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[Letter to Wendy Carter]

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Ms. Wendy Carter,
Regional Director,
Dept. of Secretary of State,
Vancouver Office,
Room 207, 1525 West 8th Avenue,
Vancouver, B.C.
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Dear Ms. Carter:

As a result of a meeting with community representatives (see Appendix I for list of people) from the Indo-Canadian community, members of the Race Relations Committee (see Appendix I) and the Assistant City Manager, the following wording for a plaque to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Komagata Maru Incident is submitted for your response:-

KOMAGATA MARU
75TH ANNIVERSARY

"On May 23, 1914, 376 British Subjects of Indian origin arrived in Vancouver Harbour, directly North of this site, aboard the Komagata Maru. The ship's passengers (12 Hindus, 24 Muslims, and 340 Sikhs) sought to immigrate to Canada, but they were forced to depart on July 23, 1914 after being unjustly detained and denied entry. This plaque commemorates this regrettable incident of racial injustice and reminds us of our commitment to build an open society in which mutual respect and understanding are honoured, differences are respected, and traditions are cherished."

In order to facilitate the process for installing the plaque, would it be possible to obtain the following information from you:

a) Your Minister's response to the wording.

b) A statement regarding financial contribution to the plaque.

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