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Extract from W.C. Hopkins to W.W. Cony  
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Sir,

I beg to confirm my lettergram of the 2nd inst as follows

Har Dayal with S. K. Bose left to-day for Washington as representatives of Hindus on Pacific Coast to protest against pending legislation re Hindu Immigration to the United States. Local Immigration authorities have applied to Washington for warrant of arrest for Har Dayal as an anarchist on evidence secured by themselves see my letter first December and kindly advise embassy.

In connection with the above message I beg to report that on the evening of the 2nd inst "Peters" called me up on the phone and advised me that at a meeting held in Berkeley that day it had been decided to send Har Dayal and a Hindu named S. K. Bose of the Iowa University to Washington to appearing before the Congressional Committee on Immigration to protest against the pending legislation re Hindu Immigration to the United States. That the cost of this trip was being financed by a Sikh named Tara Singh, President of the Khalsa Diwan Society at Stockton, Cal., "Peters" promised to come and give me full particulars in a day or so.

On receipt of this information I called up the U.S. Immigration Commissioner at San Francisco and advised him of the departure of Har Dayal and his companion for Washington. Mr Edsell whom I communicated with advised me that about three or four days ago their San Francisco office had applied to the Bureau at Washington for a warrant of arrest for Har Dayal on the ground that he was an anarchist and illegally in the country.

The application for the warrant was the result of an investigation conducted by the Immigration authorities who found that this man was a dangerous Hindu and seeking to cause a revolution in a country the Government of which was

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at peace with the Government of the United States. That they had kept a watch on the activities of this man for sometime past and had secured evidence which they considered sufficient to warrant deportation proceedings being taken against him. In the course of their investigations they had found that nearly all the Indian students attending the University of California at Bekrley were more or less sympathisers in this movement and it was about time that the attention of their Government was drawn to this state of affairs.

By a coincidence I happen to meet a young Indian student on the boat from San Francisco to Angel Island yesterday and in the course of conversation it developed that I was talking to Kartar Singh of the "Ghudar" press. This boy appears to be about 19 years of age and very full of the revolutionary sentiment. In expressing sympathy with his beliefs I was soon able to gather quite a bit of information.

Kartar Singh stated that he was on his way to Angel Island to see a friend, a mohomedan, named Shere ~~Mum~~ Mohomed who was detained at the Immigration Station and not permitted to land. That he intended to try and secure a landing for this man and if successful would find him employment in a revolutionary <sup>press</sup> he x (Kartar) was connected with.

Kartar Singh landed in San Francisco about a year ago and ever since his arrival has attended the University at Berkeley taking a course in Chemistry. He intended apply the knowledge thus gained in manufacturing explosives and although he was not permitted to practice the preparation of such dangerous matter in the University he had a private laboratory to carry on his experiments.

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At the time I met him he was busy reading a book called "Speeches from the Dock" secured from the "Ygantar Ashram" Library. This book contained speeches of convicted Irishmen in Ireland at the time of "Parnell."

In discussing the advance of the movement in this country he informed me that his society had a press for the printing of revolutionary literature at 1324 Valencia Street in San Francisco and that at present they were printing about 7000 copies a week and sending them to all parts of the world. The Indian Government had prohibited the importation of this paper into India but nevertheless they had a way of introducing through foreign territory.

Afghanistan, from what I could gather from this boy, is the medium through which the paper is being sent to India. In pointing out to him that a revolution in India could not be conducted without arms and ammunition he informed me that the Native Indian Regiments and the Police were on the side of this movement and to show that the Police were affected he said that the man who threw the Bomb at Lord Hardinge had not yet been arrested which was a very clear demonstration of sympathy on the part of the Police. He enlarged on the arms question by saying that the Amir of Afghanistan was establishing factories for the manufacture of arms and ammunition, two American Engineers having gone out from here to do so, and that it would be an easy matter to purchase their requirements from the Amir, who was not at all friendly to the British Government.

Seeing my interest in the revolutionary movement he handed me the enclosed copy of the "Indian Sociologist"

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dated Paris, December 1913, and informed me that the leaders of the Indian Revolution were in Paris which was the Head quarters of the movement.

He expressed the hope that the United States Govern ment would not pass any drastic legislation to restrict the Immigration of Hindus to the United States and he saw no reason why this ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ **country** should not have the HONOR of having educated some of the leaders of the Indian Revolution and thus helped them to establish a Republic in India. That Dr Sun Yat Sen, of the Chinese Republic, was educated in the United States and helped the movement in that country from here.

The leader of the Indian movement on the Pacific Coast was a man named Har Dayal who was now absent from the city having gone to Washington, D. C. in company with a Hindu student from the University of Iowa to protest against the pending legislation to bar Hindus from coming to this country. That a great deal of support was being rendered to this move- ment by the labouring classes of this community and if they were ~~XXX~~ stopped from coming here it will mean a great loss to them financially. There were three organizations in the Unite<sup>d</sup> States among the people of India which were all connected with the the revolutionary movement. The Pacific Coast Hindi **Students** Association, the Hindustani/Association of the United States and the Khalsa Diwan Society with Headquarters at Stockton, Cal., the last was an organization of Sikhs the fighting men of India who had~~x~~ assisted the British in 1857 during the War of Indian Independence and that these people were now assisting the revolutionists.

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On arrival at the Immigration Station I introduced this boy to some of the officers, informing them confidentially that he was mixed up in the local revolutionary movement.

The officers soon plied him with questions and were able to learn from him the ~~main~~ object of his visit to the station. Without suspecting in the least the object of the questions asked him Kartar Singh soon got into his favorite subject and kept his hearers, about five in number, engrossed with revolutionary matters. During his conversation with these officers I arranged with the photographer at the station to take a snap-shot of the boy without his knowledge and am pleased to say it was done successfully. I shall enclose you a copy as soon as receive one, I am afraid that I have been included in the picture but my ~~print~~ photograph can be eliminated in forwarding the copy to ~~the~~ other parties.

In forwarding the photographs I shall also give you the village and other particulars of Kartar Singh, as he is one of two by that name employed at the "Ghadar" press. This boy is engaged in the press in the capacity of what is generally known <sup>as</sup> the "Printers' Devil."

Trusting the above information will be of some use to the Government,

I am yours obediently,  
W. C. HENKINSON

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