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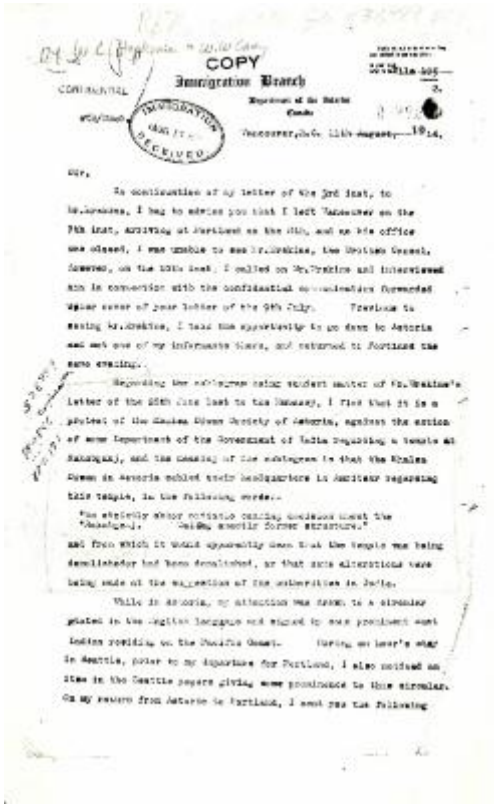
[William C. Hopkinson, Immigration Inspector, to William W. Cory, Deputy Minister of the Interior. Copy]



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Vancouver, B.C. 11th August, 1914.

Sir,

As continuation of my letter of the 3rd inst. to Mr. Erskine, I beg to advise you that I left Vancouver on the 7th inst., arriving at Portland on the 8th, and as his office was closed, I was unable to see Mr. Erskine, the British Consul, however, on the 10th inst. I called on Mr. Erskine and interviewed him in connection with the confidential communication forwarded under cover of your letter of the 9th July. Previous to seeing Mr. Erskine, I took the opportunity to go down to Astoria and met one of my informants there, and returned to Portland the same evening.

Regarding the subsequent being student matter of Mr. Erskine's letter of the 25th June last to the Embassy, I find that it is a protest of the Khalsa Diwan Society of Astoria, against the action of some Department of the Government of India regarding a temple at Sakarganj, and the meaning of the subsequent is that the Khalsa Diwan in Astoria cabled their headquarters in Amritsar regarding this temple, in the following words:-

"Has strictly about rotisable canning conditions about the "Sakarganj." Being exactly former structure."

and from which it would apparently seem that the temple was being demolished or had been demolished, or that such alterations were being made at the suggestion of the authorities in India.

While in Astoria, my attention was drawn to a circular printed in the English language and signed by some prominent East Indian residing on the Pacific Coast. During an hour's stay in Seattle, prior to my departure for Portland, I also noticed an item in the Seattle papers giving some prominence to this circular. On my return from Astoria to Portland, I sent you the following

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