

147 W.C. Hopkinson to Samuel Backus
U.S. Commissioner of Immigration
Angel Island San Francisco

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Kindly do not write of more than one subject in any one letter.

In your reply refer to No. File 16.

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Immigration Branch

Department of the Interior
Canada

WCH/DMcN.

Vancouver, B.C. March 31st, 1914.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of yesterday's date as follows:-

"Have you any information that Dawson has been out of the United States during the past three years. If so promptly advise me. He claims over three years residence rumor states he has been in British Columbia during past year"

to which I replied to-day as follows:-

"Dawson has never visited British Columbia but believed to have been in Honolulu and Suva - Suggest you depute officer to consult H.E.Pandian - 2600 Hilgard Ave, Berkeley, Phone Berkeley 5747 - He will give all information available if approached confidentially, and pledged to secrecy. Am advising him".

and to confirm my wire to Pandian of the same date as follows:-

"A United States Immigration Officer will call to see you in connection with Dayal. Give him all the information possible as it will be treated confidentially and with no danger to yourself".

Pandian will have to be approached very carefully in this matter, and any information received from him must be treated confidentially, as there is danger involved as far as he is concerned.

On the 26th instant, I forwarded you under separate cover, of my letter of that date, some information that I had received regarding Har Dayal's arrival in the United States. I believe a ~~certificate~~ ^{search} of the records was made at the Port of New York through the Commissioner of Immigration at Montreal, and I enclose herewith a copy of the communication in this connection.

Yours very truly,
W. C. HOPKINSON

The Hon: Samuel W. Backus,
U.S. Commissioner of Immigration,
Angel Island,
San Francisco. Cal.

(Copy for the information of W.W. Cory Esq., C.M.G. Deputy Minister of the Interior, P. T. A. W. A.)
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