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C O P Y.

New York, 3rd May 1914.

Sir,

Referring to my visit to Washington, D. C. I beg to report having discussed ~~the~~ the case of HAR DAYAL, with Mr A. Caminetti, the U.S. Commissioner General of Immigration.

I have been informed that the record in this case has not yet been received from San Francisco, and this being the situation Mr Caminetti expressed regret that all the facts were not before him, he, however, assured me that as soon as the record was received he would forward it on to the New York, (Ellis Island) office with instructions to let me see it.

Mr Caminetti informed me that from the little information in his possession he was afraid that his department would have no jurisdiction in the matter owing to the fact that Har Dayal's claim that he was more than three years in the United States before any action was taken, had been verified. He expressed his sincere regret that owing to a confusion in the names, his officers had blundered.

Action should have been taken long ago in this case but owing to the confusion, as stated in my letter of the 7th of April last, File # 2, the matter was kept pending by the U.S. authorities, believing that there was plenty of time to permit action being taken later on. When the arrest was effected it was then discovered that Har Dayal of San Francisco was not the same man as Hardial Singh alias Hur Dyal, of Vancouver, B. C. and that the department was too late.

When the record is received from San Francisco the case will receive serious consideration at the hands of the Department in Washington and if a way can be found to overcome the situation it will be acted upon.



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Representations have been made to the Bureau of Labor by Politicians in San Francisco on behalf of Har Dayal and from my conversation with Mr Caminetti, it appears that these representations are receiving consideration. It might be of interest to note that Mr Caminetti, himself a strong politician and party man, is slated to be in the running for the office of Governor of California.

My inquiries in New York disclose that Har Dayal landed at the port of New York on the 9th of February 1911. He arrived here on the S.S. "Philadelphia" from San Juan as a steerage passenger and gave his destination as Cambridge, Mass. He arrived in Porto Rico on the 3rd of February 1911 as a passenger on the S.S. "President" from St Thomas, W.I.

At my request, Mr Uhl, the acting Commissioner of Immigration, at New York, is having some inquiries made at San Juan and Porto Rico, to ascertain the circumstances under which this man was landed at Porto Rico.

I will try and obtain a copy of the minutes of the inquiry held at San Francisco and in the meantime I am awaiting the result of the investigation in Porto Rico.

Yours obediently,

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