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200. W D Scott to W W Cory

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Memorandum:

Ottawa, 7 November, 1914  
Mr. Cory.

I return you herewith your reference #14085, being paraphrase of cipher telegram addressed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor General on the subject of a successor to the late Inspector W. C. Hopkinson at Vancouver.

We are not left entirely without an official conversant with the Indian vernacular languages as we had an Assistant to Mr. Hopkinson whose name is Guyther, who is able, for the present at least, to deal with all matters distinctively Immigration in character.

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I note the suggestion that questions arising from the political propaganda, shall be dealt with as a separate branch of the work and in this I concur. I am afraid that Inspector Hopkinson lost his life largely through the fact that he was performing services of a dual character and that the one set of duties rather jeopardized his position in regard to the other. Any further investigations as to the political or seditious propaganda which may be carried on in Canada, should, I think, be treated altogether apart from an Immigration Officer's duties. I am not at all clear whether the Home Government wish us to continue to carry on the special work which Inspector Hopkinson was performing at the time of his death.

Sgd. W. D. Scott

Superintendent of Immigration.