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November 8th 1917.

H. S. Huber, Esq.,
United States Attorney,
Honolulu, T. H.

Sir:

Some time ago Naval Intelligence Officer Todd sent us copies of certain articles which appeared in Honolulu and Hilo papers during the time the Maverick Steamship was in port at Hilo. We are desirous of securing the original copies for use at the trial -- particularly in the cross-examination of Schroeder and Roedick. Therefore, will you please secure for us the following copies of the Honolulu Star Bulletin: June 12th, 15th, 19th and 23rd and 30th, 1915.

The Pacific Commercial Advertiser of June 23rd and 30th, 1915;

The Hawaiian Herald of Hilo, of June 12th and 18th, 1915.

These contain the articles above referred to.

I realize that we are asking a great deal of you in this Hindu case, and also that we are getting a great deal from you, so I am going to ask a few more favors this time.

I am not quite certain from the correspondence with the Attorney General, whether all letters of Freda Hauswirth were taken from her and kept by Mr. Todd, or whether he simply took certain ones.

returning the others to her. We are sending a subpoena for Freda Das and her husband for the trial, and are asking her to bring all correspondence in her possession. If perchance, Mr. Todd still holds these other letters, will you have him forward them to us for the trial. I am to-day writing the Attorney General asking him to send the originals which you forwarded to him some time since.

We are making a vigorous effort to find out who the "personal representative" was that is referred to in the correspondence of H. Hackfeld & Co. which you forwarded to us. Roedick has admitted here that before the arrival of the MAVERICK, or at least before the arrival of this "personal representative", he received an unsigned communication upon which he acted in making advances to the MAVERICK. He has also stated that subsequently a man came from San Francisco bringing cash to settle the indebtedness incurred. Roedick has refused to give the name of this person. We shall make every endeavor to find out who it was, and to this end are securing by subpoena, copies of passenger lists of the steamships leaving San Francisco for Honolulu in the early part of June, 1915, and returning during the latter part of the month, to see if any familiar name appears therein. Klebahn undoubtedly knows about this matter and could no doubt tell you who this representative was, and could give you the original ^{of the} message referred to, but of course I realize that his German interests, together with his interest in Roedick's case, probably will prevent him from being entirely honest. If anything occurs to you that might assist us in determining this matter, we shall appreciate your suggestion. Is it possible that you might lead him into an admission by stating to him that Roedick has

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admitted these facts, without informing him as to Roedick's refusal to give the substance of the message, or the name of the representative?

We have interrogated the Cable Companies about a possible cable message, but find that their records here have all been destroyed. I presume the same is the case in Honolulu.

Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

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November 7th 1917.

Secretary of State,
Sacramento, Cal.

Sir:

Will you kindly inform me whether or not you have any
record of the incorporation of a Company known as the
AMERICAN ASIATIC OIL COMPANY.

Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

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November 7th 1917.

Charles F. Glyne, Esq.,
United States Attorney,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

I shall be very glad if you will send me as early as you can, all the copies you secured from the State Department at Washington of the papers from Manila regarding the "HENRY S", and also the original papers connected therewith, especially,

1st: The original charter party of the HENRY S;

2nd: The reports regarding the HENRY S of the Dutch officials, certified to by the Government of Hong Kong which were handed over to you by Mr. Marr. I want these papers in connection with the case at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

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Wm. R. Bryan, Esq.,

Special Agent, Dept. of Justice,
Portland, Oregon.

Sir:

We are desirous of finding some member of the crew of the ANNIE LARSEN on her famous trip from San Diego to Secora Islands and Hoquiam, Wash., who can testify in the trial of the Hindu case set down for November twentieth, what the perambulations of the ANNIE LARSEN were. We have been unable to get hold of Schleuter, who was the Captain of the vessel, as he has been out of the United States for some months. The crew list is as follows:

George Poppe, Mate
Herman Gartman, seaman
O. Kvilvik,
Peter Olsen
T.R. Palmer, " (Am.)
Frank M. Tuknok, cook, Hawaiian
Ed Smith, seaman.

I am sending a letter to Agent Wright at Seattle, asking him for assistance in this same matter.

Did you ever find Ross who had some correspondence with Tauscher regarding the disposition of the cargo of the Annie Larson?

We will appreciate your assistance in this matter.

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J. M. Collins, Esq.,

Department of Justice,

McCray's, near Cleveland, Cal.

My Dear Sir:

I understand that it is still desired to have two guards at night in connection with our Hindu witnesses. The bearer of this letter, Mr. George E. Shinn, is a man I have known for a great many years and is now practically incapacitated for hard physical labor, but thoroughly able, in my opinion, to discharge the duties of a guard there at night, so I desire that he be placed on duty, together with Mr. Smith. I saw Mr. McCray about the matter this morning and he says he is all right.

I made arrangements with Mr. McCray that he should charge only \$2 per day for the board of Mr. Shinn and Mr. Smith. I will ask the Marshal to pay them \$5 a day each, and this will net them \$3 which is the highest sum the Government would be willing to pay for this work. I am expecting Mr. Shinn to reach you tomorrow so he may go on duty to-morrow night.

Respectfully,

United States Attorney.