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Delhi

14th March 1930.

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My dear Howell,

The enclosed reports explain themselves. I do not know what these Afghans are, whether refugees or officials, but in either case they seem to have made themselves rather offensive.

Yours sincerely,

F Thompson.

E. B. Howell, Esquire., C.S.I., C.I.E.,
Foreign Secretary to the Government of India,
Foreign & Political Department.

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P.S. Please let me have the reports back.

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Foreign Secretary may please see Attaché's report below. The Afghans concerned are apparently people of importance and one of them at any rate is a very old man - a fact which may to some extent condone their conduct when the Police Sub-Inspector visited them to examine their passports. The Attaché has explained to them that they must like other foreigners so long as they remain in India submit to having their passports examined. No action beyond this is perhaps necessary.

2. A draft reply to Chief Commissioner's letter is placed below for approval.

18-3-1930.

Issue draft as altered.
I asked D.S.F. to show these reports to Mr. Macnachie & ascertain whether he has any objection to my speaking to the A.C.G. about the incident. I think he interested to hear what Mr. Macnachie said.

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New Delhi,

The 22nd March 1930.

My dear Thompson,

Please refer to your demi-official letter No. 130/C-Foreign, dated the 14th of March 1930, Sardar Fateh Muhammad Khan, the chief member of the party, whose behaviour caused these reports to be made, is closely related to King Nadir Shah, and ~~he~~ is a man of 80 years of age. His extreme age may perhaps be considered as some excuse for his failure to appear before the Police Officer and produce his passport.

2. The whole party is proceeding on Haj and will leave Delhi in a day or two. The Foreign Office Attache has been to them and has explained that the Police have every right to examine the passports of all foreigners entering India and that during their stay in this country they must submit to Police Regulations in the matter. I return the Police reports as requested. If I get an opportunity I may be able to speak to the Afghan Consul General about the conduct of his countrymen.

Yours sincerely,

Sd. E.B.Howell.

To

The Hon'ble Sir John Thompson, K.C.I.E.,C.S.I.,
Chief Commissioner of Delhi.

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D.S.F. may see with reference to For: Secy's note on page 2 ante.

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D.S.F.

I have told F.S. that I did not discuss with Mr Ramachie.

F.V. Wylie

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(7) Appendix Works

I called at the Muslim Hotel regarding the police difficulty over the passports of Sardar Fateh Muhammad Khan and his party.

Sardar Fateh Muhammad Khan is proceeding for the Haj to Mecca. He is closely related to the King Nadir Khan; his son, Sardar Sher Ahmad Khan, is His Majesty's brother-in-law and chief courtier, and Sardar Fateh Muhammad's daughter was married to a brother (since deceased) of the King. He is aged about 80 years and was one of the late Amir Sher Ali's entourage during his visit to Ambala. He held high positions under successive Amirs and has now been living in close retirement in Kabul. He is accompanied by Abdul Karim Khan, who is a Durrani Sardar and was Naibul Hakumah of Kandahar when Amanullah fled to India.

The Sardars' version of the affair was thet they had no objection to show their passports personally if the Police Officer had come to them for the purpose. But he remained downstairs and insisted on their coming down to see him. The Sardars sent in their passports by the hand of a servant, Kamaluddin, thinking that enough. But the officer, it was alleged, lost his temper and passed offensive remarks against the Sardars. I explained that like other countries, the Police have to examine the passport of every foreign visitor without distinction, that it was purely in the nature of a safegaurd and no insult was intended. I persuaded them to give no importance to such routine matter, and shew the Police Officer their passports, when he next calls.

Sardar Fateh Muhammad Khan is well known in Afghanistan. He is going via Karachi. Some intimation to Bombay Government of his departure might aviod any similar episode.

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