

Appendix L

**Letter to the University Mediator from
twelve Jewish members of the academic staff,
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**The
University
of Waikato**
*Te Whare Wānanga
o Waikato*

12 October 1999

Bethea Weir
Mediator
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Dear Bethea

Enclosed please find a copy of the website announcement of 'The Nizkor Project'. Nizkor is sponsored by the American Jewish Community. Its website is dedicated to remembering the nearly twelve million civilians and POWs killed by Adolf Hitler's Nazi regime, and to refuting and marginalising those who say of the Holocaust (the Shoah) that 'it never happened'. Holocaust denial, according to the Nizkor Project can be clearly seen as a vitriolic form of racism, once you are familiar with the propaganda techniques used by Holocaust deniers.

The Nizkor Project identifies about 400 of the most active in these denial activities. A Doctoral student in the Department of European Languages (German) by the name of Hans Joachim Kupka is identified as one of the most active participants. On the archive directory he is listed with 7 files, representing in size 1878K starting in 1996 and continuing until today.

The denial of the Holocaust, in whatever form, has no more credibility than the assertion that the earth is flat. No crime in history has been as well documented as the Holocaust. Some 3,000 documents on the destruction of Europe's Jewish community by the Nazis were, in fact, presented by the prosecution before war crimes tribunals at Nuremberg. Nazi war crimes suspects who stood trial in the post war years for their misdeeds never claimed that the crimes of which they were accused were fictional. They instead agreed that they were "only following orders".

The evidence is, in fact, so overwhelming that on 9 October 1981, Judge Thomas T. Johnson of the California Supreme Court, took judicial notice of the Holocaust ruling that, 'The Holocaust is not reasonably subject to dispute. It is capable of immediate and accurate determination by resort to resources of reasonable indisputable accuracy. It is simply a fact!'

Several of the Jewish academic staff of this University who are signing this letter to you have lost numerous family members in the Nazi gas chambers of Auschwitz, Sobibor and so on. To have the world's memory of our loved ones who died at the hands of the Nazis, publicly undermined by a postgraduate student at this University, is a form of harassment which is deeply distressing to us. Mr Kupka's correspondence, through various website discussion groups, moreover, is 'prejudicial to the functioning or interest of the University, as well as behaviour which could reasonably be taken to bring the reputation of the university into disrepute'.

We trust, that the University will take note of our concerns and take appropriate action to alleviate our concern.

Yours sincerely

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