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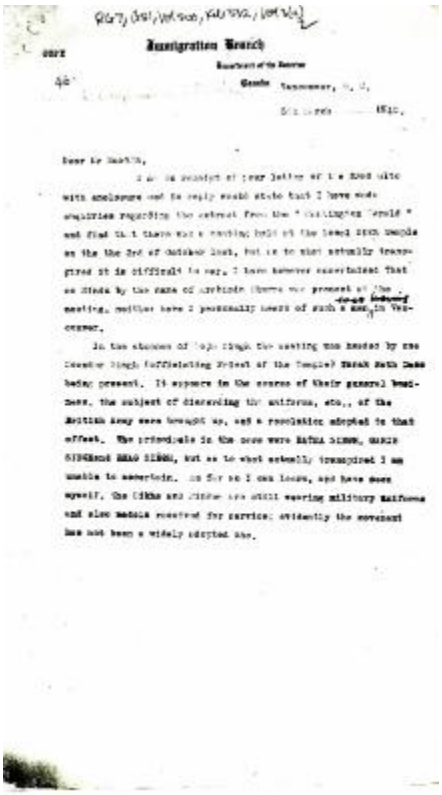
[William C. Hopkinson, Immigration Inspector, to James B. Harkin, Private Secretary to Minister of the Interior]



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Ottawa Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr Harkin,

I am in receipt of your letter of 1 a 2nd inst with enclosure and in reply would state that I have made enquiries regarding the extract from the "Vancouver World" and find that there was a meeting held of the Sikh people on the 3rd of October last, but as to what actually transpired it is difficult to say. I have however ascertained that as stated by the name of Arthinde there was present at the meeting, neither have I personally heard of such a man in Vancouver.

In the absence of Tejah Singh the meeting was headed by one Jawalar Singh (officiating Priest of the Temple) Hawk Nath Dass being present. It appears in the course of their general business, the subject of discarding the uniforms, etc., of the British Army were brought up, and a resolution adopted to that effect. The principals in the case were Ratna Singh, Harik Singh and Ishar Singh, but as to what actually transpired I am unable to ascertain. As far as I can learn, and have seen myself, the Sikhs and others are still wearing military uniforms and also medals received for service; evidently the movement has not been a widely adopted one.

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