at 7 Beresford Road? How many were in residence on 17th January last?
- (2) Do they have their meals on the premises? If so, who pays for the food and groceries? Has the Commonwealth any commitments in the matter of payment?
- (3) How many are engaged in employment other than employment connected with the banned bodies?
- (4) Whose car was MacGillivray using on the night of the fracas concerned? If a Watch Tower Society car, by whose permission is he using it? Is it garaged on the premises?
- (5) Re P.O. Dundon's statement dated 7th July, 1941, re P.O. Campbell's failure to co-operate with him - Has disciplinary action been taken against Campbell?
- (6) As to Inspector Mitchell's memoranda dated 15th and 20th May last covering statements by Peace Officers Sharp and Hobbs, no good purpose would be served by pursuing this matter any further, but I am somewhat disturbed regarding the innuendoes contained therein regarding the relationship between the Peace Officers and the residents of 7 Beresford Road.
- (7) As to the refusal of Mrs. MacGillivray's unknown friend to open her bag for search, regulation 5(3.) of the National Security (Subversive Associations) Regulations provides that no woman shall, in pursuance of the powers conferred by those Regulations, be searched except by a woman. The lady in question, when leaving the premises, refused to open her bag, and the forcible search of her bag by a male Police Officer would, I think, be a contravention of regulation 5(3.). If she were entering the premises and so refused, she could be refused admission. In this matter, Peace Officers should be instructed to be most tactful, as the Regulations only confer a power of search on Police or Peace Officers not below the rank of Sergeant and on certain authorized officers and persons.
- (8) Would it not be possible to arrange for one experienced Peace Officer, e.g. with police training, to be always on duty at these premises?

/ (9)



- (9) Could not the gates by which motor cars enter the premises be locked and all cars prohibited from entering the premises? This would eliminate any friction arising out of the necessity for searching cars.
- (10) The impudence and insolence now displayed by certain officers of the organization may be attributable to a desire to obtain evidence in connexion with the forthcoming case. On the other hand, it may have been provoked by the behaviour of Peace Officers stationed on the premises, e.g. gossiping about the morals of the ladies resident there. The Commonwealth has, if anything, been over generous to these people, but, at this stage, it is not desired to do anything that might be construed as "pin-pricking" or to furnish any evidence to assist them in the forthcoming action.

I return your file herewith as requested.

(Sgd.) Geo. S. Burdick  
Secretary.



## THE SCHEDULES.

## FIRST SCHEDULE.

Sec. 3.

## ACTS AND ORDINANCES REPEALED.

Local Courts Act, 1886 of the State of South Australia (No. 386 of 1886).  
 Local Court Appeals Amendment Act, 1887 of the State of South Australia  
 (No. 411 of 1887).  
 The Local Courts Amendment Act, 1888 of the State of South Australia  
 (No. 431 of 1888).  
 The Local Courts Act Amendment Act, 1889 of the State of South Australia  
 (No. 464 of 1889).  
*Debtors Ordinance* 1924 of the Northern Territory of Australia (No. 9 of  
 1924).  
*Local Courts Ordinance* 1928 of the Territory of North Australia (No. 15 of  
 1928).  
*Local Courts Ordinance* 1930 of the Territory of North Australia (No. 9 of  
 1930).  
*Local Courts Ordinance* 1932 of the Northern Territory of Australia (No. 17  
 of 1932).  
*Local Courts Ordinance* 1933 of the Northern Territory of Australia (No. 3  
 of 1933).

## SECOND SCHEDULE.

Sec. 269.

## FEES ON COMMISSIONS FOR THE EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES.

	Under £30.			£30 and Upwards.		
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Drawing and engrossing affidavit .. ..	0	6	8	0	13	4
Application for order or commission .. ..	0	10	0	1	0	0
Obtaining appointment from Commissioner for examina- tion .. ..	0	6	8	0	6	8
Copies of order or commission .. ..	6d. per folio					
Drawing notice to serve on witnesses .. ..	1s. per folio					
Copying .. ..	6d. per folio					
Service of copy order or commission with notice—the same as for ser- vice of a summons to witness						
Attending examination, per day .. ..	1	1	0	2	2	0
Fee to Clerk of Court or other Commissioner, per day	1	1	0	2	2	0
Journeys of Clerk of Court or other Commissioner to place of examination, each way .. ..	6d. per mile					
Attending for office copy of depositions .. ..	0	3	4	0	3	4



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COMMONWEALTH INVESTIGATION BRANCH.

CANBERRA,  
(F.C.T.)

14th July 1941.



MEMORANDUM for -

The Secretary,  
Attorney-General's Department,  
CANBERRA.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.

I attach hereto file concerning the following incidents between the Peace Officer Guard and the leaders of the unlawful association - Jehovah's Witnesses - at 7 Beresford Road, Strathfield :-

- (1) Technical assault of Peace Officer Hobbs by P.D. REES on 8th May 1941;
- (2) Assault of Peace Officer Hopton by Alexander McGILLIVRAY on 6th July 1941;
- (3) Assault of Peace Officer Hopton by a party led by McGILLIVRAY and REES, McGillivray being wounded in the shoulder during the scuffle;
- (4) Mrs. McGILLIVRAY's refusal to allow a bag to be examined at the gate of the premises;

In view of these incidents, the Inspector, Sydney suggests that steps might be taken to have REES, McGILLIVRAY and family removed and kept off the premises.

I shall be pleased to receive your advice on this matter; will you kindly treat same as urgent.

Please return file.

*H.E. Jones*  
H.E. Jones  
DIRECTOR.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Z. 149

PHONE 3 1715  
BW 6098

INVESTIGATION BRANCH,  
6TH FLOOR, COMMONWEALTH BANK,  
PITT STREET AND MARTIN PLACE  
BOX 4269Y, G.P.O.,

SYDNEY, 20th May, 1941.

The Director,  
Commonwealth Investigation Branch,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.

With reference to your minute on my Z. 149 of 15th May, 1941 (which is returned herewith), I have to advise that Rees states he had heard that Hobbs when in conversation with another Peace Officer had referred to the women resident at 7 Beresford Road in objectionable terms and that he (Rees) intended by his words to convey to Hobbs that he did not want him referring to the women in such terms.

The words alleged to have been used by Hobbs did not indicate that the persons referred to were immoral, and, whilst it is not thought necessary to repeat them herein, I consider them less offensive than "you black skunk", the words alleged to have been used to Hobbs by Rees. Furthermore, there is not corroboration of Hobbs' remark, and such a remark used in conversation between Peace Officers could occur quite easily in their normal exchange of views.

It appears that certain of the Peace Officers stationed at Strathfield engage in friendly conversation with persons resident on the property and in doing so discuss the views of other Peace Officers indiscreetly.. Steps now being taken (with a view to preserving the employment of Peace Officers at Strathfield who have relatively long service by transferring them to posts on wharves where they have greater security of tenure, will lessen the chance of friendship between Guard and residents at Strathfield which, in the light of the above, is a possible cause of friction.

*DRB Mitchell*  
D. R. B. Mitchell,  
Inspector.





JRM/JH

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. Z. 149

PHONE 3 1715  
BW 6098INVESTIGATION BRANCH,  
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BOX 4269Y, G.P.O.,

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SYDNEY, 15th May, 1941

The Director,  
Commonwealth Investigation Branch,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

SECRET

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.

I forward herewith statements made by Peace Officers Hobbs and Sharp in connection with an altercation between Mr. P. D. Rees and Hobbs on 8th May, 1941.

Rees, who is former Secretary of the now dissolved International Bible Students' Association and one of the persons allowed to reside at 7 Beresford Road, called at this Office to-day accompanied by Mr. Jameson, and admitted to me in the presence of Mr. J. R. Magnusson of this Branch that he committed a technical assault on Hobbs on the occasion to which the Peace Officers' statements refer. Rees said to me in the presence of Magnusson that he arrived on the premises between 5.15 and 5.30 p.m. on the date in question and soon afterwards turned off the light referred to. He states that he then went to Hobbs in a state of annoyance and grabbed Hobbs' clothes in the vicinity of the shoulder, saying: "Look here, Buddy, don't you turn those lights on half way through the afternoon - you are not paying for them.

Rees' action was most provocative and in view of his position and influence amongst the residents it might easily have caused a serious disturbance. The offence does not disclose ground for action against him under the National Security Regulations, nor is it an offence under Section 76 of the Commonwealth Crimes Act. I am strongly of the opinion, however, that some action should be taken and the evidence might be considered as to whether he should be charged with assault. Alternatively, it is suggested that Rees be warned off the premises and refused re-admission.

I personally spoke strongly to Rees as to his actions and attitude.

The Inspector-in-Charge,  
Commonwealth Investigation Branch,  
SYDNEY.

Before I decide as to what action is necessary in this case I would be glad to know D. R. B. Mitchell, what the words used by Rees to Hobbs intend to convey. Inspector. Is it that Hobbs has been assuming the role of censor to the morals of the Establishment?

*J. R. Magnusson*  
*J. R. Magnusson*  
DIRECTOR. 15/5/1941



Edward Victor SHARP states

I am a Peace Officer stationed at the property 7 Brexford Road, Sharnfield. Yesterday, Thursday, 8th May 1961, I was on the 3pm to 11pm shift with Peace Officers Hobbs, Johnson and Lund and my post from 3pm to 7pm was on the balcony. About 5.30pm I went to Peace Officer Hobbs at the Inquiry Office post to complain about the balcony light which had fused. Whilst I was at the Inquiry Office post P.O. Hobbs left me saying "I will be back in a moment" Hobbs went down to the light outside the shed opposite the literature store and switched it on. I had noticed that this light had previously been alight that evening. After a few minutes P.O. Hobbs returned and practically on his heels Mr Rees, whom I know as a resident on the premises and formerly Secretary of the now dissolved International Bible Students Association. Mr Rees said "Look here 'Buddy'. You have no authority to put those lights on. You are not paying for it and you can shoot that out" Mr Rees then said "Who put that light on" and P.O. Hobbs said "I did" Rees then adopted a fighting attitude and put his hand on P.O. Hobbs shoulder. Hobbs then said "Don't do that. Don't be foolish. I have every right". Mr Rees then said "Look here 'Buddy' What right have you to be 'piss wiggling' about with our girls. You black skunk" P.O. Hobbs said nothing else and Rees immediately left. The whole episode occupied only a few minutes.

Edward V. Sharp  
9/5/41



WILLIAM HERBERT THOMAS HOBBS states:-

I am a Peace Officer employed on the guard over the property at 7 Beresford Road, Strathfield. I was on duty yesterday, Thursday, 8th May, 1941 on the 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. shift together with Peace Officers Sharp, Johnson and Lund. My position for the first half of the shift was at the Inquiry Office and the Officer in this position attends to the lights. At 5.30 p.m. I endeavoured to switch on the light at the southern end of the printery but found that it would not operate. I then went to the second light which is situated near the shed opposite the literature store and I switched that on. The Street lights were on at the time. About five (5) minutes later Mr. Rees, who is a resident on the premises with others with Commonwealth permission and whom I know was formerly Secretary of the now dissolved International Bible Students Association, came in in a car with Mr. MacGillivray. Mr. MacGillivray alighted from the car at the premises and Mr. Rees drove on and parked the car in the garage. A few minutes later, Mr. Rees appeared at the Inquiry Office where I was engaged in conversation with Peace Officer Sharp. Mr. Rees appeared very excited and he said - "Who put that light on?" I replied "I did". He said - "You have no right to as you don't pay for it. It's not dark enough yet". Putting his hand on my chest he said - "And I don't want you <sup>PISS WICKING</sup> my girls; get out you black skunk. You can shoot that to Mr. Mitchell" He then left the Inquiry Office and entered the residence. I then went to the light in question and put it on. It was not interfered with again during the night. Peace Officer Sharp was present during the whole of the episode. Mr. Rees was not near me again until after 7 p.m. when I was on duty at the front gate position in accordance with the roster. Shortly after 7 p.m. he left the property by the front gate and did not speak, but about 8 o'clock when he returned walking through the front gate where I was still on duty, he said "Hobbs, are you feeling for a fight?" or words to that effect. I did not answer and he proceeded on his way to the residence. I was alone on that occasion.

*W. Hobbs*

.....  
9th May, 1941.



PHONE: B 1715.

INVESTIGATION BRANCH,

6TH FLOOR, COMMONWEALTH BANK,

PITT STREET AND MARTIN PLACE,

Box 4269Y, G.P.O.,

**SECRET.**

SYDNEY. 7th July, 1941.

The Director,  
Commonwealth Investigation Branch,  
CANBERRA .. A.C.T.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.

Further to my report per telephone about 9 p.m. on 6th July, 1941 regarding an altercation between certain of the Peace Officer guard at 7 Beresford Road, Strathfield, and certain of the residents of those premises, in which Peace Officer Hopton suffered a wound in the jaw and abrasions, and Mr. Alexander MacGillivray, former head of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society in Australia a bullet wound in the fleshy part of the right arm. Accompanied by Officers of this Section, I visited 7 Beresford Road as soon as possible. Copies of Statements made by Peace Officers Dundon and Hopton are attached, together with a copy of Medical Certificate of the Doctor who examined Peace Officer Hopton.

After inquiry at 7 Beresford Road, I consulted the Deputy Crown Solicitor and certain medical practitioners and later Philip David Morgan Rees was arrested and charged at Burwood Police Station with assaulting Peace Officer Hopton; he would make no statement and was subsequently released on fifty pounds (£50) bail. Medical opinion was that MacGillivray, who had been given a drug after his injury, was not fit to be removed. In company with Detective Sergeant Hughes I saw MacGillivray and told him that he would be arrested in the morning. The following morning Medical opinion was still that MacGillivray was not in a condition to be removed but that tomorrow, Tuesday 8th July, he would be sufficiently recovered.

Rees appeared at Burwood Court this morning and the prosecution asked for a remand of seven (7) days. The Defence asked for a remand of one (1) month on the grounds that litigation was pending which might result in the activities of the Peace Officer Guard at 7 Beresford Road, Strathfield, being unlawful. The Magistrate granted a remand until 6th August, 1941 but at the request of the Prosecution increased bail to eighty pounds (£80) plus a surety of eighty pounds (£80) or two of forty pounds (£40) each.

I regard the presence of the residents at 7 Beresford Road, particularly MacGillivray and Rees, as dangerous. The two named adopt an attitude towards the Guard which will eventually exhaust the tact of those who object to it. There have been several minor occurrences as a result. I draw attention to my Z.149 of 15th May, 1941, which reports interference with the Guard in the execution of the duty and technical assault on Peace Officer Hobbs by Rees. I attach, for information, copy of statement by Peace Officer Dundon regarding a minor disturbance in which MacGillivray was involved on 5th July, 1941.



*D. R. B. Mitchell*

D. R. B. MITCHELL,  
Inspector.



C O P Y

Dr. W. Seymour Brooks

"Lister"  
Belmore Street,  
BURWOOD.

7th July, 1941.

I have this morning examined Commonwealth Peace Officer  
Charles Hopton.

There is a swelling in the right side of his lower jaw  
which is painful and tender to touch. There are several  
recent abrasions on both sides of his neck and the muscles  
are sore and painful to touch.

He has 2 or 3 recent abrasions on his right shin.

W. S. Brooks.



C O P Y

Police Station,  
BURWOOD.

7.7.1941.

Timothy Francis Dundon states:-

*Salisbury*

I am a Special Peace Officer stationed at 7 Beresford Rd. Strathfield and reside at 26 Selborne Street, Burwood. At about 3.45 p.m. on 5.7.1941 I was on duty at the Office building and looking through a window of same saw just outside the main building a number of men including MacGillivray and a person named O'Halloran. Shortly afterwards I left the Office and when proceeding to the front gate of the property I passed the group of men previously mentioned. O'Halloran, pointing towards Special Peace Officer Hopton, who was on duty at the gate, said "Can't you give that man something to do; he is sweating too hard." I said "What am I going to do; give him my waddy to swing around?" He said "He will need it and three or four revolvers also". I said "I don't like that, are you thinking of knocking him". He said "I would be hard up". I then walked away towards the gate. I telephoned this information to Mr. Murray at his home. Subsequently at about 7.30 p.m. I was in the Office, waiting for Peace Officer Campbell to relieve me. As he did not appear I decided to go to the back gate and ascertain the reason for his failure to relieve me. A small building, known as the carpenters shop, is used by the guard at the back gate. On passing the window of this building I saw a person pass the window on the inside. I then asked Peace Officers Campbell and Wells who the person was that I had seen. They failed to answer - Campbell then left the building in order to go to the office. I said to Wells "The wireless set here is pretty crook; what station is it on. Lend me your torch, I'll have a look at it". Wells did not have a torch. I then walked towards a dark section of the building and struck a match. My suspicions were confirmed when MacGillivray stepped out from the dark section. I said "You gave me a fright". He said "I'll frighten you!" MacGillivray then left the building. On my way back to the office I passed MacGillivray and said "You don't want to frighten a man like that" He said "Get back to your mate". I went back to the Office and called Peace Officer Campbell in and said "I want a show down. I'm going to ring Mr. Murray and want you to hear the conversation". I also called Peace Officer Hopton and placed him as a guard at the office door. I telephoned Mr. Murray and during the conversation I saw MacGillivray at the Office door. He forced his way past Hopton and entered the office.



I said "I am having a private conversation with Mr. Murray; if you are a gentleman please leave this office." He refused, and in accordance with instructions from Mr. Murray I prepared to eject him. He, however, left the office and I followed him into the yard and said "Mr. MacGillivray, if you enter the office again you're trespassing on Commonwealth property and I'll put you under arrest." He walked away and I saw nothing further of him that night.

T.F. Dundon

7/7/1941

F.G. Murray



Abney Charles Douglas HOPTON,  
States:-

I am a Special Commonwealth Peace Officer, employed by the Commonwealth Government and at present stationed at 7 Beresford Road, Strathfield, and I reside at 81 Barker Road Strathfield.

On Sunday the 6th July, 1941 I was on duty from 3 p.m. till 11 p.m. At about 8.50 p.m. in company with Peace Officer Dundon, I intercepted a motor car which had entered the front gates at 7 Beresford Road Strathfield. Mr. and Mrs. MacGillivray had stepped out of the car, and I noticed that there were other persons still in the car including Mr. Rees who had his coat and vest off and Mr. Monks who was at the driving wheel. Mr. MacGillivray said to the driver, "back out and take no notice of them". Peace Officer Dundon and I wanted to see what was in the car and we approached it. Mrs. MacGillivray came between Mr. MacGillivray and Peace Officer Dundon, then MacGillivray punched me and struck me on the jaw. I then drew my baton and struck MacGillivray on the left shoulder. I then told Peace Officer Dundon to ring for the Police, he then left in the direction of the office. MacGillivray together with Rees and other men then rushed me, I backed to the front of the building, and then I changed my baton to my left hand and drew my revolver, and said, "stand back or I will shoot". At the same time I continued to back away from them and as they still came, I fired a shot in the air. MacGillivray, Rees and the other men then made a concerted rush at me and I said, "Stop or I will shoot" but they still came, and were only a few feet, approximately 8 feet, when I fired in their direction. When I fired the second shot I was in fear of actual bodily harm. After the second shot I heard a female voice call out, "He has shot him in the arm". At this time they were on top of me I was thrown to the ground, kicked about the body and legs. My baton was wrenched from my wrist and Rees twisted the gun out of my hand. Rees was astride my body while I was on the ground and had me by the throat by both hands, and was pressing my throat inwards. He got off me all of a sudden, and then walked off. I got to my feet I was feeling very groggy. I then made a search on the lawn, where I found my service Pistol, it was broken open and there were no cartridges either empty or full in the cylinder.



When I came on duty that pistol was loaded with 4 live cartridges. I made a search for my batton, but failed to find it and have not seen it since. I had no further conversation with MacGillivray or Rees I cannot describe or identify any of the other men that were with MacGillivray apart from a man named Monk, who was driving the car, but I did not identify Monk as one of my assailants, and I did not see him take any actual part in the assault. Shortly after the Police arrived when I informed them what had happened. Later on the same night in company with Detective Sergeant Hughes and Mr. Stewart a Peace Officer of the Commonwealth Investigation Branch, I made a search on the lawn again, where we found 2 live cartridges and one spent shell of a 25 calibre, similar to the brand I use in my pistol. Later on the same night I was confronted with the defendant Rees by Detective Sergeant Hughes, where Rees was informed by Detective Sergeant Hughes regarding the allegation against him. He was cautioned by Detective Sergeant Hughes, that he need not answer any questions or say anything in connection with the allegations unless he wished to do so. On the same night I was taken to the surgery of Dr. Brooks, the Government Medical Officer, Clarence Street, Burwood, but I was not examined. I again attended there at 10 a.m. on the 7th of July, 1941 when I was examined by Dr. Brooks and handed the medical certificate now produced.

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Burwood Police Station,  
7th July, 1941.

Timothy Francis DUNDON,

States:-

I am a Special Commonwealth Peace Officer employed by the Commonwealth Government and at present stationed at 7 Beresford Road, Strathfield, and I reside at 26 Selborne Street, Burwood.

At 3 p.m. on Sunday the 6th of July, 1941 I commenced duty at 7 Beresford Road, Strathfield. Special Peace Officer Hopton was also on duty with me. At about 8.55 p.m. on that date I was on post No.1 which is the front gate and as I wanted to obey a call of nature, and I called upon Peace Officer Hopton to relieve me, on my return Peace Officer Hopton and myself intercepted a car at the main entrance at the side of the building, with a number of people in it including Mr. and Mrs. MacGillivray alighted from the car and came round to the drivers side of the car. We then attempted to make an examination of the car and Mr. MacGillivray said to the driver, "Back out and take no notice of them" the driver started to back out and at the same time MacGillivray approached Peace Officer Hopton and struck him on the jaw. Peace Officer Hopton then sang out, "ring the police Tim". I immediately proceeded to the office and rang the Police with difficulty. When I returned to the scene of the assault the car and persons mentioned had left the property.

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## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

PHONE B 1715.

INVESTIGATION BRANCH,  
6TH FLOOR, COMMONWEALTH BANK,  
PITT STREET AND MARTIN PLACE,  
Box 4269Y, G.P.O.,

SYDNEY, 11th July, 1941.

The Director,  
Commonwealth Investigation Branch,  
CANBERRA .. A.C.T.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.

I have to advise that certain members of the Guard at 7 Beresford Road are very disturbed. The affair of Sunday night has not had a noticeable effect on the residents at the premises, who appear to regard the action taken by Peace Officer Hopton as the result of directions from "higher up" and deliberately planned. Mr. MacGillivray, himself, subscribes to this view and he has great influence over the other residents. Distorted views taken by Jehovah's Witnesses not in contact with Strathfield since Sunday is shown in a telegram from Erik Baird, Townsville, to MacGillivray lodged today as follows:

"Congratulations on escape crude attempt and attack upon your life and companions stop Townsville community shocked and violently indignant Nazi Storm Trooper methods reported press be of good courage - Erik Baird"

Only yesterday a further incident capable of developing the same way as that on Sunday occurred. An unknown woman carrying a bag and accompanied by Mrs. MacGillivray was leaving the premises. Peace Officer Dundon, on duty at the gate, reports he asked courteously to see the contents of the bag but the woman failed to answer and Mrs. MacGillivray said "Oh, no you wnn't" and both passed on their way. Dundon did not carry out his duty and his explanation is that he was afraid of a development similar to that on Sunday night. Dundon was connected with the Sunday night affair and, with other Peace Officers, is anxious as to the outcome especially as no action was taken as a result of Rees' technical assault on Peace Officer Hobbs on the 8th May, 1941 (reported in my memorandum, Z.149, of 15th May, 1941). In addition, the Guard has been informed that MacGillivray proposed charging Peace Officer Hopton with attempted murder or inflicting grievous bodily harm or something.

Our Peace Officer Guard is composed of middle aged men, not possessing any outstanding qualifications and inexperienced in exercising authority. The attitude recently adopted by the leaders of Jehovah's Witnesses, is simply a flouting of Commonwealth Authority. It was tacitly understood that MacGillivray would co-operate in the requirements of the Commonwealth entrance and egress, searching of bags etc. as a condition of himself and adherents being permitted to continue to occupy the premises, but the incident of Sunday, 6th instant, clearly indicates the militant aggressive attitude now adopted.

In my opinion, the Commonwealth should take drastic steps in enforcing respect for their authority. I would suggest that MacGillivray and family and Rees be put off, and kept off, the premises.

COMMONWEALTH  
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*D.R.B. Mitchell*  
D.R.B. MITCHELL,  
Inspector.



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STATEMENT OF REASONS UNDER SECTION 40 OF THE ARCHIVES ACT 1983

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is OPEN WITH EXCEPTION for the reasons set out below.

The material exempted consists of the name or signature of an ASIO officer.

**Reasons for the decision**

1. There has always existed an understanding between ASIO and its employees that their anonymity should be preserved, both during and after their employment by the organisation. In addition the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979* prohibits the publication of the identities of present and former ASIO officers.

The public identification of ASIO officers, past or present, would assist ASIO's targets to identify ASIO personnel who had been engaged in security operations against them. This could affect ASIO's ability to carry out its statutory responsibilities and in consequence cause damage to the security of the Commonwealth.

Section 33(1)(a) of the Archives Act provides that a record is exempt from public access if it contains information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to cause damage to the security of the Commonwealth. The information is therefore exempt from public access under section 33(1)(a) of the Archives Act.

