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6th November, 19 11.

Sir,

I left Vancouver on the 3rd inst for Seattle to complete my enquiries. On arrival I got into touch with a couple of Students and found that Dass, Bose and Harnam Singh are in Berkeley. That the majority of the Students in Seattle are at present residing at the "New India House" # 4514- 8th Avenue, N. E. which is the Head Quarters of the Indian Nationalists.

It appears that on the 16th of October last, which was the anniversary of the Partition of Bengal, there was a Mass meeting of Hindu residents in Seattle, held at the above address, to condemn the action of the British Government in dividing Bengal. The gathering was addressed ^{by} most of the Students among whom were R. N. Roy, Jogesh Misra, Elahi Buksh, G. P. Uplap, U. S. Bains and G. D. Kumar. Resolutions were passed to continue the agitation against the partition of Bengal and letters of sympathy and condolence be sent their compatriots in India. The Indian Nationalists flag was hoisted to the top of the building and the meeting terminated with the singing of the song "Bande Mataram."

Jogesh Misra is the same young man who was refused a landing at this port on the 28th of September 1909 Vide Superintendent's

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Supt's file #812274 dated 12th. Oct 1909, if a photograph is needed of this man, a copy is available at this office. G.P. UPLAP and U.S. Bains are from the Bombay Presidency, R.N. ROY is from Bengal, and ~~xxxxx~~ ELAHI BUKSH from the Punjab.

G.D. KUMAR, of course, is well known. The latest with regard to him, is, he made an application to the Supt. of Immigration in the name of one HERNAM SINGH for admission into Canada. The document is alleged to have been signed by Hernam Singh and forwarded from Seattle; whereas, Hernam Singh is at present in Berkeley, Cal. and has been there for the past few months. I am of the opinion that Kumar is the author of this application, and has taken delivery of the reply sent to Hernam Singh at #4514 8th. Ave. N.E. Seattle, Wash;

In my report dated June 25th. 1910 I acquainted you of the visit of H.H. The Gaekwar of Baroda to this City, and the address presented to him by Dass and other Hindus here. I am now informed at Seattle that the Gaekwar donated a sum of money to assist Hindu Students attending Educational Institutions in the States of Washington and California. I do not know the amount given, but am told that Dass has the exclusive handling of the money, and that it has not been used for the purpose for which it was given. ~~=====~~

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I beg to enclose herewith in original the letters of Sarangadthur Dass, and Mr. DeGessen, copies of which I sent you under cover of my report of the 13th of October last from San Francisco. I also enclose an original letter from Swami Trigunatita addressed to myself, from the contents of which you will note that he desires the return of the letters above mentioned; and if you will kindly have them returned to me when done with, I shall send them back as he requests.

This concludes my investigation for the present. I have done the best I could and as expeditiously as possible and trust the result is satisfactory. In conclusion I beg to request ~~that~~ a letter of appreciation for the assistance rendered me by officers of the United States Immigration service at Seattle and San Francisco be sent to ~~the~~ the Hon. Mr. Ellis De Bruler at Seattle and the Hon. Mr. Samuel Backus at San Francisco, Cal, also to Mr. A. E. Yoell, Secretary, Asiatic Exclusion League, Metropolis Bank Building, San Francisco, Cal.

Your obedient servant,

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Deputy Minister of the Interior,
Ottawa, Ont.

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