

Dates for CID Registry documents with the references containing 52983

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While waiting for the rain to stop this afternoon, I compiled the following, using the MEPO files and the reference numbers in the back of Evans & Skinner's "Letters from Hell."

One can see the numbers are in chronological order, with two exceptions, which I mark in red. The second exception (under 19 July 1889) is an obvious mistake, because the three digits (207) are the same as the first three digits from the correspondence received the day before (2072) and chronologically close to the one received two days afterwards (2083) -someone apparently left out the last digit or it was no longer legible.

This only leaves the 24 October 1888 communication (**52982/601**) and I wonder if an examination of the original document might indicate that this was either a typo or a transcription error (for 1001? or 901?) because it is way out of sequence.

There is another oddity on July 24/25 1889, where two letters with different dates are given the same number. I don't know what this means, other than maybe the police believed it was the same correspondent?

Finally, using this proposed chronology, the Special Branch correspondence evidently accusing "Mr. Churchill" of involvement in the murders (52983/1449) must date between 1 November 1888 and 8 January 1889. This would probably mean mid-to-late November on the principle that more communications would have been received right after the Mary Kelly murder. It looks like only about 80 letters were received and given the 52983 designation after July 1889.

25 September 1888 - Communication from Bremen Police- 52983/239

27 September 1888 - Communication from Bremen Police - 52983/289

10 October 1888 - Communication from the Home Office - 52983/589

19 October 1888 - Communication from the Bremen Police– 52983/826

24 October 1888 - Communication from Rotterdam Police – **52983/601**

1 November 1888 - Abberline responding to Communication from the Home Office – 52983/1,119

8 January 1889 - Anonymous Letter to 'Dear Boss' from 'Jim the Cutter' - 3/52983/1,852

18 February 1889 - Threatening Letter to Charles Warren from Augustus Robertson Raffal] – 3/52983/1,952

31 March 1889 - Anonymous Letter to Commissioner of Scotland from Jack the Ripper -3/52983/1999

18 July 1889 - Anonymous Letter to 'Central Police Station' from Jack the Ripper – 3/52983/2072

19 July 1889 - Anonymous Letter to 'Mister Monro' from Jack the Ripper – 3/52983/207****

(evidently the last digit is missing)

22 July 1889 - Anonymous Letter to 'Dear Boss' from Jack the Ripper – 3/52983/2083

24 July 1889 - Anonymous Letter from Jack the Ripper – 3/52983/2086** (ff. 332-3)**

25 July 1889 - Anonymous Letter from Jack the Ripper - 3/52983/2086** (ff. 328-330) *Same correspondent as above, hence the same number?? –RP's note***

26 July 1889- Anonymous Letter from Jack the Ripper – 3/52983/2087****

[Several more letters from 1889 along the same lines, with ascending numbers]

Last letter using the 52983 reference number:

26 January 1890 - Letter to Sir James Munro (sic) from Jack the Ripper – 52983/2166