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[Sir Arthur Percy Sherwood, Chief Commissioner of Dominion Police, to the Comptroller, The Royal North West Mounted Police. Copy]

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The Comptroller,
The Royal North West Mounted Police,
OTTAWA.

SIR,-

The British Government is co-operating with the Government of the United States in certain prosecutions in connection with conspiracies in that Country, Canada and India, looking to the creation of a rebellion in the latter, and in this connection about ten witnesses are to be brought from India to give evidence at Chicago and San Francisco. A Police Officer, from India, will arrive quite soon in British Columbia, who has complete knowledge of the facts, or complete arrangements for their protection. The witnesses, accompanied by another Police Officer, are about to leave, and will probably reach Vancouver within a month. The necessary arrangements for their entry to this Country have been made with the Immigration authorities. The British authorities desire that when the witnesses reach Vancouver, they should be taken east, at once, and kept some place quietly where they could not be approached by anybody with a view to impeding their usefulness at the trials, particularly are they to be safeguarded from intercourse with other East Indians. The bulk of the witnesses are convicted criminals, the others are charged with crime, so that they can be treated as prisoners. An officer of the Indian Police will be with them, and after consideration, it has been thought that perhaps Regina would be the best point to take them to, where they would be accessible to the officials of the United States who are conducting the prosecutions. An Immigration Inspector will be with them all the time they are in the Country, so that they may not claim that they had been permitted to land in Canada. Can you arrange with the Commissioner to send an escort to Vancouver to meet the ship on arrival there, and conduct them to Regina, subsequently proceeding at Ottawa each of the witnesses as are required there, and then those required at San Francisco, and at the conclusion of the trials see that they are safely

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