

On the 16th July, 1914, at about 10 a.m., there were present at a meeting in the basement of the Sikh Temple, Bhag Singh, Balwant Singh, and Rahim.

Bhag Singh and Balwant Singh met me at the Hindu store on Granville Street at about 12:45 p.m. I asked them where they were going to and Balwant Singh replied, to Abbotsford. I then said I would go with them. The three of us then caught the 1 p.m. Burne car at 4th Avenue, for New Westminster where we each purchased a ticket on the B. C. Electric for Abbotsford. We stopped in Abbotsford for a little while and then caught the next car to Huntingdon. On arrival at Huntingdon the three of us went to the Canadian Immigration Office where Balwant Singh told the Immigration officer that we wanted to go to Sumas to meet somebody to arrange about a lot in Seattle. The Canadian officer told us we could go, and an officer of the United States who was there at the time took us to his office where Balwant Singh told the Inspector in Charge that we would like to meet Taraknath Das in Sumas and talk to him about some property, and he gave us permission for three or four hours to do so. We then went to the Swail Hotel where we found Taraknath Das waiting. A conversation took place regarding the transfer of certain properties and then we adjourned to a restaurant to have our meals. This was about 7 p.m., after which we retired to the hotel and slept there for the night. The following morning we had our breakfast and we all went into the town. Bhag Singh went back to the hotel and Balwant Singh, Das and myself walked around the town. The three of us then went into a hardware store where Balwant Singh purchased and paid for four revolvers. He also received a packet of ammunition for each. All the conversation took place in English and Das was the spokesman. Then we went to another hardware store where Das conversed with the salesman in the English language. I could not understand what was said. At this store I bought a pocket knife.

When the revolvers were bought I took one, and the other three Das took to the hotel and we went with him. At the hotel the revolvers were put down and I told them I was returning to Canadian territory and picked up one of the revolvers, and Balwant Singh told me to also take the ammunition and they would join me later. At this time Harnam Singh joined us in the hotel. I took my revolver and hid the same in my crutch, and also took the three boxes of ammunition and put one box in the sock of my right foot and one in the left foot, and one in the inner vest pocket and left for Canadian territory. On arriving on the Canadian side I was arrested by the police and these things were found on me. I do not know what happened to the rest of the revolvers. As far as I am aware and from what I could understand it was the intention of these people to try and convey these weapons to the Komagata Maru. I am very much afraid of any of this information being given out as I am likely to lose my life. At the store where we purchased the revolvers we first saw them exhibited in the window. Taraknath Das suggested going inside and we went, and Balwant Singh then asked the man in the store if he would sell the revolvers. The salesman said there was no objection and handed out a revolver to each of the three of us. I purchased one for \$5.00. I made the money over to Balwant Singh and he paid the same over, together with the amount for the other three revolvers. I have never been in the full confidence of these leaders and it was just by accident that happened to come along with them to Sumas. There was another man with Taraknath Das who came up with him from Seattle. I do not know the name of the man. When I left to come back they were all seated together. When I purchased my pocket knife I came out of the store and left Balwant Singh and Das there. I do not know what transpired. My expenses for my defence and the fine inflicted on me are being paid by the Sikh Temple committee.