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Sir,

In continuation of my letter of the 8th. instant, I beg to advise you that I proceeded to Seattle on the 14th. idem to see if I could possibly establish the whereabouts of Mr. G. D. Kumar. On my arrival there, I got in touch with some of the Hindu community, and from them ascertained that Kumar had expressed his intention of returning to India, but had never made any reference to the route he intended taking. He was last seen in Seattle about the 15th. September last, when he left for Portland, Oregon, stating that he might go on to San Francisco. I did not pursue the inquiry any further, but have hopes of being able to trace Kumar shortly if he has not yet left the Country. In the course of my inquiry I further learnt that a general invitation was extended by the Hindu students at Berkeley, California to the students residing at the United India House at Seattle to participate in the "Nation Day" celebrations, which took place on the 19th. ultimo. Students from all parts of the Pacific Coast were invited to attend on that date at Styles' Hall, Berkeley, Cal., and I am informed there was a large gathering, at which the speakers were Tarak Nath Dass, Suren M. Bose, Har Dyal, the Rev. J.T. Suderland, besides other members of the faculty of the University at Berkeley. The

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theme of the address delivered by the Hindu representatives was the "Regeneration of India" under the policy of the "Extremist" party, among whom had been found men willing to lay down their life for the cause. The Government of India had been coerced into reuniting Bengal as a result of the propaganda carried on by certain of the Bengali community. The visit of Their Majesties the King and Queen to India in December of last year was in order to try and off-set the disaffection and disloyalty which had spread through India ever since Bengal was partitioned, and the Capital of India removed from Calcutta to Delhi, which, although a great loss to the BENGALI NATION would not in any way retard the progress of enlightenment which had been infused into that "NATION" since the year 1905.

Mr. Har Dyal, apparently a wealthy Hindu, although not a student, has been induced, by the Hindu residents in Berkeley, to offer a scholarship to Hindu students attending the Berkeley University. This scholarship, I am told, amounts to \$500.00, to be paid to the Hindu students of the University who have been compelled to work their way through college. This scholarship has been widely advertised by correspondents in India, with the hope of attracting a large number of Hindu students to the Pacific Coast.

I could not learn anything of Acharya, as the name is apparently unheard of in and around Seattle; but, I have made arrangements of such a nature that should anything be heard of him I will be immediately apprised thereof.

Your obedient servant,

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Deputy Minister of the Interior,

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