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MRJR/EC.,

Vancouver, B. C., June 9th 14

W. D. SCOTT, ESQ.,

Superintendent of Immigration,

Ottawa, Ont.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith copies of further correspondence in connection with the case of the s.s. KOMOGATA MARU; and also beg to confirm my night lettergram of yesterday's date, as follows:-

"Komogata Maru hunger strike now broken, Gurdit Singh sending off one hundred dollars this afternoon for food, together with his original request of lengthy list provisions. These will be paid for by himself balance C.O.D. Boards Enquiry resumed. One more return man having domicile released. Remainder cases return men begin tomorrow morning."

The hunger strike was broken by Gurdit Singh sending ashore 18 English sovereigns and a ten dollar gold piece, with the request that his original order for provisions as forwarded to you, should be filled, payment to be made C.O.D.

One of the wholesale grocers delivered the amount of the cash order to this office last night and the provisions were taken on board by the Government launch, WINAMAC.

I am pleased to report that the matter of provisions is in the hands of Gurdit Singh, as you can well understand, should the Department have once created a precedent by feeding these people, there is no doubt in my mind the difficulty would have had to be faced of furnishing the ship with provisions for the return voyage to India.

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From confidential sources, I learned that the arrangement made with the local committee by Gurdit Singh, Charterer of the s.s. Komogata Maru, was as follows:-

At the end of April, a cable was to be sent with the letter "A" if the Committee considered it advisable for this shipment to come forward; "B" if inadvisable to come here, but to go to Brazil, and "C" if inadvisable to sail. From the conversation which took place in the launch, Gurdit Singh upbraided the local Committee for sending him word to come on, so I presume the letter "A" was cabled, and I am endeavoring to verify this from private sources at the Telegraph Office. It is a significant fact that members of the local Committee endeavored to meet the ship at Alberni.

Gurdit Singh advised me, the first day of his arrival that he wished to go ashore to make arrangements to either lease or build a dock for the purpose of running two boats a month direct from Calcutta.

I think you will appreciate the necessity for extreme measures being taken to prevent the passengers of this vessel from landing; otherwise it will be one constant source of trouble - not to speak of the expense.

Your obedient servant,

*Malcolm. R. J. Reed*

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