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The list comprises mostly former members of the German SS, or collaborator groups such as the Hungarian Arrow Cross and the Latvian secret auxiliary groups — said to be

even more brutal in their persecution of Jews than the SS or the Gestapo.

Mr Kaplin said many of the war criminals, especially those from the Baltic States, entered Australia with the full knowledge of the Government.

This followed a directive on war criminals from British Prime Minister Clement Attlee to Commonwealth governments in 1948 in which he said the "time has come to close the chapter."

"Australia took the recommendation," Mr Kaplin said.

He said all of the 150 had managed to slip into the lifestyle of immigrant Australians.

"We are not talking of Nazi auxiliary or service staff but people who actually murdered," he said. "People

who beat to death children, raped women who had been selected before they were gassed, and then went home and had dinner with their wives."

Mr Kaplin met Mr Hawke last month and he was told the Federal Government needed more information before it could take any action.

The list to be presented to Mr Hawke has been compiled by various individuals, mainly from the Australian Jewish Community.

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During 1950 and 1953 he worked for the Australian Immigration Department as a visa processing clerk.

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