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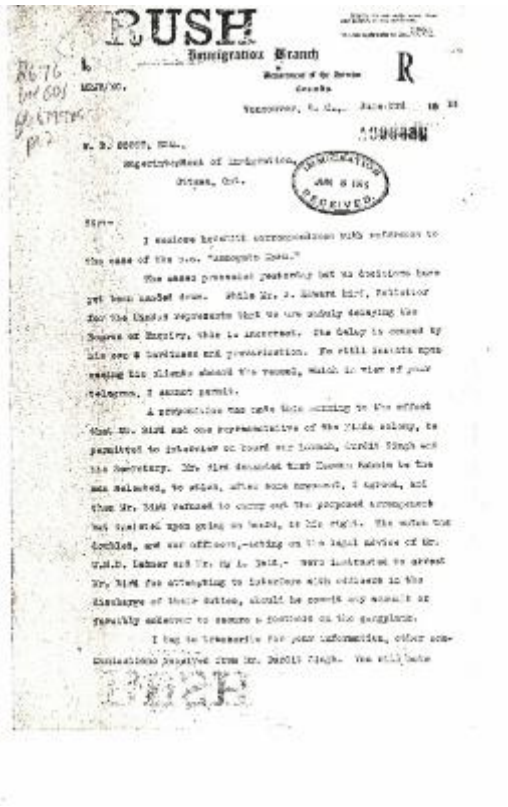
[Malcolm R. J. Reid, Dominion Immigration Agent, to William D. Scott, Superintendent of Immigration. Original]



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Sir:-

I enclose herewith correspondence with reference to the case of the S.S. "Komagata Maru."

The cases presented yesterday but no decisions have yet been handed down. While Mr. J. Edward Bird, Solicitor for the Hindus represents that we are unduly delaying the Course of Enquiry, this is incorrect. The delay is caused by the age & hardness and prevarication. We still insists upon seeing the clients aboard the vessel, which in view of your telegram, I cannot permit.

A compromise was made this morning to the effect that Mr. Bird and one representative of the Hindu colony, be permitted to interview on board our launch, Gurdit Singh and his Secretary. Mr. Bird demanded that Husain Rahim be the man selected, to which, after some argument, I agreed, but then Mr. Bird refused to carry out the proposed arrangement but insisted upon going on board, as his right. The matter was decided, and our officers,-acting on the legal advice of Mr. W.M.D. Lemmer and Mr. M. A. Reid,- were instructed to arrest Mr. Bird for attempting to interfere with officers in the discharge of their duties, should he commit any assault or forcibly endeavor to secure a foothold on the gangplank.

I beg to transmit for your information, other communications received from Mr. Gurdit Singh. We will have

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Bird, J. Edward; Rahim, Husain; Reid, Malcolm R. J.; Scott, William D., 1861-1925; Singh, Gurdit, 1858-1954