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Statement of Mewa Singh, son of Mewa Singh,
Village of Lajpuri, District of Jalandhar, India.

On the 18th July, 1916, at about 10 p.m., there
was present at a meeting in the house of the 18th July,
Mewa Singh, Balwant Singh, and others.

Mewa Singh and Balwant Singh met me at the house where
we were living at about 10 p.m. I asked them where
they were going to and Balwant Singh replied, to Chhokri.
I then said I would go with them. The three of us then caught
the 1 p.m. train and at the station, for the Inspector there we
each purchased a ticket on the 14. 4. Chhokri for Chhokri.
We stopped in Chhokri for a little while and then caught the
next car to Hoshiarpur. On arrival at Hoshiarpur the three of
us went to the Station Inspector's office where Balwant Singh
told the Inspector that we wanted to go to Dera to
meet somebody he arranged about a lot in Dera. The Station
Inspector told us we could go, and an officer of the Indian Police
who was there at the time told us to his office where Balwant
Singh told the Inspector in charge that we would like to meet
Barnard who he knew and told us his name and address, and
he gave us permission for Dera at that time for us. We then
went to the Hall Hotel where we met Barnard the morning.
I remembered that place regarding the transfer of certain
properties and then we proceeded to a restaurant to have our meals.
This was about 1 p.m., after which we returned to the hotel and
stayed there for the night. The following morning we had our
breakfast and we all went into the town. Mewa Singh went back
to the hotel and Balwant Singh, he and myself called around the
town. The three of us then went into a lecture room where
Balwant Singh purchased and paid for their refreshments. He also
received a packet of ammunition for us. All the conversation
took place in English and for this the Government. Then we went
to another lecture room where we commenced with the lecture in
the Indian language. I could not remember what was said.
At this time I bought a pocket knife.

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