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Sir

With reference to the case of the Hindus detained at Sumas, of Bhag Singh, Balwant Singh, and Hernam Singh, I beg to report that Bhag and Balwant were duly admitted, but Hernam is still under detention.

Yesterday the trial of Mewa Singh came up for carrying concealed weapons. He was fined \$50.00 or in default 60 days. — Mr. W. H. Ladner the prosecutor on behalf of the Customs — the Immigration staff being represented by Inspector Hopkinson, stenographer, myself and Bela Singh. At our request, an adjournment was granted for one week until Thursday next as Mewa Singh had intimated he would be willing to tell a correct story, which we thought might possibly involve some of the local agitators among the Hindus. The story as given is not entirely satisfactory. He explains he is very frightened, and I think it just probable he may give as still further information.

Your obedient servant
Malcolm R. L. Reid