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Sir,

I arrived here on November 7th., and owing to my wife and children being down with heavy colds, I was detained several days. However, I have been over to San Francisco and called upon the British Consul General, the Immigration Service, and got into touch with conditions generally since my last visit to this City.

In order to facilitate my work here and get out my reports promptly, I have, in anticipation of your sanction, rented a typewriter @ \$3. per mth; also a small desk and cabinet for papers @ \$9.50 for four months.

With regard to house accommodation, after a great deal of trouble I have secured a furnished house for four months @ \$45. per month, of which the Govt. have agreed to pay \$35. I have had a telephone installed in the house at a cost of \$2.50 per mth, and as this is a necessity, I trust the Department will see their way to sanction the payment of this sum. My reason for living in Oakland is, that it is within a few minutes of Berkeley, and about half an hour from San Francisco, and, centrally located for my work; in addition to this there are no houses available within a reasonable distance of the centre of the city of San Francisco, majority being Apartment houses.

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I have called on the Agent of the U.S. Department of Justice, San Francisco, and he has promised me all the assistance in his power, to further my investigations as soon as he receives word to do so from Washington. D.C. I have arranged with him to put a watch on the Berkeley Post Office for mail addressed to India, and received therefrom, by Hindu students attending the University of California.

Har Dayal is at present living at 187 Castro St. San Francisco. From what I have been able to learn, it appears that, he is very busy just now sending out copies of a Newspaper started by him, and called the "Yugantar Ashram". I enclose herewith a copy secured by me through young "Peters". This Newspaper is not printed, but lithographed, and the copy enclosed is the first issue. Har Dayal has been despatching copies of these papers through the post to India, and other parts of the world; and as I believe that those intended for India have not yet reached their destination, I sent you the following telegram in cipher:-

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"Warn London of despatch by post to India hundreds of copies newspaper called Yugantar Ashram published by Har Dayal. Those posted are first edition of this Journal published in Urdu, and posted at San Francisco within past two weeks".

I also enclose herewith the advertisement page of the "San Francisco Bulletin" 14th. inst., announcing two lectures

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to be given by one, B.Dass (?) on the 15th and 18th inst., at the Jefferson Sq. Hall, San Francisco, both of which I shall attend and take notes. Enclosed is also a card announcing the same lectures, with more particulars.

Shortly after my arrival here I got into touch with "Spencer", and find that he has quite a bit of information, which I have asked him to put into writing, and expect to receive in a day or so. He has kept himself in touch with Har Dayal and the Anarchist crowd since my last visit here, and I hope to have an interesting report of the situation from him.

I have not seen "Peters" as yet, although he knows I am in the city. He sent me the "Yugantar Ashram" by mail. I hope to see him shortly.

The cost of keeping a watch on the Berkeley Post Office, and on the mail received by Har Dayal, will be expensive. That of Berkeley will be about the same as last time, viz., \$3. per day, with perhaps a little less in the case of Har Dayal, which can be done through the letter carrier. Will you kindly ascertain, and let me know, if the Government will sanction this expenditure? There is no doubt whatever that this is a medium through which good information can be secured. I note that the Secretary of State for India, in March of this year, was anxious that the watch

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at the Berkeley Post Office should be continued for a month more (but unfortunately I was back in Vancouver by that time) vide telegraphic despatch from Mr. Harcourt to Governor General dated March 8th. 1913. I should like to try and arrange this watch as soon after word is received here by the Agent of the Department of Justice from Washington. Will you kindly, therefore, advise me by wire if it is alright to proceed as outlined in the above paragraph, and for what period, and whether Washington have consented to advise their Agent here?

The Hindu influx from Manila is giving the United States Immigration Department here a great deal of trouble. They cannot find a satisfactory Interpreter to assist, and have applied to me to help them out; I have consented to do so, inasmuch, as it will give me a better opportunity to keep in touch with Hindu matters, and some status with the United States Government.

Please note that in this and all future communications, - wire or otherwise - I shall use the book which I compiled, in which the names are given in cipher, copies of which have been forwarded to you and Mr. Wallinger.

Yours obediently,
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Deputy Minister of the Interior,
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