

"CRIDDON";

BROMSGROVE ROAD

Hunnington,

Near Birmingham
Worcestershire,

England.

Sultan Amir Didi Malé,
Maldivé Islands.

Your Excellency
Dear Sir.

I am now serving as a member of the British Police. I started my Police Career as a Cadet in the Worcestershire Constabulary. I then did two years National Service Training as an N.C.O. in the Royal Air Force Police. I have now returned to the Worcestershire Constabulary as a Police Officer.

During my service as a Police Cadet I became a very keen collector of Police Badges and Insignias. I have now been very fortunate in collecting 812 Police Badges from numerous Police Forces

in 41 different countries, amongst which are badges from Aden, Bahrain, Canada, Cyprus, England, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Papua, Tasmania, Tangier, Tripolitania, Swaziland, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Saar, Sweden, Switzerland, U. S. A., Greece, Israel, Iran, and badges from many other countries, including a set which was forwarded to me on the instruction of the Secretary of State in Belgrade, of the Peoples Police of Yugoslavia.

Your Excellency, I respectfully ask that you might give permission for any badges of your Police Force to be added to my collection. I greatly appreciate the difficulty and the inconvenience of this request, but I have now been very fortunate in getting a large world wide collection of Police Badges, but I feel that without the badges of your Police Force my collection would be most incomplete.

If for security you wish to check the

contents of this letter, the C. I. D. Department, New
Scotland Yard London, or the Chief Constable, Police H.Q.
Hindlip Hall, Worcester, could confirm that I am
a very keen collector and a person who could be
trusted with the badges of your Countries Police
Force.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind assistance

I have the honour to be

Your Excellency,

Your obedient servant,

John B. Downing.

Police officer 65.

Worcestershire Constabulary.