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in his possession.

The name of Mrs. L.B. Basch found in the notebook belonging to RAHIM, is that of a lady residing at 4238 12th. Ave. N.E. Seattle, who has two daughters, both attending the University of Washington, and close friends of Dass. I received information that there is some trouble among the Hindu students at Seattle, caused by Dass over monies that he has collected for assisting Students, and of which he will give no account; and also that a house which was, in the first instance, purchased as a home for the students, Dass has surreptitiously acquired the title to it, resulting in the students leaving the house and finding accommodation elsewhere. It is my purpose to re-visit Seattle in about 10 ^{days} to see a couple of these students, with whom I am well acquainted, when I may be able to gather further information. I left Seattle Oct 20th, and arrived in Vancouver morning of the 21st..

In reviewing my 19 days investigation in the Pacific Coast American Cities I have found evidence that Berkeley, San Francisco and Seattle are the principal points having Hindu Students connected with agitation. In many cases white women have

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been influenced by Dass and others to render them a certain amount of prominence, in lending themselves to the schemes of these men, under the cloak of assisting the "poor Hindu" in the cause of humanity. These women are at first attracted to the students from their desire to study Theosophy, and other Eastern philosophies, once under the influence of these doctrines, they seem to be subject to the almost hypnotic influence of the teachers, and can be brought to assist them in whatever undertaking they desire.

There is no doubt whatever that revolutionary feelings are fostered in these Pacific Coast Cities, and prominent among those agitating on this point, are, Tarak Nath Dass, Bose, Saran-ghadhur Dass, and a few others. I enclose herewith three clippings one from "The San Francisco Examiner" Sept. 17. 1910, one of the same paper Sept. 23rd. 1910, and one of "The Press Democrat" Santa Rosa, Cal. of Aug. 30. 1910; also five copies of the paper called "Free Hindustan" dated April 1908, July 1908, November-Dec. 1908, July-August 1909 March-April 1910. The first copy has an endorsement by Dass in his own hand writing, and this particular copy I secured from Swami Trigunatita, and the others from Hindus in Oakland and Seattle.

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When one comes to consider that some of these students have taken a course in Military Academies; and that the knowledge of the manufacture of explosives is common talk; and, it has been told me that visiting Hindus and Sikhs have been shown how easy it is to make a bomb; the formation of a secret society called the "Ansilan Samiti" alleged to be affiliate^{pore} with other secret bodies in the cities of Dacca and Farid~~pur~~, Bengal; and the contemplated erection of a building called the "Bharat Bhaban", I am compelled to suggest that some attention be given to this state of affairs in the United States. The situation has apparently never been considered seriously by the British Consulate in San Francisco.

To go fuller ~~in~~ into this matter means a lengthy enquiry, and what I have been able to glean, is from what may be considered an almost superficial investigation. I believe that a good watch could be kept, and a great deal of information secured, if the British Consul General's staff at San Francisco included a man familiar with Hindu affairs, both in the United States and Canada. It must not be understood that all Hindus resident on this Continent are affected with this revolutionary spirit, and I suggest that if a certain amount of attention is paid by Consular ~~offices~~ offices to their grievances and wants, the agitators would stand

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a small chance of affecting ignorant Hindus with disaffection. Some protection I think ought to be given Hindu residents in the United States, as their appeals to British Consular Officers is reported as of no use, resulting in their application to educated men like Dass for help, and this is just the opportunity that Agitators look for to instill revolutionary feelings into their minds. Dass and those of his class draw a certain revenue in assisting these men to secure their alleged rights as British Subjects, and this is what brings them into prominence as leaders of the Hindu community.

I submit that sufficient evidence in my opinion - has been forthcoming to debar Dass from securing his naturalization papers.

On Sunday 15th. inst., a meeting was held at the Temple here, to further consider the question of sending delegates to Ottawa to interview the Premier on the question of Hindu immigration to Canada. Subscriptions have now been called for, and it is reported that Teja Singh, H. Rahim, and a man named Hazara will comprise the delegation which will leave here in a short time.

If at any time in the near future it can be conveniently

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arranged I would like the opportunity of discussing the Hindu situation with you, as an interview would embody more than can possibly be set out in a written report.

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