2. In view of the understanding, referred to above, between ASIO and its employees, the public identification of present or former ASIO employees would be a breach of confidence. Section 33(1)(d) of the Archives Act provides that a record is exempt from public access if it contains information or matter the disclosure of which would constitute a breach of confidence. The information is therefore exempt from public access under section 33(1)(d) of the Archives Act.

3. Some members of the public may take an unfavourable view of ASIO and its employees. The public identification of present or former employees of ASIO could result in their embarrassment or harassment and would be an unreasonable disclosure of their personal affairs. Section 33(1)(g) of the Archives Act provides for the exemption of information the disclosure of which would constitute an unreasonable disclosure of the personal affairs of any person (including a deceased person). The information is therefore exempt from public access under section 33(1)(g) of the Archives Act.

Decision maker:



A.P. Roberts

Designation:

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Acting Assistant Director

Date:

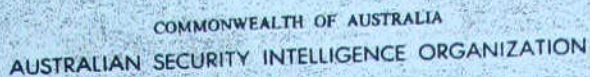
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TELEGRAMS:  
"SCORPION," MELBOURNE

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25 August 1976

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The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration & Ethnic Affairs,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2600

Attention: Mr. R. Metcalf

THE INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDIES ASSOCIATION  
OR WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY  
(JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES)

As discussed between Mr. Metcalfe of your Department and <sup>expunged</sup> of A.S.I.O. on 6 August 1976, it is confirmed that <sup>and expunged</sup> there is no longer a requirement for liaison officers or, at posts where no liaison officer is attached, for A.S.I.O. to be informed of the issue of visas to ministers or leading members of the Sect.

2. Accordingly, it is suggested that Paragraph 1.19.1 of the handbook "Admission to Australia for Residence" be deleted.

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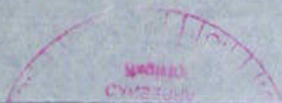
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28 May 1973

The Secretary,  
Department of Housing,  
Anzac Parade,  
West Building,  
PARKES, A.C.T. 2600

I refer to your minute (undated) from file 72/108 seeking our views on a request that Jehovah's Witnesses attending a Watch Tower Convention in Sydney in December 1973 be provided with accommodation in Commonwealth Migrant Hostels.

2. As the amount of hostel accommodation in use throughout 1973/74 is to be tailored to actual immigration requirements it would be impracticable to let the Watch Tower Society have any significant quantity of accommodation in operating migrant hostels.

3. Except for Villawood, which we consider should be kept available at all time to meet unforeseen migration demand, we would have no objection to any hostels on a care and maintenance basis being operated by the Company for the Society - provided of course total costs (including opening and reclosing expenses) were fully recovered. (By December 1973 it is possible that Cabramatta and Villawood will be the only hostels in the Sydney area on a care and maintenance basis).

4. When considering the Watch Tower Society's request you may wish to have regard to the possible reaction of the private accommodation industry should Government facilities be made available to delegates to the Convention.

  
(W. Law)  
for Secretary

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(Jehovah's Witnesses).



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DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION

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No. 67/72602

The Minister

Assisted Passage Scheme.  
Eligibility of Applicants Known to be  
Conscientious Objectors.



It has been a long standing rule that applications for assisted passages from persons who are known to be conscientious objectors to military service should be dealt with individually on their merits. The relatively small number of applications received from persons claiming to be conscientious objectors relate mainly to persons whose views are based upon their religious beliefs, for example Jehovah's Witnesses.

Since the re-introduction of National Service, staff interviewing migrants overseas ensure that persons (or families) likely to be directly affected by the Scheme are aware of requirements to register for National Service and of the liability to be called up for military service. In each case the applicant receives a copy of a leaflet outlining the National Service Scheme.

Where it comes to notice that an applicant is a conscientious objector the question of obligations under the National Service Act and the need to satisfy a Court of his conscientious beliefs to secure exemption, is discussed fully.

The Chief Migration Officer, London, has received an assisted passage application from Mr. C. D. Walker, a single man, 19 years of age who indicated at selection interview he would object to military service because of his religious beliefs. The applicant is regarded as otherwise suitable for inclusion in the scheme and the Chief Migration Officer, London has sought advice on the acceptability of conscientious objectors under the assisted passage scheme.

The basis for considering applications from conscientious objectors was previously reviewed in March 1968 and Mr. Armstrong (who is making the present enquiry) after discussion with the Minister endorsed the papers as follows:-

"He (Mr. Snedden) does not wish to Department to regard membership of the "Jehovah's Witness" Sect as precluding the grant of assisted passages. Therefore these cases should be determined in accordance with normal requirements."

Decisions in individual cases have continued to be taken only after assessment of all other factors as

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to health, character and the migrant gain.

Wherever a person liable to perform national service presents himself to be a conscientious objector care is taken to ensure he understands the prescribed course to be followed to apply for an exemption from national service.

I recommend for approval:

1. Retention of the existing arrangements namely that a decision upon assisted passage applications be considered individually after assessment of all factors.
2. Mr. Walker who has otherwise met the requirements of the scheme be granted an assisted passage.

*Clendinning*  
for (P. R. HEYDON)  
Secretary.  
22/9/70

Recommendations Approved

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*Mr MacLean & staff*

*Please note this decision.*

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80. "INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION" OR  
"WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY"  
(JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES)

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81. HUBBARD ASSOCIATION OF SCIENTOLOGISTS

81.1 Applications for assisted passages lodged by persons who are known to be members of the Hubbard Association of Scientologists should be refused. Applications for unassisted migration by members of the organisation should be referred to the Department of Immigration, Canberra, for consideration in the light of the migration gain involved and of any special features that may exist.

81.2 Officers overseas are unlikely to know that an applicant or nominee is a member of the organisation unless the information is volunteered. It may therefore be of assistance to note that the organisation generally functions under the name of the Hubbard Association of Scientologists (H.A.S.I.) and in addition to a variety of organisations incorporating the words "Hubbard", "Scientology", and "Scientologists", is also known to conduct what are termed "Colleges of Personal Efficiency", and "American Colleges of Business Efficiency". The association has its headquarters in Britain and although believed to be more active in that country and the United States than elsewhere, it is said to be established in all non-Communist countries.

(9) - January 1972

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22 FEB 1972

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Foreign

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ASIO's memo of 3.12.72 submitted for your  
information -

we  
22/4/72



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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION

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54/65904

Telegrams:  
SCORPION, MELBOURNE

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Box 5105 BB, G.P.O.  
MELBOURNE  
VICTORIA, 3001

3 December, 1971

The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2600

THE INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION  
OR WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY  
(JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES)

Please refer to your memorandum 57/65904 of 20th January, 1970 and attachment.

2. A review of our records on the above subject reveals that your correspondence has not been answered. The oversight is regretted.

3. The form in which your current instruction on the subject to overseas posts appears has been noted (Paragraph 80 of Admission for Residence of European Aliens).

4. The security assessment of the Sect is that membership in itself is not considered adverse but a particular situation may arise, such as war or emergency, in which the activities of the Sect may become prejudicial to national security. This possibility derives from a basic tenet of non-recognition of any authority other than that coming directly from God whence the Sect does not consider itself bound to obey civil authority. While its proselytizing may subvert the allegiance of people for religious not political ends, it may under circumstances of war or emergency have political effects. It is understood that during the Second World War it was considered a subversive organization, and for a time it was proscribed under the Wartime Emergency Regulations.

5. There would seem to be no reason under present circumstances why any special security rule relating to sponsorship of members of the Sect should apply. Indeed, there does not seem to be any practical way in which a special rule could apply; for there is no provision on the Form M40 whereby it could be ascertained whether a nominee (or a nominator) were a member of the Sect. Even if it were known, the application should be treated in accordance with the current provisions concerning sponsorship appearing in Part XVII of the Security Checking Handbook.

6. Because of the possibility of security interest in the Sect under certain circumstances, A.S.I.O. has had

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to keep it under a certain notice. It has not been of any significant security interest in recent years. For this reason and because, in general, enquiries touching on the religion of applicants are, presumably, undesirable, it is considered that the provisions of Paragraph 80 of your overseas handbook should now be modified. The following is suggested:-

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In the latter case would you kindly make the information available to this Headquarters.

7. It would be appreciated if you would inform us in due course of any proposed amendment.

  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL

*See para 80.1, amendment No. 9, to European Aliens  
(Overseas) Handbook.*

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17/1/72*

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57/65904

20th January, 1970.

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The Director-General,  
Australian Security Intelligence  
Organization,  
Box 5105 BB, G.P.O.,  
MELBOURNE. VIC. 3001.

The International Bible Students Association  
or Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society  
(Jehovah's Witnesses) Your 3/2/27.

I refer to my memoranda of 5.11.68, 6.1.69  
and 18.9.69 concerning the abovenamed subject for which  
I do not seem to have your reply.

I am attaching a copy of my original memo  
for your information and attention.

(R.L. MUTKINS)  
for Secretary

As the review of our Foreign  
handbooks has been completed,  
there is not much point to pursuing  
this any further.

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As follow up memo  
of 6.1.69 with ASIO.

W. Layla

19.1.70.



TELEPHONE  
UM 9481

# WATCH TOWER

BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY  
OF PENNSYLVANIA

11 BERESFORD RD. STRATHFIELD, N.S.W. AUSTRALIA  
SE:SH September 16, 1969

TELEGRAPH  
WATCHTOWER

18 SEP 1969  
RECEIVED

The Honourable Minister  
for Immigration  
B.M. Snedden, Esq.  
Parliament House  
Canberra  
A.C.T.

Dear Mr. Snedden:

I refer to your letters of August 5 and September 8 concerning the group of delegates from Indonesia who will be attending the International Convention in Melbourne during October this year.

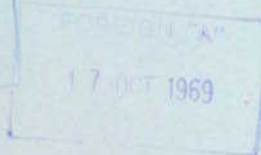
Please accept my thanks for arranging the complimentary visas for these delegates. Be assured that this is appreciated and may I extend an invitation to you or any of your colleagues to attend the Convention if you happen to be in Melbourne at that time. Thank you once again for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

*John A. Wilson*

(J.A. Wilson)  
Presiding Minister  
for Australia

*Mr. Taylor  
for your information  
Pls R/s 17/10.  
Dear Mr. Snedden  
18/10/69*



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18th September, 1969.


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The Director-General,  
Australian Security  
Intelligence Organization,  
Box 5105 BB, G.P.O.,  
MELBOURNE. VIC. 3001.

The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society  
(Jehovah's Witnesses) - Your 3/2/27

I refer to my memoranda of 6.1.69 and  
5.11.68 regarding security checking of nominations  
in favour of and applications by Jehovah's Witnesses  
for admission to Australia, and would be grateful  
for your reply.

██████████ of your organization when  
in Canberra on 17th March indicated he would follow  
the matter up with you but as yet we have not received  
any indication as to your feelings.

  
(T.D. LONGSTAFF)  
for Secretary



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57/65904

15 September 1969

The Secretary,  
Department of External Affairs,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

(ATTENTION: Mr. G. Hartley)

WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY

The Minister for Immigration recently received an application from the Presiding Minister for Australia of the abovenamed Society for assistance in obtaining visas for 25 to 30 delegates from Indonesia to visit Melbourne from 26 October to 31 October 1969 to attend an International Christian religious assembly.

2. It was further requested that in view of the nature of their visit that the customary visa fee could be waived and complimentary visas granted.

3. The view of your Department that such a precedent may bring a request from other interests in Indonesia, especially business, which would see such action as at least entitling them to similar future treatment, was referred to the Minister.

4. However as a decision had been given earlier this year to waive visa fees and exempt from the need to obtain entry permits for delegates, including those from Indonesia, for the Methodist Federal Board of Education at York, Western Australia, it was recommended that the request could be granted.

5. A copy of cabled approval to the Australian Embassy, Djakarta on the subject was referred for your information. *Today*

*D. G. Taylor*  
(D. G. TAYLOR)  
for Secretary.

*HA*  
*Visa action completed*  
*- appear your hold file*  
*in your section D/15/19*





D. TAYLOR (???) MS 12/9/69 11.18A.

TO EXTERNAL CANBERRA NO. 9511  
FROM IMMIGRATION CANBERRA

PASS TO AUSTEMBA, DJAKREEE DJAKARTA.  
BEGINS:-

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FROM IMMIGRATION

SPECIAL APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN TO WAIVE THE VISA FEE  
FOR DELEGATES FROM INDONESIA WHO WILL ATTEND AN ASSEMBLY AT  
MELBOURNE IN OCTOBER TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE WATCH TOWER BIBLE AND  
TRACT SOCIETY.

OUR INFORMATION IS THAT SOME 25-30 DELEGATES WILL APPLY YOUR  
OFFICE.

ENDS

(25-30)

OUR FILE NUMBER IS 57/65904

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D JAHNKE (EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
CANBERRA)  
FROM IMMIGRATION. (57/65900)

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12 Sept 69



DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION.

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No. 57/65904



THE MINISTER

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2. The matter was referred to the Department of External Affairs for their view as to whether such action could be considered in the interests of relations between Australia and Indonesia.
3. The reply held the view that it would create an unnecessary precedent and that it should be refused for this reason. The question of the type of organisation requesting the favour is not involved. It was considered that other interests in Indonesia, especially business, would view such action as at least entitling them to similar future treatment.
4. Our own Departmental point of view is that a precedent would not be set. You agreed to waive visa fees and granted exemption from the need to obtain entry permits upon arrival to participants (including those from Indonesia) to an international consultation on Christian Education arranged by the Methodist Federal Board of Education at York, Western Australia in April of this year.
5. Although this request for waiving of visa fees is for an assembly of limited international significance, it is felt that the request could be granted. This is recommended.

*P. R. Heydon*  
(P. R. HEYDON)  
Secretary.

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED  
LETTER SIGNED.

2 September 1969

*RS*  
.....  
5 September 1969.



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3 SEP 1969

Dear Mr. Wilson,

In my letter of 5 August 1969 I informed you that I would shortly write to you again concerning your application on behalf of the Indonesian delegation to attend the religious assembly being held in Melbourne in October 1969.

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The Australian Embassy in Djakarta will be instructed accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

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"TO MINISTERS OFFICE"

- 2 SEP 1969



Mr McGinness

In an earlier submission we recommended refusal and you asked for a re-examination. This produced an earlier instance where a favourable response was given re an approach by the Methodist Federal Board of Education, York W.A.

This submission now proposes, against the advice of External Affairs Dept, to waive visa fees as requested.

Harris

2/9/69.



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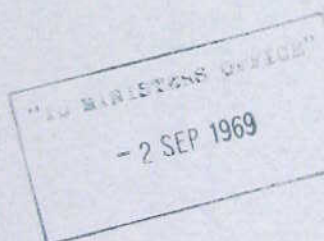
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*Revised  
2/9  
Harris  
2/9*



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(P. R. HEYDON)  
Secretary.

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LETTER SIGNED.

2 September 1969

SEEN BY P.L.O.

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September 1969.



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I spoke to Mr Hartley and explained the basis of the change in our recommendation concerning visa fees for the Watch Tower Group. I asked if he had any further comment to make.

Mr Hartley said that the E/A view was given at our request and he saw no reason to change or add to it.

Fullard  
28/7/69



Sgt. Layton

Asst Sec  
Please see file  
69/70087 attached 152  
Could we discuss  
this  
Dow 27/8/69

As I recall your  
conversation with me  
last week, you were  
intending to examine the  
"exemption" on the Section  
8(1)(a) file to make sure  
there have not been  
precedents of the kind  
mentioned by the F. A. S.

Please confirm that you  
have checked it, or would be  
as well also, if not already done,  
to check with officers in Victoria  
& former officers of the Section  
as to their recollections.

Smith  
18/8/69

Only one  
case - mentioned



Mr. Smith  
Are you able to  
answer the points raised  
by the business? Please send  
this submission a reply and  
decide if necessary.  
Harris  
18/8/69

Mr Harris

We need to be  
wary of a difficult  
argument. Many other  
religious bodies have  
a similar faculty; or  
philanthropic, humanitarian,  
community service, or  
conferences -

I.e. Can we include in  
this a statement to effect  
that it will be quite contrary  
to normal practice, & create  
a precedent of a & difficult  
kind?

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DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION.

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No. 57/65904

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(P. R. HEYDON)

Secretary.

August 1969.

AGREED.    LETTER SIGNED.

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August 1969



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5 AUG 1969

Dear Mr Wilson,

I am writing to acknowledge your recent correspondence concerning a number of delegates from Indonesia who wish to enter Australia in order that they may attend an International Christian Religious Assemblies series in Melbourne later this year.

I will shortly be writing to you again in connexion with this matter.

Yours sincerely,

B. M. Snedden

B.M. SNEDDEN

6 AUG 1969

J.A. Wilson, Esq.,  
Presiding Minister for  
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Watch Tower Bible and  
Tract Society of  
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11 Beresford Road,  
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TELEPHONE  
US 021

# WATCH TOWER

BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY  
OF PENNSYLVANIA

11 BERESFORD RD. STRATHFIELD, N.S.W. AUSTRALIA  
SE:SH July 24, 1969

TELEGRAPH  
WATCHTOWER

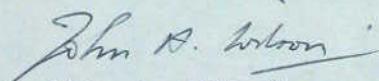
The Minister for Immigration  
Department of Immigration  
Canberra

Dear Sir,

The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania is sponsoring a series of International Christian religious assemblies during the months of July to November. The Australian branch of this Society will be sponsoring between 25 and 30 delegates from Indonesia to the assembly in Melbourne at the Royal Show Grounds from October 26 to 31. We are writing to seek your assistance in obtaining the necessary visas for these delegates and request that perhaps, in view of the nature of their visit, the customary visa fee could be waived and complimentary visas granted.

In the event of this being acceptable to you and your Department, we request that you notify the Australian Consul in Djakarta, Indonesia, of these arrangements. We understand from our branch in Djakarta that Mr. R.N. Jacka has already approached the Vice Consul in Djakarta in reference to this group of delegates. We are pleased to assure you that these delegates in no way will be a burden on the Australian Government and will be returning to Indonesia after the assembly is completed. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours faithfully,



(John A. Wilson)  
Presiding Minister  
for Australia

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August 1969.

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G. A. Cole

57/65904  
PN

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The matter has been given full consideration, but in view of the wider context in which policy could be involved in such a question, I have been unable to agree that fees for the issue of visas be waived in this instance.

Yours sincerely,

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Note for 57/65904

I informed Mr. D. Cassidy, A.S.I.O.,  
of letter of 24/7/69 to Minister  
requesting visitor visas for Indonesian  
delegates.

A.S.I.O. has no objection to grant of visas.  
In accordance with practice, would wish  
to receive copies of applications post-  
visa issue.

*L*  
Visitors  
2/8/69

*Mr Taylor*  
Could I have your advice  
re the waiver of visa fees  
please.

① Indeed <sup>EA's</sup> views if  
it would be good for  
Indonesian relations. *Geo Hartley*

*Mr Hartley* will talk to  
the Indonesian desk. That we should  
be personally felt. That we could  
not give visas as this could  
alienate other segments (business) in  
Indonesia for whom we would not grant  
a concession and of course it is  
a precedent for other countries  
grants in Indonesia. It will  
ring back 13/8

*L*  
Visitors  
12/8

Conceded view that it would  
create an unnecessary precedent  
and it's do not think, for that  
reason only, but we should grant  
it. There is no question of the  
type of organisation requesting  
it. Of course we have to consider the  
organisation - otherwise we have  
a precedent for other solid  
groups to ask for similar  
treatment 13/8



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DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION

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INWARD TELEPRINTER.

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24 JUL 1969

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CARTER 68/53227 68/7816-9 68/22741 FROM OWEN N68/15369

YOUR C6088 OF 19/5/69. BOTH ABRAHAMS AND KHAZAN (CORRECT NAME KHOZAM) CLEARED BY A.S.I.O. AS JEHOVA'S WITNESSES.

Now reqd by Khozan, but proceeding  
can continue in anticipation

8/4/69



68/53227 68/7819  
68/7817 68/22741  
68/7816 57/65904  
68/7818 MN

27th June, 1969.

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of the 6th May, 1969, concerning your migration to Australia from the United Arab Republic with other family members.

Enquiries are still proceeding in this case and when the results are received and a decision is made the Australian Migration Officer, Cairo, will inform you accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

(W.J. MARRIS)  
for Secretary.

Raymond Guirguis Andrawos, Esq.,  
11 El-Toba Street,  
Damanhour,  
UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC.

Migration Officer,  
CAIRO.

Your 12566, 12567, 12568 and 12569 refer.

Copy for your information. You will be informed of developments.

(W.J. MARRIS)  
for Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
Canberra. /6/1969



68/53227 68/7819  
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Yours faithfully,

(W.J. MARRIS)  
for Secretary.

Alphonse Michel Takla, Esq.,  
No. 230, 26 July Street,  
Azarita, Alexandria,  
United Arab Republic.

Migration Officer,  
CAIRO.

Your 116698, 11473 refer. Attached is a copy of Mr. Takla's letter. As you are aware enquiries have not yet been completed in the cases which you referred here on 9.10.68 (12568, 12567, 12564, 11473, 11364, 11669) & visas should not be granted without prior approval from this Office. It would be appreciated therefore if you would clarify what Mr. Takla stated in his letter - "other sister of my wife and her family named - Dr. Amin Mikhail Panous, now have received the landing and making their preparations for travel."

(W.J. MARRIS)  
for Secretary,  
department of Immigration,  
CANBERRA. 6/6/1969



C6088 4.25P. 19/5/69 ZB

MASON SYD N67/18742 N68/153369 N68/15368 N68/14470 N67/18098  
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 68/7819 68/22741

YOUR S4077 OF 19/5/69 REFERS. PLEASE HAVE BOTH ABRAHAMS AND  
 KHAZAN CLEARED WITH ~~XXXXXX~~ A.S.I.O. POINTING OUT THAT BOTH PERSONS  
 AND THE NOMINEES ARE ALL JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES. RESULT TO BE  
 REPORTED HERE.

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DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION  
INWARD TELEPRINTER

S4077 10.55A 19/5/69

CARTER FROM N. MASON 68/53227, 68/7816, 68/7817, 68/7818,  
68/6719, 68/22741 N68/15369

RE YOUR C6061 OF 15/5/69. THESE FORM RP'S  
WERE NOT SECURITY CLEARED FOR SPONSORS ABRAHAMS OR KHAZAN. DO YOU  
REQUIRE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION RE THESE NOMINATIONS.

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C 6061 16/5/69 10.8A JL

GILHAM N67/18742, N68/15369, N68/15368, N68/14470, N67/18098,  
N67/68178,  
FROM CARTER 68/53227, 68/7816, 68/7817, 68/7818, 68/7819,  
68/22741,

YOUR REPORT OF 20/3/69 REFERS. WERE THESE FORM 40'S  
SECURITY CLEARED? IF SO, WHO WAS CLEARED - ABRAHAMS OR  
KHAZAN?.....



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DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION.

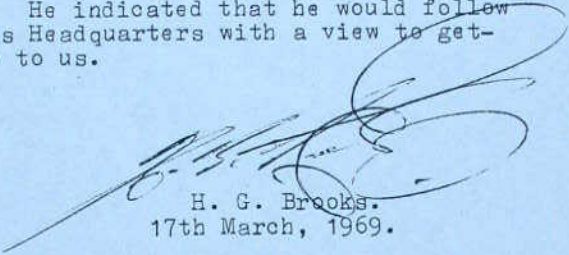
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The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society.  
"Jehovah's Witnesses".

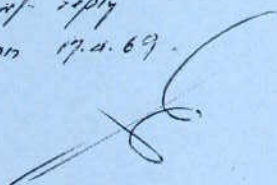
I mentioned to [REDACTED]  
of ASIO Headquarters, on his visit to Canberra this  
morning that we had written on this matter on 5.11.68  
and again on 6.1.69 but had not yet received any  
reply.

2. He indicated that he would follow  
the matter up at his Headquarters with a view to get-  
ting an early reply to us.



H. G. Brooks.  
17th March, 1969.

*R/c of reply  
or on 17.4.69.*





FA 6-1-69 57/65904 133



Telegraphic Address:  
Austemba, Cairo,  
Telephone { 816-986  
              817-973

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE  
No. 12568, 12567  
     12566, 11473  
     11364, 11669

Migration Section  
Australian Embassy  
12, Hassan Sabri St.  
Zamalek - Cairo,



16th January, 1969

The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
CANBERRA.

Jehovah's Witness - Form M.40 nominations.  
Your 57/65904 of 8th January, 1969, refers.

Attached as requested is copy of our memorandum  
dated 9th October, 1968.

(R. H. Gray)  
Migration Officer

*Further action on -*

67/23778	68/22741
68/7819	68/7816
68/7818	68/53227
68/7817	

*Records*

*Please check for personal  
files on these cases.*

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FOREIGN "A"

30 JAN 1969



C O P Y

12568, 12567  
12566, 11473  
11364, 11669

9th October, 1968

The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
CANBERRA.

Jehovah's Witness - Form M.40 nominations.

During the past few months a number of people who are members of the above sect have been processed for migration following receipt of Form M.40 nominations lodged in their favour by "friends" living in N.S.W.

2. At least one of the nominees does not know his sponsor and it appears likely that all, or most, of the others are similarly situated. Consequently it appears the situation could bear investigation from your end in an endeavour to ascertain whether this is an organised move by the Sect to recruit members through misuse of the Immigration programme.

