

80: W.C. Hopkinson to W.W. Cooy

Immigration Branch

Department of the Interior

Canada

Seattle, Wash. *ington*, ~~5th~~ October, 1911

Sir,

In compliance with your orders I left Vancouver at 12-15 A. M. on Monday the 2nd inst after having made overcharge of the office to Mr. MacGill.

On arrival at Seattle I got into touch with the U. S. Immigration Service in this City. Tarak Nath Dass is at IN Berkley, Cal, where he went about three weeks ago to the University. This information I received from Teja Singh on the day I left Vancouver and which appears to be correct as he has not been seen around this City for about that length of time.

Regarding evidence and information which would debar Dass from securing his naturalization papers I beg to state that Inspector B. A. Hunter of the United States Immigration Service in this City is willing to come before any Officer of the United States Government and state on oath what he knows of Tarak. Inspector Hunter was connected with the U. S. Immigration Office at Vancouver up to the year 1909 when he was transferred to this City. Dass is personally known to him for about four years ~~and~~ ^{with him} during which period Mr Hunter has been more or less in touch [^] and and other Students attending the University of Washington here.

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In the course of a conversation Inspector Hunter informed^{was} that Dass is the most active and persistent agitator against the British rule in India, that can be found in this country and with him or in the same class can be considered another man name Surendra Nath Bose, ~~an~~ Student and lecturer on Chemistry.

These two men are at present in California and likely to be back at any time as they are constantly travelling between California and Washington.

In the month of March this year the Chief of Police in this City received a communication from Mr P. Geldney, Supdt: of Police, Amballa, Punjab, India, to the effect that a parcel containingⁱⁿ a lot of cheap jewellery had been forwarded to the Inspector General of Police^{Punjab} from Seattle, by a man named Ilahi Bux, whose address was given as C/o French Meat Market, Seattle, and the Police here were requested to look up this man and let the Indian office know as to his character and the reason he sent the parcel. The Indian Police were afraid that should this man continue sending parcels he might one day enclose an^a infernal machine and cause the death of the recipient of the package.

The local Police were unable to locate the man but on

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enquiry at the French Meat Market they were informed that a Hindu one day brought a package to the store and requested that it be addressed to the man's father in India, and as the this Hindu was a regular customer the Market people did as they were requested but could not explain how the parcel on arrival in India was found to be addressed to the Inspector General of ~~Pat~~ Police, Punjaub, India. Inspector Hunter with the assistance of an official of the Secret Service has promised to look more fully into the case and on my return from California will be able to ~~h~~ let me have fuller information. I have been able to find out from Hindus in this City that the man named Ilahi Bux is a student of the local University.

Other information which I hope to have on my return here is in connection with certain names and addresses found in Rahim's note book when arrested in October 1910.

Before leaving Vancouver I made over your telegram, re Rahim's photograph, to Mr MacGill and asked him to forward the ~~pi~~ pictures to you, should he receive them from a couple of Hindus who promised me that they would hand the photos to Mr MacGill.

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I beg to suggest that if it is possible ~~to~~ the original wrapper with the address on the parcel sent to the Inspector General of Police, Punjaub, be asked for and forwarded to me to enable me to make further enquiries to find out ^{how} the change of address came about.

In conclusion I would add that Inspector S. N. Reid of our Department stationed here has been of great assistance to me, as also other officers of the United States Immigration and the ~~local~~ local Police, whose names I shall furnish in my final ~~report~~ report, with a request that an official letter of appreciation be sent them for the assistance rendered.

your obedient servant.

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