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NEW DELHI,

8.4.1948.

My dear Dharma Vira,

You might like to bring to H.P.M's notice the enclosed copy of a letter which C.C. Desai received from Humayun Kabir and has passed ~~on~~ on to me. His previous letter was also forwarded to HPM.

Yours sincerely,

(V. Shankar)

Dharma Vira Esq., I.C.S.,
Principal Private Secretary
to Hon. Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.

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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE,

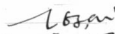
New Delhi: 3rd April, 1948.

My dear Shankar,

Originals have been sent to H.M. copy - mine

You will remember that some time back I had sent you, for the information of H.M., a letter which I had received from Humayun Kabir alleging certain undesirable activities and attitude on the part of our Political Agent in Sikkim. Humayun Kabir has again referred to the matter vide his letter herewith attached in original. I believe the External Affairs Ministry have agreed that the man should be changed, but perhaps their contention is that it is not easy to get a substitute. Considering that we have amongst refugees very highly qualified persons, the position now may be somewhat different. If H.M. agrees, ^{we might} ~~we would~~ like to suggest that it was now time that an Indian Political Agent was posted in Sikkim.

Yours sincerely,


 (C.C. Desai).

V. Shankar Esq., ICS,
 Private Secretary to
 Hon'ble Minister for States,
 New Delhi. J.S. Suresh.

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JOINT EDUCATIONAL ADVISER TO THE
Government of India,
NEW DELHI, the 1st April, 1948

My dear Mr. Desai,

You will remember I told you, when you were Additional Secretary of the States Ministry, about the position of Sikkim. I have recently heard from Mr. P.B. Pradhan that their troubles with the Political Agent are not yet over. Mr. Pradhan says that communal trouble (between Nepalese and Tibetans) is continuing in Sikkim. There is also agrarian trouble and, according to Mr. Pradhan, the Political Agent is responsible for this. 80% of the people of Sikkim are Nepalese. They want that Sikkim should accede to the Indian Union and some are prepared to go so far as to press its merger with the West Bengal. They want that an Indian should be posted as Political Agent in Sikkim and if you consider it desirable or necessary, they are prepared to lead a deputation to Delhi.

Yours sincerely,

Humayun Kabir
(HUMAYUN KABIR)

SHRI C.C. DESAI, ICS.,
Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Commerce,
NEW DELHI.

PRIME MINISTER,
INDIA.

3/a
17 York Road,
New Delhi.

10 November 1947.

My Dear Vallabhbhai

I have your letter of the 10th November enclosing a letter from Humayun Kabir. We have been following the developments in Sikkim and the neighbourhood. I have no doubt that an Indian Political Agent should be appointed; but it is very difficult at present to find a suitable person. We shall however look into this matter again.

Yours
J. J. J. J.

The Hon'ble
Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,
Deputy Prime Minister,
1 Aurangzeb Road,
New Delhi.

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New Delhi.
The 10th November, 1947.

I am enclosing a letter which has been addressed to my Additional Secretary, Desai, by Humaun Kabir. I believe both Bhutan and Sikkim fall within the External Affairs Ministry's sphere. I wonder if your attention has been drawn to these developments. If so, I should be grateful if you would let me know what the position is.

Yours sincerely,

The Hon'ble Pandit
Jawaharlal Nehru,
Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.

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