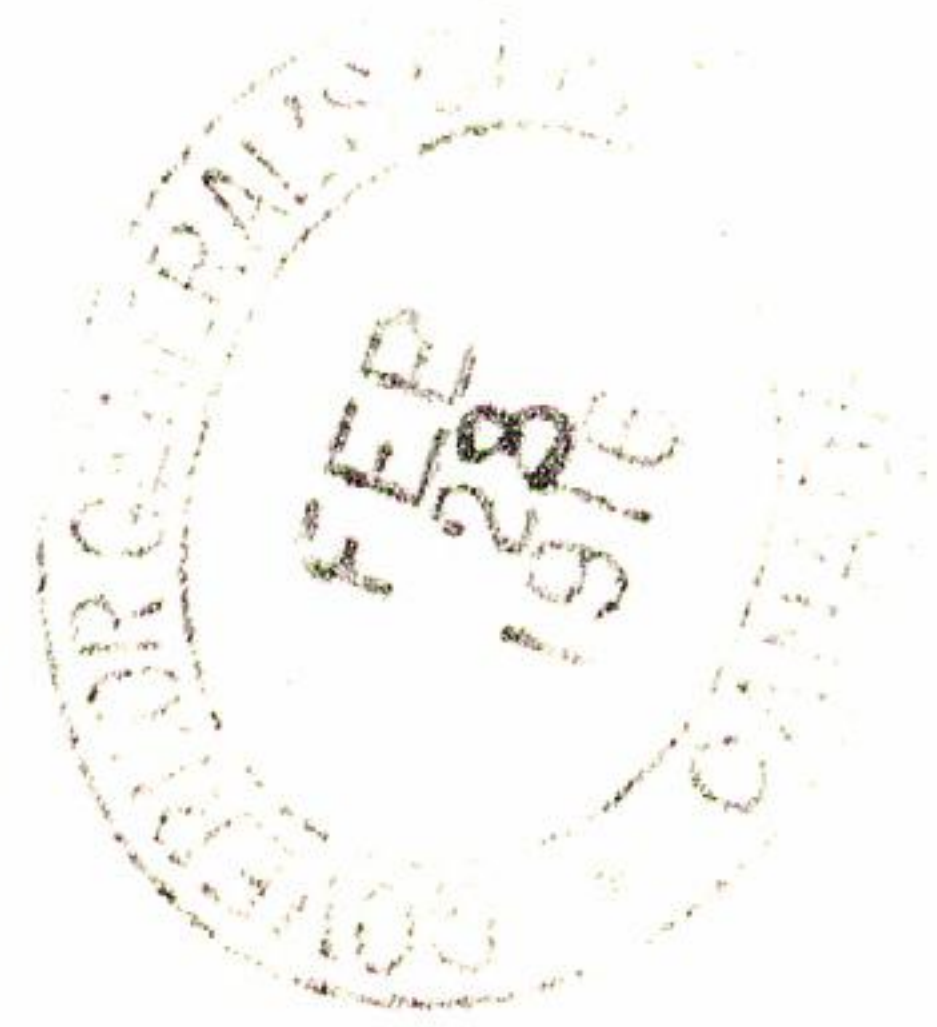


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Ottawa, 22nd February 1916.

Sir,

Adverting to a secret telegraphic despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor General, dated 18th instant, relative to Harnam Singh who is under arrest at Burma, and with special reference to the request of the India Government that this Government should send to Burma the officer who conducted the investigation in the Vancouver bomb plot, which ~~is~~ referred to in the late W. E. Hopkinson's letter of the 17th September 1914, I have the honour to represent that Hopkinson was assassinated in Vancouver some time ago, and, as far as our knowledge goes, he was the only person who knew the ins and outs of this matter. It is possible that Gwyther, the present Hindu interpreter, who was Hopkinson's assistant, may possess some knowledge of the matter. It is considered, however, that the India Office ought to be in a better position to pick out the man the Canadian Government should send, as they are in possession of all the original correspondence and reports and are aware and are aware of the personnel of our staff at Vancouver. The Minister of Interior will be glad to send anyone whom they may select.

I am to request that His Royal Highness may be humbly moved to cause the Secretary of State for the Colonies to be informed in this sense.

I have the honour to be, etc

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Joseph Pope

Under Secretary of State for External Affairs.  
The Governor General's Secretary,

Ottawa.