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Department of Justice.

Office of the United States Attorney,

PORTLAND, OREGON. November 22, 1917.

John W. Preston, Esq., United States Attorney, San Francisco, California. Rec'd. 11- 7 o
Referred to Mr. 2011.
Ans'd. 19.

Sir:

Herewith I enclose you the original of a statement written under date of November 12, 1917, by a friend of yours, the editor of the Hindustan Gadar of San Francisco, California. It was forwarded by the editor to the editor of the Portland Journal with the request that it be published. The Journal called me up on the telephone and read it to me and I advised tham not to publish it. It may or may not be of importance to you.

Respectfully,

United States Attorney.

Enclosure

## L. H. HUGHES ATTORNEY AT LAW QUINOY, CALIF.

19th September, 1917.

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this for me.

Mrs. Annette Adams, Assistant U.S. District Attorney, San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mrs. Adams:

I noticed in the public press some time ago that a Hindu by the name of Santogh Singh had been arrested in connection with a plot brought against the Government. I am interested in some litigation for some local Hindus, none of whom appear to be able to talk the English language very well, and as I have knownSantogh Singh in the past and know that he understands English very well, I am desirous of locating him. I do not know, of course, whether or not he is at liberty. If he is, will you kindly advise me of the fact and of his present location, if possible.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

LHH/M

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OFFICE OF

## United States Attorney, DISTRICT OF HAWAII.

HONOLULU.

December 17, 1917

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

Ans'd

Dear Sir:

IN RE HINDU CASE

My attention has just been called to the fact that there was a non commissioned officer on the "Geier" who spoke English well and at one time he lived in the South Sea Islands where he was engaged in the cocoanut trade. My informant did not know his name and could not give any better description than that I have just stated. This man evidenced a desire to get away from the "Geier" and was believed by my informant to be in a frame of mind that if properly approached he might tell a great deal that would be of value to the Government.

As you know, the "Geier" crew are now interned near Slat Lake City and it might be that you could have some official there take up this lead.

Respectfully,

United States Attorney