3. Attached for information are copies of the relevant selection reports.

4. Advice of further action desired would be appreciated.

(R.H. Gray)  
Migration Officer

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# SELECTION REPORT FORM - CAIRO

68/7818 131

File No. 12566

FORM 40. SERIAL No. N144848 STATE FILE No. N68/14470

CANBERRA No. 20.11.1932

1. NAME OF NOMINEE (F. 40) Raymond Guirguis ANDRAWOS

APPLICANT (F. 47)

D.O.B.

(G.A.P.S.)

2. NATIONALITY U.A.R.

3. PROPOSED OCCUPATION IN AUSTRALIA (Principal Nominee)

4. RELATIONSHIP - Principal nominee to sponsor Friend Rejected Nominee/to sponsor

5. IDENTITY DOCUMENTS SIGHTED :- Birth X Photos X XXXX/I-card X

6. CERTIFICATES SIGHTED :- Penal X Marriage X Character X Work

7. CERTIFICATES OUTSTANDING Now sighted

8. FAMILY COMPOSITION OF BREADWINNER :-

SINGLE

Member	Name	D.O.B.	Name of child	D.O.B.	Name of child	D.O.B.
Wife						
Child						

9. DISPOSITION OF RELATIVES NOT INCLUDED IN NOMINATION/APPLICATION

## Breadwinner's

IN U.A.R.

Elsewhere

In Australia

	No.	S	M	W	D	Age	Has applied	No.	S	M	W	D	Where	No.	S	M	W	D	Period
							Yes No												
Son.																			
Dtr.																			
Bro.	3	2	1			36,24,22	xx	x											
Sis	3	1	2			25,23,22	x	xx											
Mthr	-																		
Fthr	-																		

Wife's IN U.A.R.

Elsewhere

In Australia

	No.	S	M	W	D	Age	Has applied	No.	S	M	W	D	Where	No.	S	M	W	D	Period
							Yes No												
Son.																			
Dtr.																			
Bro.																			
Sis																			
Mthr																			
Fthr																			

10. DEPENDENCY

Principal nominee to sponsor (F 40) Wholly Partly Not at all X

11. CENTRE ACCOMMODATION :- Required Not required With friend of a friend (Aust.)

12. AREA IN WHICH RESIDED AND WORK DONE IN LAST SIX MONTHS DAMANHOOR Social worker - Ministry of Social Affairs - (also bookkeeper.

13. EDUCATION-TRAINING-EXPERIENCE B.Arts - 1959 - Alexandria University. Studied Sociology & Psychology for B.A.

Told of need to be recognised by Australian Institute of Social Workers to get a job and need for further study. OK he says - will take any job meanwhile.

14. ASSESSMENT

Fails to meet standards Barely meets standards but acceptable Meets standards Above standards Well above standards

Acceptable appearance. Speaks quite good English - A Jehovah's witness so employment - better life etc., May not be prime motive for migrating (Does not know sponsor) Seemed unconcerned that he wouldn't be able to work in his profession. So he may plan to work full time for his church.

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM.

CONCLUSION

SIGNATURE

DATE

DEFER for C.O. decision

E. KELLAS

20.9.68



File .....

Australian Embassy,  
Migration Section,  
12 Hassan Sabri Str.,  
Zamalek, CAIRO.

The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
CANBERRA.

The Commonwealth Director of Migration,  
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A nomination/application the details of which appear on the reverse side of this form, is/has been :—

REFERRED for your consideration.

REJECTED.

An objection has been raised on the grounds of :—

- (a) Selection (see report on reverse side of this form).
- (b) Medical (report is attached).
- (c) Radiological (Report and Xray are attached).
- (d) Liaison. (Report has been forwarded to the appropriate organisation).

The overall position of the case is indicated hereunder :—

	Rejected	Approved	Deferred	Not yet available
Selection				
Medical				
Radiological				
Liaison				

Migration Officer :

Date



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## SELECTION REPORT FORM - CAIRO

File No. 12567

FORM 40. SERIAL No. N144843 STATE FILE No. N68/15369

CANBERRA No. 21.11.1946

1. NAME OF NOMINEE (F. 40)

Payza Guirguis ANDRAWOS

D.O.B.

APPLICANT (F. 47)

(G.A.P.S.)

2. NATIONALITY

U.A.R.

3. PROPOSED OCCUPATION IN AUSTRALIA (Principal Nominee)

4. RELATIONSHIP - Principal nominee to sponsor

Friend

Rejected Nominee/to sponsor

5. IDENTITY DOCUMENTS SIGHTED :- Birth

X

Photos

X

XXX/1-card

X

6. CERTIFICATES SIGHTED :-

Penal

X

Marriage

X

Character

X

Work

-

7. CERTIFICATES OUTSTANDING

Now sighted

8. FAMILY COMPOSITION OF BREADWINNER :-

SINGLE

Member	Name	D.O.B.	Name of child	D.O.B.	Name of child	D.O.B.
Wife						
Child						

9. DISPOSITION OF RELATIVES NOT INCLUDED IN NOMINATION/APPLICATION

## Breadwinner's

IN U.A.R.

Elsewhere

In Australia

	No.	S	M	W	D	Age	Has applied	No.	S	M	W	D	Where	No.	S	M	W	D	Period
							Yes	No											
Son.																			
Dtr.																			
Bro.	4	3	1			24,22 36,35	X	X	X										
Sis	2		2			25,23		X											
Mthr	-																		
Fthr	-																		

Wife's

IN U.A.R.

Elsewhere

In Australia

	No.	S	M	W	D	Age	Has applied	No.	S	M	W	D	Where	No.	S	M	W	D	Period
							Yes	No											
Son.																			
Dtr.																			
Bro.																			
Sis																			
Mthr																			
Fthr																			

10. DEPENDENCY.

Principal nominee to sponsor (F 40) Wholly

Partly

Not at all with friend of a friend

11. CENTRE ACCOMMODATION :-

Required

Not required

12. AREA IN WHICH RESIDED AND WORK DONE IN LAST SIX MONTHS

DAMANHOUR

13. EDUCATION-TRAINING-EXPERIENCE

Didn't complete Secondary school long.

Sews a little-will seek work in Dressmaking factory - Warned of competition.

14. ASSESSMENT

Fails to meet standards

☐

Barely meets standards but acceptable

☒

Meets standards

☐

Above standards

☐

Well above standards

☐

Speaks no English. Acceptable appearance & dress, but seems very dull type - Vacant eyes. I have grave doubts about the ability to cope - But she will accompany 2 brothers - One of whom is a social worker.- So she may be O.K. They are Jehovah's Witnesses as I suspected Form M40 & one wonders whether much help will be provided as sponsor is unknown to them.

CONCLUSION

SIGNATURE

DATE

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM.

Defer until question of

J.W. resolved

E. KELIAS

20.9.68



# SELECTION REPORT FORM - CAIRO

File No. 12568

FORM 40, SERIAL No. N 144846 STATE FILE No. N68/15368 CANBERRA No.

Shoukry Guirguis ANDRAWOS

D.O.B. 12.9.45

1. NAME OF NOMINEE (F. 40)

APPLICANT (F. 47)

(G.A.P.S.)

2. NATIONALITY

U.A.R.

3. PROPOSED OCCUPATION IN AUSTRALIA (Principal Nominee)

4. RELATIONSHIP - Principal nominee to sponsor

Friend

Rejected Nominee/to sponsor

5. IDENTITY DOCUMENTS SIGHTED :- Birth

X

Photos

X

Passport-card

X

6. CERTIFICATES SIGHTED :- Penal

X

Marriage

X

Character

X

Work

7. CERTIFICATES OUTSTANDING

Now sighted

8. FAMILY COMPOSITION OF BREADWINNER :-

SINGLE

Member	Name	D.O.B.	Name of child	D.O.B.	Name of child	D.O.B.
Wife						
Child						

9. DISPOSITION OF RELATIVES NOT INCLUDED IN NOMINATION/APPLICATION

Breadwinner's

IN U.A.R.

Elsewhere

In Australia

	No.	S	M	W	D	Age	Has applied		No.	S	M	W	D	Where	No.	S	M	W	D	Period
							Yes	No												
Son.																				
Dtr.																				
Bro.	3	2	1			36, 35, 22	xx	x												
Sis	3	1	2				x	2												
Mthr																				
Fthr																				

Wife's

IN U.A.R.

Elsewhere

In Australia

	No.	S	M	W	D	Age	Has applied		No.	S	M	W	D	Where	No.	S	M	W	D	Period
							Yes	No												
Son.																				
Dtr.																				
Bro.																				
Sis																				
Mthr																				
Fthr																				

10. DEPENDENCY

Principal nominee to sponsor (F 40) Wholly

Partly

Not at all

11. CENTRE ACCOMMODATION :-

Required

Not required

12. AREA IN WHICH RESIDED AND WORK DONE IN LAST SIX MONTHS

Radio Communications Institute - Student.

Will complete a 12 months course in 6 months.

13. EDUCATION-TRAINING-EXPERIENCE

Has had a 2 year Teachers course & worked for 2 years as a teacher.

(Ministry Institute)

-Says "just" wrote & said work as a Radio technician should be easy to get - warned a one year course not sufficient.

14. ASSESSMENT

Fails to meet standards

☐

Barely meets standards but acceptable

☒

Meets standards

☐

Above standards

☐

Well above standards

☐

Speaks no English - or very little. Seemed unconcerned about employment prospects.

- Acceptable appearance. States his friend who migrated wrote to him and told him to come - He did not contact his sponsor - Does not know the person who lodged the F40. see files for brother & sister - Jehovah's witness too.

CONCLUSION

SIGNATURE

DATE

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM.

DEFER for C.O.'s decision

E.KELLAS

26.9.68



## SELECTION REPORT FORM - CAIRO

File No. 12569

FORM 40, SERIAL No. N 144842 STATE FILE No. N68/14700

CANBERRA No.

1. NAME OF NOMINEE (F. 40)

ANDRAWOS Fahmy Guirguis

D.O.B.

29.4.31

APPLICANT (F. 47)

(G.A.P.S.)

Egyptian

2. NATIONALITY

3. PROPOSED OCCUPATION IN AUSTRALIA (Principal Nominee)

4. RELATIONSHIP - Principal nominee to sponsor Friend Rejected Nominee/to sponsor

5. IDENTITY DOCUMENTS SIGHTED :- Birth X Photos X P-port/I-card X

6. CERTIFICATES SIGHTED :- Penal X Marriage X Character Work

7. CERTIFICATES OUTSTANDING Now sighted

8. FAMILY COMPOSITION OF BREADWINNER :-

Member	Name	D.O.B.	Name of child	D.O.B.	Name of child	D.O.B.
Wife	Georgette	23.7.1932				
Child	Wagdi	1.2.1964				

9. DISPOSITION OF RELATIVES NOT INCLUDED IN NOMINATION/APPLICATION

## Breadwinner's

IN U.A.R.										Elsewhere										In Australia									
	No.	S	M	W	D	Age	Has applied		No.	S	M	W	D	Where	No.	S	M	W	D	Period									
							Yes	No																					
Son.	1	1				4																							
Dtr.																				Relatives									
Bro.	3	3				36,30,28	xx	x																					
Sis	3	1	2			34,28,21	x	xx																					
Mthr	Deceased																												
Fthr																													

Wife's In U.A.R.								Elsewhere								In Australia							
	No.	S	M	W	D	Age	Has applied		No.	S	M	W	D	Where	No.	S	M	W	D	Period			
Son.	1	1				4	<del>Yes</del>	No															
Dtr.																							
Bro.	2	1	1			35, 31		xx	1	1				Sudan									
Sis																							
Mthr	1					50		x															
Fthr	1					60		x															

10. DEPENDENCY.

Principal nominee to sponsor (F 40) Wholly Partly Not at all

11. CENTRE ACCOMMODATION :-

Required

Not required

12. AREA IN WHICH RESIDED AND WORK DONE IN LAST SIX MONTHS Alexandria  
Customs Officer at Port of Alexandria - Checks luggage.

13. EDUCATION-TRAINING-EXPERIENCE

Has a Higher Diploma of Customs Cultural Institute.

Sociology, Psychology &amp; Philosophy.

Wants to study to be a Social worker in Australia.

14. ASSESSMENT

Fails to meet standards

☐

Barely meets standards but acceptable

☐

Meets standards

☐

Above standards

☐

Well above standards

☐

A well dressed family, B.W. speaks fairly good English, but as I suspected

are Jehovah's witnesses. They don't know their sponsor &amp; he didn't know this fellow's occupation. Doesn't seem particularly concerned that he will not get work as a customs officer. Wife rather a "superior" type - very fashionably dressed &amp; speaks only french - Acceptable appearance. But are they genuine migrants?

CONCLUSION

SIGNATURE

DATE

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM.

Defer Jehovah's  
Witnesses

E. KELLAS

17.10.68



# SELECTION REPORT FORM - CAIRO

File No. 11473

FORM 40, SERIAL No. N137917 STATE FILE No. N67/18098

CANBERRA No. 17.12.1906

1. NAME OF NOMINEE (F. 40)

Mr. Amin Mikhail FANOUS

APPLICANT (F. 47)

(G.A.P.S.)

U.A.R. (Coptic)

2. NATIONALITY

3. PROPOSED OCCUPATION IN AUSTRALIA (Principal Nominee)

4. RELATIONSHIP - Principal nominee to sponsor

Friend

Rejected Nominee/to sponsor

5. IDENTITY DOCUMENTS SIGHTED :- Birth

X

Photos

X

P-port/I-card

X

6. CERTIFICATES SIGHTED :-

Penal

X

Marriage

X

Character

X

Work

X

7. CERTIFICATES OUTSTANDING

Now sighted

8. FAMILY COMPOSITION OF BREADWINNER :-

Member	Name	D.O.B.	Name of child	D.O.B.	Name of child	D.O.B.
Wife	May	8.11.31	Amal	3.3.51		
Child	Magda	8.8.49				

9. DISPOSITION OF RELATIVES NOT INCLUDED IN NOMINATION/APPLICATION

## Breadwinner's

IN U.A.R.

Elsewhere

In Australia

	No.	S	M	W	D	Age	Has applied	No.	S	M	W	D	Where	No.	S	M	W	D	Period
							Yes	No											
Son.																			
Dtr.	3						X												
Bro.																			
Sis																			
Mthr																			
Fthr																			

Wife's

IN U.A.R.

Elsewhere

In Australia

	No.	S	M	W	D	Age	Has applied	No.	S	M	W	D	Where	No.	S	M	W	D	Period
							Yes	No											
Son.																			
Dtr.																			
Bro.																			
Sis																			
Mthr																			
Fthr																			

10. DEPENDENCY

Principal nominee to sponsor (F 40) Wholly

Partly

Not at all

11. CENTRE ACCOMMODATION :-

Required

Not required

12. AREA IN WHICH RESIDED AND WORK DONE IN LAST SIX MONTHS

13. EDUCATION-TRAINING-EXPERIENCE Magda, Typing and shorthand - Pigier Institute, Alexandria.  
Amal, Oxford College - English - Bookkeeping & Typing

Mrs Fanous - cutting & Sewing - dressmaker - House.

Father - Physician - Has lodged ES 35A - Giving full qualifications.

14. ASSESSMENT

Fails to meet standards

☐

Barely meets standards but acceptable

☐

Meets standards

☐

Above standards

☐

Well above standards

☒

This gentleman and his wife and two daughters are completely acceptable by any standards. Dr. Fanous speaks excellent English and his wife and daughters are fairly good. All were most fashionably dressed & the daughters would be readily employable. Perhaps not initially as typists. Even if Dr. Fanous' qualifications are not recognised immediately - He should be readily placed as a Lab. technician and Pharmaceutical agent, despite his age - All told a very charming & cultured well mannered family.

CONCLUSION

SIGNATURE

DATE

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM.

ACCEPT

E, KELLAS

12.3.68



# SELECTION REPORT FORM - CAIRO

68/53227

File No. 11669

FORM 40. SERIAL No. N132342 STATE FILE No. N67/68178

CANBERRA No. 13.10.1935

1. NAME OF NOMINEE (F. 40)

Alfonse Michel TAKLA

D.O.B.

APPLICANT (F. 47)

(G.A.P.S.)

U.A.R.

2. NATIONALITY

3. PROPOSED OCCUPATION IN AUSTRALIA (Principal Nominee)

4. RELATIONSHIP - Principal nominee to sponsor Friend

Rejected Nominee/to sponsor

5. IDENTITY DOCUMENTS SIGHTED :- Birth

Photos

P-port/I-card

6. CERTIFICATES SIGHTED :-

Penal

Marriage

Character

Work

7. CERTIFICATES OUTSTANDING

Now sighted

8. FAMILY COMPOSITION OF BREADWINNER :-

Member	Name	D.O.B.	Name of child	D.O.B.	Name of child	D.O.B.
Wife	Lily	4.5.1930	Moawad	8.6.1949	Daniel	15.1.k962
Child	Sonia	22.9.1947	Olfat	18.9.1952	Safa	13.8.1964

9. DISPOSITION OF RELATIVES NOT INCLUDED IN NOMINATION/APPLICATION

## Breadwinner's

IN U.A.R.

Elsewhere

In Australia

	No.	S	M	W	D	Age	Has applied	No.	S	M	W	D	Where	No.	S	M	W	D	Period
Son.	2+1	2+1				19,6,4	xx	No											
Dtr.	2	2				21,16	xx												
Bro.	4	3	1			35,29,27,25	x												
Sis	2	1	1			31,11	x												
Mthr	1					58	x												
Fthr	1					60	x												

Wife's IN U.A.R.

Elsewhere

In Australia

	No.	S	M	W	D	Age	Has applied	No.	S	M	W	D	Where	No.	S	M	W	D	Period
Son.	3	3				19,6,4	xx	No											
Dtr.	2	2				21,16	xx												
Bro.																			
Sis	2		2			24,30	xx		2	2			London, U.S.A.						
Mthr						60	x												
Fthr						63	x												

10. DEPENDENCY

Principal nominee to sponsor (F 40) Wholly

Partly

Not at all

11. CENTRE ACCOMMODATION :-

Required

Not required With sponsor (Engineer)

12. AREA IN WHICH RESIDED AND WORK DONE IN LAST SIX MONTHS

ALEXANDRIA

Manager of Karnak Hotel in Alexandria.

13. EDUCATION-TRAINING-EXPERIENCE

B.Com.

Sonia, Pigier Institute - English & French - Trained cutter & dressmaker \*

Olfat, Lycee Francais - Preparatory - seems a nice girl.

Daniel, " " - Secondary - appears not as bright as rest - but O.K.

\* May have prospects with a 'Mode' Shop & clothes making - dresses well - has fair english.

14. ASSESSMENT

Fails to meet standards

☐

Barely meets standards but acceptable

☐

Meets standards

☒

Above standards

☐

Well above standards

☐

All family completely acceptable as to appearance and dress. Would be taken as

- All except youngest speak poor English -

B/W told prospects doubtful. Seems confident of assistance on arrival -

(see above for comments on children). B/W very guarded about his Ethnic background appears to be the same pattern as Dr. FANOUS (Even children dress the same)

Australian sponsor - guarded statement -(are Jehovah's Witnesses too).

CONCLUSION

SIGNATURE

DATE

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM.

Acceptable  
on Selection  
grounds

E. KELLAS

12.7.68



# 68/7819B SELECTION REPORT FORM - CAIRO

File No. 11364

FORM 40. SERIAL No. N136191 STATE FILE No. N67/18742

CANBERRA No.

1. NAME OF NOMINEE (F. 40) Nabil Helmy Yousssef AZER

D.O.B. 6.12.1938

APPLICANT (F. 47)

(G.A.P.S.) U.A.R.

2. NATIONALITY

3. PROPOSED OCCUPATION IN AUSTRALIA (Principal Nominee)

4. RELATIONSHIP - Principal nominee to sponsor Friend Rejected Nominee/to sponsor

5. IDENTITY DOCUMENTS SIGHTED :- Birth XXX Photos XXX P.port/I-card XX

6. CERTIFICATES SIGHTED :- Penal XX Marriage X Character X Work X

7. CERTIFICATES OUTSTANDING Character for wife. Now sighted

8. FAMILY COMPOSITION OF BREADWINNER :-

Member	Name	D.O.B.	Name of child	D.O.B.	Name of child	D.O.B.
Wife	JEANNE	5.2.43				
Child	DINAH	16.6.62				

9. DISPOSITION OF RELATIVES NOT INCLUDED IN NOMINATION/APPLICATION

## Breadwinner's

Breadwinner's										Elsewhere										In Australia									
IN U.A.R.																													
	No.	S	M	W	D	Age	Has applied		No.	S	M	W	D	Where	No.	S	M	W	D	Period									
							Yes	No																					
Son.																													
Dtr.	1	1				6																							
Bro.	2	1	1			24, 21																							
Sis	4	1	3			18, 38, 35,			1		1			Greece															
Mthr	1		1			55																							
Fthr	1		1			65																							

Wife's										Elsewhere										In Australia									
In U.A.R.																													
	No.	S	M	W	D	Age	Has applied		No.	S	M	W	D	Where	No.	S	M	W	D	Period									
							Yes	No																					
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(One Sister has P.V.)

10. DEPENDENCY.

Principal nominee to sponsor (F 40) Wholly Partly Not at all

11. CENTRE ACCOMMODATION :-

Required

Not required Not with sponsor

12. AREA IN WHICH RESIDED AND WORK DONE IN LAST SIX MONTHS CAIRO

From 10.9.64 - Manager of Tourism Casino at Palmyra Heliopolis.

13. EDUCATION-TRAINING-EXPERIENCE 4 years at Alexandria University - Commerce.

May have fair prospects of work in a Club in Sydney - but told not to bank on it, or clerical work as his English is only fair - Says he will accept any work - emerg  
tic go getting type - not particularly likeable but with his enthusiasm he will  
probably be OK - seems realistic.

14. ASSESSMENT

Fails to meet standards

Barely meets standards but acceptable

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Meets standards

Above standards

Well above standards

Quite acceptable as to appearance - Wife very attractive - speaks no English tho'  
Child quite olive but O.K. - Very honest & Admitted they are Jehovah's witnesses  
(Wife a relative to Dr. Fanous - looks it too) - Also admitted he does not know  
sponsor - who is a member of the above sect - and that they won't live with him.  
As wife's sister will leave in a couple of weeks, they will live with her and her  
husband. B/W a "Smartie" - with an assumed American accent - But they pass master  
despite all these points and will probably succeed OK.

CONCLUSION

SIGNATURE

DATE

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM.

ACCEPT

E, KELLAS

8.8.68



8th January, 1969.

Migration Officer,  
CAIRO.

Jehovah's Witness - Form M40 Nominations

I refer to your memorandum (12588, 12567, 12686, 11473, 11384, 11689) of 16th December, 1968.

Will you please forward a copy of your memorandum of 9th October, 1968, as we are unable to locate the original.

*we*  
(W.J. Marris)  
for Secretary





IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. 12588, 12567,  
12686, 11473  
11384, 11689

Telegraphic Address:  
Austemba, Cairo.  
Telephone } 816-986  
              } 817-973



Migration Section  
Australian Embassy  
12, Hassan Sabri St.,  
Zamalek - Cairo

16th December, 1968.

The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
CANBERRA.

Jehovah's Witness-Form M 40 nominations.

I refer to my memorandum of 9th October, 1968, and would appreciate advise of the present position.

R.H. GRAY.  
MIGRATION OFFICER

Mrs Craddock

Regis. unable to locate memo of 9.10.68 or  
either European or Policy Indexes. It hasn't been possible  
to locate ref. no quoted above on work-up cards  
for any of the European indexes. Lack of names is  
not helpful.

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Craddock



57/65904

CONFIDENTIAL

6th January, 1969.

The Director-General,  
Australian Security  
Intelligence Organization,  
MELBOURNE.

International Bible Students Association or  
Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society  
(Jehovah's Witnesses) - Your 3/2/27

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I refer to my memorandum of 5th November, 1968, regarding security checking of nominations in favour of and applications by Jehovah's Witnesses for admission to Australia, and would be grateful for your early reply.

*hnc*  
(P. R. HEYDON)  
Secretary



57/65904

CONFIDENTIAL

5th November, 1968.

The Director-General,  
Australian Security  
Intelligence Organization,  
Box 5105BB, G.P.O.,  
MELBOURNE.

International Bible Students Association or  
Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society  
(Jehovah's Witnesses) - Your 3/2/27

A review is being made of our Handbooks of Instructions on the admission for residence of European aliens.

2. The instructions on Jehovah's Witnesses at present included in these Handbooks date from 1957, and are:-

(Paragraph 35 of Overseas Handbook)

"Membership of this sect does not debar an applicant from entry provided there is no objection by A.S.I.O. Overseas posts not in a position to secure an A.S.I.O. assessment locally should refer full particulars of the case to the Department of Immigration, Canberra."

(Handbook of Instructions to State Officers)

"Membership of this sect does not debar an applicant from entry provided no objection is raised by A.S.I.O. to whom all applications for the admission of members of the sect must be referred."

3. British Consular Officers are also asked to refer to this office for assessment any case in which screening reveals that an applicant is a member of the Sect.

4. Will you please let me know:-

(i) whether sponsor checks are still required on nominations in favour of Jehovah's Witnesses who are nationals of, resident in any of, the countries in which Australian Liaison Officers are located (Except for Yugoslavia) or attend on a visiting basis;

(ii) whether Form M40 nominations in favour of Jehovah's

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Witnesses must be deferred for a definite security assessment of the sponsor or, except in the case of nominations in favour of persons living in Communist countries, whether they may be placed in the "ten clear working days" category; and

- (iii) whether there is now any need for overseas posts, including British Consular posts, who do not have the services of an Australian Liaison Officer, to refer cases here for assessment if their normal checks reveal nothing adverse about a Jehovah's Witness.

we  
4/11/68

*[Signature]*  
4/11/68

*[Signature]*  
(P. R. HEYDON)  
Secretary

CONFIDENTIAL



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Commonwealth Migration Officer,  
MELBOURNE.

