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Ottawa, 21st July, 1914.

MEMORANDUM.

Hon. Mr. Doherty.

Late last night a telegram was received from Reid reading as follows:-

"Following telegram sent addressed Minister Interior Ottawa signed passengers Komagata Maru reply paid ten words begins Many telegrams to governor general. He answers transferred to you for consideration. No consideration as yet police attacks daily. duly armed. No provisions immigration returning forcibly without your decision. If not decided within two days all passengers will be killed by police and volunteers and you are responsible for so many lives. Will not return forcibly prefer death to cruelties. What would be use of consideration after death, ends."

and this morning a night lettergram reading as follows:-

"Have received letter from MacNeill and Bird on behalf of local Hindus submitting subject to approval by Hindus on board Komagata Maru following alternative propositions for consideration: First, Government to send back all deported Hindus by other steamship line permitting assignees of charter to unload and load cargo. Government to pay all sums which assignees have been compelled to pay for charter money while vessel detained in port, or second, Government to pay assignees of charter passage money from Vancouver to Calcutta for deported Hindus at the rate of one hundred dollars each, or third, Government to pay money for deported Hindus from Vancouver to Hong Kong, assignees in each of the two last propositions to pay for provisions and waive all other claims. Counsel has replied pointing out unlawful course pursued by Hindus on board ship and treatment received by them from Government with no response to proposition except statement that they would be submitted to you and such answer would be returned as you direct."

To the first I presume you will send a reply direct to the passengers. You might indicate what you wish the Department to say in reply to the second message.

B.D. Robertson.