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NOV. 7th, 1917.

John W. Preston, Esq.,
United States Attorney,
Federal Building,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Rec'd. Nov. 8. 1917.
Referred to Mr. Adams.
Ans'd. Nov. 19.

I am in receipt of your letter of the
5rd inst. addressed to Special Agent in Charge
Blanford concerning the signature of Bernard Manning
etc.

I will request the San Diego office to
secure, if possible, other samples of Manning's hand-
writing though I believe it will be rather difficult
to obtain same. Mr. Harry H. Weddle, Inspector in
Charge United States Immigration Service, San Diego,
can identify Manning's handwriting as he was in charge
of the Immigration Service at the time Manning was dis-
missed. He will be in Los Angeles this week and I
will confer with him concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Keen.

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ALDEN AMES
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MILLS BUILDING
SAN FRANCISCO

November 8, 1917.

Rec'd. 11-9 1917
Referred to Mr. G. B. Ames
Ans'd. 19

Mr. John W. Preston,
United States Attorney,
San Francisco, Cal.

Acknowledged

In Re. United States v. Martinez.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing to you a letter which I have just received from Mr. Sam Ferry Smith, with reference to the above case, which speaks for itself.

If there is any further line investigation that we could take up with Mr. Martinez, we would be very glad to do so immediately upon receiving such request from you.

Yours truly,

Alden Ames

AA-ML

November 9th 1917.

A. MacLennan,

Second Lieut. Cavalry O.R.C.

Assistant Intelligence Officer,

San Francisco.

Sir:

I thank you for your letter of this date received through a messenger, and for the contents thereof, to wit, letter supposed to have been written by E.H.Von Schack to Theodore Roche. We desire the original of this letter and would also appreciate the privilege of making an examination of any other papers that you may have, referred to in your said letter.

Respectfully,

United States Attorney

**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF NEW YORK**

November 8 1917

John W Preston, Esq.,
U.S. Attorney, Northern Dist. of California,
San Francisco, Cal.

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S I R :-

Your letter of the 21st Ult. received and contents noted.

The papers that were taken from the Safety Vault of Heramba L Gupta, to which you refer were turned over to Mr. Clyne, United States Attorney for Chicago, Ill. on October 18 1917, when three of my detectives and myself were attending the trial of Gupta and others who were recently convicted there.

The material papers in question consisted of the original list of the active Hindoos in the Nationalistic Party of the United States and the code book, with the name and address of the person in Switzerland through whom these code messages were transmitted to Germany, for the purpose of starting a revolution in India. I am sure Mr. Clyne will forward these to you upon request.

We are in possession of stenographic confessions from Gupta, Chakraborty and Sekunna. You may already have a copy of some of these in your possession. I am sure they would be of great value to you in the prosecution of your case.

Captain William M Offley of the Department of Justice told me while I was in Chicago, that it would be necessary to attend the trial in San Francisco, Cal. I told Captain Offley that I would be pleased to attend and render any assistance in my power to aid the Government in the prosecution of these defendants.

Three of my men are again going to Chicago, at the request of Mr. Hinton G Claybaugh Div. Supt. of the Department of Justice, in the prosecution of I. W. W. s now under arrest there, some of whom were taken from New York to Chicago on removal proceedings.

Some of these men are important witnesses in the case of Chakraborty, Sekunna and others indicted in San Francisco and it would be greatly appreciated by me, if our attendance is required by you, that you give us a few days notice in advance of our leaving from New York to San Francisco.

Yours respectfully

W. L. Ramsey
INSPECTOR, COMMANDING NEUTRALITY
AND BOMB SQUAD, DETECTIVE BUREAU.

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LAW OFFICES
SAM FERRY SMITH
SAN DIEGO, CAL.

SAM FERRY SMITH
EUGENE FERRY SMITH
LAURENCE HAMMOND SMITH

November 6, 1917.

Mr. Alden Ames,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, Cal.

My dear Ames:

Immediately upon my return from San Francisco I had a very squaretoed interview with our client, and he tells me absolutely and positively he never had any business transactions or association with Barney Manning at all. That he simply knew him as a man about town, and had merely a speaking acquaintance with him. That the first time that he had any direct conversation with him about the annie larsen was on or about the 18th day of May, 1917, when he met him at the Southern Pacific depot in Los Angeles, when he, Martinez was purchasing his ticket to go to San Francisco to appear before the Grand Jury, he met Manning in the line at the ticket office and this conversation occurred:

"Hello Barney, what are you doing here?"
Manning Replied, "I am subpoenaed in the Annie Larsen case." Mr. Martinez asked, "What have you to do with it?" To which Manning replied, "I was hired by Bowen to watch the boat when she was loaded."

