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San Francisco, Californië, 11 December, 1917

Dear Sir;

Rec'd. 12-12-17
Referred to Mr. Adams
Ans'd. 12-12-17
Mr. E. F. E. Douwes Dekker, one of the Government witnesses in the so called "Hindu Trial" has informed me that - on the advice of an official connected with the British Consulate General, - he applies to me for a passport.

Mr. Douwes Dekker being a Dutch subject I have no objection issuing such a document provided he does not intend to use it in any way antagonistic to the interests of the United States, or that it may possibly be used to upset any of the plans of your office.

Will you please let me have your views in the matter?

He has also requested me to intercede on his behalf and to be allowed to associate freely with Mr. H. C. Kakebeeke, in fact collaborate with him in some literary work, time hanging heavy on his hands. Naturally I have nothing to suggest in this matter except that I have known Mr. Kakebeeke for the last two years, and in my estimation he is a reliable man, and it may not be unadvisable, taking Mr. Douwes Dekker's temperament in consideration, to keep his mind occupied.

Yours very truly,

The Consul General of the Netherlands

H. A. van Coenen Torchiana

Hon. J. W. Preston,
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*Personal conversation
had no ans. necessary*