

March 18th, 1939.

R.W. Mayhew, M.P.,  
House of Commons,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Bob;

Many thanks indeed for the file you have sent me in connection with matters pertaining to Mayo Singh, and the trouble you have gone to in this regard.

I had a chat with Mayo this morning and he also is very grateful for your activities in this matter.

There is just one point that he raises, and I am somewhat in the dark as to what procedure should be followed in the following connection.

Possibly based on information irrespective of whether it is erroneous or not, there is a possibility that the Immigration Department in Victoria might see fit to summons Ganda or Dharam Singh and place them in detention pending an investigation of their possible illegal entry into Canada.

This would necessitate, as it has in the past, putting up a \$1,000.00 bond in order to release one of these men (or \$2,000.00 for both of them) pending the result of such investigation.

This seems infinitely unfair as the action on the part of the Immigration Department here might be predicated on utterly false information given, yet at the same time cause a lot of embarrassment to the parties concerned, but who were quite innocent of any breach of the immigration laws.

Do you suggest that it would be advisable to go immediately to the Immigration Department with the file you sent to me, or just let the matter ride, and as suggested in Mr.



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Blair's letter "laugh at their persecutors."

What Mayo wishes to avoid naturally is the seizure of these two men and their detention with the consequent deposit of \$2,000.00 to obtain their release.

I am inclined to think that if Mr. Blair would send a copy of his letter to you dated March 9th to the Immigration Authorities here and tell them in view of his investigation to lay off these people, it would be very helpful indeed.

I do not know if Mr. Blair would be ready to go this far, but it would definitely close the matter for good if he would be willing to do so.

I hate to bother you with this matter and then come back again with further correspondence, but I always go out of my way to do anything I can to help Mayo, for the reason that he is a first class citizen and a valued asset to the industrial life of Victoria, which when all is said and done, is really your baby, is it not?

With kindest personal regards, and hoping that you are continuing to improve in health, I am,

Yours very truly,

BPS:JP