Copy for your information.

(P. R. Heydon)  
SECRETARY.  
DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION, CANBERRA.



19/7/63 July, 1963.

Dear Sir,

Mr. W. R. Seccombe, Presiding Officer, Honiara Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, P.O. Box 172, Honiara, has submitted to this Department the names of six Solomon Islanders who, it is proposed, will visit Australia between August and September next to attend the National Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses, to be held at Melbourne.

The names of the six nominees are: -

Caleb George,  
Clement Fa'abasua,  
Zenus Taakalo,  
John Kobi,  
Jeriel Misitana, and  
Ishmael Iloilo.

All of the nominees are married men, over the age of 21 years, and are of Melanesian race.

Full responsibility for maintenance and accommodation of the visitors whilst they are in Australia has been accepted by the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Sydney. Provided the nominees are in sound health, of good character, and possess travel documents which will authorise their re-entry to the Solomon Islands at the conclusion of their visit to Australia, they may be permitted to proceed to Australia as visitors for two months, and I will be grateful if you will issue to them the necessary entry authorities.

I have written to Mr. Seccombe and suggested that he now communicate with you in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

(P. R. Heydon)  
SECRETARY

Principal Immigration Officer,  
Solomon Islands Police Force,  
British Residency,  
HONIARA.

B.S.I.P.

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Commonwealth Migration Officer,  
SYDNEY.

Your telex, S9, of 26th June, 1963, refers.

(P. R. Heydon)  
SECRETARY.  
DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION. CANBERRA.



57/61594  
JBP

17<sup>th</sup> July, 1963.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 18th June last, concerning the six Solomon Islanders who will be visiting Australia during August-September next to attend the National Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses at Melbourne.

I have informed the Principal Immigration Officer, Solomon Islands Police Force, British Residency, Honiara, of the receipt of your application and have asked him to issue the necessary entry authorities to the six persons named, provided they are able to satisfy our normal requirements for visitors to Australia.

It is suggested that you now communicate with him in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

(P. R. Heydon)  
SECRETARY.

W. R. Seccombe, Esq.,  
Presiding Officer,  
Honiara Congregation of  
Jehovah's Witnesses,  
Box 172, P.O.,  
HONIARA.

B.S.I.P.



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[Faint purple stamp, possibly "RECEIVED" or "NOTED"]

T SMITH FROM KENNA (JS)

REFERENCE PHONE CALL OF 25/6/63 REGARDING 6 COLOMON ISLANDERS.  
MR HELD OF WATCHTOWER BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY STATES HIS ORGANIZATION  
PREPARED TO LODGE MAINTENANCE AND ACCOMMODATION GURANTEES.  
EXPECTED ARRIVAL 11/8/63 AND WILL REMAIN UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 25/8/63.

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*Central*  
(sic)

57/65904

YOUR REF.  
57/65904  
JBP

HONIARA CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.  
Box 172 P.O.,  
HONIARA.  
British Solomon Islands Prot.

18th June 1963.

The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
CANBERRA.



Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 13th June and further concerning ours of 11th June re permits for another four Solomon Islanders to visit Australia during Aug. and Sep. 1963.

The name of the organization responsible for all six applicants (listed below) during their stay in Australia is Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Pennsylvania, 11 Beresford Road, Strathfield N.S.W.

Here are the names of the applicants as in our two earlier letters:

Caleb George  
Clement Fa'abasua  
Zenus Taoskalo  
John Kobi  
Jeriel Misitana  
Ishmael Iloilo X

These are all married men over the age of 21 and of the Melanesian race.

Yours faithfully,  
HONIARA CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

*W R Seccombe*

W. R. SECCOMBE  
(Presiding Officer)

*Mr. Keena is making enquiries to confirm with previous interview. 25/6/63.*



21st June, 1963.

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of 11th June, 1963, in which you asked that authority to enter Australia for a period of two months be issued in favour of four Solomon Islanders, whose names are Zenus Taoskalo, John Kobi, Jeriel Misitana, and Ishmael Iliolo.

There will be no objection to these four Solomon Islanders visiting Australia provided they are able to satisfy the normal entry requirements for visitors to this country and provided firm arrangements are in hand for their maintenance and accommodation while they are here.

If you will inform me of the names of the persons in Australia who will be providing for the maintenance and accommodation of the applicants, the matter of their entry will be given further consideration.

Yours faithfully,

(P. R. Heydon)  
SECRETARY.

W. R. Seccombe, Esq.,  
Presiding Officer,  
Honiara Congregation of  
Jehovah's Witnesses,  
Box 172, P.O.,  
HONIARA.

B.S.I.P.



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HONIARA CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES  
Box 172 P.O.,  
HONIARA.  
British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

11th June 1963.

The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
CANBERRA.



Dear Sir,

We wish to obtain permits for four Solomon Islanders to visit Australia during August and September 1963. These are in addition to the two named in our earlier letter of 28. 5. 63.

Zenus Tsakalo  
John Kobi  
Jeriel Misitana  
Ishmael Iloilo

All are of the Melanesian race.

Arrangements are in hand for these delegates to travel with others from Papua and New Guinea to attend the National Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses being held at Melbourne August 16-20.

Meals and accommodation will be provided by Jehovah's Witnesses in Australia.

Yours faithfully,  
HONIARA CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

*No objection provided  
usual conditions satisfied*

*W R Seccombe*

W. R. SECCOMBE  
(Presiding Officer)

*A. Chilens*  
*17/6.*



57/65904  
JBP

13th June, 1963.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of 28th May last, concerning the proposed visit to Australia during August and September next of Messrs. Caleb George and Clement Pa'abasua.

Provided these two persons are able to satisfy the normal entry requirements for visitors to Australia, and suitable arrangements are made for their maintenance and accommodation while they are in this country, there will be no objection to their visits.

If you will inform me of the name of the person, or organization, in Australia who will be responsible for the two applicants during their sojourn here, the matter of their entry will be given further consideration.

Yours faithfully,

(P. R. Heydon)  
SECRETARY

W. R. Seccombe, Esq.,  
Presiding Officer,  
Honiara Congregation of Jehovah's  
Witnesses,  
Box 172, P.O.,  
HONIARA.  
B.S.I.P.



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HONIARA CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES  
Box 172 P.O.,  
HONIARA.  
British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

28th May 1963.

The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
CANBERRA.

Dear Sir,

We wish to obtain permits for two Solomon Islanders to visit Australia during August and September 1963.

Their names are:-

Caleb George, born 1918.

Clement Fa'abasua, born 1927.

Both are of the Melanesian race.

Arrangements are in hand for these delegates to travel with other delegates from Papua and New Guinea to attend the National Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses being held at Melbourne August 16-20.

Accommodation is being provided whilst in Australia at private homes of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Yours faithfully,  
HONIARA CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

*W R Seccombe*

W. R. SECCOMBE  
(Presiding Officer)

*Subject to the usual  
conditions, including  
clear acceptable arrangements  
for maintenance in Aust.,  
visits of 2 months may be  
approved.*



*11/6/63*



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# WATCH TOWER

BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY  
OF PENNSYLVANIA

11 BERESFORD RD. STRATHFIELD, N.S.W. AUSTRALIA

TELEGRAPH  
WATCHTOWER

June 5, 1958

*Secret*

57/65-904

The Editor  
The New Australian  
Department of Immigration  
York Street, Sydney.  
New South Wales



Dear Sir:

The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society has organized an international assembly which is attracting thousands of people from all over the globe.

The Yankee Stadium together with the adjoining Polo Grounds have been engaged for this eight day assembly that commences on July 27 this year.

From Australia some 420 delegates including many "New Australians" are travelling by boat and special chartered planes departing from and after June 10.

The enclosed release will be of keen interest to your readers as they watch the news of the world through your journal.

Will you please accept this release for publication and supply me with three copies of the edition covering same for my files.

Thanking you for your co-operation,

Yours faithfully,

*Eric Gosden*  
(Eric Gosden, News Director)

*Mr. Gosden*  
*N.F.A.*

*Recd. No action by  
Publication Section  
We would not give  
publicly in any form  
Good release to  
authorities  
13/6*

*Sho. Should we ask this  
tell Gosden nothing doing  
N.F.A. 2*

A NONPROFIT CORPORATION



New York, famous for its "Big" achievements will be the centre for the largest Christian assembly of the century between July 27 and August 3rd. this year.

Converging from more than 100 different lands and countries earth-wide more than 30,000 overseas delegates will assemble at Yankee Stadium and the adjourning Polo Grounds in company with tens of thousands of Americans.

Australian delegates will travel by three special planes to San Francisco then across the continent by chartered buses. There has also been a section of the "Orsova" booked to transport others.

Amongst the 420 conventioners who make up this contingent from our shores are many who have taken up residence here in Australia during the post war years, and who are looking forward to meeting many of their nationals who, like themselves, have taken up residence in the "free world"

The Watchtower, Bible and Tract Society, who are sponsoring this eight day international assembly, are well known for their world wide dissemination of Bible research.

In 1953 a similar convention filled Yankee Stadium to overflowing with a climactic attendance of 165,829 persons.

A Watchtower spokesman said that literally thousands of New Yorkers will be conducting a door to door canvass for accommodation to house the enormous influx of persons soon to arrive at the assembly site. Blocks of hotel accommodation have already been booked out.

Asked what time would be consumed in this unusual activity, the spokesman said that if in 1953 all the time spent had been put in by one man working 24 hours each day it would have taken him 14 years to accomplish. This year it was expected that the attendance would increase by at least 25%.

Questioned on what was hoped to be accomplished by the assembly he said, "In this age of international conflict, hot and cold wars and ideological struggles, a great loss of faith is evident. One can see this in the breakdown of respect for the ordinary principles of citizenship. It is expected that this international gathering will do more to stir interest in the Bible than any event world-wide this year."

"The impact of hardhitting Bible truths presented will do much to waken people to their responsibility toward God. The general level of Bible understanding could be improved everywhere, both inside and outside Christendom. This places a great responsibility upon ministers of every religion since they are directly responsible before God to make sure that people do understand God's word."

"This highly concentrated period of Bible education undertaken by Jehovah's witnesses will be felt world-wide for many years to come."

"It will serve as a powerful rebuttal to those who claim it is impossible for men from all nations to live in peace and unity."

"Men can and will live at peace with his neighbor," he concluded. "And this 1958 International Assembly of Jehovah's witnesses will prove it."



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SECRET

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS  
D BRANCH  
BOX 5105.BB, G.P.O.,  
MELBOURNE.

*Original on  
Stewart's file  
57/57202*  
MEMORANDUM for :

19 December, 1957.

The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

I refer to Commonwealth Migration Officer, Melbourne's memorandum dated 10th December, 1957, (V57/47875) (copy attached for reference) regarding the proposed admission (for six weeks) of Karl K. STEWART, Phillipine Branch Superintendent of the Watch Tower Society, and have noted that Mr. STEWART's proposed tour would include the South Pacific Islands.

2. The Watch Tower Society is the "Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society" (Jehovah's Witnesses) and has already been the subject of correspondence between us, terminating in your memorandum dated 3rd June, 1957, (57/65904). In the circumstances, I do not wish to withhold a security clearance to the proposed visit of Mr. STEWART, subject of course to satisfactory completion of a local check.

3. I have recently been in touch with The Secretary, Department of Territories, Canberra, as I wished to ensure that he should be aware of the implication of the alteration to your Department's policy in regard to the grant of visas for the admission to Australia of aliens who are Jehovah's Witnesses. I have not heard from the Secretary and presumably he is still considering his Department's position. Accordingly, I would suggest that if there is any question of Mr. STEWART visiting any of the areas administered by the Department of Territories then it should be made clear to Mr. STEWART that such visits will be considered in the light of the Department of Territories policy in operation at the time, for admission to the area concerned.

(Sgd.) (C.C.F. SPRY)  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF SECURITY



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57/65904

MEMORANDUM:


21 OCT 1957

C.M.O.  
BRISBANE.

I refer to your memorandum of 1st August, 1957 (Ref. Q57/7614) concerning the question of Jehovah's Witnesses dissuading migrants from attending naturalization ceremonies.

Your report has been considered and although it seems that Mrs. Horsburgh at least is opposed to naturalization, there does not appear to have been any widespread action on the part of members of the sect to discourage migrants generally from seeking to become Australian citizens. In fact, the episode involved only members of the sect, whose attitude to certain of the duties of citizenship is well known.

In all the circumstances there appears to be insufficient justification for further action. Would you please advise Mr. Hulme verbally of the outcome of the investigations.

  
(T.H.E. Heyes)  
SECRETARY.

*no further action  
taken  
ff*



Secretary

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The attached memorandum prepared by Mrs Lewis.

ON.

It does seem that at least one adherent of the sect, Mrs Harsbungh, is opposed to naturalization (she did not say as to our office but it is hardly likely that the Good Neighbour worker who started all this, Mrs Alexander, just made up her version of what Mrs Harsbungh told her).

However this is hardly sufficient justification for action to detain the admission of Phorah's witnesses as such. Do you desire a letter to Mr Hulme on these lines?

13/10 Mrs Hulme  
14/10 12/9 12/9 12/9  
Pl ask Mr Hulme if 4/10 Mrs Hulme



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DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION.

No. 57/65904

Report alleging action by Jehovah's Witnesses to  
dissuade aliens from seeking naturalization.

Recently Mr. A.S. Hulme, M.P. brought under notice information he had received from the person in charge of the New Settlers League at Redcliffe, that members of the Jehovah's Witness sect had persuaded some German migrants from attending a naturalization ceremony as onlookers.

The C.M.O. Brisbane was asked to investigate the matter. When he contacted Mr. Hulme he ascertained that Mrs. Alexander, a New Settlers League Contact Worker was the source of the information.

This lady was seen and she advised that following a suggestion by her to Mr. Alois Frisch that he should go along to a naturalization ceremony as a matter of interest, she was contacted by Mrs. G.B. Horsburgh who said she was a Jehovah Witness, as was Mr. Frisch, and that he could not attend the ceremony as his beliefs were opposed to "owing allegiance to any earthly power". Mrs. Alexander heard nothing further in the matter.

At an interview with an officer from the Brisbane office, Mrs. Horsburgh was reluctant to discuss her attitude to naturalization, but she did say she was too busy 'witnessing' to attend naturalization ceremonies. She advised that the three German families whose names were mentioned were brought to Redcliffe by Mr. G.D. Wilken himself a German migrant and also a member of the Jehovah's Witness sect. Mrs. Horsburgh claimed Wilken's intention to securing the three other migrant families was to exploit them financially. She did not regard Wilken as a true sect member and she has lost contact with him.

Of the German families, one merely expressed disappointment in Mr. Wilken.

Mr. Frisch <sup>when interviewed at his home</sup> claimed he was too busy with his English lessons to attend the ceremony he was asked to go to. When asked his attitude to naturalization he replied "that he could not see any objection as the attitude adopted by his sect was to "Give to Caesar the things that are his and give to Jehovah the things that are his".

Frisch served as a paratrooper in the German Army during the war and the fact that he and his wife drank rum during the interview gave the interviewing officer an impression of a marked difference between the attitude of the Australian members of the sect (apparently better on the whole).

All the persons involved in the incident were members of the Jehovah's Witness sect before coming to Australia and are resident in the same suburban area of Brisbane. We know that the Jehovah's Witness sect, as it does not believe in any earthly power, does not allow its adherents to vote or bear arms. In this case however there is no evidence of any widespread action on the part of members of the sect to dissuade aliens from seeking to become Australian citizens, nor any attempt to influence other than sect members.

In the circumstances it would seem that no further action is desired in regard to the matter. Mr. Hulme could be advised verbally by the C.M.O. Brisbane of the result of our enquiries.

(S.R. LEWIS)  
/9/57.



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8. It was ascertained that all four of the German families involved were members of the Jehovah's Witness sect in Germany. All interviews, with the exception of that with Mrs. Alexander, were conducted in a way that did not disclose the true purpose of the enquiry.

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(T.M. NULTY)  
Com. Migration Officer.  
12 August, 1957.

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 with questions  
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6. *see* *P. Hols* *five more* *no same* *12/8* *see*  
 In her interview, the witness was interviewed at the only  
 known address of the witness, who stated that she  
 retained expressed disappointment in Mr. Wilson and said  
 that she had no husband had lost contact with him.

7. The French family was interviewed a night at their home at Albion and during the course of a long conversation the subject of naturalization was introduced. French asked what was involved and this was explained to him and he was asked if he had ever attended a Naturalization ceremony where the procedure for himself. He answered that he had been asked by a lady at Redcliffe to do so and was told they still had correspondence papers in English to attend. The conversation was turned to other religious beliefs and when asked if they were opposed to naturalization he explained he replied that he



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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION  
BRISBANE

S E C R E T

Reference No. Q57 / 7614

SUBJECT:

REFERENCE:

THE A/SECRETARY:

I refer to your memorandum 57/65904 and advise that I rang Mr. A.S. Hulme, M.P., on 24th July, who stated that Mrs. G.M. Alexander, a New Settlers' League Contact Worker in the Redcliffe area, was the source of his information. I advised him that I would have Mr. Annand, O/i.c. Assimilation Division, go to Redcliffe to enquire into the position.

2. Mrs. Alexander was interviewed and stated that she had suggested to Mr. Alois Frisch that he should attend a Naturalization Ceremony at Redcliffe as a matter of interest, to which he agreed. The next day Mrs. G.B. Horsburgh of Georgina Street, Woody Point, rang Mrs. Alexander and told her that Mr. Frisch had mentioned this suggestion to her, but as both Mrs. Horsburgh and Mr. Frisch were Jehovah's Witnesses he could not do so as their beliefs were opposed to owing allegiance to any earthly power. Mrs. Alexander did not have any further contact with Mr. Frisch.

3. Mrs. Horsburgh was interviewed, but although the conversation was turned twice to naturalization she was clearly unwilling to discuss her attitude in this matter. When asked had she ever attended a Ceremony as an observer, she replied that her time was fully occupied with her domestic duties and in "witnessing" which she explained was door to door canvassing on behalf of her sect. She stated that she was a Jehovah's Witness and that the three German families concerned were also.

4. Mrs. Horsburgh stated that the three families, Rode, Frisch and Meissner, who are all German Assisted Migrants, were brought to the Redcliffe area by Mr. George Dietrich Wilken, an Assisted German migrant who arrived in Australia per "Anna Salen" at Melbourne on 16th October, 1954. It transpired that she was very bitter towards Mr. Wilken who was also a member of the Jehovah's Witness sect as he had brought these three families from Bonegilla with the intention of exploiting them financially. He is no longer regarded by the local members of the sect as being a true member. She had entirely lost contact with him and did not know where he is now living.

5. None of the families is now living at the address originally supplied at Westbrook Road, Woody Point.

6. Mrs. Meissner was interviewed but the only information of any value obtained from her was that she reluctantly expressed disappointment in Mr. Wilken and said that she and her husband had lost contact with him.

7. The Frisch family were interviewed at night at their home at Albion and during the course of a long conversation the subject of naturalization was introduced. Mr. Frisch asked what was involved and this was explained to him and he was asked if he had ever attended a Naturalization Ceremony to see the procedure for himself. He answered that he had been asked by a lady at Redcliffe to do so but was too busy with his correspondence lessons in English to attend. The conversation was turned towards his religious beliefs and when asked if they were opposed to Naturalization as explained he replied that he



F 2 AUG 1957

The Administrator,  
Territory of Papua/New Guinea,  
PORT MORESBY.

Mr. James D. Chambliss a citizen of the United States of America at present working in Papua-New Guinea for the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society of Pennsylvania holds Australian Re-entry visa ANo.1209 valid up to 4th August, 1957.

His Society in Sydney has requested that this visa be extended in validity up to 8th March, 1958.

As you know re-entry visas are not extended in validity but I should be glad if you would issue Mr. Chambliss with a fresh visa for return to Australia valid up to 8th March, 1957.

Mr. Chambliss was born at Shelbyville, Texas, on 30/10/1931 and holds U.S. American Passport No. 288397 expiring on 8th March, 1958. His present address is not known but he is being advised, through his Society in Sydney, to approach you.

(A.L. Nutt)  
Acting Secretary

C.M.O., SYDNEY

For information in regard to your minute 54/20/17640 of July 7th.

Please advise the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, Strathfield, that Chambliss should apply to the Administrator, Port Moresby.

(A.L. Nutt)  
Acting Secretary  
Department of Immigration  
2/8/1957



C O P Y

WATCH TOWER.

Bible and Tract Society  
of Pennsylvania.

11 Beresford Rd.,  
Strathfield, N.S.W.

10 July, 1957.

57-65904

Chief Migration Officer  
Department of Immigration  
18-20 York Street,  
Sydney, New South Wales

Dear Sir:

One of your ministers, Mr. James D. Chambliss, who is an American citizen, is at present working under our direction in the Territory of Papua and New Guinea. His present re-entry permit A No. 1209 issued on February 4, 1957, will expire on August 4, 1957, and he has written us to apply for an extension on his re-entry permit. His American Passport number 288397, issued by the Department of State at Washington, on March 9, 1954, expires March 8, 1958. He would like to get a re-entry permit that would be valid until March 8, 1958.

It would be appreciated if you could arrange for such a permit to be issued through the Administrator at Port Moresby.

Mr. Chambliss also has a Certificate of Registration number 381464, and a letter from the Department of Immigration in Hobart, Tasmania, dated October 26, 1955, stating that he is considered a permanent resident of the Commonwealth.

Yours very truly,

WATCH TOWER B. & T. SOCIETY  
of Pennsylvania

per Douglas E. Held (Sgd.)  
Presiding minister for Australia.

54/20/17640.

Forwarded for your information and favour of further action by your Office.

The following particulars are appended:-

Date and Place of Birth:	30.10.31. Shelbyville, Texas U.S.A.
Particulars of Arrival:	23.6.54 per "Strathmore" at Sydney.
Nationality:	U.S.A. Citizen.
Date of Departure:	9.2.1957.

The abovenamed was granted permanent residence by the C.M.O. Hobart on 26th October, 1955 (Hobart reference T55/1064), and satisfactory A.S.I.O. Clearance in his favour has been received by this Office on 7th February, 1957.

(B. C. WALL)  
C.M.O. - Sydney.  
12.7.57.

THE SECRETARY.

may authority  
for re-entry be  
conveyed to Administrator  
in usual way?  
J. C. W.  
2-8-57

Yes  
12-8-57



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19 JUL 1957

Dear Mr. Hulme,

You recently provided me with details of the episode in which three German migrant families had been dissuaded from attending, for interests sake, a naturalization ceremony on Redcliffe Peninsular.

I have passed your information on to the Commonwealth Migration Officer, Brisbane, with a request that appropriate investigations be carried out. No doubt he will be getting in touch with you on this subject before long.

Yours sincerely,

✓  
(A.L. Nutt)  
Acting Secretary

A.S. Hulme, Esq., M.P.,  
Commonwealth Parliament Offices,  
BRISBANE. Q'land.



SECRET

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18 JUL 1957

The Commonwealth Migration Officer,  
BRISBANE. Q'land.

Mr. A.S. Hulme, M.P., recently advised the department that he had received information from the lady in charge of the New Settlers' League on the Redcliffe Peninsular, to the effect that some German migrants invited to attend a Naturalization ceremony for interests sake, had been persuaded not to do so by members of the Jehovah's Witness sect with whom they were staying.

Details of the persons concerned, as given by Mr. Hulme, are set out below and it is desired that you investigate the allegation - preferably by interviewing the breadwinner of each migrant family - and submit a report in due course.

Mr. Wilken, Westbrook Street, Woody Point.	House Owner
Mrs. Horsborough, Woody Point.	J.W. Visitor
Mr. and Mrs. Rhode and family	} German Migrant families
Mr. and Mrs. Frisch and family	
Mr. and Mrs. Meissner and family	

It is assumed that Mr. Wilken and Mrs. Horsborough are the "Jehovah's Witnesses" and that the families Rhode, Frisch and Meissner the German migrants.

You might, however, ring Mr. Hulme and confirm this.

A copy of my letter to Mr. Hulme is attached for information.

(A.L. Nutt)  
Acting Secretary



The Chief Migration Officer,  
Australian Legation,  
Via S. Alessio 20,  
ROME, Italy.

Foreign Circular 58

Over recent weeks you have referred for decision by cablegram two or three applications for business visas by persons coming within the scope of Foreign Circular No. 58. The latest case submitted was in regard to Francesco Romano to whom your cable 242 refers.

You will see from Circular No. 58 that applications for visas by people covered by its heading may be dealt with by you and need not be referred here for decision unless a specific character or security objection is raised to an applicant.

As no indication has been given that there are any specific objections to Romano or to the other men whose cases have been referred, it is thought that you may, as a matter of course, be submitting for decisions all such cases you receive. This is not necessary.

If, of course, any case does arise where for security or character reasons you consider reference for decision desirable details as to the nature of the objection must be made available to enable full consideration to be given to the matter here.

(A.L. *Witt*)  
Acting Secretary





THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT OFFICES,  
BRISBANE, B.9.

