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Mr. A. Warner Parker,  
Bureau of Immigration,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Parker:

Just a line to say that we had a very enjoyable time since reaching Hongkong. Weather has been ideal, sunshiny every day. Yesterday while taking a stroll, I met two Hindus at the intersection of two roads. I asked them which way I should take to go to the reservoir. I found that the smaller of the two men gave his name as Kishan Chand (his family name is Soggar) and spoke very good English. He was trying to go to the United States as a student. I asked him how old he was, he said "twenty." I should judge that he was at least thirty or thirty-five. His hair and mustache were mixed with gray. I asked him how far along he was in his studies. He replied that he had gone through Grammar School, and he thought a year or two in High School would fit him to take a course in one of our colleges. He said his father was a money lender in India. The appearance of his clothes would indicate that he was a laborer. Also said he would leave in about fifteen days on the Pacific Mail.

His comrade's name is Iundar Singh, and he was going to Vancouver. He spoke no English but he had a letter which he showed me, written in English, which contained a pathetic appeal for assistance for six hundred Hindus, who are in Hongkong and want to reach the United States or Canada. The letter was to be presented to some officials



of the Steamship Company, and later forwarded to their friends in America; letter read in part as follows: "For God's sake help us to get to the United States or Canada, the new Canadian law will go into effect in March 15, 1914 -- after which time few Hindus will be admitted into Canada. It has been much more difficult for the past six months to get into Manila than heretofore. We are shut out of Australia and New Zealand. For God's sake come to our assistance so that we will be able to get into the United States or Canada."

I am sending this letter under personal cover. You may use it as you know best.

We leave Manila Tuesday noon. Understand we will reach our destination about noon January 1st.

With kind regards to all the boys,

Sincerely yours,

(sg) Danl. J. Keefe.