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[Charles H. Reily, Immigration Inspector, to Acting Inspector in Charge, Portland, Oregon. Copy]

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Acting Inspector in Charge,
Portland, Oregon.

Pursuant complying with telegraphic instructions of Inspector in Charge
Portland, of December 6, 1907, to ascertain if Lala, the stenographer of
Har Dayal, and N. Chandra, alleged Hindu anarchists, I beg to advise as
follows:

The headquarters of Har Dayal, or at least the address at which he
receives his mail is 436 Pill Street, San Francisco, California. He is
stated to have been at this address as late as January 11, 1908.

I have as yet been unable to learn the address of N. Chandra, but I
am advised that his son lectured in Astoria (to Hindus only), on Sunday,
January 5, 1908, in the interests of the "Hindu nationalists" as they
style themselves.

As evidence of the regard in which the above mentioned Hindus are
held by their countrymen, and their loyalty to Har Dayal, I beg to submit
the following facts: At various times since June, 1907, at which time
inquiry concerning these Hindus was first directed, I have been approached
by Hindus who have volunteered to if any effort was made to find either
Har Dayal or N. Chandra they would personally see that I was "blown up",
or "passed off the stage at sight", or my family molested. It was ex-
plained to me that the work of Har Dayal, and the interests of the Hindu
nationalist party were of such importance that nothing that would any
interference with their plans they would cheerfully dispose of me in
some manner. I was advised that the policy of the Immigration Service
in deporting Hindus who entered illegally was due to the fact that the
British Government has distributed $100,000.00 among inspectors on the
Canadian border; further that the local Hindus in Astoria were well
aware of the fact that I received $100.00 per month from the British
Government to furnish the information concerning the Hindus. As evidence
of their proficiency in the art of "blowing people up", I was informed
that most of the members of the Hindu nationalist party were also "U.S.A."

I was assured by another Hindu, who arrived in Ft. Stevens, Oregon, that
the Hindus regard Har Dayal as their Messiah, and that he is the only
man who can deliver India from the hands of and oppression the British
Government. In stating that when the time was ripe (the date was not
mentioned) information would reach the government which would enable
the United States to deport Har Dayal. He stated that the deportation
of Har Dayal would be the first possible cause of arousing the people
of India, and the Hindus of the United States. He added, however, that
it would be wise to avoid the degree of notoriety in which Har Dayal was
held, the inspector who deported him would be "blown up", and that if
Har Dayal's followers were looking, he would cheerfully attend to the matter
himself.

I am likely in receipt of a personal letter signed by Har Dayal in
which he advised that he is aware of the part of the British government
and the United States Immigration Service in "stirring" the Hindus of
the activities in behalf of the Hindu Nationalist party. He states that
unless I write him disavowing such intention on the part of the Government,
he will disclose the entire plot in the columns of the San Francisco
"Bulletin", and that should this misapplying plan be due solely to
my efforts and to the fact that I have been furnished by the British
Government, he will expatiate the Immigration authorities at Washington

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Dayal, Har, 1884-1939