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Ottawa, Ont., 7th April 1914

Dear Dr. Roche:-

In pursuance of our conversation today I would like a statement in writing giving full particulars of the incident discussed with you today and especially the following:

(1) The exact date and hour at which the communication from External Affairs was received, (2) whether telephone or other messages were received from the Governor General's office, or from External Affairs, urging a prompt reply, (3) copy of all communications received from or sent to External Affairs with regard to the matter, (4) an explanation of the delay which seems to have occurred in the Immigration Department in respect to a matter of great urgency.

Faithfully yours,

Honourable W.J. Roche, M.P.,

Minister of the Interior

Ottawa, Ont.,

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Ottawa, Ont., 8th June, 1914.

Dear Dr. Roche:

Herewith is copy of a telegram  
received by the Governor General from the Hindu  
steamer at Vancouver.

Yours faithfully.

Hon. W. J. Roche. M.P.,

Minister of the Interior,

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Enclosure.

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OFFICE OF  
THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE  
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
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Ottawa, 8th June, 1914.

Dear Mr. Borden,

I enclose (1) copy of a telegraphic despatch, dated 6th June 1914, from the passengers of the KOMAGATA MARU to the Governor General to the effect that they are starving and are being treated cruelly, (2) copy of a telegraphic despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor General, dated 7th June 1914, asking for a report on this matter. I have referred both despatches to the Minister of the Interior, with a request for a speedy reply to the Colonial Secretary enquiring. Yours very truly,

*Joseph P. Ahe*

The Right Honourable

R. L. Borden, M. P.,

Secretary of State

for External Affairs,

Ottawa.