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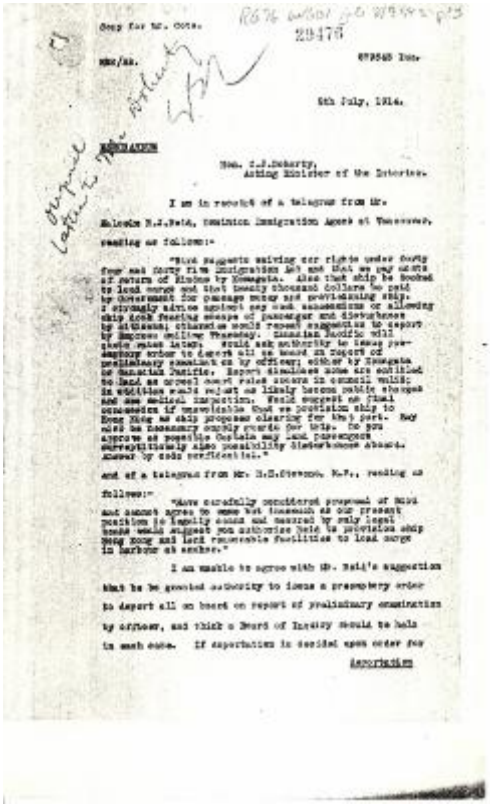
[William D. Scott, Superintendent of Immigration, Memorandum to Charles J. Doherty, Minister of Justice]



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Hon. C.J.Doherty,
Acting Minister of the Interior.

I am in receipt of a telegram from Mr. Malcolm H.J.Reid, Assistant Immigration Agent at Vancouver, reading as follows:-

"Kind suggests waiving our rights under forty four and forty five Immigration Act and that on payment of return of Sikhs by Komagata. Also that ship be booked to load cargo and that twenty thousand dollars be paid by Government for passage money and overstanding ship. I strongly advise against any such assurances or allowing ship look fearing escape of passenger and disturbance by attacks; otherwise would repeat suggestion to report by Empress sailing Tuesday. Canadian Pacific will quote rates later. Would ask authority to issue provisory order to detain all on board on report of preliminary examination by officer; either by Komagata or Canadian Pacific. Report simulates some are entitled to land as arrest court rules errors in council which; in addition would result as likely become public charges and see medical inspection. Would suggest as final consideration if unavoidable that we position ship to Hong Kong as ship proposes clearing for that port. May need be necessary supply guards for trip. Do you approve as possible Captain may lack passengers surreptitiously also possibility disturbance aboard. Answer by code confidential."

and of a telegram from Mr. H.E.Stevens, M.P., reading as follows:-

"Have carefully considered proposal of Reid and cannot agree to same but inasmuch as our present position is legally sound and secured by only legal means would suggest you authorize Reid to provision ship Hong Kong and load removable facilities to load cargo in harbour at anchor."

I am unable to agree with Mr. Reid's suggestion that he be granted authority to issue a provisory order to detain all on board on report of preliminary examination by officers, and think a Board of Inquiry should be held in each case. If deportation is decided upon order for

deportation

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