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For your information.

February 12, 1971

Mr. Battan Singh
President
Khalsa Diwan Society
1151 East 60th Avenue
Vancouver 15, B. C.

Dear Mr. Singh:

I believe you have heard from Mr. Mohinder S. Gill about the meetings we have been having with professional persons working in South East Vancouver, and members of the East Indian community.

My original thought was to develop a program that would assist professionals (school teachers, counsellors, health nurses, etc.) to have a better understanding of East Indian culture so that they could work more effectively with the people of the community. Such a program has now been planned to take place in March. I enclose the announcement for your information.

In our discussions it soon became evident that the educators were much concerned about the difficulties of some East Indian children in coping with the English language. I am enclosing copies of notes on the meetings of November 17 and January 19 which summarize our discussions. It was at the last meeting that Mr. Nath's proposal for an integrated learning centre was presented. I understand this has since been approved by the Executive of the Khalsa Diwan Society, and forwarded to Dr. R.F. Sharp, Superintendent of Vancouver Schools.

The next meeting dealing with the topic of education is to be held on Tuesday, February 23, at the Temple at 7:30 p.m. We should of course be very pleased to have you and Mr. Tara Singh Bains attend this meeting if it is possible.

Yours sincerely,

Marjorie V. Smith

(Miss) Marjorie V. Smith, Director
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c.c. Mr. Tara Singh Bains
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