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[William W. Cory, Deputy Minister of the Interior, to Arthur F. Sladen, Private Secretary to the Governor General, re how to deal with Bela Singh. Copy]

OFFICE OF
The Deputy Minister of the Interior.

Ottawa, 12th Nov. 1915.

Sir,

I beg to send you herewith, three copies of a night Lettergram from Mr. Malcolm R. J. Reid, our Immigration Inspector for British Columbia, regarding the rumour that Bela Singh assassinated the father of Nathan Singh, and suggesting that he and his friends be returned to India.

It appears to us here that there would be grave possibility of the seditious Sikh element on the Pacific Coast regarding it as a signal victory if we were forced to send back to India those who have been forwarded to our care, and at the same time it would leave us with no one who would be of any assistance to us in keeping track of the movements of this turbulent and dangerous element.

However, it is my Minister's view that you should communicate Mr. Reid's wire to the Home Authorities and ask for advice as to the action to be taken in the matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. W. Cory,
Deputy Minister.

The Owner-in General's Secretary
Ottawa.

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