4th June, 1957

'Phone B.0185

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

A.L. Nutt Esq.,  
Acting Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Dear Mr. Nutt,

The names of the persons who were the  
subject of my telephone conversation are:-

{	Mr. Wilken, Westbrook Street, Woody Point.	House Owner
	Mrs. Horsborough, Woody Point.	J.W. Visitor
	Mr. and Mrs. Rhode and family	German Migrant families
	Mr. and Mrs. Frisch and family	
	Mr. and Mrs. Meissner and family	

Yours sincerely,

*Alan Hulme*  
(ALAN S. HULME)

*Submitted for  
listers of action desired*

*I presume we should  
now approach A.S.I.O. ?*

*12/6*

*White also  
Brisbane  
to Hulme*

*McGinness,*

*this relates to allegations  
that members of Jehovah's Witnesses  
sect in Brisbane were discouraging  
Germans to become naturalized*

*10/6*

*HS*

*to Hulme  
10/6*



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 Enness,

Mr. Hulme telephoned today in reference to the  
 secretary's confidential letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> May folio 36 file  
 57/65904. He said that information had been received  
 from the woman in charge of the New Settlers League  
 on Redcliffe Peninsula that some German migrants  
 had been invited to a naturalization ceremony to  
 see what it was like but had been persuaded  
 not to attend by two Jehovah's Witnesses.

One of the Jehovah's Witnesses owned a house at a  
 place named Woody Point and another had had  
 three German migrants staying with him. The  
 suggestion was that the Jehovah's Witnesses were  
 influencing migrants not to become assimilated  
 or naturalized.

Mr. Hulme promised to send the names of the  
 Jehovah's Witnesses so that we could make  
 further inquiries about them.

W.H.H.

4.6.57

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to the  
 3/6/57



SECRETMEMORANDUM:

The Director-General,  
Attorney-General's Department,  
"D" Branch,  
Box 5105 BB, G.P.O.,  
MELBOURNE. Vic.

I refer to your memorandum No. 3470 of 30th April, 1957, reference 3/2/27, concerning the admission to Australia of Jehovah's Witnesses.

A copy of my memorandum of 18th March to the Secretary, Department of External Affairs, is attached for your information. A copy of this advice was sent to the Chief Migration Officers at London, Cologne, The Hague, Rome, Athens, the Australian Consul at Copenhagen and the Australian Migration Officer, Hong Kong, and they were advised that these cases could be decided by them except when in doubt when they should be referred to Canberra. A copy of the memorandum was also sent to the Commonwealth Migration Officers in Australia with the following instruction -

"Applications received by you in which it is disclosed that the nominee or sponsor is a Jehovah's Witness should continue to be referred to A.S.I.O. for screening and a decision on the application made in conjunction with their advice."

The matter has not been discussed with the Department of Territories.

(A.L. NUTT)  
Acting Secretary.

- ① to Brown  
folio 36.  
② to Guest  
③ folio 39.



SECRET

*Brown*

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CABLES &  
TELEGRAMS: AUSTCON



TELEPHONE: BYEN 2215  
BYEN 2217

AUSTRALIAN CONSULATE

In reply quote: GTF/MJH 1.10  
Imm. 531

NØRREVOLD 68  
COPENHAGEN K

9th May, 1957.

The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
Canberra A.C.T.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of secret memo 57/65904.

G.T. Pretymann.  
Consul.



SECRET

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA



ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS  
D BRANCH  
BOX 5105 BB, G.P.O.  
MELBOURNE

30 April, 1957.

TELEGRAMS:  
"SCORPION," MELBOURNE

MEMORANDUM for:

The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

I refer to your memorandum of 21st March, concerning the Jehovah's Witness Sect, advising your Minister's decision regarding the admission of members of the sect to the Commonwealth.

2. It is assumed that your department will be issuing a new departmental circular amending the circular issued on 29th May, 1952, which set out the Department's previous policy on this subject. I have acquainted the Senior Security Officer of the terms of your new policy.

3. I would appreciate your advice as to whether the new policy has been discussed with Department of Territories in relation to persons who may seek entry into Australian mandated and other territories.

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*Some papers*  
*have shown in*  
*on other files*

(C. C. F. SPRY)  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF SECURITY.

SECRET



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**SECRET**



CANBERRA.

1.5.1957.

(Mr McDonough.)

*With the Compliments*

*of the*

*Secretary, Department of  
External Affairs*

The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration.

Copies of latest circulars  
issued.

*McDonough*  
*DB*





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**SECRET**

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.  
CANBERRA.

In reply quote No. 1518/2/4

26th April, 1957.

CONSULAR CIRCULAR 57/12

ALL POSTS

International Bible Students Association  
or Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society  
(Jehovah's Witnesses)

Reference is made to paragraph 19(c)(i) and (ii) of the Instructions to Australian representatives overseas "Admission into Australia of unassisted non-British Europeans and Cypriots".

2. The Minister for Immigration has now directed that membership of the Jehovah's Witnesses sect shall not of itself be a bar to admission to Australia and each application for a visa, whether the person concerned is sponsored or not, shall be treated on its merits. In those cases in which an adverse security or character report is received the matter should be referred to the Department of Immigration for decision.

3. It is understood that Jehovah's Witnesses may engage in certain activities which are of interest to the Director-General of Security. He has been advised therefore of the Minister's decision and that he may, in the circumstances, desire to convey instructions to his field officers overseas on the general security aspect of membership of the sect so that, if desired, a security objection may be raised to any particular applicant for a visa where it is considered that his activities warrant it.

*A. R. Butler*

(A.R. Cutler)  
for the Secretary



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8 MAY 1957

Confidential

Dear Mr. Hulme,

I refer to our recent discussion on the subject of "Jehovah's Witnesses", during which you mentioned a case where a member of this sect had attempted to discourage new settlers from seeking Australian citizenship.

It would be most helpful if you could let me have details of such attempts. If I am placed in a position to confirm by official enquiry that they were made, it will be possible for me then to recommend preventive action for the future.

It is of course a matter of some delicacy to recommend action against members of a religious sect as such, and in fairness to the Minister I am obliged to be very certain of the facts before placing proposals before him. I regard the matter as particularly serious of course and am hopeful that you will be able to obtain full details of the incident for me.

Yours sincerely,

H. H. H.

(T.H.E. Heyes)  
SECRETARY.

A.S. Hulme, Esq., M.P.,  
Parliament House,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

① Mr. Lewis (Re water aspect)  
② Mr. Brown - (Re possibility  
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DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,  
CANBERRA

11th March, 1957.

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The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

ADMISSION OF AMISH MENNONITES INTO CANADA.

Attached for your information is a copy of memorandum No. 173 from the Australian High Commission, Ottawa, referring to the admission of members of the Amish Mennonites sect as immigrants into Canada.

(A.H. Loomes)  
for the Secretary.

*original on 57/66174 Canadian Migration Policy*



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No.E.A. 173/57 34

Australian High Commission  
100 Sparks Street,  
OTTAWA , CANADA.

1st March, 1957.

The Secretary,  
Department of External Affairs,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Admission of Amish Mennonites into Canada.

On February 11th, the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Mr. Pickersgill, was asked in the House of Commons whether members of the Amish Mennonites sect were being admitted into Canada as immigrants and if they were not, for what reason.

2. In his reply Mr. Pickersgill made it clear that under Canada's current immigrant policy no account whatever was taken of the religion of prospective immigrants. It was therefore not the case that members of the Amish Mennonites sect were excluded for that reason. However, it did happen that some people who were Amish Mennonites objected to accepting citizenship of a country and to participating in elections and other ordinary democratic procedures. As it had always been laid down that the main purpose of Canada's immigration policy was to add to the citizenship of the country such a factor would naturally be taken into account when it was present in a particular case. The same consideration would apply to any other prospective immigrants about whom there was a really serious ground for believing that they did not intend to become citizens.

(J.L. LAVETT)  
Counsellor.



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The Secretary,  
Department of External Affairs,  
CANBERRA.

18 APR 1957

International Bible Students Association or Watch  
Tower Bible and Tract Society (Jehovah's Witnesses).

Reference is made to paragraph 19(c)(1) and (11) of the Instructions to Australian representatives overseas "Admission into Australia of unassisted non-British Europeans and Cypriots".

The Minister has now directed that membership of the Jehovah's Witnesses sect shall not of itself be a bar to admission to Australia and each application for a visa, whether the person concerned is sponsored or not, shall be treated on its merits. In those cases in which an adverse security or character report is received the matter should be referred to this Department for decision.

It is understood that Jehovah's Witnesses may engage in certain activities which are of interest to the Director-General of Security. He has been advised therefore of the Minister's decision and that he may, in the circumstances, desire to convey instructions to his field officers overseas on the general security aspects of membership of the sect so that, if desired, a security objection may be raised to any particular applicant for a visa where it is considered that his activities warrant it.

Will you please convey suitable advice to your overseas posts.

SECRET

(T.H.E. HEYES)  
Secretary.

Foreign Circular No. 119

C.M.O., SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, PERTH, BRISBANE, HOBART & DARWIN.

Referred for information and guidance. Applications received by you in which it is disclosed that the nominee or sponsor is a Jehovah's Witness should continue to be referred to A.S.I.C. for screening and a decision on the application made in conjunction with their advice. ~~Membership of the sect shall not in itself~~ as in the past, be a bar to the approval of any application.

Paragraph 20(c) of the Local Handbook will be amended in due course.

(T.H.E. HEYES)  
Secretary.

26/4/57.

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S E C R E TForeign Circular No. 58.

Chief Migration Officer, LONDON, COLOGNE, THE HAGUE, ROME, ATHENS,  
VIENNA.  
Austn. Consul, COPENHAGEN  
Austn. M.O., HONG KONG.

Referred for your information and guidance. These cases may be dealt with by you but whenever you are in doubt, should be referred to Central Office.

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(T.H.E. HEYES)  
Secretary.

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21 MAR 1957

SECRET

The Director-General,  
Attorney General's Department,  
"D" Branch,  
G.P.O. Box 5105 BB,  
MELBOURNE.

53/2801 /  
I refer to your memorandum No. 4932 of 26th May, 1953, concerning Donald Burkhart in which you also commented on the abovementioned sect.

The Chief Migration Officer, Athens, advised on 14th December, 1956, under reference No. 19681, that Miss Panagiota Apostolopoulou, who had been sponsored by a cousin in Victoria, had been cleared from the selection, medical and security aspects but as she was a Jehovah's Witness, he desired advice as to whether a visa could be issued in her favour.

Since freedom of worship is guaranteed under the Commonwealth Constitution it is undesirable, in fact highly improper, to refuse the entry to Australia of any person purely because of his or her religious beliefs. On the other hand, however, it is realised that Jehovah's Witnesses may engage in certain activities which are of interest to you from a security aspect.

The Minister has now directed that membership of the Jehovah's Witnesses sect shall not of itself be a bar to admission to Australia and each application for a visa, whether the nominee is sponsored or not, shall be treated on its merits.

You might, in all the circumstances, desire to convey instructions to your field officers overseas on the general security aspects of membership of the sect so that if desired, a security objection may be raised to any particular applicant for a visa where it is considered that the activities of the person concerned warrant this.

(T.H.E. Hayes)  
Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION.

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No. 55/7699

The Secretary

Jehovah's Witnesses - Admission to Australia

I refer to the attached submission.

2. It is not merely "undesirable and dangerous" to base rejections on "religious grounds" - it is quite out of the question. This does not however go to the heart of the matter, which is that Jehovah's Witnesses have in the past been regarded as a possible security risk - and have been rejected on security grounds.

3. This is not drawing any over-fine distinction. One can take the analogy of political views. We do not regard a person's political views as relevant to the question of admission to Australia - so long as those views do not make him a security risk.

4. I think our past policy in regard to Form 40 cases is sound - i.e. each case is considered individually, just as it is the ~~rule~~ <sup>rule</sup> to consider on an individual basis other applications where there are security questions. This should I think be extended to unsponsored applications. Our officers overseas should in general rely on the security officer's assessment, and in cases of doubt should refer here, where we would obtain the usual advice from A.S.I.O. headquarters and give a decision.

5. What may be needed is a directive from A.S.I.O. headquarters to security officers in the field, on the general security dangers (if any) to be associated with membership of the sect in question - so that security officers will have a uniform basis for assessing various individual cases.

X 6. Recommended -

- (a) that membership of the sect should not of itself be a bar to admission;
- (b) that each application, whether sponsored or not, be dealt with on its individual merits on the basis of security report thereon, in the same manner as other "security cases";
- (c) that A.S.I.O. be advised of this decision so that, if they so desire, their field officers can be given advice on the general security aspects of membership of the sect.

*H. McGinness*  
(H. McGinness)  
Assistant Secretary.  
4.3.57.

*Minister*

*Recommendations are supported  
I concur.*

*ASL* 7 MAR 1957

*Admitt  
for Secy 4.3.57*



MEMORANDUM.The Watch Tower and Bible Tract Society  
(Jehovah's Witness) Admission of Members.

A full report, dated 8th January, 1954, submitted by the Commonwealth Investigation Service on the above Organisation is attached.

2. Present policy in regard to the entry of members of the Society was laid down by the then Minister in March, 1952. Mr. Holt decided that:-

- (a) applications on Form 47 by members of the Society for entry into Australia should be rejected; and
- (b) members sponsored by residents of Australia should be investigated and applications considered on their individual merits.

3. Although we do not receive a large number of applications involving the entry of members of the Sect, it is difficult, without a clearly defined policy, to consider and decide applications received.

4. Application forms in use in the Department do not call upon applicants for entry into Australia to give particulars of their religious beliefs. Generally, therefore, we remain unaware of the fact that any applicant is of a particular religion until he is interviewed in connection with normal screening processes. Even at this stage it is most unlikely that we would learn of the person's religious belief since, deriving from Section 116 of the Constitution, we have on occasions advised overseas posts that as freedom of worship is guaranteed by the Australian Constitution and it would be definitely opposed to Australian ideals to enquire as to a person's religious faith in the matter of migration, enquiries in this regard should not be made. In view of this we would only become aware that an applicant is a member of the Watch Tower and Bible Tract Society if he volunteered the information.

5. It would seem to me that basing rejection on religious grounds might be undesirable and dangerous since it is obvious that we would not wish it to become known that such is the case.

6. The matter that gives rise to the question at the present time is an application lodged for the entry of a Miss P. Apostolopoulou by her cousin in Victoria. Miss Apostolopoulou has been approved on Selection and medical and Security grounds but at interview she stated her religion to be "Jehovah's Witness". In view of this the Chief Migration Officer, Athens, requests a direction as to whether entry is to be approved.

7. I incline to the view that in cases where no objection is raised on normal grounds of processing a visa should not be withheld on religious grounds.

Submitted for direction.

  
(W.K. BROWN)

27/2/57.



MD

CANBERRA, A.C.T., 8 January, 1954

IN REPLY, PLEASE QUOTE No. 53/821.

CONFIDENTIAL

The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
CANBERRA, A. C. T.



Jehovah's Witnesses also known as International Bible Students' Association, and Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society.

On 31st July, 1953, you asked this Service to "furnish advice as to the present day activities in Australia, the approximate number of adherents, its financial standing and any other information of a general character which would enable the Department to obtain a complete picture of the Society".

2. Shortly afterwards I interviewed Mr. Horgan, your assistant secretary, and ascertained that your Department's interest sprang from your responsibility for deciding the suitability or otherwise of an applicant seeking permission to enter this country.

3. I informed Mr. Horgan that this was a question of subversive activity which should rightly be answered by the Australian Security Intelligence Organization but if the Director-General of Security consented, I would endeavour to obtain the information sought. He has agreed.

4. An examination of this file shows that in May, 1952, you returned a copy of a recent confidential report on this organization loaned by my predecessor, and it would seem that you only require any additional information that this Service has gathered since the preparation of that report.

5. The information gathered, has, wherever possible, been checked but in a number of instances, this has not been possible, and wherever possible the source of the information is disclosed.

#### LEGALITY

6. No change in the lawfulness of the organization has occurred since Mr. Justice Williams said "The religion of Jehovah's Witnesses is a Christian religion", and Mr. Justice Starke held that "the association of persons known as Jehovah's Witnesses are not engaged in any seditious enterprise, nor in the printing or publishing of any seditious words within the meaning of the Crimes Act 1914-1932". (1943 C.L.R. 116 et seq)

#### MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITY

##### Western Australia.

7. The organization in this State is registered as a corporate body and as such four of its members are authorized to celebrate marriages and conduct burial services. The persons at present holding these rights are:-



C.A. DESCHAMP - 68 Broome Street, Perth.  
 D.W. FARMER - 24 Second Ave., 8th Perth.  
 T.D.C. McALLAN - Connell Ave., Gosnells.  
 H.S. SHACKLETON - Langley Street, Bayswater.

Trustees are:-

H.S. SHACKLETON - Langley Street, Bayswater.  
 T.D.C. McALLAN - Connell Ave., Gosnells.  
 G.A. DEWSNAP - 416 Oxford Street, Mt. Hawthorn.

8. The headquarters of the organization in Western Australia is at 68 Broome Street, 8th Perth. Nine groups exist in the Metropolitan area and there are twenty congregations in the country, the main ones being Narrogin, Ballbrook and Mt. Barker.

9. Membership in the Metropolitan area totals 650, whilst between 300 and 350 adherents form the congregations in the country.

(unconfirmed)

South Australia.

10. The headquarters of the Adelaide group is Kingdom Hall, Sturt Street, Adelaide, and small groups of Jehovah's Witnesses operate at outer suburbs of Adelaide, namely at Seaciff, Salisbury and Mt. Lofty and there are seven units in the Metropolitan area.

11. They own the freehold of their property, Kingdom Hall at 33 Sturt Street, the capital value being approximately £10,000. There is a small mortgage of £200 on it.

12. It is believed that total membership in this State is between 1,000 and 1,500.

(unconfirmed)

13. Observations show that the average attendance at meetings held at Kingdom Hall on Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays is forty-six persons.

14. Mr. Hubert Clift, formerly of the South Australian Police Department is the leader of the congregation at Kingdom Hall.

Victoria.

15. Local headquarters are situated at 20A George Street, East Melbourne. This building is situated at the rear of 20 George Street and has been converted from out-house buildings to conform with the standards of a church and meeting place. However, it is believed that it has no congregation, and is merely used as a distributing centre for propaganda and lectures for Church leaders. This property is owned by the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society and has a full rated value of £280 (Municipal records).

16. As far as could be ascertained, the only other assets held by this Society is Kingdom Hall, 256 Murray Road, Preston, which is valued at £1,300 and which is nominally owned by Messrs H. Hall, L. Lehman and A. Grey (Municipal records).

17. During their Convention held in Melbourne last year, one of the speakers claimed the Victorian membership at 1,100. Subsequent enquiries indicate that of this number, over 600 are metropolitan residents.



18. From conversations with members of the sect, one of my investigators ascertained that there are eleven congregations meeting regularly in the Metropolitan area. These meeting places were at various halls in Albion, Coburg, Collingwood, Footscray, Hawthorn, Ivanhoe, Mordialloc, Newmarket, Oakleigh, Prahran and Preston.

19. So far as could be established by personal observation and discussion with members, the principle office bearers in this State are:-

Victorian Depot Servants: R.W. Searle  
Margerie Kiste, born 25.1.1907, wife of above.  
4 Dymyrie Road, South Melbourne. R.H. Kinninmouth  
T.C. Kills

Pioneer Servant: J. McBain, residing at 72 Lord Street, Sandy Bay.

Publisher Servant: R.F. Smart

Company Servant: R.H. Kinninmouth  
(Coburg Branch)

Company Servant: L. Lehman.  
(Preston Branch)

20. From personal observations at Victorian meetings it was gathered that the main function of all members of the sect is the dissemination of their religious teachings and they regard themselves as Missionaries of Jehovah in this world. (see article in Pix 5.9.1953)

#### New South Wales.

21. The headquarters of the Australian Branch is at 11 Beresford Road, Strathfield. The leader of the Branch is Theodore Jaracz, of Polish extraction and the secretary is B.B. Mason of the same address.

22. There are eighteen congregations in Sydney. At Albury the full time minister is Stefenorfas Jurgis of 57 McCauley Street, Albury, a New Australian who arrived in this country in May, 1949.

(unconfirmed)

23. The properties belonging to this organization are registered in the name of International Bible Students' Association and in the names of individual members. They are mainly situated on the block of land bounded by Beresford and Homebush Roads, and The Crescent at Strathfield. No. 11 Beresford Road is valued (for rating purposes) at £22,500, and the total value of properties on The Crescent at £14,200.

24. No separate State membership figures are available for New South Wales.

#### Queensland.

25. The headquarters of the organization is at 119 Musgrave Road, Red Hill, Brisbane.

26. Membership is believed to be about 500.

27. No ownership of property can be traced.

#### Tasmania.

28. Headquarters are at 41 Newdegate Street, North Hobart. No figures are available of membership.



29. In November, 1950, the Society held a two day Assembly in the Hobart Town Hall, and two overseas members, D.H. MacLean of Halifax, Nova Scotia and R.F. Smart of Toronto attended.

30. Early in 1950 a Convention was held in New York and the undermentioned persons are believed to have attended:-

Claude Hamilton Fenton, born 24.12.1890, residing at Uxbridge, Macquarie Plains.

Violet Fenton, born 17.11.1891, wife of above.

Marjorie Kitto, born 25.1.1899, residing at 4 Dymnryne Road, South Hobart.

John Austral Pearton, born 22.10.1896, residing at 72 Lord Street, Sandy Bay.

Grace Marion Pearton, born 13.7.1897, wife of above.

Geoffrey Jorham Whiting, born 1.7.1923, residing at 7 Cherry Road, Trevellyn, Launceston, described as Minister of Religion.

Gordon Maxwell Young, residing at Cherry Road, Launceston, employee Postmaster-General's Department.

John T. Griffiths.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

##### Membership in Australia.

31. During the Convention held in 1953 in Melbourne, a speaker claimed that the membership in Australia exceeded 7,000.

32. Attendance throughout the Melbourne Convention was approximately 1,500 at most sessions, culminating with the final session on Sunday, October, 18th, when about 6,000 people were present. This particular session was addressed by T. Jaracz, entitled "After Armageddon - God's New World" and was widely advertised throughout the city. It is thought that the number present included many who were not subscribers to the Society's doctrines, and possibly some were pleasure seekers taking advantage of some means of entertainment on a Melbourne Sunday afternoon.

##### Finance.

33. Little information is available on the financial status of this Society. They do not levy tithes nor is a direct subscription imposed. At congregation meetings, as at the Melbourne Convention, no collection is taken, however, receptacles are provided for any contribution that a person feels able to give. It would appear that possibly the only sources of income, therefore, are the proceeds of these voluntary contributions, and profits made on the publication and sale of literature. However, meetings do not give the impression that the organization is by any means poverty stricken, in fact, at the recent Melbourne Convention, no expense was spared to ensure its success. The cost of hiring the Exhibition Building was £45 per day for each of the four days of the Convention plus additional expenditure for the use of office, telephone, decorations, stage and effects and public address system (confirmed).



34. Some indication of their activity and possible financial position may be gained from the following figures of the importation of "The Watch Tower" and "Awake" from June 1948 to May, 1951. These import licences are obtained on a "no exchange" basis and are admitted duty free.

Date	Watch Tower	Awake	Total	copies
June 1948	82,236	117,324	199,560	
May 1949	"	"	115,788	144,912
Dec 1949	"	"	125,892	168,180
May 1950	"	"	128,748	152,952
Nov 1950	"	"	152,040	173,640
May 1951	"	"	174,660	179,352
			<u>779,364</u>	<u>936,360</u>

35. In September, 1950, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, New York, sent a letter to the Import Licensing Branch, Sydney, stating: "It is through gift shipment of religious literature to Australia that our Society finances its Christian education programme in Australia. We consider such literature is our contribution to the welfare and spiritual instruction of the Australian people".

36. These books are landed in Australia free of cost. Publishers on house to house visits ask 4/- per book (verified by purchase). No payments have been made to the United States of America for religious literature imported by the Society (Exchange Control).

37. An import licence granted in September, 1952, totalled £3,006 and comprised -

40,000	"What has religion done for Mankind"
30,000	"Let God be true"
20,000	"This means Everlasting Life"
120	"Theocratic Aid to Publishers"
100	"Can you live for ever" (Arabic)
100	"Can you live for ever" (French)
1,400	"This means everlasting life" (German)
240	"Let God be true" (German)
2,000	"Can you live for ever" (German)
500	"Can you live for ever" (Dutch).
<u>94,460</u>	

The figures for the books in Arabic, French, Dutch and German are interesting.

38. In 1941, Jehovah's Witnesses in Australia were openly engaged in commerce and trade. Their operations included sawmills, farming, engineering, printing, investment in New Zealand flax, tin and gems. All the commercial ventures were later sold, and it is suspected, to members of the Society, and it is likely that they are merely held in trust.

39. To defeat the Government in 1941, money was withdrawn from the Society's bank account and believed to have been placed to the credit of individual members, no doubt in trust for the Society, and it is possible that they have secret methods of protecting their property. As beneficiaries in wills, the Society acquires property and money.

40. In 1953, 114 Jehovah's Witness delegates left Australia by air to attend the July Convention in New York; with the exception of four, all paid their own fares which involved an expenditure of over £72,000.



Italian and Polish were held on Saturday, October 17th  
Military Service.

41. Jehovah's Witnesses claim exemption from military service. They state that they are not pacifists but fight only when God commands them to do so. They claim exemption on the grounds that as ministers of religion they should be exempted from service. (see article by Milton G. Henschel, Pix 5.9.1954)

42. A statement made by their attorney in Australasia reads -

"Jehovah's Witnesses had never been against the War effort. The majority of them were engaged in production helpful to the nation's effort. Because they could not swear allegiance to any individual kingdom but only to the Kingdom of Christ, did not mean that they did not believe earnestly in the cause of freedom."

