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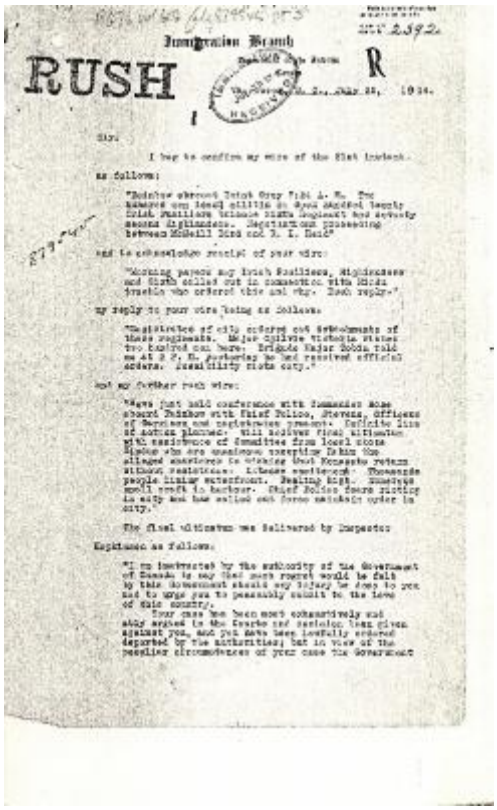
[Malcolm R. J. Reid, Dominion Immigration Agent, to William D. Scott, Superintendent of Immigration. Original]



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Sir:

I beg to confirm my wire of the 23rd instant as follows:

"Minister advised Total Grey 7181 A. M. The Sikhs and local militia in Ryan Sandal Depot British Columbia Mission State Regiment has actually secure Highlanders. Negotiations proceeding between McNeill Bird and D. I. Reid"

and to acknowledge receipt of your wire:

"Working parent any British Soldiers, Highlanders and Sikhs called out in connection with Hindu trouble who ordered this and why. Reply."

my reply to your wire being as follows:

"Magistrates of city ordered out detachments of these regiments. Major Collyer Victoria states two hundred out here. Brigade Major Robin told me At B. C. H. yesterday he had received official orders. Possibility state city."

and my further reply wire:

"Have just held conference with Commander Rose aboard Rainbow with Chief Police, Stevens, officers of Services and representatives present. Definite line of action planned. Will deliver final ultimatum with assistance of Committee from local Sikhs Spokes who are speaking respective Hindu. Has alleged assurance to Sikhs that Komagata return without restrictions. Crowds people display waterfront. Dealing Ship. Immigrant small craft in harbour. Chief Police fears rioting in city and has called out force maintain order in city."

The final ultimatum was delivered by Inspector Hopkinson as follows:

"I am instructed by the authority of the Government of Canada to say that such course would be felt by this Government should any injury be done to you and to urge you to peacefully submit to the laws of this country.

Your case has been most conscientiously and ably argued to the Courts and decision has been given against you, and you have been lawfully ordered deported by the authorities; but in view of the peculiar circumstances of your case the Government

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