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...giving signs of torture were discovered on August 23 by justice officials. (UP photo)

# Norwegian wartime leader started Nazi contacts in 1933, letters show

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NEWLY discovered letters and documents of Norwegian wartime leader Vidkun Quisling reveal that he had contacts with Nazi SS chief Heinrich Himmler on bilateral cooperation as early as 1933, sources who have seen the papers said yesterday.

A letter dated that year from Himmler to the then defence minister, whose

Oslo name became synonymous with "traitor" for his collaboration with Nazi Germany, was among 1,200 documents found by a Norwegian boy in rubbish in an Oslo road soon after the war.

The papers had been stored in two cartons in an Oslo attic until earlier this year when the boy, now 37, showed them to a Norwegian reporter.

The man who found the documents wishes to remain anonymous, but he has decided he wants to sell them to the highest bidder.

Officials said the Norwegian government has started efforts to stop the historically valuable documents leaving the country.

Norwegian war historians said there was little doubt about the authenticity of the papers.

"They include about 1,000 letters from different people, different languages and with different stamps on the envelopes. There are also personal photographs and details that only Quisling could have collected," one said.

The journalist, Hans Fredrik Dahl, works for the popular Norwegian daily Dagbladet, which is publishing the papers this week.

He said the documents revealed that Quisling, who was executed in 1945, had

extensive contacts around Europe before and during the war. These included Himmler and groups of British fascists.

The 1933 letter from Himmler shows there must have been a higher level of cooperation between Quisling and Himmler than previously known, Dahl said.

It had been thought that Norway, which was occupied for most of the war, had no contact with the Nazis until 1939, when Quisling visited Germany, he added.

The documents include about 1,000 letters to Quisling from Norwegian and foreign politicians, activists and businessmen, dating from his schooldays to the final days of the war.

A source who has seen them said: "There are still people alive today around the world who could be badly hurt by these papers."

Norwegian historians stated the find was exceptional and unexpected. A large amount of Quisling's personal documents were released in 1979, after the death of his wife Maria, a Russian-born princess.

One said they were invaluable. "For Norwegians who suffered under this man, you cannot put a price to documents that show what made him work and made him the most-hated man in the country's history," he added. (Reuters)

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Altså solgt av Dahl til Røifors med Himlerfilen som hovedpening.