COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

Commonwealth Police.

FILE OF PAPERS.

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED BODY FOUND ON BEACH AT SOMERTON, S.A.
The Sergeant in Charge,

CANBEERRA.

I have to report that I have made a thorough search of the records held at the Department of Immigration, Canberra, but no trace can be found of the name "Keane" or a close variation. My search included all classes of immigrants and ship's deserters. I also searched the records of the Customs Department and the Canberra Branch of the Commonwealth Employment Agency. Canberra General Post Office does not retain unclaimed letters. They are forwarded to the Sydney Dead Letter Office after a lapse of 10 days.

Perhaps this file could now be returned to the Commissioner of Police, Adelaide, for information please.

A.J. URQUHART,
Constable No. 30.
14/5/1949.

The Inspector of Police,

CANBEERRA.

Forwarded for transmission to the Commissioner of Police, Adelaide, please.

L.W. POWLEY:
Sergeant 1st Class.
Canberra, 14/5/1949.

The Commissioner of Police,

ADELAIDE, S.A.

Forwarded for information.

E. Richards, Inspector
in abs. CHIEF OFFICER.
16/5/1949.
Police Department,
Adelaide, South Australia,
Criminal Investigation Branch,
29th April, 1949.

The Superintendent of Police,
ADELAIDE.

Sir,

SUBJECT: RE UNIDENTIFIED BODY FOUND ON BEACH AT SOMERTON, S.A.

I beg to report that on the morning of the 1st December, 1948, an unidentified body of a man was found on the beach at Somerton, South Australia. Although continuous inquiries have been made since that date, by Pathologists, the cause of death has not been ascertained.

A suitcase has been recovered from the Adelaide Railway Station Cloak Room and has been definitely established as the property of the deceased. In the suitcase was found a neck tie which bore a name, in marking ink which at first was thought to be "T. KEANE". Further inquiries have been made and a Mr. Moss KEIPITZ, an Egyptian, employed in Adelaide has been interviewed and shown the neck tie.

Mr. Keipitz is of the opinion that the name on the neck tie is "KEANIC" pronounced "KUANIC" and that the name of European origin, either a Chechoslovakian, Yugoslavian or from a Baltic country. He viewed the body, which helped him to form his opinion. He further that the initial, which was thought to be a "T" is a "J" written in Arabic.

May I respectfully request that this report be forwarded to the Police at Canberra for inquiries to be made at the Department of Immigration, Customs and Dead Letter Office at the General Post Office. It is thought that this person may be a displaced person or a deserter from an overseas vessel.

R.L. Leane,
Detective Sergeant.

Respectfully forwarded to the Commissioner of Police for favour of transmission to the Chief Officer, Commonwealth Police, Canberra.

W.O. Sheridan,
Superintendent.

The Chief Officer, Commonwealth Police, Canberra.

Forwarded for favour of attention.

W.J. Johns,
Commissioner of Police.

The Sergeant in Charge,
CANBERRA.

Forwarded for necessary attention please.

E. Richards, Inspector
CANBERRA, 15/4/49.