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HONOLULU.

August 17, 1917.

John W. Preston, Esq.,
United States Attorney
San Francisco, California.

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My dear Mr. Preston:

Please

Thank you
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The Siberia Maru arrived in port about noon, and was met by Mr. Lawrence of the Mundell Agency of your city, and by William Todd of the Naval Intelligence Department here. It had been planned to shadow Das in the city and while absent from the boat go through his baggage, but he came down the gang plank with a leather port-manteau, which made it advisable to apprehend him at once. He was taken to his stateroom, and objected to giving up his port-manteau because it had in it a brief containing points bearing upon his defense, which he said he himself had prepared. Mr. Lawrence at once brought the port-manteau to my office and you will find it in the sealed grip in charge of the purser. I did not attempt to go through its contents, most of which were letters which he expected to mail here and which may be of value to you.

I then went to the boat and found that Das objected to having his belongings searched without warrant. I told him that any further objection would result in his being arrested here and taken to California in custody of the Marshal and his belongings thoroughly searched. He insisted he was entitled to the brief he prepared, to which I agreed stating that I would return it if after reading it I found it to be what he claimed. I found it was some three or four pages of type written matter covering the law as to what constitutes a violation of neutrality, the burden of proof, etc., and deeming it of no importance to the Government returned it to him.

Mr. Todd and Marshal Smiddy then made a thorough search of all of his personal belongings which he had in his stateroom, removing therefrom all papers and putting them in one grip which was sealed by the Marshal and left in custody of the purser to be turned over to you. There was no attempt made to search his three trunks which were in the hold, but these trunks will be taken at once into the personal charge of the purser and Das will not, under any circumstances, be permitted to have access to them between here and your port. He will not be permitted to leave the ship while it remains in port

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and upon its departure to-morrow morning I will wire you.

I trust that our manner of handling the case will meet with your approval and that you will fully understand why we have made no attempt to go through the papers found in his effects and on his person.

Should there be disclosures that would constitute information of value to us here would ask that you kindly pass it along.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. C. Huber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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John W. Preston, Esq.,
United States Attorney,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Mr. Preston:

Saturday morning I received delivery of your cable as follows:

"Mepeylemvas Hetas Reported Left Materialistic For Honolulu August Seventh Sorcerer Shinned Jeposa Petvas Fivepae Futisa Chop P N Mveyopas Left Materialistic Probably on Yaestu Jeposa Last Trip may be in jawed now both wanted here Jolhzdd Has sent descriptions and Photographs to Kudhtmiael Who will cooperate with you"

I at once secured and carefully examined the passenger list of the Kyso Maru which had left Hilo the night before. According to the medical report there were about five Hindus on board and none of them listed under the name of Rash Behari Bose, alias P. N. Thakur. Knowing that this boat was proceeding to your port I felt certain that you would find him if on board. There was no one landed from this boat at Honolulu, in fact it did not come into port at all and lay off port only a short time. The report of the agents here indicated that no one had left the boat at Hilo.

Upon receipt of description and photographs which you say have been sent to Mundell's representative we may be able to locate this party if in the Territory.

Relative to the Das matter, at three o'clock yesterday I received cable from the Department at Washington, as follows:

"Mepy Lemv Hen on Taefipae Jepo already sailed from Materialistic do not permit him land Jawed"

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From this I understand that if he is a passenger on board proceeding to San Francisco that he should be permitted to proceed to that port, and we will advise you by wireless as to the fact. However, if Honolulu should be his destination I will hold him for you and at once advise.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "H. H. H. H.", written in a cursive style.

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John W. Preston, U. S. Attorney
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Preston:

In compliance with the request contained in your favor of July 26, 1917, I had Mr. William Todd, head of the Naval Intelligence Department here, make a trip to the Islands of Maui and Hawaii in an endeavor to obtain the information you desire.

I herewith enclose his report which he submitted promptly on his return last Saturday and which I trust may have some items of value.

Captain Elbo of the refugee ship O. J. D.

Ehlers I believe is now among the German refugees interned at Angels Island.

Respectfully,


United States Attorney

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San Francisco, Cal. July 5 1917.

United States Attorney
Saltlake city Utah

Secret indictment will be filed here ~~July seventh~~ July seventh charging Munshi Ram, Ram Chandra and others with conspiracy continuing from August first nineteen fourteen to violate section thirteen Federal Penal Code by setting on foot military enterprise against India by Sending men money and munitions to India with intent to render assistance to Germany and hinder military operations Great Britain by inciting mutiny in India. Overt act Ram Chandra sent Hari Singh to Losangeles on April twentieth nineteen fifteen. Agent Leon Bone knows whereabouts Munshi Ram. Please issue removal complaint and keep matter absolutely secret as many defendants not apprehended. Certified copy indictment will be sent Saturday.

Preston, U. S. Attorney

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