(Sydney Morning Herald 15.6.1943)

43. This attitude has now resulted in a number of youths, members of this Society, claiming exemption from national training.

Western Australia.

25 objectors, 18 of whom claimed to be members of the Society.

Tasmania.

Six objectors on grounds that they were members of the Society.

Victoria.

Thirteen objectors on grounds of membership.

NOTE- (This number may be understated because it is only recently that the Department of Labour and National Service have made efforts to ascertain the religious beliefs of any person raising an objection on conscientious grounds. This may apply to all States)

New South Wales.

No total figures available but in 1953 applications were received from persons describing them as ministers of Jehovah's Witnesses by Magistrates of Petty Sessions at Sydney, Griffith, Broken Hill, Wollongong, Orange, Goulburn, Glen Innes, Newcastle, Maitland, Singleton, Murwillumbah, Grafton, Coffs Harbour and Albury.

Propaganda.

44. As far as can be ascertained there has been no systematic canvassing of National Service trainees.

INFLUENCE AMONG NEW AUSTRALIANS.

45. No details of membership of New Australians have been obtained but there would appear to be no doubt that they have New Australian groups meeting in this country. At the Melbourne Convention last year foreign language groups held special meetings. Assemblies of Greek, German, Dutch,



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Italian and Poles were held on Saturday, October 17th  
and attendance at these were -

German	7
Greek	9
Dutch	4
Italian	4
Polish	6

(Personal Observations)

46. Attached is a copy of the Pix article previously  
referred to and a program for the Melbourne Convention last  
year.

CONCLUSION.

47. I hope that the information contained in this  
report may be of some assistance to you in determining your  
attitude towards the Society.

48. If there are any additional aspects on which you  
would like further details, I shall try to obtain them for  
you if you so desire.

49. Other commitments for your Department have depleted  
my staff and this enquiry has been somewhat protracted as  
the result. I apologise for the delay.

*R. W. Whitrod*  
(R. W. WHITROD)  
DIRECTOR.



:GM.

25 SEP 1956

## MEMORANDUM for:


Consul General,  
Australian Consulate-General,  
636 Fifth Avenue,  
NEW YORK.

Visa for Members of Jehovah's Witnesses  
Society

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I refer to your memorandum No. IMM172/56  
file No. 7/3/49 of 14th August, 1956 and previous  
correspondence concerning the question of the grant  
of visa to members of the Jehovah's Witnesses  
Society.

It is desired to advise that when an  
application for a visitors visa reveals that the  
applicant is engaged either in a missionary and/or  
executive capacity in the Jehovah's Witnesses  
Society, or desires to enter Australia to work with  
the organisation here the grant of a visa should be  
withheld and the application referred to this  
Department for decision.

  
(T.H.E. PYLES)  
Secretary.





AUSTRALIAN CONSULATE-GENERAL  
636 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK 20, N.Y.

August 14, 1956

Memorandum No. IMM.172/56

File No. 7/3/49



The Secretary  
Department of Immigration  
Canberra, A.C.T.

*Watchtower Bible Society*

(for transmission through Dept. of External Affairs)

Subject: Visas for Members of Jehovah's  
Witnesses Society

Reference is made to our memoranda Nos. 3/56 of  
3rd January 1956 and 104/56 of 3rd May 1956 concerning the  
above subject.

I should be glad to have any further information  
as to whether you are in a position to give a decision on  
this matter.

*[Signature]*  
for Consul General

RLG:mm



MEMORANDUM:

MR. AND MRS. C. S. GOODMAN AND MRS. L. M.  
AND MISS M. M. HARDING

Application has been made by the abovenamed to secure permission to enter the Commonwealth from India.

The applicants are all members of the Jehovah's Witness Sect and Mr. Goodman is employed full-time by the Society as the Secretary for their Pakistan branch. He has indicated that he will continue to be employed by the society, should he be admitted to the Commonwealth.

There seems to be little doubt that Mr. Goodman is completely European in descent. However, the three remaining applicants were born in India, and the family has lived in India for at least three generations and although they claim to be predominantly European in descent they cannot produce any documentary evidence to support their statement. The Hardings although they do not possess complete documentary evidence are considered to be eligible for admission to Australia by the Australian Government Trade Commission's Office, Bombay.

The present instruction regarding the admission of aliens who belong to the Society stipulates that applications lodged overseas by members of this sect should not be approved. However, no rule has been laid down regarding the question of the admission of members of the Sect who are British Subjects.

Submitted as to whether:-

- (1) Membership of Sect is sufficient to warrant rejection of applicants; or
- (2) We should insist on the production of documentary evidence that the Hardings are of European descent, (their rejection would probably keep Goodman in India). Or
- (3) They may be permitted to enter the Commonwealth subject to the usual conditions of health, character, etc.

  
C. N. BURKE

MR. BROWN'S REMARKS.

In so far as British subjects are concerned I don't think we should refuse admission because they belong to a religious sect that is not looked upon with favour. It is policy not to prevent the entry of British Communists. Recommended that applicants be admitted provided they comply with normal requirements.

*Approved Mr. Brown*  
*18/5*

*Signed MR Brown*

*Handwritten signature*



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AUSTRALIAN CONSULATE-GENERAL  
636 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK 20, N.Y.

May 3rd, 1956

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Memorandum No. IMM 104/56

File No. 7/3/49

The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
Canberra, A.C.T.

(to be transmitted through Dept. of External Affairs)

Subject: Visas for Members of Jehovah's  
Witnesses Society

It would be appreciated if you would advise  
whether you are in a position to answer Memorandum No. 3/56  
of 3rd January, 1956.

*Montague*  
for Consul General

RLG:mn



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DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION.

No. 55/54082

The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society (Jehovah's Witnesses)

Reference is made to the attached memorandum in which it was decided, in July, 1954, that, where an application for a visitors visa revealed that the applicant was engaged either in a missionary and/or executive capacity in the Jehovah's Witness organisation, or desired to enter Australia to work with the organisation here, the grant of a visa should be withheld pending reference to A.S.I.O.

*Has not been included.*

// No advice of the decision was sent to overseas posts but it was referred for inclusion in the instruction manual.

The Australian Consulate-General, New York, has now advised that visitors visas were granted in January, 1956, to two members of the Jehovah's Witness Sect., Nathan Homer Knorr, President of the Society, and Don Alden Adams, missionary and executive of the Society.

The Consul-General states that difficulty is being encountered in dealing with applications for visitors visas made by members of the Society as they hold no information on procedure to be adopted.

On 29th May, 1952, overseas posts were advised by circular memorandum that the following procedure should be adopted when dealing with the question of the admission into Australia of Jehovah's Witnesses:-

- "(1) applications on Form 47 by members of the sect should not be approved;
- (2) where landing permits are issued to members of the sect who are sponsored by residents of Australia the activities of the grantees should be closely investigated and a report furnished to this office before visas are granted."

The present Handbook of instruction to overseas representatives contains the following instruction regarding Jehovah's Witnesses:-

- "(1) applications lodged overseas by members of this sect should not be approved;
- (2) where forms 40 received from Australia relate to the entry of nominees who are known, or found to be members of this sect, visa facilities should not be granted without reference to this Department."

// Submitted whether the decision previously given regarding visitors visas for members of the Jehovah's Witness is to stand.

*Approved - Handbooks to be amended*

*[Signature]*

*23 / 4 / 56*

*[Signature]*

28 MAR 1956



DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION.

Copy of  
NO. 54/2049

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Jehovah's Witnesses - visitors

1. In 1952, the Minister directed that application by aliens for migrant visas, who have been sponsored by residents of Australia, and who were Jehovah's Witnesses were to be referred to Central Office and unsponsored migrants were to be refused visas.

2. The question now arises as to whether Jehovah's Witnesses are to be admitted into Australia as visitors, subject to the usual conditions or whether each case is to be referred to Central Office for decision.

3. In a recent case in which a Jehovah's Witness wished to enter Australia for 12 months to restore his health after being in the tropics, approval was given for his temporary admission. A.S.I.O. who were consulted on the matter advised that they had no objection to entry for a limited period but that any question of allowing him to remain permanently should be viewed in a different light.

4. It has been the experience of the Department that many visitors often seek to extend their stay here and even remain permanently. The admission of Jehovah's Witnesses as visitors could therefore prove a source of embarrassment and it appears that the Department should exercise close supervision over any applications by them to visit Australia.

5. It is recommended that all applications to visit Australia by Jehovah's Witnesses be referred to Central Office for consideration in conjunction with the views of A.S.I.O. in each individual case.

Decision passed  
Mr. Lewis for  
inclusion in

A. Furler  
(A. FURLER)  
19.8.1954.  
Consolidated  
Instructions

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Forms of application for the grant of visas do not contain any reference to religion and consequently it is impracticable to detect whether the applicant is a Jehovah's Witness. Visas are granted by British visa issuing authorities overseas without reference to the Department and it could not be expected that British authorities would go outside normal procedure to question persons regarding religion. Charges of discrimination would arise if genuine tourist and business men were refused visas solely because of their religious beliefs.

Where an application discloses that the applicant is engaged either in a missionary and/or executive capacity in the Jehovah's Witness organisation or desires to enter Australia to work with the organisation here it may be felt that a visa could be withheld pending the view of A.S.I.O. being ascertained on the desirability of permitting entry.

Submitted.

Phygan  
9/7/54

Approved  
Amst  
for Secy  
10/9/54



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AUSTRALIAN CONSULATE-GENERAL  
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3rd January, 1955.

3rd January, 1956.

Memorandum No.: Imm. 3/56.

File No.: 7/3/19.

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RESTRICTED  
14 FEB 1956

The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Subject: Visas for Members of Jehovah's Witnesses  
to the Department Society.

We have received applications for short term visas, for a ten day visit to Sydney by Mr. Nathan Homer Knorr and Mr. Don Alden Adams, who hold United States passports numbers 734593 and 565446 respectively.

Both are members of the International Bible Students Association and Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society (Jehovah's Witnesses).

A letter covering application for visa, from Mr. W.L. Thornton, Foreign Service Secretary of the Society, of the 26th December 1955, guarantees the maintenance of Mr. Adams during the time he is abroad and sets out that he will be dealing with the educational program of the Society and speaking to local congregations, as a minister of religion.

A letter of the 22nd December 1955, from Mr. Knorr himself, gives his office as "President of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society." He states that he is due to leave for the South Pacific area to make his annual visit to branch offices, on the 25th February, 1956. During this trip he proposes a ten day visit to Australia. His purpose there will be to check the local office especially on its educational program and to speak to local congregations, as a minister of religion. His visit will be entirely non-commercial and non-political. He also states that the Society will, similarly, guarantee his maintenance.

Mr. Knorr has already visited Australia in 1946 and 1951.

We are encountering considerable difficulties in dealing with applications by members of this Society. The instructions by the Department of Immigration of the 29th May, 1952 and Part 3 "General Information concerning admission for Residence" Paragraph 19(b) cover the subject of permanent entry under Form 47 and Form 40. No information is held, however, on the subject of shorter visits and the Department has not yet answered our memorandum No. Imm. 99/54 of the 17th May 1954. This letter was written during an exchange of correspondence on a proposed visit of James D. Chambliss (Department of Immigration File 43/2049).

It will be seen that that memorandum raised the question of shorter visits and asked for a ruling on the subject. We should be grateful to receive a reply on the question generally in response to this memorandum.



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3rd January, 1956.

It is proposed, in the meantime, to grant Business Visas for a period of three months to these two applicants since their applications are, otherwise, in order.

An early reply on the general question of Policy would be greatly appreciated. Copy of this memorandum is being sent to the Department of External Affairs.

*Remison*

A/Consul General.



DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION

SUBJECT

Theodore JARACZ. - U.S.A.

No.

21 JUN 1955

54082

With reference to our memorandum of 15th October, 1954, we await your advice as to the action desired in this matter.

25 NOV 1954

(J. CLIFFE)  
A/C.M.O. - SYDNEY.

23.11.54.

THE SECRETARY.

*Notes 41+42 placed  
on personal file  
54/32868*

*Advised by memo  
of 18/11/54*

*PA*



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION

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Originating file No. 52/53619  
(This must be quoted)

SUBJECT : Theodore JARACZ

REFERENCE : 51/21/30161 of 17/10/54

TO

C.M.O.

Sydney.

No further action is required  
concerning the above named person's  
stay in Australia.

*T.H.E. Heyes*  
(T.H.E. Heyes)  
Secretary.  
11/11/54.



Lebert-AR FOREIGN DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION  
(RESTRICTED)

SUBJECT:

17 NOV 1954  
Theodore JARACZ - U.S.A.

No.

51/21/30161

51/13/9020

53/53619

With reference to your minute 51/13/9020 of 4th June, 1952, forwarding your circular memorandum of 29th May, 1952, concerning member of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, it is desired to inform you that the above arrived at Sydney on 7th October, 1953 per A/c N90946V and was permitted to land as a visitor.

Attached is a copy of a letter dated 5th October, 1954, received from Mr. Jaracz, applying for a year's extension of his stay in Australia.

Will you please advise the action desired in this case.



*J. Cliffe*  
(J. CLIFFE)  
A/C, M.O. - SYDNEY.  
15.10.54.

THE SECRETARY.

*Advise RMO of  
decision given for  
Jas Jaracz's extension (plus 7)  
Manc  
17/11/54*

*No further action  
concerning stay  
- Aust  
J. Cliffe*



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WATCH TOWER  
BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY.

11 Beresford Road, Strathfield, N.S.W.  
October 5, 1954.

The Commonwealth Migration Officer,  
Department of Immigration,  
18-20 York Street,  
SYDNEY.

Dear Sir,

This refers to my stay here in Australia.  
I arrived in Sydney on October 7, 1953 by Pan American  
Airways. My present visa is due to expire in a few  
days and I wish to make application for a one-year extension  
in order to look after further business as a representative  
of the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society.

As to the matter of being maintained, my  
expenses are taken care of by the Watch Tower Society.

Yours faithfully,

Theodore Jaracz.



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You asked me how many  
what was to be done re  
this file

I recalled that

Burkhart's admission was  
announced & that name  
has gone out. If so the  
file should be noted so that  
effect & the file number  
on which the name was  
out should be shown. If there  
is no other action pending the papers  
may be

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AUSTRALIA  
(Migration)  
KOLN

52/15/8556

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Copy of

MEMORANDUM:

Please see the attached memorandum from Cologne in which it will be noted that the nominees, the mother, brother and wife of the sponsor, are Jehovah's Witnesses.

In March, 1952 the Minister directed that cases such as this should be submitted as to whether the nominees were to be granted visas.

Jehovah's Witnesses are not well regarded because of its attitude during the last war. It is not however an unlawful organisation.

It is suggested that in view of the close relationship involved in this case, the fact that those concerned are Jehovah's Witnesses is not sufficient reason to refuse the nominees visas.

Submitted. Officer reports that the results of his checks reveals no adverse information on Wolfgang and Erik except membership of the Sect, Jehovah's Witnesses.

Approved in view of close relationship  
B.R. Watson  
3/3/54.

(A. FURLER)  
26.2.54.

Mr. Max Huprecht Fellowship, the sponsor of this family, also has a wife, Ingeborg, who is presumably still resident in Germany. She was a friend of Ludwig Furler G. 54. She returned to Germany in 1951 under cover of my name. She was accepted under the name of F. 175533 on 24 September 1951.

Between September 1951 and June 1952 Frau Ingeborg was in Australia on three consecutive trips, but she failed to obtain a permanent visa. Her husband was travelling with her.

Subsequently Ludwig Furler G. 175533 which was issued to her husband and transmitted per her husband was received in this office under cover of Schedule 123, Head Office No. 6319. This permit was issued by the Department of Immigration, Sydney, on 29th August 1952, File No. 175533.

No further word has been received by this office from Frau Ingeborg despite our efforts to contact her.

When the sponsor, Max Huprecht, was in contact with a visa on 11th June 1951, nothing was known of his membership with the Jehovah's Witnesses.

The mothers of this family are very respectable people and acceptable in all respects except for their religion.

In view of the above information and with particular reference to the religious sect to which they belong would you please advise whether they should be granted a visa. (Ludwig Furler G. 175533, Wolfgang and Family, Head 40, Group No. 156, Social No. V 1234 and Ingeborg, Ludwig Furler G. 175533 - to the latter if and when she subsequently returns, see application).

*[Signature]*  
Chief Migration Officer



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(Migration Office)  
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With his education, qualifications and training he is certainly capable of fending for himself and his family in Australia. "

His past work record is briefly as follows:-

1927 - 36	elementary school
1936 - 40	apprentice locksmith
1940 - 43	Engineering school ( State) in Cologne
1943 - 45	engineer - constructor
1945 - 47	technical inspector of locomotives and rolling stock, German railways,
1947 -	engineer with firm Stolberger Zinc A.G.,
to date	Aachen.

Wolfgang and his family, and his mother Trix have all been passed as medically fit by the Senior Medical Officer, Cologne.

The Security Officer reports that the results of his checks reveals no adverse information on Wolfgang and Trix except membership of the Sect, Jehovah's Witnesses.

Mr. Max Rupprecht Pallavicini, the sponsor of this family, also has a wife, Ingeborg, who is presumably still resident in Germany. She was the grantee of Landing Permit C. 94863 which was returned to your office for cancellation under cover of my memo 5391 dated 8th September 1951 as she had been accepted under the Mass D P Scheme.

Between September 1951 and June 1952 Frau Ingeborg was listed to sail for Australia on three successive ships, but she failed to report to the Embarkation Centre, her excuses ranging from being sick to having a misunderstanding with her husband.

Subsequently Landing Permit C. 173533 which was issued in her favour and transmitted per her husband was received in this office under cover of Schedule 125, Head Office No. 6319. This permit was issued by the Department of Immigration, Sydney, on 29th August 1952, file No. 52/22/62381.

No further word has been received by this office from Frau Ingeborg despite our efforts to contact her.

When the sponsor, Max Rupprecht, was issued with a visa on 11th June 1951, nothing was known of his membership with the Jehovah's Witnesses.

The members of this family are very presentable people and acceptable in all respects except for their religion.

In view of the above information and with particular reference to the religious sect to which they belong would you please advise whether visas should be granted to Trix Pallavicini (Landing Permit C. 169403), Wolfgang and family ( Form 40, Group No. 156, Serial No. V 1076) and Ingeborg ( Landing Permit C.173533) - to the latter if and when she subsequently lodges her application.

JON/HS

*L. J. Schumann*  
Chief Migration Officer.



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DLOGNE MEMO NO. 9150

AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY

(Migration Office)

KOLN - Marienburg

Wolfgang Muellerstr. 16/18

The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
Canberra A.C.T.

28th April 1953

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Trix PALLAVICINI - Landing Permit C. 169403 *mother*  
Wolfgang PALLAVICINI - Form 40 Application, Group No. 156, Ser. No. V 1076 *brother*  
Ingeborg PALLAVICINI - Landing Permit C. 173533 *wife*

Landing Permit C. 169403 was issued in favour of Trix Pallavicini by the Department of Immigration, Melbourne, on 18th September 1952, file No. 52/34/679. The permit was transmitted per Mr. Max Rupprecht Pallavicini, 166 Queensberry St., North Melbourne, Victoria, who is subject's son.

Mrs. Pallavicini was interviewed in this office.

Her father was a Jew but her mother was a Christian. She claims to have been brought up in the Evangelical faith, which was also the religion of her husband. She claims that her two sons were also members of that faith. Her documents show that she was baptised and married in Evangelical churches.

Form 40, Group No. 156, Serial No. V 1076, file No. 52/34/679 issued in favour of Wolfgang Pallavicini is held in this office.

Subject was also sponsored by Mr. Max Rupprecht his brother, whose address in this case is given as 50 Ethel Street, Thornbury, Melbourne, Victoria.

This applicant was first interviewed in this office in January last as he had applied under the German Assisted Passages scheme for acceptance as a welder. He was however rejected for technical and selection reasons. The selection reasons were based on the grounds that he was a Jehovah's Witness.

On receipt of the above quoted Form 40 subject was again called into this office for an interview on 27th March 1953 and thoroughly interrogated.

The Interviewing and Selection Officer comments as follows:-

" This applicant supports his application with numerous certificates and references. He was very frank and straightforward during the interview and made no hesitation when questioned regarding his religion.

In this connection he and his family were Evangelists until 1947 when they became Jehovah's Witnesses. He states that he changed because he believes he is now practising a better form of religion. His brother in Australia, his mother (grantee of Landing Permit C. 169403) and his wife all belong to this Sect. He seemed to be quite enthusiastic about it.

Disregarding his religion subject impressed as being quite a presentable type. He was clean, well dressed and to all outward appearances, acceptable.

His only relative in Australia is his brother and sponsor. He stated that all members of his family were prepared to migrate there about 1939 but the war prevented it. He is not contented with general living conditions in Germany and believes that he could benefit himself by migrating.

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See file 53/2801

The Minister:

Application has been received for permission for Donald Burkhart, a United States national residing in Thailand to visit Australia for twelve months.

2. Burkhart is a member of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society commonly known as Jehovah's Witnesses. This body is not favourably regarded because of its anti-Australian and anti-British attitude during the war, but it is not an unlawful organisation. In 1952, it was directed that applications for admission by un-nominated members of the organisation should be rejected but that persons sponsored by residents of Australia should be considered on their merits.

3. Burkhart's application is supported by the Australian Branch of the Society which will be responsible for him and under whose supervision he will work.

4. A.S.I.O. whose views were sought offers no objection to Burkhart's entry for a limited period but considers that the question of allowing him to remain permanently should be viewed in a different light. In this connection the Director-General, A.S.I.O. stated that he was strongly opposed to any extension of nominations to include the Australian Branch of Jehovah's Witnesses as this could nullify the protection given by the present policy.

5. It is not considered that there is any great objection to allowing Burkhart to come here for twelve months and it is recommended that his admission be approved for that period on the understanding that no extension of his stay will be sought.

(T.H.E. Heyes)  
SECRETARY.  
11/2/1954.

*I wouldn't raise the  
latter point at this stage.  
It might require us to  
have made possibly  
embarrassing  
objections to the  
Society as such  
H.E.H.  
12/5*

*Any to him?  
11/2/54*

52/158556. Jehovah's witnesses for residence  
53/2801 " admitted as tourist



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The following are extracts of a published interview with Milton G. Henschel, a director of the Society.

- Q. Do Witnesses salute the flag?
- A. Saluting a flag of any nation is regarded by Jehovah's Witnesses as un-Christian image worship. Any national flag is a symbol of sovereign power regarded by people as sacred.
- Q. Why do Witnesses claim exemption from military service?
- A. Because they have conscientious objections based on the commandments of God against taking part in the world's wars..... Though not pacifists Jehovah's Witnesses fight only when God commands them to do so.

Submitted.

*A. Furler*

(A. FURLER)

13/1/54.

Jehovah's Witnesses are  
pacifists but unlike the  
Quakers who are also pacifists,  
Jehovah's Witnesses consider their  
reciprocity to the extent of non cooperation in the  
war effort 1939-1946 many of their prominent  
members were on foreign black lists.  
Under existing policy Jehovah's Witnesses are  
not eligible for admission - it is suggested that the board  
on plain entry should state

Secretary. The question for consideration is  
whether approval is to be given or not for  
the entry of the member, Burkhardt for twelve months.  
There is nothing against him other than that he is  
a member of the organization & at that it is not an  
unlawful body. It may be highly commercialised  
religion & some of its beliefs may be tantamount to the general  
and of Christians. I don't think, however, that it should  
be said that any encouragement is being given to the body  
by allowing Burkhardt for twelve months.



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To defeat the Government in 1941, money was withdrawn from the Society's bank account and believed to have been placed to the credit of individual members, no doubt in trust for the Society, and it is possible that they have secret methods of protecting their property. As beneficiaries in wills, the Society acquires property and money.

In 1953, 114 Jehovah's Witness delegates left Australia by air to attend the July Convention in New York; with the exception of four, all paid their own fares which involved an expenditure of over £72,000.

Military Service.

Jehovah's Witnesses claim exemption from military service. They state that they are not pacifists but fight only when God commands them to do so. They claim exemption on the grounds that as ministers of religion they should be exempted from service.

A statement made by their attorney in Australasia reads -

"Jehovah's Witnesses had never been against the War effort. The majority of them were engaged in production helpful to the nation's effort. Because they could not swear allegiance to any individual kingdom but only to the Kingdom of Christ, did not mean that they did not believe earnestly in the cause of freedom."

(Sydney Morning Herald 15/6/1943)

This attitude has now resulted in a number of youths, members of this Society, claiming exemption from national training. Figures which have been furnished showing the number of youths who have claimed exemption from national training because they are members of the Society are -

W.A.	-	18
Tasmania	-	6
Victoria	-	13
N.S.W.	-	not available.

These figures are believed to be underestimated because the Department of Labour and National Service has only recently started to ascertain the religious beliefs of applicants for exemption. In N.S.W. applications were received by Magistrates in 13 country towns and Sydney.

General.

C.I.S. state that as far as can be ascertained there has been no systematic canvassing of National Service trainees. Details of membership of New Australians are not available but it appears that they do have meetings. At the Melbourne Convention last year foreign language groups had special meetings in Greek, German, Dutch, Polish and Italian. The leader of the Australian Branch of the Society is Theodore Jaracz, a U.S.A. citizen of Polish nationality who was admitted as a business visitor in February, 1951 and again in September, 1953.



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Legality.