He did not ride in the same car and never saw Manning again until he met him in the corridor of the Federal Building after Martinez had given his testimony, when the following conversation took place:

"Hello Barney, I thought you were through and going home." To which Manning replied, "No they have called me back again."

The third and last conversation took place at the office of Mr. Martinez, in this city, some few days after Manning had been bound over for trial. Manning came into the office of Mr. Martinez very much excited, and in the presence of a number of people said:

"Well Martinez, have they got you in as bad as I am." To which Mr. Martinez replied, "I do not know how bad you are in, but I am not in bad at all." To which Manning replied, "People talk, talk and drive a fellow crazy," and he rushed out.

SAM FERRY SMITH
EUGENE FERRY SMITH
LAURENCE HAMMOND SMITH

LAW OFFICES
SAM FERRY SMITH
SAN DIEGO, CAL.

November 6, 1917.

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This substantially covers every item relating to Manning so far as Martinez is concerned. If you see fit to do so, you are at liberty to give or show this letter to Mr. Preston.

With kind regards, I am, as ever,

Sincerely yours,

Sam Ferry Smith



Ans'd, --- 100

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My dear Sir:-

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United States Attorney,
Chicago, Ill.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 3, 1917.

When may we expect transcript Hindu case. Do you
think your witness Fielding from Riverbank Laboratory can decipher
Chakraborty messages in our possession. Will he be available
for our trial. *Remember November 12th*

Preston,

United States Attorney

Preston, United States Attorney.

Official Government rates
Charge Asst. U.S. Attorney.

Rec'd. 11-5-19
Referred to Mr. A. A. [unclear]
Ans'd. 11-19-19

County Jail no. 1
San Francisco, Cal

November 2, 1917

Mrs. Holmes
W. S. Deputy District Attorney
P. O. Building, San Francisco, Cal
Dear Madam,

I can expect to engage an attorney solely through the medium of my friends. Some among them occupy very high intellectual and spiritual positions in society. My leave so set for tomorrow and it seems like a matter of utter impossibility to appoint my friends within so short a space of time. I would, therefore, request of the extension of time.

Could be obtained tomorrow. As an animal here without the right to see my friends. The principal object of my seeing my friends so not for the purpose of repeating over to

no representative of the government
in anything you contribute, but
wishes for the purpose of conveying
your regards the Shakers of New York
that I am not the single person
want.

In having thus conveyed, you
will also become satisfied that I
have much to communicate and
in harmony with the government
of the United States and nothing
but I am permitted to see my
friends with the usual amount
of time in person.

Respectfully yours

Wm. Single Broom

Rec'd. 11-5-1907
Referred to Mr. Adams
Ans'd. MA Ans 19

County Jail no. 1
San Francisco, Cal

November 2, 1917

Mrs. Adams
No. 5, Deputy District Attorney,
P. O. Building, San Francisco, Cal
Dear Madam,

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Respectfully yours
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November 1, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

In response to your request I am transmitting herewith the files of the Immigration Service at San Diego, containing numerous specimens of the handwriting of Bernard Manning.

Local Officer Dave Gershon states that he returned the letters and check bearing the signature of Juan Bernardo Bowen direct to you.

Yours very truly,

EMB/G

E. M. Blanford
Special Agent in Charge.

who can identify specimens.

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November 3rd, 1917.

E. M. Blanford, Esq.,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE,
Bureau of Investigation,
LOS ANGELES, California.

Sir:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 1st, transmitting files of the Immigration Service at San Diego, containing specimens of the handwriting of Barney Manning.

We have also received from Officer Gershon the letters and check bearing the signature of Bowen. Will it be possible, do you think, for you to get for us any more recent exemplars of Manning's handwriting? We have, of course, his signature on the bond given in the present case, but would prefer a letter or something of that sort, if same could be found.

Who can identify the handwriting contained in the Immigration files which you forwarded? It will be necessary for us to have someone here for that purpose at the time of the trial.

Respectfully,

Res't. U. S. Attorney.