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TELEGRAM

Sir Robert Borden, Premier,
Ottawa.

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Hopkinson our first interpreter and special officer in Hindu matters was shot dead in court house here by Maiwa Singh a prominent Hindu leader in "Komagata Maru" case, and arrested for bringing in arms illegally. After consultation with immigration police and legal authorities we conclude situation here serious and demands some immediate drastic action. Would urge that local officers be instructed to arrest and deport every Hindu known to be connection with recent meeting Sikh temple, where murder was committed, also connection with other questionable sections. Threats to assassinate all connected with government have been made and already three government officers dead. Local police wish to act only in harmony with Government wishes, but hitherto Government has been extremely lenient and with fatal results. Urge you send representative Dominion Police to act here with local police, and that Government assure them of support, also advise militia to support police if required.

(Signed) H.H. Stevens.