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Mr. John W. Preston,
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Dear Sir:

I noticed in today's CHRONICLE where Dr. A. Farid, an Egyptian was arrested yesterday in connection with the Hindu plotters.

I want to notify you that I was talking with this man Tuesday evening Dec 11th in the lobby of the Hotel Court, 555 Bush street where I have been stopping for more than a year. We exchanged cards, or rather he gave me his card and when I told him I did not have a card with me, he asked me to write my name on a piece of paper, which I did and gave to him.

I have noticed him around San Francisco for the past few months and when I saw him in the lobby of the Hotel Court Tuesday evening I engaged him in conversation just out of curiosity to see what his line of dope was, never suspecting anything in connection with him being implicated in the Hindu plot case.

I write this merely for your information in case my name appears among his papers.

I am a telegraph operator and have been at the above address eight years last month.

Yours very truly,

John S. Williams