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Vancouver, B.C., July 9th, 1914.

R. L. REID, ESQ., K. C.

Canada Life Bldg.,

Vancouver.

My dear Mr. Reid:

I send you herewith a most pitiable letter just received from the "Komagata Maru". I have since the decision of this case on Monday last been doing everything in my power to assist the Immigration Department. I would urge most strongly upon you that these men be not allowed to suffer further. Moreover, I feel that it will serve the purpose of enemies of the Canadian and the Indian Governments if these men are to suffer further and any injury come to them from the privations they are now suffering. I therefore urge that this matter be taken up by you at once with the Department at Ottawa.

I send you herewith copy of my answer to the men, which will explain further concerning the situation.

Yours truly,

"J. EDWARD BIRD"

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