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29. J. B. Harkin, Private Secretary to the Minister of the Interior  
to W. W. Coay, Deputy Minister of the Interior

Vancouver Hotel,

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P r i v a t e:

Dear Cory,

Hopkinson has reported to you the departure per S.S. Empress of Japan of 26 Hindus for the Orient among them Bhola Singh and Chanda Singh, members of Teja Singh's committee.

As you are aware Tarak Nath Dass (of the military school) and other leaders have recently been having conferences here and at Seattle. It is said they have evolved a scheme to defeat our prohibiting O.C. and that the 26 will return with their families but that can be dealt with later. I write now to suggest that the Indian authorities should be notified of the departure of the two committee members. If the outfit is engaged in seditious work the committee men are likely to mix up in India with recognized leaders of the movement there, and if they do the Indian authorities with the facilities at their disposal might be

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able to make a killing. Dont you think it would be worth while cabling India. The following rough description of the committ~~ee~~ men is all Hopkinson can give me:--

Bhola Singh - age about 40; heavy build; weight about 250 lbs; height about 5 ft. 10"  
Was in the Indian Army (Infantry)

Chanda Singh - age about 35; height about 6 ft; medium build; weight about 200 lbs; was also in the Indian Army (Infantry)

Sincerely Yours,

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