No change in the lawfulness of the organization has occurred since Mr. Justice Williams said - "The religion of Jehovah's Witnesses is a Christian religion" and Mr. Justice Stank held that "the association of persons known as Jehovah's Witnesses are not engaged in any seditious enterprise nor in the printing or publishing of any seditious words within the meaning of the Crimes Act 1914-1932".

Membership.

W.A. Twenty nine groups totalling 1000 persons (unconfirmed)  
S.A. Ten groups of 1000-1500 persons "  
Vic. Eleven (unconfirmed) groups of 1100 persons (unconfirmed)  
N.S.W. Nineteen ( " ) groups ?  
Qld. ? of 500 persons ( "  
Tas. ? ?

During a Convention held in Melbourne in 1935 it was claimed that membership in Australia exceeded 7000. At a Convention in Melbourne in 1953 attendance was approximately 1500 at most sessions, culminating with a final Sunday session of about 6000. (It appeared however that many of those present were not members of the Society but simply pleasure seekers taking advantage of a Sunday afternoon's entertainment).

Property.

Headquarters of the Australian Branch is in Sydney and each State headquarters is in the capital city. It appears that the Society owns the headquarters buildings and one or two other properties nominally owned by its adherents.

Finance.

Little information is available on the present financial status of the Society. It appears that possibly the only sources of income are voluntary contributions and the sale of literature. The Society does not appear poverty stricken as no expense was spared at the Convention last year, hiring of the Exhibition Building alone being £45 a day.

Some idea of its financial standing may be obtained from the fact that from June 1948 to May 1951, the publications "Watch Tower" and "Awake" were admitted duty free and totalled 779,364 and 936,360 copies respectively. These are sold by house to house canvas at 4/- a copy. (Maximum sale value £343,145). The books are sent to Australia from the U.S.A. Society as a gift.

In September, 1952 an import licence was granted valued at £3006 for the introduction of 94,460 other books of which 100 were in Arabic, 100 in French, 500 in Dutch and 3640 in German.

In 1941, Jehovah's Witnesses in Australia were openly engaged in commerce and trade. Their operations included sawmills, farming, engineering, printing, investment in New Zealand flax, tén and gems. All the commercial ventures were later sold, and it is suspected, to members of the Society, and it is likely that they are merely held in trust.



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U In March, 1952, the Minister directed that applications on Form 47 by members of the Society for entry into Australia should be rejected and members sponsored by residents of Australia should be investigated and a report furnished before visas are granted.

S A U.S.A. Citizen, Donald Burkhart, a Jehovah's Witness, residing in Thailand, has applied to visit Australia for a period of 12 months for "a change of climate". The application is supported by the Australian Branch of the Society which it was said would be responsible for him and under whose supervision he would work.

L The Australian Security Intelligence Organization was asked to advise -

- (a) whether there was any security objection to the application;
- (b) whether it was considered that the policy applying to Form 47 applications should be extended to persons who are nominated by the Society here and who would be engaged in furthering its activities here.

A.S.I.O. stated that:-

- (a) they do not see any security objection to Burkhart's entry for a limited period but consider that any application by him to remain for permanent residence could well be viewed in a different light;

and in regard to (b) the Director-General stated -

X "I am strongly opposed to any extension of nominations to include the Australian Branch of Jehovah's Witnesses as this could at once result in the nomination of any member of this Sect and could nullify the protection given by the present policy." X

4 The reasoning advanced by A.S.I.O. on the whole question appears confusing. It will be seen that they strongly support the policy approved by the Minister and yet on the other hand they have no objection to one of the society's adherents being admitted for a period of twelve months to further its interests. It could well be argued that if the activities of the society are so objectionable, then even the temporary admission of one of its members should be refused.

P The Commonwealth Investigation Service was asked to furnish an up-to-date report on the Society and they have advised that although the matter was one of a question of subversive activity and should rightly be dealt with by A.S.I.O., they would with the approval of Director-General of Security furnish the desired report. The Director General approved.

9 The report has now been furnished and is of seven pages. This has been condensed as much as possible as follows:-



DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION.

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The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society

The members of the Society are commonly known as Jehovah's Witnesses. Its activities are well known mainly because of the anti-Australian and anti-British attitude it adopted during the war when they stated they would not fight for Australia, even if it was invaded, and did not recognize the King.

In 1938 the Commonwealth Investigation Service advised that official and other whole time workers of the society do not receive actual wages but are wholly maintained and given any necessary out of pocket expenses. Publications setting out the tenets of the society are often hawked from door to door. ~~late Judge Sumnerford was the founder of the society.~~

In 1942 the Commonwealth Investigation Service furnished a report on the Society and the salient points are -

Objectives.

(1) To preach the doctrines of Jehovah God.

(2) The organisation uses religion as a cover for its commercial activities, and full time adherents receive little or no remuneration for their services in business undertakings controlled by the Sect.

Activities.

Canvassing their doctrines to individual householders and (during the recent war) to further their mission which then appeared to include pacifism and defeatism.

The organisation caused great discontent among the general public during the war as members of the sect would not allow their sons to join the fighting services, openly stated they would not fight for the protection of Australia, if invaded and did not recognize the King of England. Parents who are members of the sect will not allow their children to salute the Union Jack or sing the National Anthem. The organisation is opposed to all organized religion.

Finance.

The organisation raises funds by donations, subscription, sale of literature but at the time of the report principal income was derived from many business undertakings comprising Canteen and farm adjoining Ingleburn Military Camp, laundry adjacent to Camp, farms, sawmills, second hand yard, printeries, engineering work and large amount of real estate. The operations of the business undertakings were hidden under the name of various Companies formed by the International Bible Students Association.

The reporting officers are satisfied that the sect owns and controls the business undertakings in the names of their trusted members.

Prior to its being declared unlawful the sect's banking account at Strathfield showed an annual turn-over of £30,000 - £40,000.



Senior Immigration Officer. 26<sup>53</sup>

This lengthy memo re Jehovah's witnesses is of information value only.

William Hermettes the Director in Australia - (Theodore Jacarz) to return here from America.

Two other cases are pending

(1) Donald Burkart American who wishes to come here <sup>from</sup> ~~from~~ <sup>Thailand</sup> as a "Missionary". <sup>In his</sup> ~~His~~ <sup>case</sup> ~~case~~ <sup>appears</sup> ~~appears~~ <sup>from</sup> ~~from~~ <sup>answers</sup> ~~answers~~ the question of "Particulars of means of support in Australia" is answered by "will receive monthly allowance from branch office of Washington Bible Society".

(2) - a migrant B. Pallavicini who wishes to introduce his mother & brother. The family are ~~not~~ Jehovah's witnesses. <sup>However</sup> the brother is engaged as an engineer & would be employed in that capacity here if admitted.

While the attached report shows that all Jehovah's witnesses ~~are~~ regard themselves as missionaries, there is a distinction between full time missionaries & <sup>wage</sup> ~~workers~~ workers.



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earnings who devote their spare time to  
reading religious ~~literature~~ religious  
literature printed by the Society.

It appears apparent to report  
the entry of a mother on the  
sole ground that she & her husband  
are Jehovah's witnesses

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18/1/54





Jehovah's Witness ministers baptising converts, whose ages ranged from four to 86, in Ruislip Lido, London. They wore swimsuits, dresses.

# WHAT IS A JEHOVAH'S WITNESS?

By \*Milton  
G. Henschel

## What is the basic creed professed by Jehovah's Witnesses?

The Witnesses have no creed. They follow the Bible all the way, not half way. They feel the Bible is entirely consistent — both the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures — and practical for our day.

## Where did the name come from?

The name Jehovah's Witnesses is found in the Bible in Isaiah 43:12: "Ye are my witnesses, saith Jehovah, and I am God." A history of Jehovah's Witnesses and their service to God takes us back 6000 years. Abel and other men of faith before Christ are called "witnesses" in Hebrews 11 and 12:1. Christ is "the faithful and true witness" in Revelation 3:14. He designated others to continue the testimony, saying, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth"—Acts 1:8.

Jehovah's Witnesses today are merely the last of a long line of servants of God. They are not an incorporated body. They use the non-profit Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, which was incorporated in Pennsylvania by Charles Taze Russell and associated Christians in 1884, as the governing body.

## What are the teachings of Jehovah's Witnesses?

That Jehovah is the only true God. His supremacy has been challenged by Satan, who caused

## Jehovah's Witnesses believe Christ took power in heaven in 1914 and they look forward to the battle of Armageddon when evil will be destroyed

the rebellion in Eden and who puts the integrity of all men to the test. God's primary purpose is the vindication of this supremacy. In carrying out this purpose, God sent Jesus to earth to provide the ransom sacrifice and to lay the foundation for God's new system.

Jehovah will not tolerate wickedness on earth forever. The beginning of the end for Satan came when Christ took power in heaven as King. This happened in 1914. Christ's first act was casting Satan out of heaven, and this was followed by great troubles on earth.

This will be climaxed in God's battle, Armageddon: the complete destruction of the Devil and his system of things, his world. This is the vindication of Jehovah's name and the beginning of the 1000-year reign of Christ. Then all will praise Jehovah.

Christ is now in his second presence. He will always remain invisible to humans, but his presence is proved by world events since 1914, which fulfil all the predictions of Matthew 24.

Now the Christian's duty is to keep integrity to Jehovah, to announce the King's reign and to help neighbors find the way to

godly service and everlasting life.

## Do Witnesses salute the flag?

Saluting a flag, of any nation, is regarded by Jehovah's Witnesses as un-Christian image worship. Any national flag is a symbol of sovereign power, regarded by people as sacred.

Jehovah's Witnesses cannot conscientiously participate in an act that ascribes salvation to the national emblem and to the nation for which it stands, for, in the Ten Commandments, it says, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them."

Jehovah's Witnesses do not wish to incur the wrath of God by acts of worship contrary to His Commands. They do not oppose anyone's desire or right to salute the flag. Each must decide for himself what he will do. That is true freedom of worship.

## Do Witnesses deny governmental authority?

No. Without governments,

anarchy and chaos would result. Earthly governments have the right to make laws to regulate morals, protect persons and property and maintain public order.

Jehovah's Witnesses obey all such laws, if they are in accord with God's laws. When there is direct conflict between God's law and that of a government, they obey the supreme law of God as set forth in the Bible.

## Why do Witnesses claim exemption from military service?

Because they have conscientious objections, based on the commandments of God, against taking part in the world's wars. Wars between nations today are not the same as Israel's wars in ancient times. Israel was Jehovah's theocratic nation, and the Israelites were fighters in God's wars. No political nation today can properly claim that status.

Though not pacifists, Jehovah's Witnesses fight only when God commands them to do so. Since the days of ancient Israel, God has not commanded men to fight in wars between nations.

That is why Christians of the first century refused to serve in the imperial armies of Rome. Besides, ministers of religion are exempted from military service by law in many countries. Because

\*Milton G. Henschel, 32, is a director of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society and a third generation Jehovah's Witness. He began preaching at 14 and has carried his message into many countries.







TELEPHONE :  
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TELEGRAPH :  
BUNBURY, CANBERRA.

*Bryan 27/10*  
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

COMMONWEALTH INVESTIGATION SERVICE,

CONFIDENTIAL

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CANBERRA, A.C.T.,

*52/53619* 16  
23 October, 1953

IN REPLY, PLEASE QUOTE NO. 53/821.....



The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Our enquiries being made at your request concerning the activities of the International Bible Students Association and Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society are nearing completion, and within a few days a final report should be available to you.

*Mr Whitrod advised that reports had been received from States and would be condensed. R.W. Whitrod (R.W. WHITROD) a received from Austin via respondent. DIRECTOR. and sent over the week.*

*24/11*

*Mr Whitrod advised report would be over today. 24/11.*



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From Immigration.

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7th October, 1953.

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The Director,  
Commonwealth Investigation Service,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

12th October, 1953.

I refer to my memo of 31st July, 1953, concerning the activities of the International Bible Students Association and Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society.

Your views would be appreciated to enable this Department to determine its future attitude to the above mentioned Society.

(T.H.E. HEYES)

SECRETARY

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*RLS*

*① Cause Colleague on  
attached file 52/15/1516  
matter and not for enquiries  
cause further 52/15/1516 where is now  
R- ① Ask Records  
memo 1954 on that file*



TO:

Australian Consulate-General,  
SAN FRANCISCO.

SECRETARY

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From Immigration.

Your 59 Jaracz.

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Visa may issue subject sound health satisfactory

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P.M's.

16th September, 1953.



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H.C. ALDERMAN  
C/o LAWSUIT  
ADELAIDE.

Consul General San Francisco ~~now~~ advised by cablegram of decision  
regarding Jaracz.

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HEYES

12/9/53



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Letter to

W. G. Alderman, Esq., Q.C.  
Solicitor  
24 Weymouth Street,  
Adelaide.

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SECRETARY IMMIGRATION DEPT CANBERRA

JARACZ CABLES THAT CONSUL AT SAN FRANCISCO HAD HAD NO WORD  
FROM CANBERRA UP TO 10TH STOP CAN YOU AND WILL YOU CABLE  
ACCORDANCE YOUR LETTER OF 2ND SEPTEMBER...ALDERMAN  
(JARACZ 10TH 2ND)

3300



ALDERMAN, BRAZEL, CLARK & WARD  
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TELEGRAMS --- LAWSUIT, ADELAIDE

NEW ZEALAND INSURANCE BUILDING,  
24 WAYMOUTH STREET,  
ADELAIDE

4th September, 1953.

T. A. S. Heyes, Esq.,  
Department of Immigration,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Dear Sir,

re Jaracz

Following on my telephone conversation with you, I want to confirm in writing what I told you then, that I do not believe that Jehovah's Witnesses are anti-British.

I have seen British official White Papers which show that these people suffered very cruelly at the hands of the Nazis - worse, I think, than the Jews did.

I have acted for them for years and I never saw, nor was I told of, anything disloyal which they did.

They are much misunderstood - and a lot of that is due to the stupidity of some of their adherents.

Their idea is that Jehovah intended the world to be perfect. The devil butted in and man became very imperfect. Because of the devil there are nations, illness, death, money &c. &c. They are all inconsistent with a perfect world and, therefore, all of them (however meritorious otherwise - even Britain) are the works of the devil.

They accept the old millenariast doctrine that the Kingdom of Christ is about to return to earth and that return has commenced. When that is complete, there will not be any more deaths, nations or money. (I found it easy to take my fees from them!) The continued existence of any one nation, therefore, is inconsistent with the return of Christ's Kingdom. They, therefore, cannot pray for the success of any nation, however good, or for any King, however splendid. Because they cannot pray for the King, some of their followers used to think that they must damn him! That has been cured.

Evidence was given and they were cross-examined before Starke J. in their High Court action and he found as a fact - which no one now disputes - that, as the Theocracy "they have no part in the political affairs of the world and must not interfere in the least manner with war between nations. They must be entirely neutral .... they are

Seen by Secretary  
Jan 8/9  
Mrs. Horgan.

p/p 8/9/53



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4/9/1953. 43A. S. Heyes, Esq.

not engaged in any seditious enterprise nor in the printing or publishing of any seditious words". I have taken those words in quotes from Jehovah's Witnesses v. The Commonwealth 67 Commonwealth L.R. 116 which you could read with advantage.

They played ball with Brigadier Simpson as Director of Security. He actually gave them references to the Town Clerk of Sydney as a result of which they had the Sydney Town Hall. Bill Furnell - if you give him a ring - will tell you how splendidly they co-operated with manpower.

At one time, they were aggressive, but they are now "apt to teach humbly".

As a practising R.C., I have no axe to grind for these people, but my sense of fair play does impel me to write this letter to you so that you will, at least, keep an open mind as regards their loyalty.

I could give you a lot more than the above, including my own evidence on oath before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Broadcasting as to the agreement I had with Navy to put these people back on the air, but they were invalidly declared to be abolished before the arrangements were carried out. But I shall not weary you.

Yours faithfully,

*H.G. Alderman*



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2nd September, 1953.

Dear *Harry*

In reply to your telephonic representations of 31st August respecting the question of the re-entry to Australia of Mr. Theodore Jaracz, I have arranged for the Australian Consulate-General, San Francisco, to be notified that Mr. Jaracz may be granted a visa for travel to Australia subject to the production by him of a satisfactory health certificate and radiological evidence that he is free from chest complaints.

With kindest regards,

*Gi.*  
Yours sincerely,

*Robert*

H.G. Alderman, Esq., Q.C.,  
Solicitor,  
24 Waymouth Street,  
ADELAIDE.

*Advised to Gov Gen  
San Francisco  
replied  
7/3/53*



HEAD OFFICE  
124 COLUMBIA HEIGHTS  
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NEW YORK U.S.A.

# WATCH TOWER

BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY  
THIS KINGDOM GOSPEL MUST BE PREACHED

PHONE: UMB481  
TELEGRAPH:  
WATCHTOWER  
SYDNEY

AUSTRALIAN BRANCH — 11 BERESFORD ROAD — STRATHFIELD, N.S.W.

24th August, 1953

Commonwealth Department  
of Immigration  
Canberra  
A. C. T.

Dear Sir:

THEODORE JARACZ

We have been advised by Theodore Jaracz that he is having difficulty in the United States obtaining a business visitor's visa which will allow him to re-enter Australia where he resided from February 1951 until May 1953.

If our office can supply any information, statement or letter that will assist you in favourably considering the application of Mr. Jaracz for a business visitor's visa, we shall be very pleased to hear from you.

Yours faithfully,

WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY

W. H. Baxter  
(Secretary)

*The Secretary*  
*Mr. Alderman J. E.*  
*rang you re this man's return.*  
*This organisation is not*  
*regarded with any favour but has no good*  
*reason for objecting to the man's readmission.*  
*As, however, he wants to come back for*  
*an indefinite period I would recommend*  
*that the grant of visa be subject to*  
*production of satisfactory health*  
*+ radiological reports + X-ray*

*J. Morgan*  
*1/9/53*

*Approved*

*20.6.53*





Your 81. Our unnumbered telegram Jaracz should be 57. May we have prompt decision this case as Jaracz states has pressing engagements which were made in belief visa would be granted.

IMMIGRATION  
P.M.'s

22nd August, 1953

*Seen. Advise that decision  
not yet reached*

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Dated: 13th August, 1953

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Re: d: 14th August, 1953

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FROM:

Australian Consulate-General,  
SAN FRANCISCO.

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We refer to New York cablegram 205. Your reply  
242. Reference Theodore Jaracz. This man in  
San Francisco applying for visa. Please advise by return.

14th August, 1953

IMMIG.  
P.M.'s

*Recd for Review 2/8/53*



DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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Dated: 14th August, 1953.  
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TO:

Australian Consulate General,  
SAN FRANCISCO.

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Immigration.

Jaracz.

Question admission not yet determined. Will advise  
later in meantime visa should not issue.

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IMMIGRATION (53/53619)  
P.M'S.

17th August, 1953.



DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

**CABLEGRAM.**

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Dated: 13th August, 1953

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Rec'd: 14th August, 1953  
1100

FROM:

Australian Consulate-General,  
SAN FRANCISCO.



SEEN BY  
SECRETARY

UNNUMBERED. UNCLASSIFIED.

We refer to New York cablegram 205. Your reply  
242. Reference Theodore Jaracz. This man in  
San Francisco applying for visa. Please advise by return.

14th August, 1953

IMMIG.  
P.M.'s

*Mr Watson directed reply along  
these general lines "Jaracz Question admission  
not yet determined Will  
advise later. In meantime  
visa should not issue"*

*Message phoned to Mr  
Jack Galloway of Cables 4/30 pm  
11/8/53.*

*OK 11/8*

*(Per confirm Monday  
per Bob)*



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RS

31 JUL 1953

CONFIDENTIAL:

The Director,  
Commonwealth Investigation Service,  
CANBERRA.



I refer again to your memorandum of 20th December, 1951, relative to the activities of the International Bible Students Association and Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society.

The Department is at present giving further consideration to its attitude to the Society and it would be appreciated if you would furnish advice as to its present day activities in Australia, the approximate number of adherents, its financial standing and any other information of a general character which would enable the Department to obtain a complete picture of the Society.

(T.H.E. Heyes)  
SECRETARY.

*Handed to  
Mr. H. Lawrence  
for Mr. Walsh*  
*Mr. Whelan 9/6/53  
Investigating Service called  
at Dept. He will arrange  
for enquiries which may  
take some time*  
*JH 11/8*

*As. 30.8.53*



DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

CABLEGRAM.

Bryan 877 76  
51/13/9020  
DEPT. OF IMMIGRATION  
CABLEGRAM

AR:MB

O. 8676.

Sent: 23rd July, 1953.  
1005.

TO:

Australian Consulate General  
NEW YORK.

242. UNCLASSIFIED.

From Immigration.

Your 205. Jaracz. Withhold visa pending further  
advice.

REF. NO. 51/13/9020

IMMIGRATION (51/13/9020)  
P.M'S.

23rd July, 1953.



DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION.

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Submitted that -

- (a) approval be not given for Burkhart to visit Australia;
- (b) the policy laid down by the Minister be not varied;
- (c) all overseas and Australian posts be advised that visas for Australia for any purpose should not be granted to Jehovah's witnesses without prior authority from Central Office.

*m*

*A. Furler*  
(A. FURLER)

*In view of fact that the last report was furnished fifteen years ago C.I.A. might be asked for fresh advice as to present day activities of the organisation, approx. number of adherents, etc.*

*Morgan*  
*23/7/50*



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DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION.

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In March, 1952, the Minister directed that applications on Form 47 by members of the Society for entry into Australia should be rejected and members sponsored by residents of Australia should be investigated and a report furnished before visas are granted.

A U.S.A. Citizen, Donald Burkhart, a Jehovah's Witness, residing in Thailand, recently applied to visit Australia for a period of 12 months for "a change of climate". The application was supported by the Australian Branch of the Society which it was said would be responsible for him and under whose supervision he would work.

The Australian Security Intelligence Organization was asked to advise -

- (a) whether there was any security objection to the application;
- (b) whether it was considered that the policy applying to Form 47 applications should be extended to persons who are nominated by the Society here and who would be engaged in furthering its activities here.

A.S.I.O. stated that:-

- (a) they do not see any security objection to Burkhart's entry for a limited period but consider that any application by him to remain for permanent residence could well be viewed in a different light;

and in regard to (b) the Director-General stated -

X "I am strongly opposed to any extension of nominations to include the Australian Branch of Jehovah's Witnesses as this could at once result in the nomination of any member of this Sect and could nullify the protection given by the present policy." X

The reasoning advanced by A.S.I.O. on the whole question appears confusing. It will be seen that they strongly support the policy approved by the Minister and yet on the other hand they have no objection to one of the society's adherents being admitted for a period of twelve months to further its interests. It could well be argued that if the activities of the society are so objectionable, and on this point there seems no doubt, then even the temporary admission of one of its members should be refused.

The numerical strength in Australia of the society is unknown but it appears highly undesirable that it should be increased even temporarily in view of its past record, particularly its anti-patriotic outlook and activities during war when it was essential that the country present a united front.



DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION.

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No. 51/13/9020

The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society

The members of the Society are commonly known as Jehovah's Witnesses. Its activities are well known mainly because of the anti-Australian and anti-British attitude it adopted during the war when they stated they would not fight for Australia, even if it was invaded, and did not recognize the King.

In 1938 the Commonwealth Investigation Service advised that official and other whole time workers of the society do not receive actual wages but are wholly maintained and given any necessary out of pocket expenses. Publications setting out the tenets of the society are often hawked from door to door. The late Judge Rutherford was the founder of the society.

In 1942 the Commonwealth Investigation Service furnished a report on the Society and the salient points are -

Objectives. (1) To preach the doctrines of Jehovah God.

(2) The organisation uses religion as a cover for its commercial activities, and full time adherents receive little or no remuneration for their services in business undertakings controlled by the Sect.

Activities. Canvassing their doctrines to individual householders and (during the recent war) to further their mission which then appeared to include pacifism and defeatism.

The organisation caused great discontent among the general public during the war as members of the sect would not allow their sons to join the fighting services, openly stated they would not fight for the protection of Australia, if invaded and did not recognize the King of England. Parents who are members of the sect will not allow their children to salute the Union Jack or sing the National Anthem. The organisation is opposed to all organized religion, but is more antagonistic to the Roman Catholic Church than any other.

Finance. The organisation raises funds by donations, subscription, sale of literature but at time of report principal income was derived from many business undertakings comprising Canteen and farm adjoining Ingleburn Military Camp, laundry adjacent to Camp, farms, sawmills, second hand yard, printeries, engineering work and large amount of real estate. The operations of the business undertakings were hidden under the name of various Companies formed by the International Bible Students Association.

The reporting officers are satisfied that the sect owns and controls the business undertakings in the names of their trusted members.

Prior to its being declared unlawful the sect's banking account at Strathfield showed an annual turn-over of £30,000-40,000.



## CABLEGRAM.

DB:HG

I.9718

FROM:

Sent:

17th July, 1953.

Rec'd:

1644  
18th July, 1953.  
0830Australian Consulate-General,  
NEW YORK.205. UNCLASSIFIED.

For Immigration.

Jaracz granted business visa December 20th 1950 returned to U.S. 1953, has now applied for new visa to return to Sydney as manager of Watch-tower Bible and Tract Society. On application he states his length of stay as indefinite. Desires to travel early in August. May we issue business visa please. ?

IMMIG. (ATT.)  
P.M'S

20th July, 1953.

*This cablegram is submitted for direction as to action required.*

*Details of the case are set out in the attached memorandum.*

*A. Turler*

23.7.53

*"Lia"*



DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION.

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Submitted as to whether Jaracz is to be required  
to leave Australia and if so, within what period.

