

[Lord Hardinge, Viceroy of India, to Lord Crewe, Secretary of State for India]

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Secret. Murder of Hopkins. Please refer to your telegram of 20th Oct. and 2nd Dec. We are fully conscious and appreciative of value of deceased service to us. As a meritorious officer engaged in most dangerous work, we agree that his family has every title to consideration. But we would represent no point of importance. It is stated that Hopkins' relations with us were not disclosed at the trial. The news paper Ottawa Citizen of 22 October gave subsidiary possible motive for murder that Hopkins identified a favour of an enemy of Mewa Singh, named Ram Singh. That attributes it mainly to vendetta by revolutionary party against all who were active in preventing landing of 'Korogata Maru' passengers. It is a possible theory that it was as much his work for Canada as for us that marked him down, and should fact of assistance to family become known, it would place us in undesirable position, politically to appear to have rewarded

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