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205 W. W. Cory to A. F. Sladen, Governor General's Secretary

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The Deputy Minister of the Interior.

Ottawa, 21st May, 1915.

Sir,

I beg to send you, herewith, three copies of a night lettergram from Mr. Malcolm R. J. Reid, our Immigration Inspector for British Columbia, regarding the rumour that Bela Singh instigated the murder of Rattan Singh, and suggesting that he and his friends be returned to India.

It appears to us here that there would be grave possibility of the seditious Hindu element on the Pacific Coast regarding it as a signal victory if we were forced to send back to India those who have been favourable to our cause, and at the same time it would leave us with no one who would be of any assistance to us in keeping track of the movements of this turbulent and dangerous element.

However, it is my Minister's wish that you should communicate Mr. Reid's wire to the Home Authorities and ask for advice as to the action to be taken in the matter.

I have the honour to be, etc

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. W. Cory,

Deputy Minister.

The Governor General's Secretary

Ottawa.