*A. Fuller*  
18<sup>th</sup> June, 1953.

*See 77*  
*M. Dwyer*



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The reporting officers are satisfied that the sect owns and controls the business undertakings in the names of their trusted members.

Prior to its being declared unlawful the sect's banking account at Strathfield showed an annual turn-over of £30,000-40,000.

In March, 1952, the Minister directed that applications on Form 47 by members of the Society for entry into Australia should be rejected and members sponsored by residents of Australia should be investigated and a report furnished before visas are granted.

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation were recently asked to furnish their views on the Society in connection with an application by a U.S. Citizen, Donald Burkhart, to visit Australia for a period of twelve months for "a change of climate". It was noted however that he would carry on a certain amount of work under the supervision of The Society. He is at present in Thailand.

A.S.I.O. do not see any security objection to Burkhart's visit for a limited period but consider that any application by him to remain here for permanent residence could well be viewed in a different light.

A.S.I.O. also furnished the following extracts from two publications of Jehovah's Witnesses:-

- (a) "Jehovah's witnesses copy Jesus and obey his instructions. That is why they have not joined worldly armies and taken part in the war efforts of the nations in any way. This does not mean that they are pacifists opposed to war and resisting it and interfering with worldly governments in prosecuting wars of aggression or of defence. How could the Christian witnesses of Jehovah oppose worldly wars or try to prevent them since Jesus prophesied that they were certain to be fought? Jesus did not tell them they would be in the fighting. They would merely hear the wars being fought within their earshot or else hear the reports about the wars fought elsewhere."
- (b) "If the judge asks, or permits the prosecutor to ask, whether Jehovah's witnesses are allied with communism, answer emphatically, 'no'. Point out that Jehovah's witnesses have never been allowed to operate in communist Russia. Emphasise that in every country where communism has control of the government Jehovah's witnesses have been quickly banned. In communistic countries Jehovah's witnesses have been put in labour camps and concentration camps or executed because of their refusal to give up their faith and hail communism. We believe in and advocate worship of God. Communism is against the worship of God. Communism puts the state above God. We put God above the state, including the communistic or police state."



51.13.1020  
No. 51/11/50161.MEMORANDUM:Theodore JARACZ - U.S.A. citizen.

The abovenamed was admitted into Australia as a business visitor on 23rd February, 1951 and is a member of The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society. He has now applied for permission to remain here for a further period of one year "to look after further business as a representative of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society." He states he is being maintained by the Society.

The activities of this organisation are well known but the salient points of a report by the Commonwealth Investigation Service ~~Report~~ are as follows:-

Objectives. (1) To preach the doctrines of Jehovah God.

(2) The organisation uses religion as a cover for its commercial activities, and full time adherents receive little or no remuneration for their services in business undertakings controlled by the Sect.

Activities

Canvassing their doctrines to individual householders and (during the recent war) to further their mission which then appeared to include pacifism and defeatism.

The organisation caused great discontent among the general public during the war as members of the sect would not allow their sons to join the fighting services, openly stated they would not fight for the protection of Australia, if invaded and did not recognize the King of England. Parents who are members of the sect will not allow their children to salute the Union Jack or sing the National Anthem. The organisation is opposed to all organized religion, but is more antagonistic to the Roman Catholic Church than any other.

Finance

The organisation raises funds by donations, subscription, sale of literature but at time of report principal income was derived from many business undertakings comprising Canteen and farm adjoining Ingleburn Military Camp, laundry adjacent to Camp, farms, sawmills, second hand yard, printeries, engineering work and large amount of real estate. The operations of the business undertakings were hidden under the name of various Companies formed by the International Bible Students Association.



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The following extracts from publications by Jehovah's Witnesses have also been furnished for information -

- (A) "Jehovah's witnesses copy Jesus and obey his instructions. That is why they have not joined worldly armies and taken part in the war efforts of the nations in any way. This does not mean that they are pacifists opposed to war and resisting it and interfering with worldly governments in prosecuting wars of aggression or of defence. How could the Christian witnesses of Jehovah oppose worldly wars or try to prevent them since Jesus prophesied that they were certain to be fought? Jesus did not tell them they would be in the fighting. They would merely hear the wars being fought within their earshot or else hear the reports about the wars fought elsewhere."
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Submitted that -

- (a) the tourist visit of the U.S.A. citizen previously mentioned be approved subject to the usual conditions - to be landed under exemption for 12 months.
- (b) The policy in relation to the Sect previously approved by the Minister be not varied.

*I am afraid I cannot follow the reasoning in this case. It seems to me that if the activities of the organisation to which the man belongs are so objectionable that*

*he should not be admitted for permanent residence, there are strong grounds for refusing him admission for a period of twelve months to carry on such activities.*

*On the other hand if there is no objection to him engaging in such activities for twelve months why should there be objection to him continuing to engage in those activities for a further period.*

*If the policy approved by the Minister is not to be varied the only logical course would be to refuse admission either permanently or temporarily.*

*D. Fisher*  
18th June, 1953.

*J. Morgan*  
17/7/53

*Attached  
p10 11/1/7*



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In connection with the attached memorandum it would appear that the entry of members of the sect should not be approved in the normal course. It is recommended therefore that -

- (i) applications on Form 47 by members of the sect of Jehovahs Witnesses should not be approved.
- (ii) where Landing Permits are issued to members of this Sect who are sponsored by residents of Australia the activities of the grantees should be closely investigated and a report furnished to this office before visas are granted.

*huff*  
*Approved*  
*15th March, 1952.*

*2006.*  
*20/3*

*Approved*  
*20/3*

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation were recently asked to furnish their views on -

- (a) an application by a U.S.A. Citizen to visit Australia for a period of twelve months for health reasons but at the same time to carry out certain work under the Society's supervision. The Society here has made representations.
- (b) whether the policy as laid down in (1) above should be extended to persons nominated by the Australian Branch of the Society who would be engaged in furthering its activities here.

A.S.I.O. have advised that they do not see any objection to the visit, mentioned above, for a limited period of twelve months only. However any application for permanent residence after arrival could well be viewed in a different light.

In regard to (b) the Director General of Security states -

"I am strongly opposed to any extension of nominations to include the Australian Branch of Jehovah's Witnesses, as this could at once result in the nomination of any member of this Sect and could nullify the protection given by the present policy."



DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION.

IV

NO. 51/13/9020

MEMORANDUM:

The Minister recently decided in a case referred from overseas that a person's admission should not be approved because of the fact that he was a member of the sect known as Jehovah's Witnesses.

This decision was given in the light of a report received from the Commonwealth Investigation Service relating to the sect, and raises the question of whether the admission of members of the sect should be not approved in all cases.

D.P. Operating Instruction No. 30 directed that in view of the fact that members of the sect had been found to be unsatisfactory settlers in Australia they were to be rejected. In all cases reasons other than religion were to be given for non-acceptance.

Salient facts regarding the sect drawn from the report furnished by the Commonwealth Investigation Service are as follows:-

Objectives

- (1) To preach the doctrines of Jehovah God
- (2) The organisation uses religion as a cover for its commercial activities, and full time adherents receive little or no remuneration for their services in business undertakings controlled by the sect.

Activities

Canvassing their doctrines to individual householders and (during the recent war) to further their mission which they appeared to include pacifism and defeatism.

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Prior to its being declared unlawful the sect's banking account at Strathfield showed an annual turnover of £30,000-40,000.

Submitted.

*Em. W. Denough*  
7th March, 1952



*David 1576*

5/13/9020

DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION  
SYDNEY

RT/JE

NO. 51/11/30161.

SUBJECT: Theodore JARACZ, United States National -  
Minister of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society.

THE SECRETARY.

With reference to my minutes of 7.4.1953 and 18.5.1953, concerning the abovenamed's application for permission to extend his stay in Australia, it is desired to inform you that Mr. Jaracz has now called at this Branch several times to ascertain the position of his application.

*Please advise action desired.*

*B.C. Wall*

(B.C. WALL)

C.M.O. SYDNEY.

2.7.1953.



RT/JE DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION.  
SYDNEY

No. 51/11/30161.

SUBJECT: Theodore JARACZ, United States National -  
Minister of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society.

THE SECRETARY.

With reference to your minute 51/13/9020 of 4th June, 1952, forwarding your circular memorandum of 29th May, 1952, concerning members of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, it is desired to inform you that Theodore JARACZ, abovementioned, arrived at Sydney on 23.2.1951 per "City of Oxford" and was permitted to land as a visitor.

1. Attached is copy of a letter dated 25.3.1953 received from Mr. Jaracz applying for a year's extension of his stay in Australia.

3. Will you please advise the action desired in this case.



*B.C. Wall*  
(B.C. WALL)  
C.M.O. SYDNEY.  
7.4.1953.

*Ask Secretary for  
details of visa  
issued and also  
views on Jaracz*



(COPY, JE)

DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION  
SYDNEY

5/11/1953  
NO. 51/11/30161

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WATCH TOWER

Bible and Tract Society

THE SECRETARY.

11 Beresford Road,  
Strathfield, N.S.W.

It would be appreciated if the person who is the subject  
position concerning the abovementioned person who is the subject  
of my memorandum of 7.4.1953.

March 25, 1953.

Mr. B.C. Wall  
Commonwealth Migration Officer  
Department of Immigration  
18-20 York Street  
Sydney, N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

This refers to your letter of March 20, 1953.

Regarding my stay in Australia, I wish to  
make application for a one-year extension in order to  
look after further business as a representative of the  
Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society.

As to the matter of being maintained, my  
expenses are taken care of by the Watch Tower Society.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) Theodore Jaracz



RT/JE

DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION  
SYDNEY

NO. 51/11/30161.

SUBJECT: Theodore JARACZ, United States National -  
Minister of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society.

THE SECRETARY.

It would be appreciated if you could advise the position concerning the abovenamed person who is the subject of my memorandum of 7.4.1953.

ab. 30/4 -  
Lg.

*B. C. Wall*  
(B.C. WALL)

C.M.O. SYDNEY.

18.5.1953.

15 a.m.



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SJ

25 JUL 1952

Chief Migration Officer,  
ROME.

International Bible Students' Association and Watch Tower  
Bible and Tract Society (Jehovah's Witnesses) - R.15974  
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With reference to your memorandum of 2nd July, my circular on the abovementioned subject should be interpreted in the following manner:

Special enquiries are not required to ascertain the religious beliefs of any applicant for a visa to Australia. If, however, it should become known during the course of routine investigation that the person is a Jehovah's Witness, he should, if an applicant on Form 47, be refused a visa. On the other hand, should he be the grantee of a Landing Permit issued in Australia, a detailed report should be furnished to this office and the issue of a visa deferred pending further instructions.

*CH.*  
*AB*

(A.L. NUTT)  
A/SECRETARY.

*7 307*

*PA*  
*H/8*  
*CH.*



ELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS  
AUSTLEG ROME  
TELEPHONE 049.124 - 049.124 - 049.124  
PLEASE REPLY TO:  
MIGRATION SECTION  
CASELLA POSTALE N. 465, ROME  
AND QUOTE No. R 15974.  
FJRP:PA.



FOREIGN  
(RE TRICED)

5/13/9020  
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AUSTRALIAN LEGATION  
ROME

MEMORANDUM FOR: 17 JUL 1952

2nd July, 1952.

The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Internatsl Bible Students Association and  
Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society (Jehovah's  
Witnesses).

With reference to your memorandum dated the 4th June, 1952, regarding the above-mentioned subject will you kindly advise whether a visa for Australia is to be refused in every case where application is made by a member of the Sect known as Jehovah's Witnesses or only in those cases where a Form 47 is completed.

Applicants for visas have not previously been required to disclose their religion or denomination, but it would appear that it will now be necessary to ask applicants whether or not they belong to the above-mentioned organization. However, before adopting this practice further advice would be appreciated.

*ask*

A. R. DRIVER  
Chief Migration Officer.



4th June, 1952.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM:-

The Chief Migration Officer,  
LONDON. ROME. THE HAGUE. COLOGNE.

The Australian Migration Officer,  
ATHENS. PARIS.

International Bible Students Association and Watch Tower  
Bible and Tract Society (Jehovah's Witnesses).

\*  
Attached are 5 copies of my circular memorandum of 29th May,  
1952, for your information and guidance.

In any case in which a Jehovah's Witness is refused a visa for  
Australia no indication should be given as to the reason for the refusal.

(T.E.E. Hayes)  
Secretary *CH*

*5*  
*Ch. Brown*  
*agrees*

*13 to Paris*

*copy in circular book*

*PA*



51/13/2020

4th June, 1952.

The Secretary,  
Department of External Affairs,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Attached for distribution to Australian representatives overseas are 50 copies of my circular memorandum of 29th May, 1952, concerning the International Bible Students Association and Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society (Jehovah's Witnesses).

The Australian representatives should be advised that in any case in which a Jehovah's Witness is refused a visa for Australia, no indication should be given as to the reason for the refusal.

(T.H.E. Hayes)  
Secretary *CHM*

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CMO ALL STATES

Attached for your information are 5 <sup>x</sup> copies of the circular question.

(T.H.E. Hayes)  
Secretary *CHM*  
Dept. of Immigration  
Canberra. A.C.T.  
4th June, 1952.

*x3 to Wanner  
d Hobart.  
Copy in archive book.*



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Department of Immigration  
Canberra, A.C.T.

29<sup>th</sup> May, 1952

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM:

The Minister has directed that in connection with the question of admission to Australia of members of the International Bible Students Association and Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society (generally known as Jehovah's Witnesses) the following procedure should apply:-

- (i) applications on form 47 by members of the sect should not be approved;
- (ii) where Landing Permits are issued to members of the sect who are sponsored by residents of Australia the activities of the grantees should be closely investigated and a report furnished to this office before visas are granted.

*Copy handed  
to Staff of Foreign  
Division a 2.I.C.  
O.C. and a 2.I.C.  
Restrictions for  
European Section*

*J. H. E. Heyes*

(T.H.E.Heyes)  
Secretary /H



AG


23rd May, 1952

CONFIDENTIALMEMORANDUM:

The Director,  
Commonwealth Investigation Service,  
Canberra, A.C.T.

I refer to your unnumbered memorandum of the 20th December, 1951, forwarding copy of a report relating to the International Bible Students Association and Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society.

✓ The report is returned herewith as requested, with thanks.

  
(T.H.E. Hayes)  
Secretary



EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

File No. I.C.46/3/712.

46/3/7580

The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

FOREIGN  
(RESTRICTED)

30 APR 1947

Referred for your information in connection  
with your file 46/3/7580.

FOREIGN  
(RESTRICTED)

12 MAR 1947

*Hamison*  
Acting Secretary,

Dept. of Ext. Affs.,  
6.3.47.

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11 MAR 1947

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FOREIGN  
(RESTRICTED)

31 MAR 1947



ADDRESS  
AUSTCON, NEW YORK

TELEPHONE  
CIRCLE 5-4000



AUSTRALIAN CONSULATE-GENERAL  
636 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK 20, N. Y.

EA 362

41/2/66/46

Feb. 5, 1947

Dear Department,

With reference to your letter No. 30 dated 21st January, 1947, File IC 46/3/712, we granted visas for six months to the President of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, Mr. N. H. Knorr and his Secretary, Mr. M. G. Henschel. These visas were granted in accordance with your cable 143 dated 31st January, 1947, and we did not receive your letter under reference authorizing visas for three months only until after the visas had been granted. However, we understand that Mr. Knorr and Mr. Henschel are on a Round-the-World trip for the Society and will be in Australia for only a few weeks.

Yours faithfully,

CONSULATE-GENERAL

Department of External Affairs,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.  
Australia.

*Ascertain position  
to Barrett*



**CABLEGRAM.**



KV:MD

O.1571.

TO:

Dated 31st January, 1947.  
1448.

THE AUSTRALIAN CONSUL GENERAL,  
NEW YORK.

143.

Your CGA.132 Knorr and Benschel, visas may be granted.

IMMIGRATION (46/3/7580)

31st January, 1947.

*✓*  
*Janet Mason*  
*arrived. See under.*

DEPT. OF IMMIGRATION

5 FEB 1947

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*RL 20/2/47*  
*666*  
*6747*



*Confirmation only*

4th February, 1947.

The Secretary,  
Department of External Affairs,  
(External Communications),  
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Will you kindly send a cablegram in the following  
terms to: The Australian Consul General at New York.

"Your CGAL32 Knorr and Henschel. Visas may be  
granted."

*for* *EW*  
J.H.E. Hayes,  
Secretary.

*rec*  
*EW*  
*4/2/47*

The Collector of Customs, Sydney.  
The Commonwealth Migration Officer, Brisbane.  
The Sub Collector of Customs, Darwin.

Forwarded for information. Should Knorr and  
Henschel arrive at your port they are to be landed under Certificates  
of Exemption for three months.

*EW*  
Secretary,  
Department of Immigration.  
4th February, 1947.

*rec*  
*EW*  
*4/2/47*



IMMIGRATION

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

**CABLEGRAM.**



NL/JEO

DECYPHER FROM

AUSTRALIAN CONSUL GENERAL  
NEW YORK.

I-1597

W459

Dated 28th January, 1947

Recd. 28th January, 1947  
7.5pm

CGA132

Referring our letter November 25th may we grant  
visas to Knorr and Henschel of WathTower Bible and Tract  
Society, please reply before 31st January.

IMMIGRATION (ATTN.)  
E.A.  
29th January, 1947

Reply phoned  
2.17pm. 31/1/47. "Confirmation  
only" to be  
indorsed on  
draft.



EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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E.A. File No. IC. 46/3/712.

The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Referred for favour of advice.



*Pannison*  
for Secretary,  
Dept. of External Affairs.  
13.1.47.





Australian Consulate-General,  
636 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N. Y.

File 41/2/66/46

Nov. 25, 1946

Dear Department,

The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society has written to us requesting visas for the President of the Society, Mr. N. H. Knorr and his Secretary, Mr. M. G. Henschel, who are preparing to make a round-the-world trip on business for the Society. When we referred these applications to the British Passport Control Office for security clearance, we received the cards back together with the following note:-

"There is nothing against either applicant but the activities of the Society are apt to be difficult and to stir up trouble with other religious factions. They have been granted visas for the United Kingdom on one or two occasions, but in any application of a member of this Society we always follow the procedure of referring the application to the Government of the territory concerned in order that their entry may be decided upon by persons qualified to judge by the previous performance of the Society in that particular territory."

In view of this we felt that the applications ought to be referred to you for decision.

As Mr. Knorr and Mr. Henschel plan to leave New York sometime in February, I should appreciate an early reply to this letter.

Yours sincerely,

CONSULATE-GENERAL

Department of External Affairs,  
CANBERRA,  
AUSTRALIA.

*Advice had  
already been  
sent. See letter  
of 6th Jan 1947*



6th January, 1947.

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter of the 6th December, 1946,  
relative to the admission into Australia of Messrs. Nathan Homer  
Knorr and Milton George Henschel, United States American citizens.

There will be no objection to Messrs. Knorr and Henschel  
entering Australia under exemption from the provisions of the Immigration  
Act for a period of three months.

It is suggested that you forward this letter to them  
for presentation when application is made for passport and travel  
facilities for Australia.

*Sub.* The Australian Consul General at New York has been  
advised accordingly by air mail.

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,  
Watch Tower,  
Bible and Tract Society,  
STRATHFIELD, N.S.W.

*T.H.E. Hayes*  
T.H.E. Hayes,  
Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Department of External Affairs,  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

*Sub.* Forwarded for your information and necessary  
advice to the Australian Consulate General at New York by air mail.

*T.H.E. Hayes*  
T.H.E. Hayes,  
Secretary.  
6/1/1947.

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Accounts Section  
Complete *File*  
JAN 1947



IMMIGRATION  
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

**CABLEGRAM.**



PEC:HP

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Sent: 11th December, 1946.

DECODE TO:

AUSTRALIAN COMMISSIONER,  
SINGAPORE.

23 DEC 1946

708.

Your telegram 824. Two Delegates to Watch  
Tower Bible Conference.

Entry Australia three months under exemption  
approved.

IMMIGRATION  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

12th December, 1946.





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# WATCHTOWER

## BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY

"THIS KINGDOM GOSPEL MUST BE PREACHED"

AUSTRALASIAN BRANCH - 7 BERESFORD ROAD, STRATHFIELD, N.S.W.

December 6, 1946

OFFICES  
2 HOMEBUSH ROAD  
STRATHFIELD

PHONE UM 8481

CABLE  
"WATCHTOWER"  
STRATHFIELD

The Secretary  
Department of Immigration  
CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Attention of Mr. T.H.E. Heyes

Dear Mr. Heyes:

Our New York office has informed us that an application was filed on November 22, 1946 for a one month visa for Nathan Homer Knorr and Milton George Henschel for their short visit to Australia. The matter was referred to the Department of Immigration by the Australian Consulate in New York.

Mr. Knorr, president of the Watchtower Bible & Tract Society, and Mr. Henschel, his secretary, plan to stop in Australia for a brief visit early next year on their trip which will take them through the Philippine Islands, China, Burma, India and Europe. Both are American citizens and have valid United States passports.

We will appreciate very much your approving their application for a one month visa at an early date so that final details of their trip may be completed. Will you please notify the Australian Consulate in New York by Air-mail letter as soon as possible. If there is anything else we can do to expedite the matter please let us know. May we hear from you so we can notify our New York office.

Thanking you for your careful consideration and prompt attention to this, we remain

Yours faithfully,

W. L. Wills,  
Secretary



*Discussed with Assist. Sec. 3  
Admitted under exemption 3 months  
3/11/1947*

*W. L. Wills, Secretary*





MP

11th October 1946.

Dear Sir,

I refer to your recent request that cabled authority be sent to the Australian Consul General, New York, to enable the grant of visas for Australia in favour of Messrs. Floyd Franklin Garrett and Benjamin Brock Mason.

The cost of the cable in question was £1.6.3 and it would be appreciated if you will kindly let us have a cheque for this amount, in reimbursement of the expenditure, at your early convenience.

Yours faithfully,

*T.H.E. Heyes*  
T.H.E. Heyes,  
Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society,  
P.O.Box 16,  
STRATHFIELD. N.S.W.

R/S  
3/11/46

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11/10/46



DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

IMMIGRATION

**CABLEGRAM.**

DEPT. OF IMMIGRATION

23 AUG 1946

RECEIVED

:NO'N

DECODE TO:

THE AUSTRALIAN CONSUL GENERAL,  
NEW YORK.

Sent 22nd August, 1946

O.16443

28 AUG 1946

705.

Floyd Franklin Garrett and Benjamin Brock Mason of  
Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, United States citizens,  
visas for Australia may be granted.

IMMIGRATION (RE DRAFT 46/3/7580)

22nd August, 1946

*Benjamin Mason and Floyd F. Garrett  
arrived Sydney by ss "Mentoring" on  
17.10.46 vide 46/3/5013*

*BW*

*2/521/9/46*



Dear Sir,

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I refer to your letter of the 6th August, 1946, applying for permission for Messrs. F.F. Garrett and B.B. Mason to enter Australia for a period of two years.

The application has been approved on the understanding that your Society will be responsible for the maintenance and accommodation of these gentlemen during their stay in Australia, and, in compliance with your request, a cablegram has been despatched to the Consul General at New York in the following terms:-

"Floyd Franklin Garrett and Benjamin Brock Mason of Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, United States citizens, visas for Australia may be granted."

You will be advised in due course as to the cost of the cablegram.

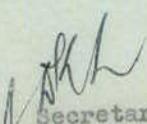
Yours faithfully,

  
T.H.E. Heyes,  
Secretary.

The Secretary,  
Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society,  
P.O. Box 16,  
STRATHFIELD. N.S.W.

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The Collector of Customs,  
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

Forwarded for information.

  
Secretary,  
Department of Immigration,  
21/8/1947



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# WATCH TOWER

## BIBLE AND TRACT SOCIETY

THIS KINGDOM GOSPEL MUST BE PREACHED

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HONG-KONG  
PACIFIC ISLANDS



The Secretary,  
Department of Immigration, 7 - AUG 1946  
CANBERRA. A. C. T.

RECEIVED

19 AUG 1946

Dear Sir,

We desire to bring to our Headquarters here two Ministers who have graduated from The Watch Tower Bible College of Gilead (South Lansing, N. Y.) and would be glad if the Department would approve of landing permits being issued to these two men. Their personal details are as follows:

FLOYD FRANKLIN GARRETT, a native-born citizen of the United States of America, born on July 8, 1919, at Clarksville, Texas, and who is not married;

BENJAMIN BROCK MASON, a native-born citizen of the United States of America, born on February 17, 1917, at Naugatuck, Connecticut, and who is not married.

Both of these men are in possession of valid United States Passports for the journey to Australia, but will not be issued with visas until the Department has approved the issuance of their landing permits.

The Society is anxious to have these Ministers here in time to attend a Convention being held here in December and it would be greatly appreciated if you could cable the Australian Consulate in New York, at our expense, authorizing the issuing of landing permits.





The length of their stay in Australia is indefinite, but will be for not less than two years and during their stay, and without regard to its length, the Society guarantees to support, accommodate and in every other way provide for and maintain them. However, if it is necessary for them to bring in an amount of money, please let us know what the amount is and it will be provided.

As the shipping position is so fluid these days we would like to be able to tell our New York Office how long it is likely to take to get this matter finalized. Could you give us some indication for this purpose? The favour of an early reply would be a great help to us.

Yours faithfully,

WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY.



W.L. Wills.  
Secretary.



DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION.  
(Central Office.)

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SOCIETY (JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES)

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