

A. Yes.

Q. On the statement made by them that they had spent £1,000?

A. Yes.

Q. Accompanied by vouchers?

A. Yes.

Q. In the same way?

A. Yes.

Q. And you make no inquiry?

A. No.

Q. Simply take the vouchers as correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know anything of the special work for which they declare they have spent £1,000 in Norway, Sweden and Finland?

A. I think, from recollection, it was thought desirable—it was thought that the Swedish people were very desirable people in a country, and extra efforts should be put forward in that direction.

Q. That is the special work detailed in the contract?

A. Yes.

Q. But what I asked you was, have you taken any pains to inquire what kind of special work they did in Norway, Sweden and Finland upon which they claim they spent £1,000?

A. No, I have not.

Q. Not at all?

A. No.

Q. You don't know whether it consisted in personal work or pamphlet work, advertising?

A. No.

Q. Never thought it your duty to inquire?

A. No.

Q. Why?

A. They file a statement showing £1,000 spent, with the vouchers. It is shown in the statement how it is spent.

Q. You never had looked into the vouchers to find if they are genuine?

A. No.

Q. That is, you have spent £1,000 a year and you have also spent through them \$15,000 a year, which was part of their contract as a consideration, and you never have put a man on the track of the trading company these years to find out whether there has been any distribution, any general expenditure such as they have claimed?

A. I supposed that would go to the High Commissioner's office in London.

Q. Have you done it?

A. No.

Q. And so far as you know it has never been done?

A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. Don't you think it is rather a one-sided agreement?

A. I have no opinion about it at all.

Q. You don't have any opinions?

A. Not on that.

Q. That is wise?

A. I did not make the agreement you know.

Q. Would you have made such an agreement?

A. I cannot tell you that.

Q. Do you know what your deputy thinks about it?

A. I cannot tell you that.

Q. Well, it is pretty nice. It is not yours to comment upon?

A. No.

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