

[William C. Hopkinson, Immigration Inspector, to Samuel W. Backus,
Commissioner of U.S. Immigration, San Francisco, re Indian activities in Canada
and United States. Copy]

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Immigration Branch

Department of the Interior

San Francisco, U.S. 100000, 10/10/19

Dear Sir:

I am in acknowledgment of your telegram of yesterday's date as follows:-

"Have you any information that Hansen has been out of the United States during the past three years?"

"If so promptly advise me. He should have been arrested during those years as he has been in the United States during past year"

to which I replied today as follows:-

"Hansen has never visited Mexico, Colombia has believed to have been in Mexico and Peru - suggest you advise Office to consult Mr. Backus - also suggest Mr. Backus, Thoma Backus JMD - He will live all information available if necessary confidential, and advise to agency. An advisory list"

and to confirm my wire to Backus of the same date as follows:-

"A United States Immigration Officer will call to see you to ascertain with regard to the list all the information possible as it will be treated confidentially and will be charged to yourself"

Backus will have to be approached very carefully in this matter, and any information received from him must be treated confidentially, as there is danger involved on the so he is concerned.

In the still instant, I requested you under separate cover, at my letter of that date, some information that I had received regarding the arrival of the United States. I believe a ~~substantial~~ of the records was made at the Port of New York through the Commission of Immigration at Montreal, and I enclose herewith a copy of the communication in this connection.

Yours very truly,
W. C. Hopkinson

The Upon Special Reference,
U.S. Commissioner of Immigration,
San Francisco, Cal.

Copy of this communication is being forwarded to the U.S. Customs Service, New York, for their information.

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