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I have been able to secure a little piece of interesting information regarding Kumar and Dass.

With respect to Kumar I beg to state that on the 24th inst. he appeared before a Board of Inquiry at the U. S. Immigration Office here and applied for admission to Seattle. After a long sitting the Board (composed of four officers) decided to admit Kumar and he accordingly, after having received sanction, left Vancouver on Sunday the 25th inst.

Today I am informed that Humer purchased from some steamship company in this city a second class ticket to Hong Kong or Calcutta. I am unable at the present moment to confirm this information, but have asked the U.S. Immigration service at Seattle to let me know as soon as possible the date, steamship and port of destination, if Humer leaves on any boat from that port.

With regard to Dass, I am informed from a reliable source that he has been trying to hurry matters in connection with securing his naturalization papers, for which he made application some years back. In discussing the matter of Dass (who sometime ago was connected with the U.S. Immigration Service) with the Inspector in charge here, I am told that Dass would not be able

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to secure his final papers if the Bureau of Naturalization at Washington, or the Department in charge of such matters, were aware of the fact that he (Dass) is actively connected with the present agitation in India against the British rule. More especially if he were known to be an Anarchist or belonging to a Society of this class of people.

I have submitted to you from time to time material and information in connection with Dass which may or may not in the eyes of the Bureau of Naturalization go to prove that Dass can be considered an Anarchist, but I beg to make the suggestion that if possible this matter of his securing naturalization papers be interrupted, with your assistance, by giving the U.S.A. Government information connected with him.

It has within the last fortnight or so been rumoured here amongst the Hindus that it is as the result of a meeting of some of the prominent men of this community at Seattle that Kumar is leaving for India, also that Dass is doing his utmost to secure his naturalization papers. On going into the reason for such a move on his part, the only suggestion that has been made to me and to which I draw your attention, is the contemplated visit of His Majesty the King to India. With regard to Dass in the matter

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of naturalization I cannot but place before you an idea that has struck me. I am fully aware of the fact that Dass is afraid of returning to India except as a naturalized American citizen his object (though I may be wrong) would be that should he become implicated, arrested or in any manner dealt with on his return to India by the authorities there, he would claim the protection of the American flag and try to raise international complications.

Yours obediently,

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